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## **LEGAL RESEARCH: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES [Part 2]**

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This is the second of two articles highlighting the wide variety of legal information available through the web sites of law libraries in Northern California. While the first article focused on law school library web sites, this article highlights some of the best internet resources available from county law libraries, law firm libraries, court libraries, and other non-academic law libraries. Also included are a few sites that contain useful legal information, although they are not currently maintained by law librarians.

Internet sites offer easy access to research materials. Users can obtain current and historical legislative documents, find recent court opinions, order specific information using a delivery service, or borrow audio-visual resources. Several court web sites also offer online access to rules and forms.

### [ALAMEDA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY](#)

<http://www.co.alameda.ca.us/law/index.htm>

Click on "Additional Legal Resources" to reach the Links to Law Related Resources page, which includes a useful listing of law library web sites. These web sites are maintained by librarians familiar with the demands of legal research and include research guides and bibliographies.

### [SACRAMENTO COUNTY LAW LIBRARY](#)

<http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/welcome.html>

The list of legal web sites selected by the public services staff of the Sacramento County Law Library includes links to Sacramento, California, and Federal legal information available on the Internet

The library homepage features several informative legal guides covering subjects such as Family Law Research, California Legislative Analysis and Intent, and Tax Law Resources.

A link to the library's catalog of print resources is available on the homepage.

### [SAN FRANCISCO LAW LIBRARY](#)

<http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfl/>

The library homepage includes the library catalog with a complete record of all the books and journals held by the San Francisco Law Library.

Several pages of useful links provide a good place to start your legal research.

- The library's "Legal Research Guides" provide useful bibliographies of books in specialized areas of law such as antitrust or alternative dispute resolution.

#### [SAN MATEO COUNTY LAW LIBRARY](#)

<http://smcll.org>

- A guide entitled "Legislative Intent Research in California" provides instructions for obtaining legislative history materials from public and private sources.
- Users can find contact information for local agencies specializing in legal issues such as adoption and juvenile incarceration, as well as legal services for the deaf and Spanish speaking communities.
- The California Ballot Propositions Research page is a great starting point for locating the text and analysis of propositions from 1911 to present.

#### [UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA](#)

<http://www.cand.uscourts.gov/>

- Users can complete federal court forms using Adobe interactive software.
- The site provides access to local rules, fee schedules, and judicial calendars, as well as tentative rulings and recent orders.
- The court's ADR page generally describes the major Alternative Dispute Resolution processes, and provides a detailed comparison of the benefits of each process.

#### [CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL](#)

<http://caag.state.ca.us/>

- Users can view detailed pages devoted to various California legal issues including tobacco litigation and child support.
- The Bureau of Forensic Services conducts the study of physical evidence and provides information on the procedures and applications of forensic toxicology.
- The site includes a searchable index for locating opinions of the Attorney General and the full-text of published opinions from 1986 to the present.

#### [BROBECK, PHLEGER & HARRISON, LLP](#)

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

- The "News/Views" link connects to a monthly Labor And Employment Law Update highlighting recent federal and state developments.

#### [PHILLIPS & COHEN](#)

<http://www.whistleblowers.com>

- Phillips & Cohen represent plaintiffs in false claims (qui tam) cases and have summarized some of the whistleblower stories.
- The site includes the text of the federal False Claims Act, a history of the law, and information about qui tam provisions.

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