



## “The Lawyer’s Guide to Fact-Finding on the Internet,” Second Edition

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If your practice relies on the information you find on the Internet, you need to check out this book

This book is the ultimate guidebook for any lawyer who depends on the Internet for factual research in his or her practice. Written by a lawyer/law librarian and a marketing expert/Web site developer, this book sets out everything you need to know about the sites that may be of value to you.

The quick reviews of the Internet sites contained in the book are organized into a standard format of site address, a screen shot to familiarize you with the look of the site and symbols to let you know whether the site has free content, paid content or a combination of the two. There is also a short paragraph summarizing the site’s content and the authors’ opinions of the site, special tips about how to use the site, and suggestions of when the site should be used. Rather than alphabetizing the sites, they are organized by type and in terms of usefulness.

The book is divided into stand-alone chapters, which let you focus first on the type of research in which you are most interested. There are chapters on factual research, government resources, finding and “back-grounding” people, accessing public records, finding and “back-grounding” expert witnesses, company research, and medical research, to name a few.

As an aid, the book is accompanied by a CD-ROM with checklists to help with your research, including a source-credibility checklist to help evaluate whether you should rely on the content of a particular site. There is also an Adobe Acrobat PDF document containing the addresses of all of the reviewed sites, organized by both name and site type, so that you can surf directly to the site you’re interested in without having to type in the URL.

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Internet, you need to check out this book. Copies are available through the Law Office Assistance Program Checkout Library, or you may purchase a copy through the LOMAP bookstore. For more information, contact Sandra Clements at [sclements@alabar.org](mailto:sclements@alabar.org).

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