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CHAPTER 8

LEGAL PERIODICALS, INDEXES,
AND OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES

8.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter identifies reference resources that might be useful to attorneys and other legal researchers. These resources are valuable for a variety of reasons, including:

- to locate a definition of a word or to select an alternative word;
- to locate names and addresses of experts and descriptions of their services;
- to locate background supporting information about an issue associated with the case such as statistics;
- to locate information about a judge such as his or her address or, more importantly, to determine something about the judge's temperament or courtroom style; and
- to locate names of court officials such as clerks or county officials such as sheriffs, county attorneys, and the like.

Some of the resources mentioned may be available through databases and online. Although databases and online resources might increase the legal researcher's access to information, they also challenge the researcher to use technology effectively to locate relevant and current information, to identify when reasonable options have been exhausted, and to determine whether the information discovered contains significant, and
perhaps hidden, biases. When using Internet sources, the researcher should consider important issues associated with the site, such as the authoritativeness of the person authoring the site, the organization and ease of use of the site, the size and comprehensiveness of the site, the currency and method of updating the site, and finally, the uniformity of searching within the site. Website addresses provided in this chapter may change, and websites may cease to exist without notice. Likewise, many useful new websites may be created after the publication of this book.

8.2 DICTIONARIES AND THESAURUSES

Good dictionaries, both legal and nonlegal, are essential resources. Legal dictionaries generally define words by reference to judicial construction, and some dictionaries cite the construing cases. It is important to consult the most recent edition of a dictionary since the meaning of words can change, and recent developments may be significant. A thesaurus is useful to find the most accurate word among a family of related terms.

Online databases can be used to locate the meanings of legal terms as well. An online search using quotation marks around the term or phrase will retrieve more relevant documents containing that term. Searching online for terms and phrases is best when researching unusual terms, because online searches for general terms may retrieve an excessive number of documents that a legal researcher simply does not have the time to review and read. Online databases offer universal characters and truncation commands to retrieve words for the researcher who is uncertain of the spelling or wants to see multiple endings for a root word.

The following titles are among the more frequently used and cited reference resources.

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Legal Periodicals

A. General Virginia has eight law schools and those eight law schools publish many law reviews and journals—some with long and distinguished histories and traditions of legal scholarship and other newer titles that focus on narrower and cutting edge topics.

B. Format. Legal periodicals are published in many formats, the most common is the law review that is published by a law school. Legal periodicals and law review articles present many points of view. Subjects range from the elementary to the most abstruse. New legal developments are often discussed in these publications, which contain thorough and frequently critical analyses that are not commonly available elsewhere. The content is almost always now widely available online. The Internet provides by major legal publishers and directly from the publishers, including the law schools via the Internet. Internet addresses, where available, are provided in this chapter.

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law school. Almost always, law reviews published by law schools are edited by law students.

Most law reviews contain four basic types of materials, and some include a fifth type of article.

1. **Lead Articles.** Exhaustive analyses of specific topics written by judges, practitioners, and law professors.

2. **Notes or Comments.** Short, critical analyses of subjects of law or specific cases, typically written by law students.

3. **Book Reviews.** Comments on recent publications regarding the legal profession that may be useful to practitioners.

4. **Special Features.** Some law reviews occasionally or annually devote an issue to an exhaustive treatment of one subject or to recent developments in several subjects, such as “annual surveys” and symposia issues.

5. **Essays or Commentaries.** In recent years, many law reviews have begun to publish shorter works that offer an author’s opinion about a particular issue. These are frequently much shorter than traditional law review articles and typically include many fewer footnotes.

**8.302 School-Related Journals and Reviews.**

Listed below are the Virginia law schools and brief information about the law reviews and journals published at those law schools. To reach the law review and journal pages at a school’s website, a researcher should look at the navigation bar on the first page of the website (often on the left side of the screen but occasionally across the top of the page). Most frequently, the law reviews and journals are included as a part of a navigation link for “Students,” “Student Life,” “Student Organizations,” or “Publications.” The researcher will usually find the current issue of the law review or journal in full text at the website. Less often (but fairly common today), the researcher will see a button for “archives” or “past issues” and will be able to view perhaps an abstract of articles.

**A. Appalachian Journal of Law**

Appalachian Journal of Law

**B. George Mason University School of Law**

Civil Rights Law Journal

Federal Circuit Bar Association

Bar News of the Federal Circuit Bar: Appellate Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

**C. George Washington University**

The Green Bag, Second Series

**D. University of Virginia School of Law**

Journal of Environmental Law and Policy

Journal of Law and Politics

Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization

Journal of Law and Politics

Journal of Legal Economics

Journal of Legal Reasoning

Supreme Court Economic Review

1 www.asl.edu

2 www.law.gmu.edu

"Legal Periodicals, Indexes, and Other Sources"
established by law schools

- Basic types of materials,
- Critical analyses of specific issues by law professors.
- Short, critical analyses of written by law students.
- Comments on recent developments in several issues.

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- Journals and Reviews. In recent years, shorter works that offer an issue. These are frequently few articles and typically

- Volumes and Reviews. Journals and brief information published at those law schools. at a school’s website, a bar on the first page of the screen but occasionally, the law reviews and navigation link for “Students,” “Law,” or “Publications.” The issue of the law review or often (but fairly common for “archives” or “past

issues” and will be able to view older issues in full-text or, at least, will be able to view the table of contents for past issues and perhaps an abstract of the articles.

A. Appalachian School of Law. Appalachian Journal of Law. 2002-present; one issue per year.

B. George Mason University School of Law. Civil Rights Law Journal. 1990-present; three issues per year.


- George Mason Law Review. 1976-present; four issues per year.

- The Green Bag, Second Series, an Entertaining Journal of Law. 1997-present; four issues per year.

- Journal of International and Commercial Law. 2010-present; two issues per year.

- Journal of Law: A Periodical Laboratory of Legal Scholarship. 2011-present; one volume per year.


- Supreme Court Economic Review. 1982-present; one volume per year.

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1 www.asl.edu.
C. Liberty University School of Law.\(^3\)

*Liberty Legal Journal.* 2010-present; one issue per year.

*Liberty University Law Review.* 2006-present; three issues per year.

D. Regent University School of Law.\(^4\)

*Regent Journal of International Law.* 2000-present; two issues per year.

*Regent Journal of Law & Public Policy.* 2008-present; one issue per year.

*Regent University Law Review.* 1991-present; two issues per year.

E. University of Richmond School of Law.\(^5\)

*Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business.* 1999-present; two issues per year.

*Richmond Journal of Law and Technology.* 1995-present (the first student-edited scholarly legal journal published exclusively in electronic format in the United States); three or four issues per year.

*Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest.* 1996-present; four issues per year.

*University of Richmond Law Review.* 1958-present; four issues per year (includes an annual survey of Virginia law).

\(^3\) [law.liberty.edu](http://law.liberty.edu).

\(^4\) [regent.edu/acad/schlaw](http://regent.edu/acad/schlaw).

\(^5\) [law.richmond.edu](http://law.richmond.edu).

F. University of Virginia

*Journal of Law and Politics.* 1974-present; two issues per year.

*Virginia Environmental Law Diary.* 2004-present; number or pages per year.

*Virginia Journal of Criminal Law.* 2005-present; one issue per year.

*Virginia Journal of International Law.* 2000-present; one issue per year.

*Virginia Journal of Law & Business.* 1999-present; two issues per year.

*Virginia Journal of Social Policy.* 1998-present; one issue per year.

*University of Virginia Law Review.* 1945-present; four issues per year (includes an annual yearbook).

G. Washington University

*Environmental Law Digest.* 1971-present; two issues per year.

\(^6\) [www.law.virginia.edu](http://www.law.virginia.edu).

\(^7\) [law.wlu.edu](http://law.wlu.edu).
F. University of Virginia School of Law.\(^6\)

- **Journal of Law and Politics.** 1983-present; four issues per year.
- **Virginia Environmental Law Journal.** 1980-present; three issues per year.
- **Virginia Journal of Criminal Law.** 2010-present; two issues per year.
- **Virginia Journal of International Law.** 1960-present; four issues per year.
- **Virginia Journal of Law and Technology.** 1997-present; three or four issues per year.
- **Virginia Journal of Social Policy & the Law.** 1993-present; three issues per year.
- **Virginia Law & Business Review.** 2006-present; three issues per year.
- **Virginia Law Review.** 1913-present; eight issues per year.
- **Virginia Sports & Entertainment Law Journal.** 2001-present; two issues per year.
- **Virginia Tax Review.** 1981-present; four issues per year.

G. Washington and Lee School of Law.\(^7\)

- **Environmental Law Digest** (*Environmental Law News* for the Environmental Law Section of the Virginia State Bar). 2004-present; number of issues per year varies.

\(^6\) www.law.virginia.edu.

\(^7\) law.wlu.edu.
**Journal of Energy, Climate, and the Environment.** 2010-present; two issues per year.

**Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights & Social Justice.** 1994-present; two issues per year.

**Washington and Lee Law Review.** 1993-present; four issues per year (with annual surveys of Fourth Circuit developments and securities and commodities law).

**H. William and Mary Marshall-Wythe College of Law.**

**William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal.** 1992-present; four issues per year.

**William & Mary Business Law Review.** 2009-present; two issues per year.

**William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review.** 1975-present; three issues per year.

**William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law.** 1994-present; three issues per year.

**William & Mary Law Review;** 1957-present; six issues per year.

### 8.303 Legal Periodicals Available Online Through Legal Publishers

Law reviews are frequently available in full text from LexisNexis and Westlaw. However, not all issues of all titles are available, and the titles do not begin with volume one. In addition, the providers exercise some discretion over the content of the issues online. For example, memorials to colleagues are not likely to be available even though they appear in print issues. The services include an online directory where the researcher can determine (i) if the title is included in the service and (ii) what the dates of coverage for a particular title are. If the researcher cannot locate a title, customer service representatives are normally available.

A major development in online law reviews is HeinOnline, 300 First Street, 11th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105, 1-800-458-6000, and co., Inc. HeinOnline contains millions of pages of legal information, including Court Library, U.S. Federal and Agreements Library. Coverage typically begins with the periodical and typically includes issues allowed based on the journal's library. The Bar Association journals, Journal Companies, and law journals were announced that users could access law journals. The law reviews via HeinOnline are included in the Google Scholar permits.
Legal Periodicals, Indexes, and Other Sources

8.304 Professional Law Journals. Various professional associations publish periodicals that often contain...
materials helpful to the practitioner and the researcher. Some notable titles are listed below.


This quarterly publication of the VADA publishes scholarly articles on topics of Virginia law and practice. It also reprints and discusses trial court decisions of interest to Virginia practitioners. A printed index for volumes I-XIV, published in 2002, is supplemented online. Subscription to the Journal and online availability is included in VADA membership dues.9 The Journal continues an earlier publication entitled the VADA Quarterly.


This journal, published quarterly, includes articles on trial practice, judicial administration and the practice of law and describes itself as offering articles that include “substantive, hands-on approach to issues relating to trial practice.” VTLA membership dues include the cost of a subscription.10


The issues of this journal are published shortly after each of the Virginia Supreme Court’s opinion day and include information about association business, articles of interest to practitioners, and digests of opinions of the Virginia Supreme Court, the Virginia Court of Appeals, Virginia circuit courts, the Virginia Workers’ Compensation Commission, and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The

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9 See the VADA website at www.vada.org.
10 See the VTLA website at www.vtla.com.
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Some other sources include:

Virginia Association of Law Teachers (VTLA). Richmond: Virginia State Bar.

The VTLA publishes scholarly articles, book reviews, and other materials on trial advocacy and practice. It also publishes the Virginia Trial Law Letter, which contains summaries of recent verdicts and settlements and summaries of cases in which the Virginia Supreme Court has awarded an appeal. VTLA membership dues include the cost of a subscription.11


Called the VBA News Journal until 2012, this journal of the VBA is published three times per year. It contains articles by lawyers and law teachers on legal subjects of interest to Virginia practitioners and highlights VBA activities and section reports. The publication is distributed to members of the VBA and is available to members via the VBA website.12


The Virginia Bar Association Journal ceased publication in 1997 and was continued by the VBA News Journal from 1998 to 2012. In 2012, the VBA News Journal became the VBA Journal. The Virginia Bar Association Journal discusses association activities and meetings and contained short articles and book reviews by lawyers and law teachers on legal subjects of interest to Virginia practitioners.

Virginia Lawyer and Virginia Lawyer Register. Richmond: Virginia State Bar.

The Virginia Lawyer, the official publication of the Virginia State Bar, is published five times a year in alternating formats and includes substantive and human-interest articles. The Virginia Lawyer Register is published five times per year and is primarily a compilation of

11 Id.
12 www.vba.org.
disciplinary actions against attorneys licensed to practice law in the commonwealth, legal ethics opinions, unauthorized practice of law opinions and rule changes. All active and associate members of the Virginia State Bar receive the publications by virtue of their membership.13


The Virginia Review describes itself as the only independent professional journal for state and local governments and has been published since 1923.14

Virginia State Bar Section and Conference Newsletters.

Most sections of the Virginia State Bar publish several newsletters annually. Section newsletters normally contain comments by the chairpersons, discussions of section activities, articles on issues in the field, and digests of pertinent cases or rulings. The newsletters are distributed free to section members. Sections include Administrative Law; Antitrust, Franchise and Trade Regulation; Bankruptcy Law; Business Law; Construction Law and Public Contracts; Corporate Counsel; Criminal Law; Education of Lawyers; Environmental Law; Family Law; General Practice; Health Law; Intellectual Property Law; International Practice; Litigation; Local Government Law; Military Law; Real Property; Taxation; and Trusts and Estates. The Conference of Local Bar Associations, Senior Lawyers Conference, and Young Lawyers Conference also publish newsletters. The newsletters of the sections and conferences are available to some extent on the VSB website at www.vsb.org.

13 See the VSB website at www.vsb.org.

8.305 Newspapers

Virginia Lawyers Weekly

This weekly newsletter reports of counsel, management of the courts, developments, client announcements and access to resources and a listing of organizations with LinkedIn pages. Subscribers can access to section newsletters and a listing of organizations with LinkedIn pages. The newsletters of the sections and conferences are available to some extent on the VSB website presented important new opinions. Weekly have unlimited archives section to and cases digests, subscribers can access to section newsletters and cases digests. The newsletters of the sections and conferences are available to some extent on the VSB website at www.vsb.org.

8.4 INDEXES

An index lists names in alphabetical order and identifies items can be located. Looseleaf services, legal ethics, and indexes facilitate finding

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Keys licensed to practice legal ethics opinions, opinions and rule changes, of the Virginia State Bar of their membership. The Virginia State Bar itself as the only for state and local since 1923.

The State Bar publish several newsletters normally persons, discussions of in the field, and digests. The newsletters are members. Sections include Franchise and Trade Business Law; Construction Frate Counsel; Criminal Environmental Law; Family Law; Intellectual Property; Local Government; Taxation; and Trusts Local Bar Associations, and Young Lawyers. The newsletters are available to some extent.

8.305 Newspapers.


This weekly newspaper contains articles, summaries of federal and state appellate and trial court opinions, trial reports of counsel, articles on the practice of law and the management of the practice, news reports of governmental developments, classified advertisements, and professional announcements. An extensive social media section includes access to resources such as the VLW Blog, the ScoVA Blog, and a listing of Virginia lawyers, courts, and legal organizations who use Twitter, as well as Facebook and LinkedIn pages. Semiannual indexes of cases and articles are available to subscribers. *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* presents breaking news stories and digests of important new opinions. Subscribers to *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* have unlimited access to the website, including an archives section that contains all the newspaper’s stories and cases digests since 1993. Through the website, subscribers can access free full-text PDF copies of the opinions featured in the newspaper. *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* offers an RSS feed option to get the news whenever it is updated. *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* also offers access to a Verdicts & Settlements research database (login required) that includes case summaries sent in by lawyers to help other lawyers assess the value of their cases.

8.4 INDEXES

An index lists names, places, subjects, or other items in alphabetical order and identifies where documents relevant to the items can be located. Legal indexes are found in treatises, looseleaf services, legal encyclopedias, and online. Several major indexes facilitate finding relevant legal periodical and law review

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articles. Indexes typically are updated frequently, as the language of the law, subject areas, and classifications of materials constantly change.

8.401 General Indexes of Note.


This resource is a comprehensive guide to locating business information.


Business Periodicals Index is a cumulative index to English language periodicals discussing traditional business areas, such as accounting, public relations, and trades and is available in print or electronic media. A Business Periodicals Index Retrospective: 1913-1982 offers searchable indexing of the most important scholarly journals, trade publications and magazines from 1913 through 1982. Business Abstracts with Full Text (H.W. Wilson) provides access to business related magazines and scholarly journals, including indexing and abstracts for key publications such as the New York Times business section and the Wall Street Journal.16


Business Source Complete includes information from more than 1,200 journals and additional full-text non-journal content, such as financial data, conference proceedings, case studies, reports, and more.

CIS Index to Publications (1866-present). Bethesda, MD: CIS.

CIS indexes the laws, committees, reports, House reports and Senate reports and other related LexisNexis publishers.


This is a comprehensive guide to locating United States, Australia, and New Zealand legal resources.


This is a comprehensive guide to business aids, including almanacs and directories, legal resources, dictionaries, financial ratios, historical data, and other related information.

Index to Legal Periodicals (1886-present). Ipswich, MA: EBSCO Publishing.

ILP covers legal periodicals from the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand in print and electronic versions of the periodicals.

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case studies, investment research reports, industry reports, and more.


*CIS* indexes the publications of Congress, including public laws, committee hearings and prints, House and Senate reports, House and Senate documents, Senate executive reports and Senate treaty documents. Each year *LexisNexis* publishes three volumes: an index volume, an abstract volume, and a legislative history volume.


This is a comprehensive index to law journals from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand and is available online as Legal Resources Index.


This is a comprehensive listing of business related finding aids, including abstracting and indexing services, almanacs and yearbooks, bibliographies, biographical sources, directories, encyclopedias and dictionaries, financial ratios, handbooks and manuals, online databases, and other related sources of information.


*ILP* covers legal periodicals and monographs published in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand. The index is available in print and electronic media. Online access, including a list of the periodicals currently appearing in the *Index and
access to a retrospective index that covers 1908-1981, is available at www.ebscohost.com/wilson.


This is the largest directory of United States and Canadian periodicals with information about more than 60,000 magazines, journals, newsletters, newspapers, and directories in subject categories ranging from accounting to zoology. The guide provides information such as cost of subscription and frequency of publication for each title. It is available in multiple formats (print, CD-ROM, and online).

8.402 Online Indexes. With the development of numerous database services, many of the indexes mentioned above are also available online. LexisNexis and Westlaw include access to both the Index to Legal Periodicals and the Legal Resources Index.

The search capabilities of database services permit the researcher to bypass the more traditional indexes. The use of key words or concepts, or searches employing Boolean logic, enables a researcher to identify articles and periodicals about specific subjects. The researcher should be aware of the scope of coverage for various titles and the cost of the information in the vendors' electronic files.

8.5 STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Although legal argument traditionally focuses on principles of law, the resolution of some modern legal issues rests on statistical analysis as a basis for determining public policy or demonstrating the societal effect of certain rules, decisions, or behaviors. Housing discrimination, employment, antitrust, and consumer protection litigation often involve the use of such statistics.
The following works are good sources for statistical information.


This text is an accompanying volume to *American Jurisprudence 2d*. It contains historical and legal documents, facts, tables, charts, and statistics. It is supplemented with annual pocket parts.


This book contains a wide variety of information on states and metropolitan areas in the United States, including statistics on the social and economic structure of counties and cities.


This book, whose subtitle is “the leading reference of vital facts and figures about the legal profession,” is divided into four main sections: (1) the legal profession; (2) the judiciary; (3) government departments and agencies; and (4) commonly used abbreviations.


This single volume covers broad topics such as crime, law enforcement, agriculture, education, and economy and identifies how a state compares statistically in various categories with other states.

This publication is a convenient volume for statistics about social, political, and economic organization of the United States and includes statistics about population, births, deaths and marriages, education, law enforcement, courts and prisons and many more topics. The detailed index makes finding statistics on a particular topic relatively direct.


Statistics Sources (1977-present). Detroit, MI: Gale (part of Cengage Learning).

This is a guide to current sources of factual, quantitative information on more than 20,000 highly specific subjects covering financial, industrial, business, social, educational, and other topics.


This annual report presents detailed facts and analysis regarding the practice of law before the courts of the commonwealth. The report is available at www.courts.state.va.us/courtadmin/aoc/judpln/cis/sjr/2009/state_of_the_judiciary_report.pdf.


This publication, last published in print in 2000, is now updated only at the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, Center for Public Management at www.coopercent.org. It includes agriculture, banks and e-commerce. It contains information related to the economic, educational, and social aspects of the Commonwealth.


This work offers a wide variety of statistics about energy, sports, economics, and courts. A detailed index is included.

8.6 DIRECTORIES

Directories provide data about specific groups and include a master index. They cover nongovernmental entities that may be useful.


The first volume included 952 circuit judges. The second volume includes 104 circuit judges. This directory is semiannual.


This work offers statistical and other information on a wide variety of subjects, including economy, business and energy, sports, science and technology, and crimes and courts. A detailed index makes finding information easy.

8.6 DIRECTORIES

Directories provide lists of names, addresses, and related data about specific groups, institutions, or organizations and include a master index. A directory can help find governmental or nongovernmental entities to which a client’s concerns may be addressed.

8.601 Printed Directories. The following directories may be useful.


The first volume lists district judges, and the second volume includes the United States Supreme Court and the circuit judges. The volumes review each federal judge’s career and reputation, and each entry describes attorneys’ perspectives about judges as well as information about the judge’s courtroom demeanor. The set is supplemented semiannually.

The publication describes the economic, social, and political characteristics of each Senate and House legislative district in Virginia and identifies the legislator who represents it.


This directory contains addresses and phone numbers for state and federal judges and clerks of court. It is published annually.


This single volume presents information about the structure, functions, finances, and personnel of each state, including facts, figures, insights, and information on all aspects of state government. It is published biennially.


This quarterly publication contains names, addresses, and biographies of members of Congress as well as the names of staff members. Photographs of members of Congress are included.


This directory of American and Canadian corporate counsel and nonprofit organizations lists names, addresses, and biographies of in-house counsel and provides Internet URLs for corporations and organizations. It is published annually.
Other Sources

- Woman Activist Fund, economic, social, and political issues. Senate and House Identifies the legislator and phone numbers for each of court. It is published biennially.
- Encyclopedia of Associations. 48th ed. Detroit, MI: Thomson-Gale, 2009. This annual guide to more than 22,000 national and international organizations is available in a variety of formats. It is an excellent source for URLs and email addresses. It is published annually.
- Federal-State Court Directory (formerly Want's Federal-State Court Directory). Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2012. This annual directory is useful to find the names and addresses of courts and clerks. Each state's court structure is diagrammed, and the publication provides the URLs for each court. The directory information is also available online to subscribers.
- Federal Yellow Book. New York, NY: Leadership Directories, Inc., 2012. This quarterly publication is an invaluable aid to understanding the intricate nature of the federal executive branch and independent agencies. Essentially, it is a “Who’s Who” of the executive branch and independent agencies. The publication includes URLs and email addresses for some federal agencies and officials.

This annual directory covers national and international organizations, bar associations, bar examination and admission to practice requirements, the federal court system and federal regulatory agencies, highest state courts, law schools, continuing legal education, paralegal education, scholarships, grants, awards and prizes, information services and systems, special libraries and research centers, legal periodicals, book and media publishers, speaker bureaus, lawyer referral services, legal aid and public defender offices, legislative manuals and registers, state government agencies and authorities, and much, much more.


This single volume is similar to other titles in the “Leadership Library” by Leadership Directories. Other directories cover areas such as federal government, state government, municipalities, corporate, news media, financial, judiciary, government affairs and the nonprofit sector. The Leadership Library on the Internet delivers contact and biographical information quickly, is updated daily, and is available to subscribers at www.leadershipdirectories.com.


This directory is arranged into two main sections: “Roster of Experts & Legal Services” arranged by subject matter and including company and/or individual names with addresses and telephone numbers and “Advertisers of Experts & Legal Services.”


This report contains the record of the General Assembly and judicial department, with a summary of all the projects. The last edition published in Virginia, and current editions can be found at virginia.gov/Statistical.
3d ed. Farmington Hills, national and international bar examination and events, the federal court agencies, highest state legal education, paralegal awards and prizes, special libraries and catalogs, book and media referral services, legal legislative manuals and cases and authorities, and the Management of the

York, NY: Leadership

to other titles in the ship Directories. Other federal government, state corporate, news media, affairs and the nonprofit on the Internet delivers quickly, is updated to subscribers at

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This is the principal reference for names, representative clients, and biographies of attorneys throughout the world. The directory includes also digests of the laws of the states, uniform laws, and a directory of law-related service providers and consultants. A digest of the laws of nations has been discontinued in print and is no longer available with the print subscription. The directory is available in a variety of formats, including access through LexisNexis, and is searchable in a free, abbreviated version via the Internet at www.martindale.com. AVVO.com is a new website that describes itself as the “largest online directory of rated health and legal professionals to empower you with the information you need.” It began in 2006, rates doctors, dentists, and lawyers, and provides profiles with information about lawyer experience, background, disciplinary history, and reviews from clients.


This report contains information on executive, legislative, and judicial departments, independent agencies, and gubernatorial documents. It is published annually. The last edition published in print was the 2004-05 edition; current editions are now available at www.commonwealth.virginia.gov/StateGovernment/Bluebook/report.cfm.


This annual publication, which is updated quarterly, serves as a comprehensive telephone book for the Internal Revenue Service. It lists tax officials by state and alphabetically and outlines who is in charge of specific projects.

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This publication provides names, titles, addresses, and phone numbers and is the “Who’s Who” of Virginia government. Photographs of cabinet secretaries of Virginia are also included. Subscribers can also search this directory at www.vareview.com.


This resource contains mailing addresses and telephone and fax listings for state agencies and institutions. The directory search is only available online at www.agencydirectory.virginia.gov/index.cfm.


The Directory provides an alphabetical listing of members available only to members. It also includes a searchable database to help visitors find a lawyer either by name or location.

Virginia’s Legal Directory (states of Virginia and West Virginia). Dallas, TX: Legal Directories Publ’g Co., Inc., 2011.

Issued annually, the publication provides information about state government, county and municipal governments, the courts and attorneys in both Virginia and West Virginia.
This list of government and private agencies with offices in Washington, DC contains a list of foreign embassies and is updated annually.

8.602 Online Directories. The major database services used by attorneys, Lexis and Westlaw, contain a variety of directories that mirror the printed versions of the services. Because the directories are too numerous to summarize here, the researcher is advised to examine the vendors’ promotional literature to determine whether an online directory would be helpful. The researcher is also advised to discuss with each vendor’s customer service representatives the best search strategy for locating relevant references.

8.603 Internet Resources. The challenge when using the Internet is to find websites that are reliable, relevant, accurate, and valuable. The resources listed below are examples of a variety of Internet sites and publications. Because of ever-changing website names and the vast volume of information online, no single research guide can be comprehensive in its references to this dynamic medium.


Ambrogi, a Massachusetts attorney who writes extensively about the Internet and its usefulness to attorneys, writes a regular column, “Web Watch,” in LTN: Law Technology News. His articles frequently focus on useful websites and other research topics that researchers can use for legal research. For example, his October 2011 column was entitled Research Wars and discussed the development of Bloomberg Law and its effect on LexisNexis and Westlaw.
American Bar Association: www.americanbar.org/aba.html.

This official site of the American Bar Association offers articles on a variety of subjects, hosts topical discussion groups, includes information about the various sections of the ABA, and identifies ABA publications available on special and general legal issues.


This bibliography of legal research and other websites covers comprehensive research sites, search engines, legislative and administrative materials, Virginia materials, foreign and international law sites, directories, sites for people, places, weather, records, company information, expert witnesses, and other topics.

Cornell University Law School Legal Information Institute: www.law.cornell.edu

This website offers access to a wide range of legal primary sources, both federal and state. Its “Law About. . .” portion offers excellent research guides and information about many legal subjects, ranging from adoption to employment to civil rights to workers’ compensation. Many researchers find this site to be one of the best to use when searching an online version of the United States Code.

Findlaw: www.findlaw.com

Findlaw, a Thomson Reuters business now, offers a legal website for the member of the general public and a special site for the legal profession. To access the one for the legal
The American Bar Association offers information on the various sections of its publications available on the Internet at http://www.abanet.org/aba.html.

Other Internet Sites for Legal Research


These authors attempt to provide the “most credible and up-to-date information about the resources on the Internet that are useful to attorneys.” The book includes chapters about search engines, Google, free investigative research resources, finding military personnel, locating assets, and many, many other topics. See also two other books by the same authors: The Lawyer’s Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet (3d ed. 2006) and Finding Info Like a Pro (2010).


This text focuses on detailed descriptions of Internet sites, mailing lists, databases, and other resources. The wealth of data available—from census data to tax forms—provides the researcher with an economical way of obtaining government information.

4. The National Center for State Courts: www.ncsconline.org

The National Center for State Courts, located in Williamsburg, has an extensive list of websites for the courts of Virginia and other states, including trial courts and municipal courts.
8.7 QUICK REFERENCE

This "quick reference" section is designed to guide the researcher to useful texts and other sources. The sources of information below guide the researcher to other sources that contain the needed information.


This publication includes chapters about research in complex areas of practice; each chapter is written by an experienced law librarian. There are annual supplements provided.


Handbooks from PLI seminars often include chapters about recent legal developments that have not yet been discussed in treatises, law review articles and other sources. This annual edition of the Index to Course Handbooks helps the researcher locate the sources that might be useful. The full text of the chapters in the Course Handbooks are also searchable in Westlaw.
Official World Wide Web telephone yellow pages. -to-Z format and groups provided includes the URL to locate the published site, a profile of the contact for assistance.

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This four-volume set contains names and addresses of expert witnesses in many categories, scientific and medical references, and occupational safety references.


This publication consists of two alphabetical listings by popular names, one for federal and state laws and one for federal and state cases. There are regular supplements provided to subscribers.


This official handbook of the federal government provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial and executive branches. It also includes information on quasi-official agencies, international organizations in which the United States participates, and boards, commissions, and committees. The Manual begins with reprints of the Declaration of Independence and the federal Constitution. The URLs for the various departments and agencies are also included. The Manual is published annually and can be viewed in full text at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/GOVMAN-2011-10-05/xml/GOVMAN-2011-10-05.xml or searched online at www.gpo.gov/fdsys.