About the Law Library

The Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Library is housed in the College of Law building, which is on the Dominican campus. It occupies parts of the first and third floors and all of the second floor of the building, a total of over 50,356 square feet. The Law Library has a collection of over 371,000 volumes and microform equivalents which has the primary purpose of supporting the curriculum and research needs of the College of Law faculty and students.

Contact Us

For any further help on this or any other legal research subject, please feel free to ask on the reference librarians at the Reference Desk on the second floor. A copy of this handout, and the links to the internet sites, is available through the library web page at http://law.loyno.edu/library/ under the link for “Research Guides.”

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General Resources

Comprehensive websites provide access to a variety of legal resources, including law for all levels of government.


Also, these research guides contain background information and links for your research: The Law Student Guide http://freelaw.classcaster.net/, Boston University's Federal Administrative Law guide http://lawlibraryguides.bu.edu/admin/, and LLSDC's Legislative Sourcebook http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook/

State, Local, and Louisiana Resources

American Law Sources Online can be searched for all types of state laws, with separate sections for uniform laws and model acts. Also includes federal, Canadian, Mexican and other North American laws. Sponsored by LawSource.com http://lawsource.com/also

State Statutes and Legislation has links to internet sources for state laws including statutes, constitutions, session laws and regulations. Maintained by whpgs.org http://www.whpgs.org/htm


State and Local Government on the Net provides links to official websites for state and local governments. Includes links to multistate, federal, and association websites. http://www.statelocalgov.net


Louisiana House http://house.legis.state.la.us
Louisiana Senate http://senate.legis.state.la.us/default.asp

Federal Resources


US Code contains current 2006 edition and supplements, as well as older editions. Includes search options and Popular Name tool. Beta version of the new website is also available. This website is sponsored by House of Representatives and Office of Law Revision Counsel, http://uscode.house.gov


Thomas is run by the Library of Congress. The website contains laws, bills, Congressional Record, treaties, committee reports, historical documents and other legislative information. Includes multiple search functions and links to other sources. Coverage varies. http://thomas.loc.gov


House of Representative Homepage http://www.house.gov

Senate Homepage http://www.senate.gov

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