# Legal Research on the Internet

**What You Should Know:** Not all Internet sites are created equal. The sites below are helpful sources of legal information. Nonetheless, you should always critically evaluate any information you find on the Internet. You should consider the authority of the source, how recently the web site was updated, and whether the information is complete.

### Judicial
- **U.S. Supreme Court Decisions**
- **U.S. Supreme Court (official site)**
  - [http://www.supremecourtus.gov/](http://www.supremecourtus.gov/)
- **Ninth Circuit Decisions**
- **U.S. Bankruptcy Court- Western Washington**
- **U.S. District Court- Western District of WA**
- **Federal Rules of Civil Procedure**
  - [http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp/overview.htm](http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcp/overview.htm)
- **Federal Rules of Evidence**
  - [http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/fre/overview.html](http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/fre/overview.html)
- **Washington Supreme and Appellate Decisions**
  - [http://www.legalwa.org](http://www.legalwa.org)
- **State and Local Court Rules**
- **King County Superior Court Clerk’s Office**
  - [http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/Clerk.aspx)

### Administrative
- **FedWorld- Link to agency sites**
- **Firstgov- Federal Government**
  - [https://www.usa.gov/branches](https://www.usa.gov/branches)
- **Washington Administrative Code**
- **Washington Attorney General Opinions**
  - [http://www.atg.wa.gov/ago-opinions-year](http://www.atg.wa.gov/ago-opinions-year)
- **Washington City and County Codes**

### Legislative
- **United States Code**
- **Congressional Record, Bills, Status via Thomas**
  - [http://thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)
- **Revised Code of Washington**
  - [http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/](http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/)
- **Washington Bills**
  - [http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/default.aspx](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/default.aspx)

### Associations
- **American Bar Association**
  - [http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html](http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html)
- **Washington Bar Association**
  - [http://www.wsba.org](http://www.wsba.org)
- **King County Bar Association**
  - [http://www.kcba.org](http://www.kcba.org)
- **N.W. Justice Project**
  - [http://www.nwjustice.org](http://www.nwjustice.org)

### Legal Directory
- **Findlaw**
  - [http://www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com)

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Law School Sites
Cornell University: http://www.law.cornell.edu/
Emory University: http://law.emory.edu/
University of Washington: http://www.law.uw.edu

Forms
King County Superior Court Forms: http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/scforms.aspx

For more Sites: The King County Law library web site contains more legal research links than are listed on this sheet. To find them go to www.kcll.org.

Other Legal Resources and Referrals on the Internet

Consumer

Information and publications about the most common consumer protection questions

Buying a Used Car: http://www.atg.wa.gov/buying-used-car
Information about purchasing used cars. Sponsored by the Washington Attorney General

Identity Theft: http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft
How to prevent and respond to identity theft. Sponsored by the Federal Trade Commission

Credit & Debt

American Consumer Credit Counseling: http://www.consumercredit.com
A non-profit organization that assists individuals with financial education and debt management strategies.

CENTS: http://www.centsprogram.com
A non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing free legal advice and money management to individuals and families throughout the State of Washington. Program provides Personal Financial Management classes required by the new bankruptcy laws. The website outlines the range of their programs, projects and resources.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court of Western District of WA: http://www.wawb.uscourts.gov
Bankruptcy courts website, includes court location, court rules, fees & forms, approved credit counseling & financial management agencies, assistance to the public and more.


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Criminal Law

Office of the Public Defender, King County  http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/OPD.aspx
Their goal is to provide legal services to those persons who have been accused of a crime or are involved in civil proceedings in a King County court and cannot afford an attorney.

Washington state’s program for providing financial assistance for crime victims. Website includes downloadable forms. Sponsored by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries

Washington state courts website that provides downloadable forms for those wishing to vacate a criminal record.

Discrimination

King County Office for Civil Rights  http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/CivilRights.aspx
King County’s anti-discrimination office

Seattle Office for Civil Rights  http://www.seattle.gov/civilrights
City of Seattle’s anti-discrimination office

Family Law: General

Washington Law Help  http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org
Contains self-help materials on family law

General information on family law, dissolution, child support, dependency, and more

Child Support Resource Center  http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs
Washington state agency responsible for the collection and distribution of child support. Brochures available in many languages; information is available on the child support program, hearing rights, modifications, paternity, interstate child support, options for victims of domestic violence, employer guidelines, child support and foster care, direct deposit, and automatic support payments.

Washington Courts Family Law Mandatory Forms  http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms/
Documents, forms, and instructions needed to begin family court procedures. The forms can be downloaded and printed.

Family Law Section  http://www.americanbar.org/groups/family_law.html
Home page of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association. Includes links to family law magazines and publications, reports, and committees. Highlights recent changes in family law.

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Family Law: Dissolution

Divorce Law Information Center http://www.divorcelawinfo.com/states/wash/washington.htm
Provides general information on Washington divorce law. Includes court forms and a child support calculator. Sponsored by various divorce law firms.

DivorceNet http://www.divorcenet.com/states/washington
General information about divorce in Washington state. Sponsored by various divorce law firms.

Family Law: Domestic Violence

Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence http://wscadv.org/
Resources for Domestic Violence survivors in Washington State.

Seattle-King County Domestic Violence Protection Orders http://www.protectionorder.org
Information and forms for obtaining a protection order in King County

King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence http://www.kccadv.org/
Resources for DV survivors in King County

A national resource with information on the prevention, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

Labor & Employment

Washington Law Help www.washingtonlawhelp.org
Contains self-help materials on employment law

Federal government agency for employment discrimination. The above website has general information; publications listed at: http://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/publications/index.cfm

Worker’s Compensation Information http://www.calbomschwab.com/workers-compensation
Information about Washington’s workers compensation system. Sponsored by the Calbom & Schwab law firm (Eastern Washington)

Primary Materials in Labor & Employment Law
Links to statutes, regulations, and government publications in the area of labor and employment law. Sponsored by FindLaw.com

Employment Discrimination Information http://www.discriminationattorney.com
Summaries of many topics in employment and discrimination law. Sponsored by the Greenberg law firm (Los Angeles)

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<td><strong>An organization of lawyers representing individual employees in cases involving employment discrimination, wrongful termination, employee benefits, and other employment related matters.</strong></td>
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ETHICSearch http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility.html
Sponsored by ABA Center for Professional Responsibility (restricted to lawyers and other legal professionals)

Native American

Native American Rights Fund http://www.narf.org
Non-profit dedicated to advocating for and serving Native American populations and organizations

National Indian Law Library http://www.narf.org/nill/
Non-profit legal organization devoted to defending and promoting the legal rights of Native Americans

National Tribal Justice Resource Center http://www.naicja.org
Guide to tribal justice systems. Sponsored by the National American Indian Court Judges Association

Poverty and Public Benefits

Washington Law Help www.washingtonlawhelp.org
Contains self-help materials on poverty/public benefits law

Solid Ground Public Benefits Assistance https://www.solid-ground.org/our-impact/more/
Provides assistance to those in need, including assistance and advocacy for obtaining shelter, food, transportation, and communication

Unemployment Law Project http://www.unemploymentlawproject.org
Seattle based organization dedicated to helping people obtain unemployment insurance benefits

Description of economic supports available to families, including health care, child care, food assistance and scholarships

Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition http://www.wroc.org
Information on the rights of people who receive public assistance (welfare, food stamps, WorkFirst, etc.)

Senior Citizens

Senior Services of Seattle/King County http://seniorservices.org
The largest non-profit agency serving older people in Washington. Services include: Meals-on-Wheels, Volunteer Transportation, Homesharing, Minor Home Repair, African American Outreach, Senior Information and Assistance, Senior Rights Assistance as well as neighborhood senior centers and adult day health programs.

Administration on Aging http://aoa.gov
Federal agency for older persons

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Washington State Probate  http://www.wa-probate.com
Free Washington State probate forms and instructions

Youth

Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington  http://www.sylaw.org
Provides assistance and referrals to street youth that face a variety of legal problems, including family issues, educational problems, mental health issues, and difficulty accessing state and federal entitlements such as housing and financial assistance.

Team Child  http://www.teamchild.org
TeamChild provides civil legal services for juveniles involved in the criminal justice system.

ACLU
Know Your Rights: A Guide for Public School Students in Washington

ACLU
Parents’ Guide to Public School Discipline in Washington
https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Discipline_guide_parents_3_07.pdf

ACLU
Parent’s Guide to Truancy in Washington

ACLU
Parents’ Guide to School Board Advocacy in Washington
https://aclu-wa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Advocacy_guide_parents_3_07.pdf

Children’s Defense Fund  http://www.childrensdefense.org
Lobbying and information regarding rights of minors. Children’s Defense Fund pays particular attention to the needs of poor and minority children and those with disabilities.