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LEGAL RESEARCH: RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY INTERNET SITES

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Law libraries in northern California offer a wide variety of legal information through their library web sites. Library resources available on the internet include indexes, research guides, subject compilations of links, and fully-searchable databases. By publishing on the internet, local law libraries are better able to share their unique collections of legal information and expertise in legal research. This article focuses on law school libraries, while a subsequent NOCALL UPDATE will highlight some of the best internet resources available from county law libraries, law firm libraries, court libraries, and other non-academic law libraries.

The law libraries at Hastings, Golden Gate, Stanford, Boalt, USF, Santa Clara, Davis, and McGeorge all provide access to their library catalogs through their web sites. The list below highlights some of the specialized resources available at the internet sites of these law school libraries.

[UC HASTINGS COLLEGE OF THE LAW LIBRARY](http://www.uchastings.edu/library/) (<http://www.uchastings.edu/library/>)

- The California Ballot Propositions Database is a comprehensive, searchable source of information on California ballot propositions from 1911 to the present. The database contains the full text of the propositions, accompanying material contained in the ballot pamphlets, related legal and legislative history, and digital images of the ballot pamphlets.
- The library home page features several useful Library Indexes including the California Supreme Court Records & Briefs Index. Hastings has a collection of California Supreme Court Records and Briefs for the period 1906 through 1978. This searchable index may be used to locate reported cases that are contained in this collection.

[ROBERT CROWN LAW LIBRARY AT STANFORD LAW SCHOOL](http://www.law.stanford.edu/library/) (<http://www.law.stanford.edu/library/>)

- Women's Legal History Biography Project features biographies of pioneer women lawyers, including a special section about Clara Shortridge Foltz.
- Stanford Securities Class Action Clearinghouse is a valuable research tool for lawyers, judges, scholars, and investors; the Clearinghouse provides the full text of complaints, motions, judicial opinions, and other major filings related to securities class action litigation.

[UC BERKELEY: BOALT HALL LAW LIBRARY](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/library.html) (<http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/library.html>)

- UC Berkeley Public Law & Legal Theory Working Paper Series - This link provides access to abstracts and full text versions of Boalt Hall faculty working papers, via the Legal Scholarship Network/Social Science Research Network.
- [Boalt Express](http://www.law.berkeley.edu:80/library/services/bex.html) (<http://www.law.berkeley.edu:80/library/services/bex.html>) is a non-profit fee based research and information delivery service operated as part of the Boalt Hall Law Library.

[UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO, SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY](http://www.usfca.edu/law_library)

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- The library's Research and Study Links contain USF, commercial, and internet tools for studying law and for law-related research. The USF Law Library Research Guides are particularly useful for answering questions about California legal research.

[GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY](http://ggu.edu/lawlibrary/) (<http://ggu.edu/lawlibrary/>)

- The Online Research page includes a collection of library research guides. These guides contain useful information on topics such as finding California legislative history, verifying that recent California opinions are still valid, and using print digests to find case law.

[SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, HEAFEY LAW LIBRARY](http://www.scu.edu/law/depts/library/library.html)

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- [California Ballot Propositions](http://www.scu.edu/law/pubs/Props.htm), 1944 to present (<http://www.scu.edu/law/pubs/Props.htm>), is a great place to check whether a particular initiative passed and where it was codified.
- The Heafy Law Library collection of Internet Links contains links to general and specialized legal sites in areas such as intellectual property and international law.

[UC DAVIS LAW LIBRARY](http://lawlibrary.ucdavis.edu/) (<http://lawlibrary.ucdavis.edu/>)

- The Internet Legal Resources page includes a great list of California internet legal resources such as links to Judicial Council forms and California bills.

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