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ACRONYMS/ABBREVIATIONS

[Common Legal Abbreviations](#)

SIU School of Law.

[GovSpeak: A Guide to Government Acronyms & Abbreviations](#)

Lists acronyms and abbreviations commonly used by the United States federal government.

[Bluebook Abbreviations of Law Review Titles](#)

[Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations](#)

Focuses on English language legal publications, from the British Isles, the Commonwealth and the United States. Compiled by Cardiff University, Wales.

[Medi-Lexicon](#)

Over 70,000 medical, pharmaceutical, biomedical & healthcare acronyms and abbreviations.

ASSOCIATIONS (LEGAL)

[Illinois State Bar Association](#)

[Chicago Bar Association](#)

[American Bar Association](#)

[American Association of Law Libraries](#)

[Chicago Association of Law Libraries](#)

CALL published [Finding Illinois Law: A Librarian's Guide for Non-Lawyers](#)

ATTORNEY LOCATORS

[Find a Lawyer](#)

Search for a lawyer by legal issue or location. FindLaw.

[Martindale Hubbell Lawyer Locator](#)

[Best Law Firms](#)

Search for law firms by location and practice area. Provided by U.S. News & World Report and American Lawyer.

[Lawyer Locator \(UK\)](#)

[Hieros Gamos Listing of World Bar Associations](#)

CITATION AND STYLE

[Typography for Lawyers](#)

Improve legal writing through a clear understanding of typography or "the visual component of the written word." Website created and maintained by Matthew Butterick, a civil litigation attorney.

[Introduction to Basic Legal Citation \(Online edition, 2012\)](#)

A citation primer by Prof. Peter W. Martin (Legal Information Institute (LII), Cornell Law School). Based on 19th edition of the Bluebook.

[Oxford Standard Citation of Legal Authorities \(OSCOLA\)](#)

A publication providing a system of citation for legal writing focusing on the United Kingdom. Produced by the Oxford Law Faculty in consultation with leading academic law publishers

[The Maroonbook: The University of Chicago Manual of Legal Citation](#)

2013 edition edited by the University of Chicago Law Review.

[ALWD Citation Manual Resources](#)

See right sidebar for appendices and resources from various editions. From the Association of Legal Writing Directors.

[Citing Electronic Information](#)

A collection of links to citing electronic sources. Compiled by the Internet Public Library (IPL).

[International Legal Citation Manual](#)

A project of the Washington University in Saint Louis Global Studies Law Review. Arranged by country, this manual provides citation format for constitutions, laws, codes, statutes, administrative regulations, case law, journals and treaties.

[The Elements of Style, William Strunk, Jr.](#)

COMPANY INFORMATION

[Illinois Secretary of State Corporate Listing](#)

Real-time Corporate/LLC Information search.

[Publications and Forms](#) From the Business Services Department.

[North American Industry Classification System \(NAICS\)](#)

DICTIONARIES, GLOSSARIES, and THESAURI

[FindLaw Legal Dictionary](#)

[A Law Dictionary by John Bouvier Revised Sixth Edition 1856](#)

[The 'Lectric Law Library's Legal Lexicon's Lyceum](#)

An online legal dictionary.

[Glossary of Legal Terms \(ABA\)](#)

[Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary](#)

[Roget's International Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases](#)

[Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus](#)

EMBASSIES

[Websites of US Embassies and Other Diplomatic Missions](#)

[Embassy.org](#)

Foreign embassies in Washington D.C.

ENCYCLOPEDIAS

[Zimmerman's Research Guide - An Online Encyclopedia for Legal Researchers](#)

An online encyclopedia by Andrew Zimmerman. The Guide covers over 1,000 legal and law-related subjects.

[NOLO Legal Encyclopedia](#)

FEDERAL GRANTS

[Grants.gov](#)

The single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal agencies that manage grant funds. Information on getting started, finding grant opportunities and applying for grants.

[U.S. Small Business Association Federal Grant Resources](#)

[Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance \(CFDA\)](#)

The CFDA deals with all types of assistance, not just financial aid. This site provides access to a database of all Federal programs available to state and local governments, federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, U.S. territories (and possessions), domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions, specialized groups, and individuals.

[Government Benefits, Grants, and Financial Aid](#)

Official information on grants, loans, financial aid, and other benefits from the U.S. government.

[Grants Work in a Congressional Office](#)

CRS report outlining how grant requests are handled with references to other resources.

[USA.gov for Nonprofits](#)

On this page find agency-specific nonprofit resources, fundraising/outreach, grants, loans, laws & regulations, online services, registration/licensing and tax information.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

[Bank Data](#)

Information about individual banks and the banking industry. From the FDIC.

[Consumer Information \(Federal Reserve Bank\)](#)

Topics include bank accounts and services, consumer credit, identity theft, leasing, mortgages and personal finance.

[Consumer Guide to Check 21 and Substitute Checks](#)

[Measuring Worth](#)

Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount - 1774 to Present.

[What's a Dollar Worth?](#)

A calculator from the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

[FXConverter - 164 Currency Converter](#)

A multi-lingual currency converter with current exchange rates for 164 currencies. From Oanda.com.

GENERAL REFERENCE

[Robert's Rules of Order](#)

[Codes of Ethics Online](#)

A compilation of ethics codes from industry, the professions, sciences, associations and organizations provided by the Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions, (IIT).

[National Association of Counties \(NACo\)](#)

Select a state to find a listing of counties and a listing of cities with county seat. Links for county web sites when available.

Federal Consumer Information Center, Pueblo,CO

Guides and handbooks on a variety of consumer topics including cars, computers, education, employment, family, federal programs, food, health, housing, money, small business and more.

Internet Public Library, University of Michigan School of Information

Kelley Blue Book (Car Values)

World Factbook (Central Intelligence Agency)

Provides basic information about countries worldwide.

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers

This site from the Library of Congress allows you to search and view newspaper pages from 1880-1922 and find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present.

HEALTH-RELATED INFORMATION

Medical Resources

Collection of links from the Department of Medicine, Stroger Hospital of Cook County.

The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy

Atlas of the Body (AMA)

National Library of Medicine

Access to health information.

MedlinePlus

Health topics, drug information, medical encyclopedia, dictionary, news, directories. A service of the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health.

Electronic Orange Book

Approved drug products with therapeutic equivalence evaluations.

ICD Codes (International Classification of Disease Codes)

ICD-9 available. ICD-10 requires subscription.

PubMed

PubMed is a service of the National Library of Medicine that includes over 15 million citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950's. Some full text articles available.

NHGRI Policy and Legislation Database

This database contains federal and state legislation and federal administrative and executive materials, including regulations, institutional policies, and executive orders. The following subject areas are addressed: privacy of genetic information/confidentiality; informed consent; insurance and employment discrimination; genetic testing and counseling; and commercialization and patenting.

ToxNet - Toxicology Data Network

Databases on toxicology, hazardous chemicals, environmental health, and toxic releases.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

This link is for the site map of the (NCHS) and provides a complete overview of the many useful resources available including mortality table, ICD-9, and national health-related surveys.

Mortality Tables

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Life Expectancy Tables

From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

INSURANCE

A.M. Best Ratings and Analysis - Company and Rating Search

NAIC Consumer Information Source

Provides information about insurance companies, including closed insurance complaints, licensing information and key financial data. From the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Insurance Law Collection and Research, University of Connecticut

INTERNET ARCHIVES

Internet Archive - WayBack Machine

Search for URLs and previous URLs.

CyberCemetery

Permanent public access to the Web sites and publications of defunct U.S. government agencies and commissions. Browse agencies by branch of government, date of expiration, or agency name. Provided by University of North Texas Libraries.

INTERNET SITE COMPILATIONS

Scout Report

The best Internet resources are selected by librarians and educators.

InSITE

InSITE highlights selected law-related WWW sites. Provides an annotated publication issued electronically and in print; and as a keyword-searchable database. A current awareness service of Cornell Law Library.

Google

LAW REVIEWS AND JOURNALS

bepress Legal Repository

The bepress Legal Repository is a network of law-related research materials. Law schools, research units, institutes, centers, think tanks, and conferences post publications to the site. Most publications including law review articles and working papers are available for free download.

Social Science Research Network (SSRN)

Social Science Research Network is a worldwide collaboration of leading scholars, including legal scholars that are devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research including law. Select search icon from top of page. (Click magnifying glass!) Most publications including law review articles and working papers are available for free download.

American Law Sources On-Line

United States law reviews and periodicals in alpha order with links. Some provide full-text articles.

Current Law Journal Content (CLJC)

CLJC covers 1220 journals. Scanned copies of journal contents pages are supplied by the University of Texas Tarlton Law Library, Washington & Lee Law School, other libraries with additional contents pages are received electronically at W&L via e-mail, web-sites, or RSS feeds. Searchable.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Researching Legislative History (Illinois)

Compiled by Richard C. Edwards, Executive Director, Illinois Legislative Reference Bureau.

State Legislative History Research Guides on the Web

A collection of guides on doing legislative history for different states. Several guides are available for Illinois.

Federal Legislative History Research: A Practitioner's Guide to Compiling the Documents and Sifting for Legislative Intent

From the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C., Inc. (rev. Jan. 2008).

LIBRARY CATALOGS

Cook County Law Library

Chicago Kent Law Library
Chicago Public Library
DePaul Library
John Marshall Law School
Loyola University of Chicago
NUCAT - Northwestern University
University of Chicago
University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana

Collections of Library Catalogs

ILLINET Online

Select All Locations, or individual libraries.

WorldCat

Connect to the collections and services of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide.

Library of Congress - Online Catalog

LibDex - Library Catalogs on the Internet

Libraries with links to their online catalogs arranged by country. Includes law, special, public and university libraries.

MAPS

Cook County Maps and Data

Permits user to view various map features managed in the County's geographic information system (GIS). View Aerial maps, federal, state and local districts.

Geographic Information Systems, City of Chicago

Links to the following types of maps for the Chicago: census, citywide, community, land use, political boundaries, transit, ward and precinct. Also includes interactive maps - Chicago property finder, zoning, Division of Maps and Plats, Citizen ICAM.

MapMachine

National Geographic's redesigned online atlas. Locate maps for any place on Earth, and view it by population, climate, and much more. Browse antique maps and find country facts.

NationalAtlas.gov

Create your own maps. Provides a comprehensive view into the enormous wealth of data collected by the Federal Government.

Perry- Castañeda Library Map Collection, University of Texas

Maps from around the world including online maps of current interest.

MapQuest

Google Maps

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

License Look-up, Division of Professional Regulation, Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation

Select Professional Regulation from left sidebar. Search for professionals who hold a professional license in the State of Illinois and are regulated by the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation.

Directory of State Medical Boards

Links to the state medical boards. From the Federation of State Medical Boards.

Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission

The Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission (ARDC) is an agency of the Illinois Supreme Court. The ARDC is "responsible for maintaining current records of registration and discipline information for lawyers licensed to practice in Illinois, investigating allegations of misconduct by lawyers, and prosecuting the cases where a lawyer's misconduct suggests a threat to the public or to the integrity of the legal profession." Select **Lawyer Search** for attorneys licensed by the Supreme Court of Illinois.

PUBLIC RECORDS

[Search Systems](#)

Searchable public record database for states, counties and municipalities. Also links for Canadian and global public records.

QUOTATIONS

[Familiar Quotations, Tenth Edition \(compiled by John Bartlett\)](#)

[Respectfully Quoted](#)

STATISTICS

[Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

[Consumer Price Index](#)

[Fedstats](#)

The portal to statistics from over 100 U.S. Federal agencies.

[NationMaster](#)

Includes extensive data from sources such as the CIA World Factbook, UN, and OECD, enabling users to graphically compare nations.

TELEPHONE / ADDRESS DIRECTORIES

[AnyWho](#)

Includes white pages, yellow pages, toll-free numbers, email lookup and reverse lookup.

[Zip Code Lookup and City/State/ZIP Code Associations, U.S. Post Office](#)

[Frank's Compulsive Guide to Postal Addresses](#)

Information compiled at Columbia University for effective addressing for international mail. Arranged by world region.

UNIFORM LAWS

[The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws](#)

Official home page of the Uniform Law Commission. Texts of acts and uniform laws. Search for drafts by selecting a committee. Also includes related documents including summary, info sheet on why states should adopt and a legislative fact sheet.

[Uniform Laws and Model Acts](#)

Links to state-enacted versions of uniform laws. Provided by American Law Sources On-line.

The web sites listed in this guide are for information only and are not endorsed or supported by the Cook County Law Library. Please independently verify the accuracy and currency of all information.

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Foreign & International Law Librarian
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