

Resource Tips

How to Access Free and Low-Cost Legal Resources for COVID-19 Related Matters

Learn some Google advanced search techniques

New developments often appear first in news sites or webpages.

The more precise your search is, the more relevant your search results will be.

Learn how to pre-filter and post-filter your results to better target your search.

VERY USEFUL TO KNOW:

OR, “phrase in quotes”, site: , filetype: , - (to exclude word)

- **The Best Google Search Cheat Sheet: Tips, Operators, and Commands to Know**
<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/best-google-search-tips-pdf/>
- **Refine web searches (Google Search Help)**
<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/2466433?hl=en>
- **Power Searching with Google (How-To Video Course in short segments)**
<https://coursebuilder.withgoogle.com/sample/course>
- **Google Advanced Search page**
https://www.google.com/advanced_search

Hire a law student.

In addition to providing valuable assistance, law students during the summer are also permitted to use their educational [LEXIS account](#) for *any* work-related research. This makes available a vast array of primary and secondary resources, and many other tools. Law students are permitted to use their educational [Westlaw accounts](#) for work purposes during the summer in a *non-profit or externship* setting.

Join the Law School Alumni Association – for HeinOnline database access

Member benefits include access to the HeinOnline database (all of the components the UB Law Library subscribes to)

<https://www.law.buffalo.edu/alumni/membership/member-benefits.html>

This valuable online database contains more than 178 million pages and 270,000 titles of legal, historical and government documents in a fully searchable, image-based format. Full text of law reviews, bar journals and more is included. See more contents here (UB subscribes to many, but not to all): <https://home.heinonline.org/content/databases/>.

Connect with your local law libraries – for access to resources & assistance

You may gain access to additional resources not available elsewhere.

Many law libraries closed to the public back in March when shut-down orders commenced, but numerous librarians and staff members have been working from home. While many law libraries remain “closed,” more and more are open “by appointment,” and are available for phone or email reference service.

Call or email your local law library – even if it is “closed” there may be librarians and other staff members available to assist you!

Directories of law libraries:

- **NYS Public Access Law Libraries:**
<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/lawlibraries/publicaccess.shtml>
- **Government Law Libraries** (nationwide) <https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/resources-publications/member-libraries/>
- **Directory of Academic Law Libraries in the U.S.**
<https://librarytechnology.org/libraries/Law/>
or
<https://librarytechnology.org/libraries/search.pl?Type=Law&Country=United%20States&AcademicLevel=University>
(Click on library name, then *Connect to: Library Web Site* ✓) “Publicly-funded” law school libraries may be open to the public, Call the phone number on their website to find out what services are available.
- **Law Libraries Serving Prisoners:**
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1r9IRBPSYikRrvNbCTwpWGHWMBP_xKJyHEFqG9-ApHOo/edit#gid=1

In Buffalo:

The UB Law Library reference desk is operating “remotely” this summer with virtual reference service available from 10am-4pm, Monday -Friday.

During the fall 2020 semester the Law Library will remain closed to the public, but attorneys will be able to make an appointment to visit in person, 8am-5 pm Monday- Friday.

Virtual research assistance will also be available in the fall from 10am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

To contact a UB law librarian, email asklaw@buffalo.edu or call 716-645-2047.

Contact info and information about databases and resources is on the homepage:

<https://law.lib.buffalo.edu/>

The Buffalo Supreme Court Library is now open to the public on a “by appointment” basis.

At present, it is possible to make appointments for in-person visits during afternoons afternoons (starting at 2:00 p.m.) Monday-Thursday. The Tech Room computers can be booked for one hour blocks. The library closes at 4:30 p.m. Please call the reference desk at 716-845-9400 to schedule an appointment. They are also able to answer some requests electronically.

Contact info is also on the homepage: <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/library/buffalo/index.shtml>