

LEGAL RESEARCH SOURCES

- [Legal Information Institute \(LII\)](#)

LII provides open access to legal materials, including: annotated version of the constitution, federal statutes, Supreme Court decisions, CFR, and more.

- <https://www.uscourts.gov/>

This site provides information from and about the Judicial Branch of the U.S. *Government* + a glossary of legal terms

- [The Public Library of Law](#)

This database provides access to a wide range of resources including, state and federal cases, court rules, statutes, regulations, forms, and constitutions.

► Supreme Court

- [Oyez.org](#)

This website contains a wide range of primary and secondary materials related to the U.S. Supreme Court. Of particular note, Oyez.com offers audio recordings of selected oral arguments.

Oyez (pronounced OH-yay)—a free law project from Cornell’s Legal Information Institute (LII), Justia, and Chicago-Kent College of Law—is a multimedia archive devoted to making the Supreme Court of the United States accessible to everyone. It is the most complete and authoritative source for all of the Court’s audio since the installation of a recording system in October 1955. Oyez offers transcript-synchronized and searchable audio, plain-English case summaries, illustrated decision information, and full-text Supreme Court opinions (through Justia). Oyez also provides detailed information on every justice throughout the Court’s history and offers a panoramic tour of the Supreme Court building, including the chambers of several justices.

- [The Supreme Court website](#) includes full text of certain materials, including many opinions. It also suggests resources for finding briefs.
- [Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases](#)
This site from the American Bar Association provides the full text of briefs from a large number of U.S. Supreme Court cases, including cases that have not yet been heard.

- [SCOTUSblog](#)

This blog covers Supreme Court cases. It compiles the documents for most major Supreme Court cases including petitions and amicus briefs.

► Case Law and Court Documents

Federal case law and court documents are often available online for free, particularly if the case was decided recently. Generally, check the website of the deciding court to see if they provide digital copies of their cases. In addition, the following resources provide free case law.

- [Caselaw Access Project](#)

The Caselaw Access Project (“CAP”) expands public access to U.S. law by making all published U.S. court decisions freely available online, in a consistent format, digitized from the collection of the Harvard Law Library.

- [U.S. Court websites](#)

This website from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts collects links to the federal courts websites, offering digital copies of recent opinions.

- [FindLaw](#)

This browseable and searchable database from FindLaw offers U.S. Supreme Court opinions since 1893. FindLaw also maintains a database of case summaries for lower court opinions since 2000.

- [Justia.com](#)

Justia.com includes an extensive database of federal cases.

► 3 most popular online legal research tools within the legal sector (not free!)

- **Westlaw** (award-winning online legal research tool)
- **LexisNexis** (Westlaw’s powerful traditional rival)
- **Fastcase** (latest online legal resource breaks duopoly)

► The world standard in knowledge since 1768

[Britannica](#) (a general knowledge English-language online encyclopaedia)

<https://www.britannica.com/>