

## UF Legal Information Center ["LIC"]

<http://www.law.ufl.edu/lic> Link to catalog, e-journals, databases

- ◆ Online Catalog: <http://uf.aleph.fcla.edu>
- ◆ Remote access info: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufproxy.html>

## Portals:

- ◆ American Law Sources On-Line  
<http://www.lawsource.com/also>
- ◆ FindLaw <http://www.findlaw.com>
- ◆ LawCrawler search engine <http://lawcrawler.findlaw.com>
- ◆ Lawyers.com <http://www.lawyers.com>
- ◆ LawyerExpress.com <http://lawyerexpress.com>
- ◆ LLRX.com <http://www.llrx.com>
- ◆ Law school portals:
  - Cornell's Legal Information Institute  
<http://www.law.cornell.edu>
  - Washburn <http://www.thelawengine.com/index.htm>

## Internet resources may not be reliable.

Things to look for:

- \* Author/Posted by
- \* Domain e.g., .edu., .gov, .mil, etc. / Entity hosted by
- \* Date site was last updated

## Finding Case Law on the Internet:

- ◆ U.S. Courts Web site <http://www.uscourts.gov/courtlinks>
- ◆ FirstGov.com  
<http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/Federal/Judicial.shtml>
- ◆ FindLaw, Cornell Legal Information Institute, lexisOne.com
- ◆ National Center for State Courts  
[http://www.ncsconline.org/D\\_KIS/info\\_court\\_web\\_sites.html](http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/info_court_web_sites.html)
- ◆ Florida State Courts site  
<http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/index.shtml>
  - \* Drawbacks:
  - \* No editor-added content, such as headnotes or references to other cases, statutes, encyclopedias, law reviews, etc.
  - \* Often there is no search engine
- ◆ United States Supreme Court  
<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/opinions.html>
  - \* Opinions from 1991 to 2001 can be found under the "Bound Volumes" link
  - \* More recent opinions, in all forms e.g., bench and slip opinions, can found through individual links on this main opinion page
- ◆ Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals  
<http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/opinions/indexpub.php>
  - \* Official and unofficial opinions; 1995 to present
  - \* Search by keyword, date, or case #, PDF files
- ◆ Florida Supreme Court  
<http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/opinions.shtml>
  - \* Official opinions available from September of 1999 to present; unofficial opinions; 1991 to present
  - \* Court opinions are listed chronologically by year, PDF files
    - Drawbacks:
    - No search engine, Coverage is poor

- \* Florida Supreme Court Briefs & Opinions

<http://www.law.fsu.edu/library/flsupct>

- Created and maintained by FSU Law
- Contains opinions 1992 forward and the briefs filed in those cases
- Search engine that allows keyword searching

## Finding Federal Laws/Bills:

- ◆ U.S. Senate <http://www.senate.gov>
- ◆ U.S. House <http://www.house.gov>
- ◆ Thomas <http://thomas.loc.gov>
- ◆ FirstGov <http://www.firstgov.gov>
- ◆ GPO Access <http://www.gpoaccess.gov>

## Finding State Laws/Bills:

- ◆ Cornell Legal Information Institute  
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/states/listing.html>
- ◆ FindLaw  
<http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/index.html#statelaw>
  - \* Links to the various state legislative body sites; searchability will vary
- ◆ Florida Senate Web Site <http://www.flsenate.gov>
- ◆ Florida House Web Site <http://myfloridahouse.com>
  - \* Statutes from 1997 forward
  - \* Bills from 1998 forward
  - \* Keyword searching

## Finding Federal Agency Regulations:

- ◆ FirstGov.com  
[http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/Federal/All\\_Agencies](http://www.firstgov.gov/Agencies/Federal/All_Agencies)
  - \* Provides an A-Z listing with links to all U.S. government departments and agencies
- ◆ GPO Access
  - \* Contains the F.R. 1994 to present and the C.F.R. 1996 to present
- ◆ Louisiana State University
  - \* Listing of agencies by type  
<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html> and a search engine <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/cgi-bin/search.cgi> that allows you to search across all of the various federal agency websites

## Finding State Agency Regulations:

- ◆ State and Local Government on the Net  
<http://www.statelocalgov.net>
  - \* Includes a directory of links to state and local agencies in all 50 states
- ◆ MyFlorida.gov
  - \* Directory of Florida State Agencies  
<http://www.myflorida.com/directory>
- ◆ Administrative Code <http://fac.dos.state.fl.us>
- ◆ Florida Administrative Weekly on the Web  
<http://faw.dos.state.fl.us>
  - \* Access to proposed rules and regulations, as well as notices of public meetings and bid announcements

## Finding Local Laws/Regulations:

- ◆ State and Local Government on the Net  
<http://www.statelocalgov.net>
  - \* Portal to thousands of state agencies and city and county government websites
- ◆ Municode.com  
[http://www.municode.com/resources/code\\_list.asp?stateID=9](http://www.municode.com/resources/code_list.asp?stateID=9)
- ◆ FindLaw e.g., FL:  
<http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/fl/laws.html>
- ◆ MyFlorida.com <http://www.myflorida.com/counties>
  - \* Includes a directory of links to each official county and city Web sites

## Finding Rules of Court:

- ◆ The Washburn University School of Law has an entire page devoted to federal court rules  
<http://www.washlaw.edu/searchlaw/courtrules>
  - \* Links users to the official federal courts' clerk of court Web sites
- ◆ The LIC has the most recent federal and Florida rules of court behind the Circulation Desk in the reserve area

## Finding Forms:

- ◆ Florida Bar <http://www.flatls.org/sanction.asp>
- ◆ FindLaw <http://www.findlaw.com> & lexisONE  
<http://www.lexisone.com>; Forms are available for free in PDF; Interactive forms available for a small fee
- ◆ FindForms.com <http://www.findforms.com>
- ◆ The Internet Legal Research Group <http://www.ilrg.com/forms> has business-related legal forms; Small fee for forms in MS Word format vCourt Web sites:
  - Ex: Florida family law forms are available on the Florida State Courts website  
[http://www.flcourts.org/gen\\_public/family/forms\\_rules](http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/forms_rules)
- ◆ The LIC has sets of form books for federal and Florida courts behind the Circulation Desk
- ◆ Remember that forms can often be found in annotated statutes

## Finding Dockets:

- ◆ Some courts provide docket information on their own sites.
  - \* The U.S. Supreme Court  
<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/docket/docket.html>
    - ° Provides information regarding the status of cases for both the current Term and the prior Term
- ◆ Florida Supreme Court Online Docket  
[http://jweb.flcourts.org/pls/docket/ds\\_docket\\_search](http://jweb.flcourts.org/pls/docket/ds_docket_search)
  - \* Searchable by: Case #, Party, Attorney, or Date filed
- ◆ However, most courts require access to subscription services, such as Pacer fees are generally nominal
- ◆ Locally, the Official Records Program  
[http://myfloridacounty.com/services/officialrecords\\_intro.shtml](http://myfloridacounty.com/services/officialrecords_intro.shtml) is offered through Florida's Clerks of Courts
  - \* Provides access to court documents for a small fee \$120 annual fee and 50% off documents.
- ◆ LLRX.com <http://www.llrx.com/courtrules>
  - \* This portal links users to sites that contain various state and federal dockets or to the appropriate subscription services

## Finding Motions:

- ◆ Law Firm/Corporation/Non-Profit Web sites
  - \* The ACLU site contains an amicus brief submitted with regard to *Clinton v. Jones*  
<http://www.aclu.org/scotus/1996/228851g19961001.html>
- ◆ Supreme Court Merit Briefs can be found on the ABA Web site <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/briefs/home.html>
  - \* Briefs may be accessed either by argument date or case name 2003-present
- ◆ U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs, 1832-1978
  - \* LIC homepage -> Research Links -> Federal Resources; or if on campus you can use this URL:  
<http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/SCRB?locID=gain40375&finalAuth=true>
- ◆ Westlaw Select briefs from 1870-present SCT-BRIEF-ALL

## Finding Public Records:

- ◆ SearchSystems.net <http://www.searchsystems.net>
  - \* Claims to be the largest public record directory on the Internet
- ◆ Netronline [http://www.netronline.com/public\\_records.htm](http://www.netronline.com/public_records.htm)
  - \* NETROnline a.k.a. the Public Records Online Directory is a portal to official state web sites, and those Tax Assessors' and Recorders' offices that have developed web sites for the retrieval of available public records over the Internet

## Finding Statistical Information:

- ◆ FedStats <http://www.fedstats.gov>
- ◆ U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov>
- ◆ Statistical Abstract <http://www.census.gov/statab/www>
- ◆ Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://www.bls.gov>
- ◆ University of Michigan portal  
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stats.html>

## Current Awareness:

- ◆ JURIST - Legal News and Research <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu>
- ◆ Courthouse News Service <http://www.courthousenews.com>
- ◆ FindLaw Legal News <http://news.lp.findlaw.com>
- ◆ Blawg.org <http://www.blawg.org>
- ◆ Law Professors Blogs <http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com>
  - \* a network of over 20 blogs which provide permanent resources & links and daily news & information of interest to faculty in various areas of the law school curriculum.
- ◆ PrawfsBlawg  
[http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2005/06/law\\_professor\\_b.html](http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/prawfsblawg/2005/06/law_professor_b.html)