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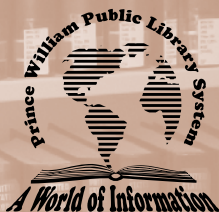
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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

FEDERAL

Code of Federal Regulations

www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr

The general and permanent rules of executive departments and agencies of the federal government as well as presidential documents, searchable.

Federal Register

www.archives.gov/federal-register/the-federal-register

Provides notice to the public of federal agencies' proposed new rules or changes to existing rules.

Legislative Activity of Congress

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

Legislative information including text of bills passing through Congress, voting results, committee reports, resources for teachers, searchable. Coverage: 101st Congress (1989) through the current Congress.

United States Code

www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html

The general and permanent laws of the United States, searchable.

www.law.cornell.edu/uscode

User friendly access to the United States Code provided by Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute.

U.S. Government's Official Web Portal

www.usa.gov

Information for citizens, businesses and federal employees, consumer guides, tax information, student aid, contact information, reference information on a whole list of government topics, news and free subscriptions.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Administrative Code of Virginia

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/srr.htm>

State agency rules, searchable

Code of Virginia

<http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>

Public laws of Virginia, searchable

Legislative Activity

<http://leg1.state.va.us>

Covers sessions of General Assembly from 1994 to the present, including text of bills passing through the General Assembly, House and Senate documents, a bill tracking service, state budget and contact information for General Assembly members.

Register of Regulations

<http://legis.state.va.us/codecomm/register/regindex.htm>

Text of the proposed and new state agency regulations are published here, searchable.

Virginia Courts

www.courts.state.va.us

Virginia's judicial systems website, with links to all courts, case information, forms, publications and statistics, programs and services, and lists of Justices and Judges.

LOCAL

Municipal Code Corporation

www.municode.com

Codes for Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park as well as codes from cities and counties throughout the United States

GENERAL LEGAL HELP

American Association of Law Libraries

www.aallnet.org/sis/lisp/research.htm

American Association of Law Libraries Legal Information Services to the Public. This is a guide for non-lawyers on how to research a legal problem.

FindLaw

www.findlaw.com

FindLaw is a legal website for the layperson as well as legal professionals. This site allows you to search for a local lawyer or browse legal information, offers tips and tools such as legal contracts, guides to state laws, and more.

Free Advice

www.law.freeadvice.com

Legal site that offers free legal advice in a variety of different categories, such as bankruptcy law, real estate law, family law, employment law, etc. Also provides insurance advice, legal forms, and find a lawyer option

National Women's Law Center

www.nwlc.org/

National Women's Law Center has information specifically geared toward women's interests. Includes information on issues for women as well as current legal news.

Nolo

www.nolo.com/glossary.cfm

Nolo is a leading provider of do-it-yourself legal solutions for consumers and small businesses. The website provides a wealth of information in many areas of law.

Public Legal

www.ilrg.com

This site, from the Internet Legal Research Group is an index of over 4000 select websites as well as locally stored web pages, downloadable files and legal forms, a comprehensive resource of substantive legal information online.

U.S. Legal Forms

www.uslegalforms.com

U.S. Legal Forms offers a variety of downloadable forms for sale. Many free forms also available.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Better Business Bureau

www.bbb.org

Consumer news, information on filing a complaint with a business, help in locating a local BBB.

Federal Identity Theft

www.ftc.gov/idtheft/

This is a one-stop national resource on identity theft. Includes a brochure explaining how to deter, detect, and defend against identity theft, as well as a comprehensive reference center with information and links to relevant laws and sites

U.S. Consumer Product & Safety Commission

www.cpsc.gov

Information on consumer safety, news on product recalls, online library of information, email signup, publications available, site also available in Spanish.

Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs

www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/

Information on consumer news, complaint database, charitable organizations database, local offices, consumer forms and additional links

DIVORCE/CHILD CUSTODY

DivorceNet

www.divorcenet.com/

Divorce Net is the Internet's largest divorce resource, offering state-specific articles, a nationwide directory of divorce lawyers, mediators, financial professionals, and community forums.

Divorce Source

www.divorcesource.com/

Divorcesource.com is a legal resource for divorce, custody, alimony, and support, including downloadable forms.

Virginia State Bar

www.vsb.org

Virginia Bar Association's site; resources for the public on a variety of issues, including divorce and custody.

EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

www.eeoc.gov

Information on EEO, about the commission itself, laws, regulations and guidance, news on discrimination, how to file a complaint, employment statistics, publications on discrimination and the law, and a wealth of additional resources, site available in several languages.

FAMILY LAW

'Lectric Law Library

www.lectlaw.com/lay.html

The 'Lectric Law Library's Laypeople's Law Lounge could possibly be the most entertaining legal site around. This site is loaded with information on a vast menu of legal topics. Check it out.

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

www.jurist.law.pitt.edu/sg_fam.htm

A website from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law with a variety of family law topics along with legislation, cases, email lists and links to additional databases.

FIND AN ATTORNEY

American Bar Association

www.abanet.org

American Bar Association site has a catalog of legal topics and information, resources for the lawyer, the student and the public.

Lexis-Nexis Martindale-Hubbell

www.martindale.com

Legal website with lawyer locator, law firm browser, legal articles, professional resources, etc.

Virginia State Bar

www.vsb.org

Resources for the public and for VSB members, latest news and information, an attorney records search, which enables the public to search records for attorneys that have been disciplined or are without malpractice insurance in Va.

HOUSING

National Fair Housing Advocate

www.fairhousing.com

National Fair Housing Advocate's website has news items, legal research, resources, and discussion forums.

Virginia Fair Housing Office

www.fairhousing.vipnet.org/law.htm

Virginia Fair Housing Office's site with links to Virginia's Fair Housing Law, regulations, acts, and links to other relevant sites

IMMIGRATION

American Immigration Resources

www.immigration-usa.com/resource.htm

Immigration laws, regulations, and procedures, self-help books, periodicals, and software, information on immigration lawyers and consultants, organizations, and additional links to other resources. Parts of the site available in Spanish and Russian.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis

This site has news on immigration issues, information on the naturalization and citizenship process, with links to other important sites. Parts of the site are in Spanish.

SENIORS

Senior Law

www.seniorlaw.com

A website dealing with elder law where senior citizens and their advocates can access information on elder law, Medicare, Medicaid, guardianship, estate planning, trusts and rights of the elderly and disabled.

SeniorNavigator

www.seniornavigator.com

Virginia's Resource for Health and Aging, with health information, legal and financial information, housing and long-term care information, links to relevant sites, and more.

Virginia State Bar Senior Citizens Handbook

www.vsb.org/publications/senior

Virginia State Bar's Senior Citizens Handbook available for printing or downloading.