



Recommended Web Sites for Research and/or Teaching

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Business

- AdViews: A Digital Archive of Vintage Television Commercials
<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adviews/>

This digital archive provides free access to commercials from the 1950s through the 1980s. These commercials were created or collected by the ad agency, Benton & Bowles, or its successor, D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles (DMB&B), and are housed at Duke University. Founded in 1929, Benton & Bowles was a New York advertising agency that merged with D'Arcy Masius McManus in 1985 to form DMB&B. Major clients included are Procter & Gamble, Kraft, Schick, Vicks, and Post. Users must download iTunes (free) to view the entire commercials. This resource is also suitable for social science researchers.

- Annual Reports Service <http://wsjie.ar.wilink.com>

Free annual reports for thousands of companies who participate in the Precision IR Annual Reports Service are available from this site. The scope is global. Users may search by name, industry, symbol, or securities exchange. Users may select to have the reports sent to them by U.S. mail or email (sometimes both are available). Note: When ordering the reports, some personal information such as name, address, etc. is required, and there are a few optional questions.

- Business.gov <http://business.gov>

This is a well-organized official site of the U.S. Small Business Administration in partnership with many other federal, state, and local government agencies. It tries to be a "one-stop shop" to provide "small business owners with information and resources they need to comply with laws and regulations, and to take advantage of government programs and services to help them start, expand and run their businesses."

- Doing Business <http://www.doingbusiness.org>

Reports aimed at helping businesspeople conduct business in a wide variety of countries are available at this World Bank site. The reports are researched and written by a team of experts. Hundreds of reports are available for free download (hard copies of some of these can be purchased online).

- Harvard Business School: Research Guides <http://www.library.hbs.edu/guides/#3>

While there are many good library research guides on the web, this is one of the most authoritative and comprehensive on business. Links are provided to many free, annotated information sources that are useful for business research. Note: Some of the listed sources are limited to the Harvard community or are fee-based services.

- LABORSTA Internet, from the International Labour Office <http://laborsta.ilo.org>

Users may view and download current and historic (back to 1969) labor-related data for 200 countries and territories. Labor statistics are available in core areas such as unemployment, strikes, occupational injuries, and wages.

- Online Financial Services Fact Book 2010 <http://www2.iii.org/financial>

The Insurance Information Institute offers an overview of the financial services sector with more than 350 graphs and charts on insurance, banking, securities and financial services as a whole.

- Wall Street Journal: Markets Data Center <http://online.wsj.com/mdc/public/page/marketsdata.html>

Produced directly by Dow Jones, the *Center* offers a massive amount of free historical and constantly updated business and investment data. The information is organized into the following categories: U.S. stocks; EFTs; mutual funds; bonds, rates, and credit markets; commodities and futures; currencies; calendars and economy; and earnings.

Law

- Bureau of Justice Statistics <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/>

Statistics on law enforcement, courts, offenders and corrections can be found here, as the Bureau is the United States' primary source for criminal justice statistics. The site also provides links to a variety of other sources of statistical materials such as the F.B.I.'s Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

- California Courts: Supreme Court of California <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/courts/supreme>

There are seven major sections of this web site for the state's highest court: opinions dating back to 1850, Judicial Council forms, California rules of court, the California court system, programs, career opportunities, reference materials, and an overall site search capability.

- California Secretary of State <http://www.sos.ca.gov/>

The California Business Search database is available online at this site. It provides information on various business entities, such as domestic and foreign corporations, limited liability companies, and limited partnerships that legal paraprofessionals are often required to find in the course of their work.

- EISIL: Electronic Information System for International Law <http://www.eisil.org>

Developed by the American Society of International Law, this site is both a research and teaching tool. Information is organized into 14 categories, e.g. General International Law, International Dispute Settlement, and International Criminal Law. The emphasis is on authoritative, up-to-date web sites and documents which are searchable, browsable, and have been vetted principally by law librarians.

- Google Scholar (Beta) <http://scholar.google.com/>

Google Scholar makes it easy and free to search for scholarly literature on the web such as journal articles and conference papers. In fall 2009, *Google Scholar* added legal opinions and journals, and its basic search box now allows users to restrict their searches only to legal literature. However, conducting an advanced scholar search rather than a basic search is recommended. With the advanced search, more structure is provided for creating effective legal queries, and options are offered so that results may be limited to only U.S. federal court opinions or only court opinions from a specific state or states. Note that *Google Scholar* still has some shortcomings in its "beta" version. Although the initial launch was some years ago, it's not clear when it will come out of "beta."

- JURIST: Legal News and Research <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/>

From the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Law, this site offers a legal news and research service that is updated daily. "*JURIST* puts particular emphasis on quickly locating and presenting primary source materials - the judicial decisions, legislation, testimony, reports and releases behind the legal news."

- LII / Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School <http://www.law.cornell.edu>

LII is a “not-for-profit organization that believes everyone should be able to read and understand the laws that govern them, without cost.” In support of this philosophy, the site publishes law online for free, creates materials that promote understanding of the law, and utilizes innovative technology to make it easier to “find the law.” The site’s appearance is deceptively modest, given its ease of use and its powerful, keyword-driven search engine.

- LLRX.com: Law and Technology Resources for Legal Professionals, by Sabrina Pacifici <http://www.llrx.com>

This is a premier legal research web site produced by a prominent legal technologist and former law school director. It is dedicated to providing the “most up-to-date information on a wide range of Internet research and technology-related issues, applications, resources and tools” for legal professionals.

- Open Jurist <http://openjurist.org>

This is a cost-effective source for accessing U.S. case law: over 640,000 U.S. Supreme Court and regional courts of appeal opinions are available without charge. A *Google* search engine is provided for basic keyword searching; however, there are *Google* advertisement links that appear along with search results. Users may also browse through individual volumes of court reports. Primarily geared for students and a general audience.

- The Sentencing Project <http://www.sentencingproject.org/template/index.cfm>

While this site clearly advocates for a particular point of view, namely the necessity of reforms in sentencing law and practice, it provides up-to-date information and publishes research on hot topics related to the criminal justice system such as sentencing policy, juvenile justice, voting rights, and racial disparity. Suitable for social science as well as legal research.

- Stanford Securities Class Action Clearinghouse <http://securities.stanford.edu>

The *Clearinghouse* digitizes and links the full text of complaints, motions, dockets, judicial opinions, and other major securities class action filings, together with summaries and analyses of those lawsuits into a single web site with its own full-text search engine. This site is useful primarily for business/law faculty rather than students.

- The Supreme Court Database <http://scdb.wustl.edu/index.php>

Supported by the National Science Foundation, this database is geared primarily to scholars and advanced researchers. The *Database* contains over 200 pieces of information about each case decided by the Court between the 1953 and 2008 terms. Various analysis tools are offered to allow users to select and summarize cases based on their interests/needs.