

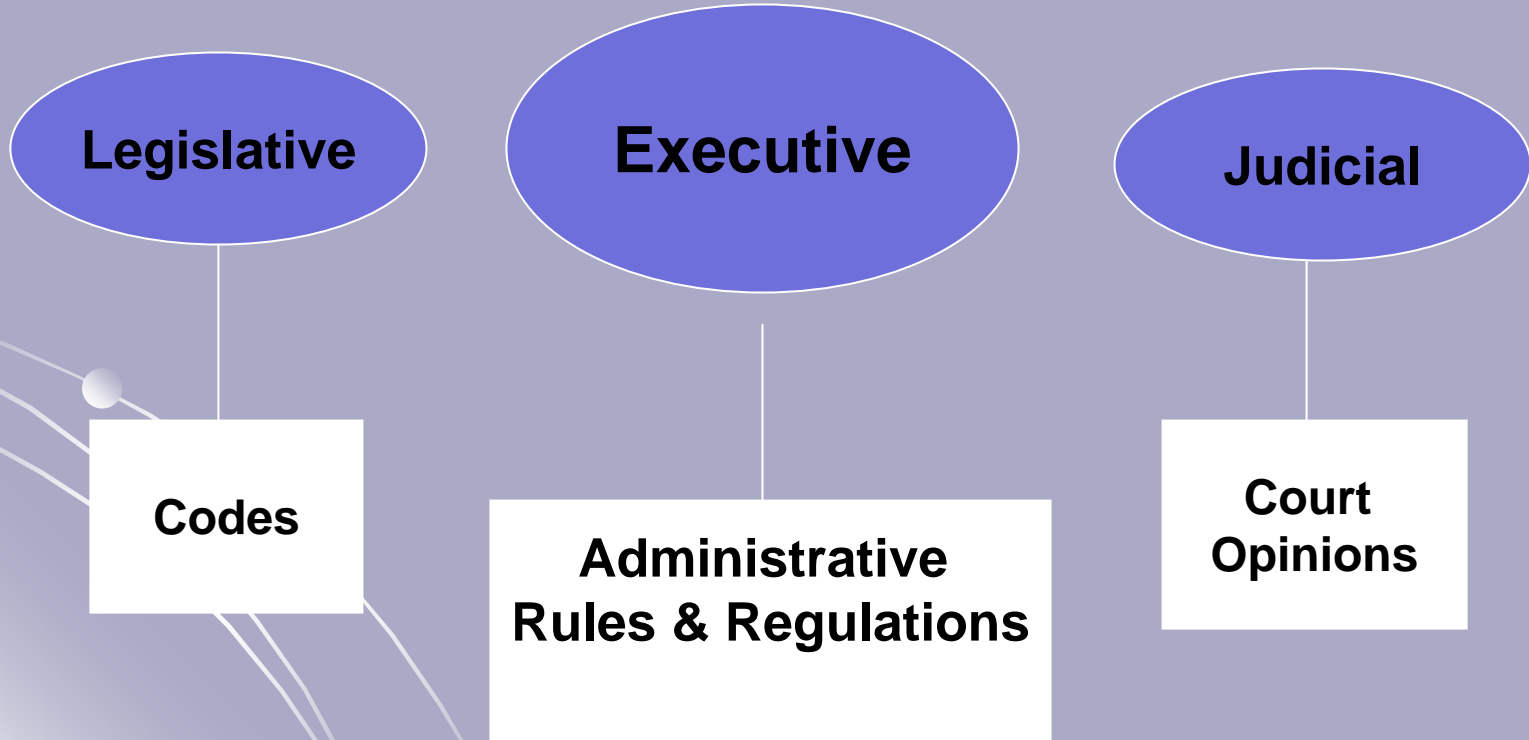
Free Internet Resources

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Our Legal System

- U.S. Government
 - About the US Government:
<http://usinfo.state.gov/usa/infousa/politics/abtgovt.htm>
- State Governments
 - South Carolina:
<http://www.sc.gov/Portal/Category/BRANCHES>

Three Branches of Government





The Legislative Branch



The Federal Process: http://www.house.gov/house/Tying_it_all.shtml

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

Slip Law

Public Law 103-3

(HR 1)



Session Law

United States Statutes at Large

107 Stat 6



U.S. Code

(Unannotated)

29 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.



Annotated Codes

29 U.S.C.A. § 2601 et seq. (West)

29 U.S.C.S. § 2601 et seq. (LexisNexis)

Federal Legislative Websites

- Pending

- Bills & Public Laws

- The Library of Congress: THOMAS:

- <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

- GPO Access: Legislative Branch

- Resources:

- <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legislative.html>

Federal Legislative Websites

- U.S. Code
 - GPO Access: United States Code (2000) and Supplements:
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>
 - Cornell's U.S. Code Collection:
www.straylightt.law.cornell.edu/uscode

State Process: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/legproc.html>

**South Carolina
Dog Bite Statute**

H2178



Slip Law
1986 Act No. 343



Session Law
SC Acts & Joint
Resolutions
1986 Act No. 343



S.C. Code Annotated
(Our official code is annotated.)
S.C. Code Ann. § 47-3-110

State Legislative Websites

- State Statutes

- SC Legislature Online: www.scstatehouse.net
 - Bills, Acts & SC Code
- All States: Cornell's Law by Source: www.law.cornell.edu/states

- State Agency Websites

- SC.GOV: www.sc.gov: [Agency Listing](#)
- All States: USA.gov: [State & Territorial Governments](#)

Ordinances

- City & County Ordinances
 - Municipal Code Corporation:
www.municode.com



Executive Branch



Administrative Process

**Enabling
Legislation**

**Agency Created
or
Given Duties**

**Promulgates
Rules
&
Regulations**

**ALJ Decisions
&
Judicial
Review**



Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) of 1993

[29 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq.](#)



[29 U.S.C. § 2654](#)

Gives the Secretary of Labor the power to authorize regulations necessary to carry out the Act.



[29 C.F.R. Part 825](#)



SC Human Affairs Law
S.C. Code Ann. § [1-13-10 et seq.](#)



S.C. Code Ann. § 1-13-40
created the Human Affairs Commission



S.C. Code Ann. § 1-13-70
empowers it to promulgate rules and regulations



S.C. Code Ann. Regs. **[65-1 et seq.](#)**



Federal Administrative Law Websites

- Administrative Rules & Regulations

- GPO Access:

- www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html

- Administrative Decisions

- UVA Library:

- http://www.lib.virginia.edu/govdocs/fed_decisions_agency.html

Federal Administrative Law Websites

- Agency Websites

- LSU Libraries Federal Agencies Directory:
<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/gov/fedgov.html>

- Agency Statistics

- The Statistical Abstract of the United States:
<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>
- STAT-USA: <http://www.stat-usa.gov/>
- FedStats: <http://www.fedstats.gov/>

State Administrative Law Websites

- Administrative Rules & Regulations
 - South Carolina Legislature Online:
www.scstatehouse.net
 - State Register & Regulations
- Administrative Decisions
 - SC Administrative Law Court Website:
<http://www.scalc.net/decisions.aspx>

State Administrative Law Websites

- Agency Websites
 - SC.GOV: www.sc.gov: [Agency Listing](#)
 - All States: USA.gov: [State & Territorial Governments](#)
- Agency Statistics
 - SC Statistical Abstract:
<http://www.ors2.state.sc.us/abstract/index.asp>
 - Office of Research & Statistics, SC Budget & Control Board: <http://www.ors.state.sc.us/>
 - USA.gov:
http://www.usa.gov/Government/State_Local/Statistics.shtml

Executive Materials

- Orders & Proclamations & Addresses
 - President & Governors
 - Presidential Papers
 - Including Signing Statements
 - Attorneys General Opinions
 - U.S. & State
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Executive Materials

- President

- GPO Access:

- <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/executive.html>

- Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents
 - Public Papers of the President of the United States
 - State of the Union Addresses

- The Whitehouse: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>

- U.S. Attorney General Opinions: U.S. Department of Justice:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/olc/opinions.htm>

Executive Materials

- **Governors**

- South Carolina: <http://www.scgovernor.com/>
- National Governors Association:
<http://www.nga.org/portal/site/nga>

- **State Attorneys General**

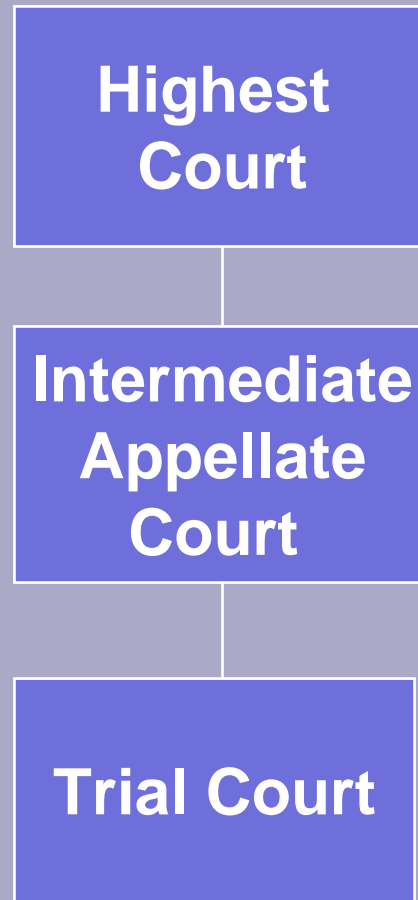
- South Carolina: <http://www.scattorneygeneral.org/>
(Opinions available by subscription only through Casemaker, Lexis, Westlaw)
- National Association of Attorneys General:
<http://www.naag.org/>



The Judicial Branch

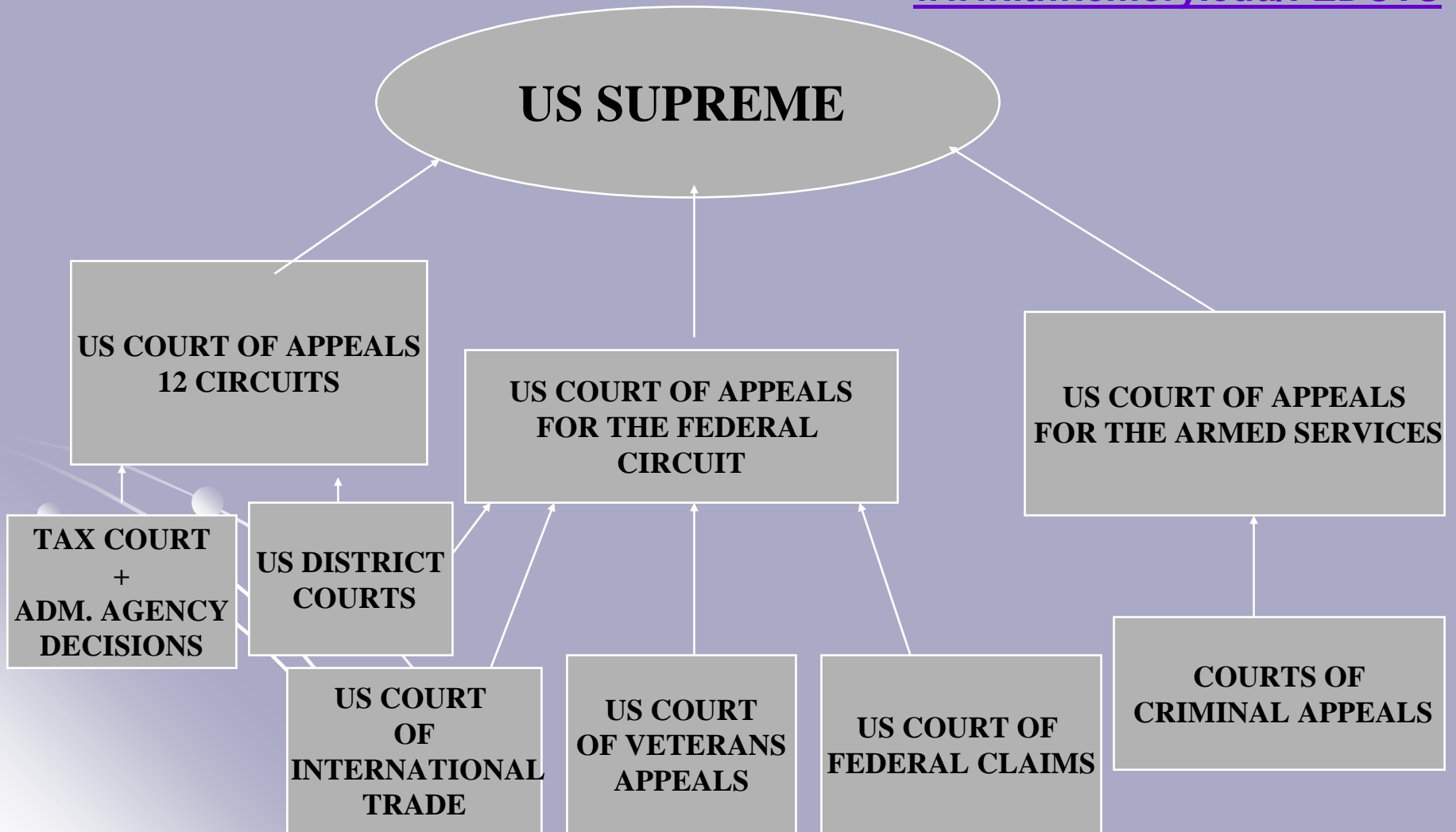


The Judicial Appeals Process

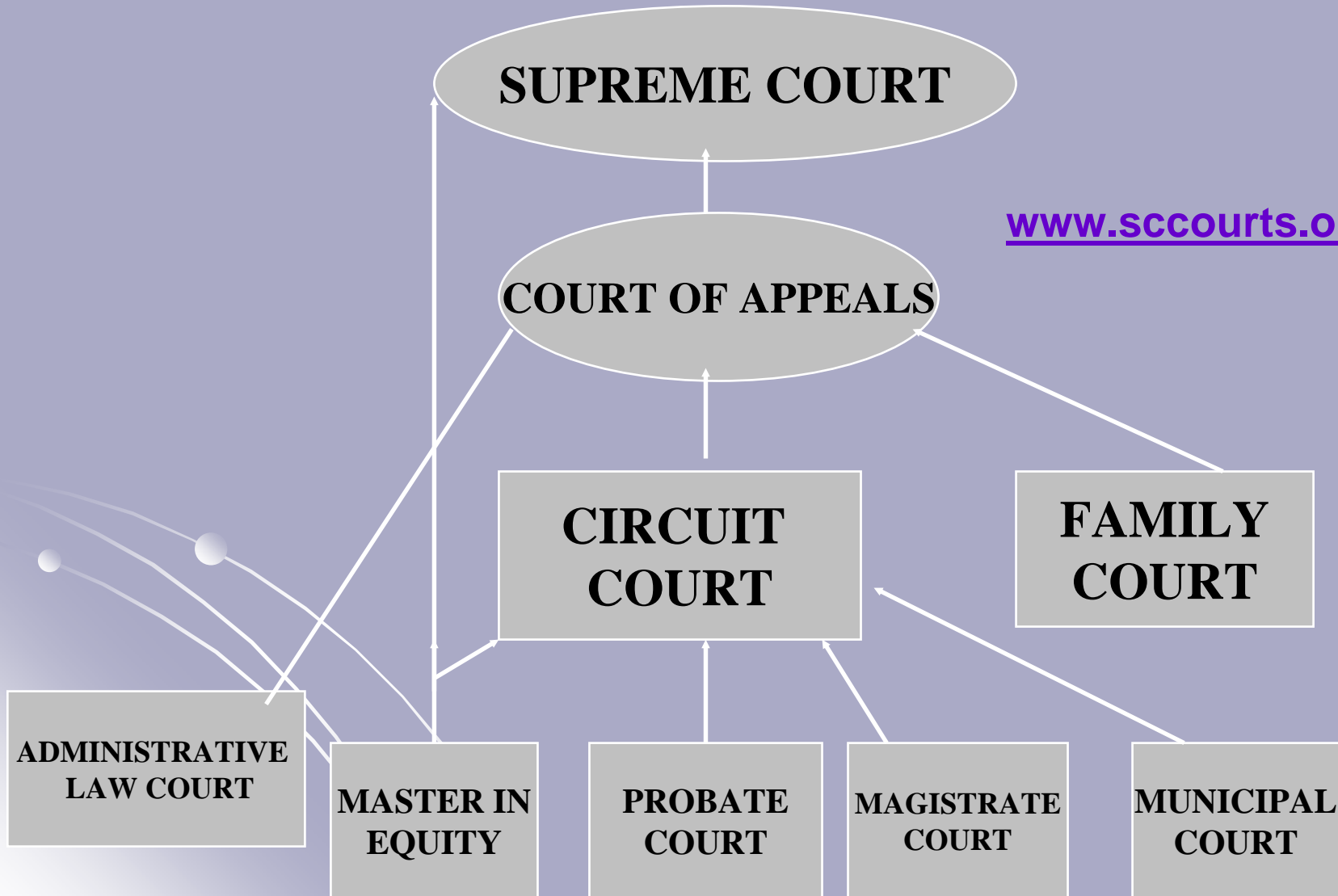


The Federal Court System

www.law.emory.edu/FEDCTS



South Carolina Court System



www.sccourts.org

Judicial Branch Websites

- Court Opinions
 - Appellate Court Briefs & Oral Arguments
 - Rules Forms, & Practice Aids
 - Self-Help & Legal Services Websites
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Court Opinions

- U.S. Supreme Court Opinions
 - U.S. Supreme Court Website:
<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/opinions.html>
 - FindLaw:
<http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html>
 - Cornell's LII:
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>

Court Opinions

- Federal Courts of Appeal & Federal District Courts
 - Emory's Federal Courts Finder:
<http://www.law.emory.edu/cms/site/index.php?id=2997>
 - Cornell's LII:
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/federal/opinions.html>
- LexisOne (last five years federal and U.S. Supreme from 1790): <http://www.lexisone.com/index.html>

Court Opinions

- State Courts

- Cornell's LLI:

- <http://www.law.cornell.edu/opinions.html#state>

- South Carolina

- www.sccourts.org

- LexisOne (last five years state):

- <http://www.lexisone.com/index.html>

Appellate Court Briefs & Oral Arguments

- Briefs

- Supreme Court

- ABA Supreme Court Review:

- <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/briefs/home.html>

- Yale's Curiae Project: <http://curiae.law.yale.edu/>

- Robert J. Ambrogi: A Brief Summary: Finding Briefs on the Web <http://www.legaline.com/freebriefslinks.html>

- LLRX: <http://www.llrx.com/features/briefsonline.htm>

Appellate Court Briefs & Oral Arguments

- Oral Arguments
 - OYEZ: Supreme Court Oral Arguments:
<http://www.oyez.org/>



Rules Forms, & Practice Aids

- Cornell's U.S. Supreme Court Rules Collection:
<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/index.html>
- Fourth Circuit Rules & Forms:
<http://www.ca4.uscourts.gov/>
- SC Federal District Court
 - Forms & Local Rules <http://www.scd.uscourts.gov/default.asp>
 - Pro se Litigant Guide:
<http://www.scd.uscourts.gov/Forms/ProSe.asp>
- Federal Rulemaking: <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/index.html>
 - Federal Rules & Forms in Effect
 - Local Court Rules

Rules Forms, & Practice Aids

- South Carolina
 - SC Judicial Department: www.sccourts.org
 - Your Guide to Magistrates Court:
<http://www.scbar.org/pdf/public/magbook.pdf>
- National Center for State Courts
<http://www.ncsconline.org/>

Self-Help & Legal Services Websites

- SC Legal Services: <http://www.sccej.org/>
- SC Bar: <http://www.scbar.org/public/default.asp>
- National Center for State Courts: Self Representation Resource Guide:
<http://www.ncsconline.org/wc/CourTopics/ResourceGuide.asp?topic=ProSe>

Secondary Sources Websites

- Law Reviews & Journals
 - Legal Dictionaries & Encyclopedias
 - Legal Citation & Abbreviations
 - Legal News
 - Blawgs
 - RSS
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Secondary Sources Websites

- Legal Dictionaries & Encyclopedias
 - Law.com Dictionary: <http://dictionary.law.com/>
 - Georgetown Law Library's Legal Research Definitions: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials/definitions/index.html>
 - Zimmerman's Online Encyclopedia for Legal Researchers:
<http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmerman/>
 - Cornell's Wex:
http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/index.php/Main_Page

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- Legal Citation & Abbreviations
 - Cornell's Introduction to Basic Legal Citation:
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/index.htm>
 - Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations:
<http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/>
- Law Reviews & Journals
 - University of Southern California: Legal Journals:
<http://law.usc.edu/library/resources/journals.cfm>

Secondary Sources Websites

- Legal News

- Law.com: <http://www.law.com/>
- Jurist Legal News & Research: <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/>

- Blawgs

- Inter Alia: <http://www.inter-alia.net/>

- RSS

- US Government RSS Library: http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/Libraries/RSS_Library.shtml

Websites as Finding Tools

- Government Websites
 - Search Engines
 - Directories
 - Legal Research Sites
 - Research Guides
 - Catalogs
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- GPO Access: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/>

- THOMAS: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

- SC Government:

- <http://www.sc.gov/Portal/Category/GOVERNMENT>

- Gov Spot: <http://www.govspot.com/state/>

Websites as Finding Tools

- Search Engines

- Cornell's Legal Research Engine:

<http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/guides/researchengine.asp>

- Google US Government:

<http://www.google.com/ig/usgov>

- Directories

- FindLaw for Legal Professionals:

<http://www.findlaw.com/>

Websites as Finding Tools

- Legal Research Sites

- LLRX.com: <http://www.llrx.com/>

- The Virtual Chase:

- <http://www.virtualchase.com/>

- Research Guides

- University of Washington School of Law:

- <http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/guides.html>

- Cornell's WEX:

- http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/index.php/Main_Page

Websites as Finding Tools

- Catalogs

- Catalog of US Government Publications:

<http://catalog.gpo.gov/F>

- Coleman Karesh Law Library:

<http://www.law.sc.edu/library/>



Evaluating Internet Resources

- Southern Illinois University School of Law Library: Evaluating and Rating Websites and Other Information Resources: (Includes links for more information):

www.law.siu.edu/lawlib/guides/eval.htm

