

# **LEGAL RESEARCH WEBSITES**

***NOTE:*** Legal information is not the same as legal advice. We recommend that you consult an attorney when you need legal advice about your particular situation.

## ***WASHINGTON COUNTY***

### **Washington County Circuit Court**

<http://www.ojd.state.or.us/washington>

Includes forms and detailed information to assist in family law court proceedings, civil, criminal, small claims, evictions, jury duty and more.

### **Washington County Law Library**

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/lawlibrary>

General information regarding law library history, circulation policies, services and hours of operation. Provides legal research links.

### **Washington County Code**

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/code>

Includes statutory references, table of resolutions codified, ordinance list and disposition table. For ordinances adopted between supplements, view 'updates.'

### **Washington County Development Code**

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/lut>

Land Use and Transportation Department provides links to electronic versions of Development Code and land use ordinances from 1997 to present.

## ***OREGON***

### **Oregon Supreme Court/Court of Appeals**

<http://www.publications.ojd.state.or.us>

State of Oregon Judicial Department. Slip opinions from the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Tax Court, media releases, and the judicial style manual. This site is updated weekly and the slip opinions are subject to copy correction prior to preliminary publication in the Advance Sheets and final publication in the bound volumes of the Oregon Reports.

### **Oregon Judicial Department**

<http://www.ojd.state.or.us>

Information on Oregon's state court system. Provides links to the State of Oregon Law Library, Circuit Courts, and Appellate Opinions. Find court rules, programs, schedules, and statewide forms.

### **Oregon State Legislature**

<http://landru.leg.state.or.us>

Oregon State Legislature Home Page. Senate and House measures, guides to the legislative process, legislative reports, and more.

## **Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS)**

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors>

Oregon Revised Statutes. Search current statutes by chapter or through the index.

## **Oregon Legislative History**

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us>

Oregon State Archives. Legislative Records for past sessions including legislative committee minutes, bill tracings, and guides to legislative records.

## **Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)**

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/banners/rules.htm>

Administrative Rules: OAR filing information, proposed rules, hearing notices, executive orders, Attorney General documents, and text of new OARs.

## **Oregon Child Support Guidelines**

<http://dcs.state.or.us>

Division of Child Support, in the Department of Human Services oversees this program. A Child Support Guidelines Calculator is available.

## **Oregon Department of Revenue**

<http://www.oregon.gov/DOR>

Oregon State business, personal, property and other tax services including forms, rules, and electronic filing.

## **OR-OSHA**

<http://www.orosha.org>

Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division. Information on workplace safety and health, including rules and law.

## **Oregon Government**

<http://www.oregon.gov>

Gateway to Oregon government web sites. Include Oregon facts, business, working, education, visiting, government, online and Spanish-language services, and more.

## **Oregon Bluebook**

<http://www.bluebook.state.or.us>

The official state directory about state, county, city, federal, and tribal governments. Detailed information on state agencies, boards, and commissions.

## **Association of Oregon Counties**

<http://www.aocweb.org>

Information about individual counties with links to official county websites that include codes, services, contacts, and facts.

## **League of Oregon Cities**

<http://www.orcities.org>

The League's web site links to services, resources, and detailed city information including codes and charters. Also gives legislative information.

## ***UNITED STATES***

### **U.S. District Court – Oregon**

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

Oregon's U.S. District Court home page has information on case law, local rules, and trial court guidelines. Links are provided to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and other federal courts.

### **U.S. Bankruptcy Court – District of Oregon**

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

Forms, rules, and general information.

### **U.S. Courts for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit**

<http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/>

Forms, rules, and general information.

### **Federal Courts**

<http://www.uscourts.gov>

General information on U.S. federal courts with links to individual court sites.

### **United States Code**

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode>

Subject matter compilation of the general and permanent laws of the United States.

### **CFR and Federal Regulations**

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr>

Code of Federal Regulations and link to Federal Register. Click on regulations.gov link to find and review comments to proposed rules.

### **Internal Revenue Service**

<http://www.irs.gov>

Department of the Treasury. IRS tax information for individuals, businesses, charities and non-profits, governmental entities, tax professionals and retirement plans. Also tax statistics and other information about the IRS.

### **Law Library of Congress**

<http://www.loc.gov/law/public/law.html>

The library, established in 1832, has the world's largest collection of law books, offers reference services to the public and provides access to digital legal information, online databases and guides to legal information worldwide.

FirstGov (U.S. Government) .....<http://www.firstgov.gov>

Thomas (Library of Congress) .....<http://thomas.loc.gov>

## ***OREGON LEGAL INFORMATION RESOURCES***

### **Oregon State Bar**

<http://www.osbar.org/>

Professional and public resource for information on the legal profession and the law.

### **Oregon Legal Aid Services**

<http://www.oregonlawhelp.org>

Information on consumer protection, housing and landlord-tenant law, family law, disability, government benefits, senior issues, and more.

## ***OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION RESOURCES***

American Bar Association.....<http://www.abalawinfo.org>

American Pro Se Association.....<http://www.legalhelp.org>

Better Business Bureau.....<http://www.bbb.org>

Catalaw.....<http://www.catalaw.com/catalaw.shtml>

Findlaw.....<http://findlaw.com>

Jurist.....<http://www.jurist.law.pitt.edu>

LexisOne.....<http://www.lexisone.com>

NOLO.....<http://www.nolo.com>

Pro Se Law Center.....<http://www.pro-selaw.org>

Virtual Law Library.....<http://www.law.indiana.edu/v-lib>

Zimmerman's Research Guide.....<http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmerman>

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