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U.S Code: The statutory code for the United States of America as published in the compilation entitled United States Code Service. It includes all laws of a general and permanent nature, as enacted by the United States Congress.

Federal Court Rules: The Federal Rules Annotated from the United States Code Service.

U.S. Constitution: The Constitution of the United States from the United States Code Service.

Supreme Court Decisions. *Shepard's*[®] on LexisNexis[™] Academic lets you access one important component of *Shepard's*[®] comprehensive coverage: United States Supreme Court decisions from 1789 to the present.

 [netLibrary](#) This database provides online access full text reference, scholarly, and professional electronic books.

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Examples of legal materials are The Annals of Cases on Information Technology, The Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court, Costs of Crime and Justice, Death Penalty Cases, Introduction to Law, Legal Research and U.S. Legal System.

Sources to Locate Specific Legal Information:

[Code of Federal Regulations](#) --includes the text of public regulations issued by federal agencies.

Colorado Laws can be found in the *Colorado Revised Statutes* (CRS). Electronic versions of the CRS can be found in [LexisNexis](#) ("State Codes" component) and at the [Colorado General Assembly](#) ("Revised Statutes" link).

Colorado Appellate Court Cases can be found in [LexisNexis](#) ("State Case Law" component). Cases can be searched by keyword, litigant name, or citation.

Colorado Court Rules appear as part of the *Colorado Revised Statutes*. Electronic versions of the CRS can be found in [LexisNexis](#) and at the [Colorado General Assembly](#).

Colorado State Legislatures, Laws, and Regulations will be located at http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/

[Crime in the United States](#) -- provides Uniform Crime Reports statistics as collected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Greeley Ordinances: the electronic version Municipal Code of the City of Greeley contains all ordinances and is found at the City Clerk's Office, Clerk to the City Council. (click on Entire Greeley Municipal Code)
<http://www.ci.greeley.co.us/cog/PageServiceDetails.asp?fkOrgID=3&SDID=1>

Lawyer and Firm Locator Directory -- <http://www.martindale.com/> provides internet access to current Martindall-Hubell Law Directory. This directory can also be found in [LexisNexis](#).

Legal Dictionaries: the library collection includes Black's Law Dictionary REF KF 156 .B 53 2000. Legal dictionaries can also be found at [Legal Dictionaries Online](#).

Legal Encyclopedias: the library collection includes Nolo's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law CIRC KF 387 .N 65 2005. Legal background can also be found in articles in the "Law Reviews" component of [LexisNexis](#). West's Encyclopedia of American Law is on the Internet, <http://law.enotes.com/wests-law-encyclopedia/>.

Self-help Information and Legal Forms can be found at the [Colorado Courts](#) site.

[Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics](#) -- This site brings together data from more than 100 sources about many aspects of criminal justice in the United States.

[Supreme Court of the United States](#) -- provides an overview of the Court, information about the presiding Justices, current calendar and schedules, and opinions.

[THOMAS](#) -- provides legislative information on the Internet; includes House and Senate directories, and links to the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches of government.

Weld County Code: the internet version of the Weld County Code. <http://www.colocode.com/weld.html>

Assistance with Legal Research using LexisNexis

<http://support.lexisnexis.com/academic/default.asp> is an online tutorial from LexisNexis.

<http://www.aims.edu/kieferlibrary/handouts/LexnisNexislegal.pdf> is a handout from Kiefer Library.

[legal user guide \(PDF 135k\)](#) is a User Guide for Legal Research Using LexisNexis created by Oscar Rennebohm Library, Edgewood College, Madison Wisconsin.

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- U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decisions
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- Decisions from Bankruptcy Courts; U.S. Court of International Trade; Tax Courts; Courts of Customs and Patent Appeals, and Veterans, Commerce, and Military Courts
- State court decisions at all court levels for all 50 states and territories
- All Federal laws from 1988 to the present
- Federal regulations: *Federal Register*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, *U.S. Attorney General Opinions*, and *Federal Acquisition Regulations and Supplements*
- Codes for all 50 states and territories, plus constitutions, court rules, and Attorneys General opinions
- The IRS bulletin, IRS regulations, *ABA Tax Lawyer*, *AICPA Tax Adviser*, and more
- Patents from 1971 forward, searchable by keyword, patent number, classification number, lawyer, assignee, inventor, or summary
- European Union law from the CELEX database and international case law from a number of other countries
- Law school directories, including the *Martindale-Hubbell Law School Directory* and *NALP National Directory of Law Schools*"

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