

The Doña Ana Branch Community College Library System has many resources to help you when doing research in the legal field. The following is a select list of reference books, online legal resources, and legal research web sites. By no means is this list complete, just a few to get you started!

legal reference books

- ***New Mexico Statutes Annotated*** (Ref J87 .N6 .B261.31)
A set of books that covers articles, laws and statutes from the state of New Mexico. Covered in chapter format (77 chapters total). Includes supplements.
- ***New Mexico Reports*** (Ref J87 .N6 .B101.81 .C33)
This set covers cases decided in the New Mexico Court of Appeals and Supreme Court since 1852. Also includes listings of court officers for the period covered.
- ***Black's Law Dictionary*** (Ref KF 156 .B53)
Definitions of the terms and phrases of American and English law both ancient and modern. Also includes pronunciation of terms.
- ***Martindale-Hubbell Law Digest*** (Ref KF 190 .M3)
Includes information on law practice profiles, professional biographies of attorneys, and law services, suppliers, and consultants. Arranged by state.

online legal resources

Using the Library's website <<http://dabcc.nmsu.edu/library>>, select E-Journals & Databases and then one of the following:

- **LexisNexis Academic Universe**
Lexis-Nexis has terrific sources when doing legal research. Click on the **Legal Research** category and find many areas to select from:
 - ◆ Secondary Literature
 - ◆ Case Law
 - ◆ Codes & Regulations
 - ◆ International Legal Materials
 - ◆ Patent Research
 - ◆ Career InformationSome sources that might be of interest under each category are:
 - ◆ Area of Law by Topic – Cases on a variety of topics.
 - ◆ Federal Codes – Federal code, U.S. Constitution & court rules.
 - ◆ Get a Case – Federal and state legal cases.
 - ◆ Legal News – Articles from legal newspapers, magazines, and newsletters.
 - ◆ Legal Reviews – Articles from law reviews.
 - ◆ State Codes – Statutory laws and court rules from all states.
- **LexisNexis Total Research System**
Full-text legal information including directories, case laws, law reviews, public laws, citations, and legal news including notable trial information. Also includes Federal and State documents. Ask Library staff to set you up.
- **Criminal Justice Periodicals Database (CJPI)**
For access to articles about criminal justice issues in both periodicals and newspapers typically accessed through the ProQuest database service.

legal research web sites

- **FindLaw: Internet Legal Resources** (<http://www.findlaw.com/>) (<http://lawcrawler.findlaw.com/>)
Full-text, searchable database of all law reviews and journals on the Internet. Updated nightly. Another search interface, *LawCrawler*, helps you focus your search on legal issues on the Web.
- **LexisONE** (<http://www.lexisone.com/>)
Legal information from Lexis for free but requires registration. Geared toward small firms but anyone can register. Its "Legal Web Site Directory" provides links to more than 20,000 law-related Web sites that were selected for their relevancy by legal practitioners. Access to many legal forms including about 6,000 that are free.
- **The Virtual Chase: Legal Research on the Internet** (<http://www.virtualchase.com/>)
Annotated guides, online teaching tools, articles on specific research issues and topics, material on evaluating resources, articles on specific research issues and topics, and more.
- **Hieros Gamos** (<http://www.hg.org/>)
A legal information portal for a wide variety of legal and government information.
- **National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)** (<http://www.paralegals.org/>)
An informative site for paralegals, that includes information on the NFPA. Also, there are many legal resources and a career center, which includes job postings and recruitments information.