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For New York Criminal Defense Attorneys**

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I. Basic Computer/Internet Information

A. General Sites

Zdnet - <http://www.zdnet.com/zdhelp/>

PC Guide - <http://www.pcguides.com/>

B. Special Software

Adobe Acrobat Reader - a free software program required to read PDF documents (i.e., documents in Portable Document Format) an increasingly popular method of presentation of documents on the Internet,

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

Adobe conversion from PDF to HTML

http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/access_onlinetools.html

Anti-Virus Software

<http://www.symantec.com/index.htm>

<http://us.mcafee.com/virusInfo/default.asp?>

Zip programs

<http://www.winzip.com/>

II. Internet Search Engines

A. General Search Engines

Google - Clearly the best of the plain-English basic search engines - and they don't use pop-up ads! Searches more than 3 billion pages on the Internet (including PDF files) and produces multiple hits ranked by importance. Google facilitates finding maps, business and public residential telephone numbers and addresses. To locate a map, enter a city name or zip code (e.g., Philadelphia or 19103). Find a business by entering its telephone number or name (e.g., 215 665 8500). Find an address by entering an individual's name or a combination of name and address (e.g., J Jones New York, J Jones 19125). Find a phone number by entering phonebook: XXX (e.g., phonebook:starbucks, Boston).

<http://www.google.com>

All The Web, which some say is even faster and more up-to-date than Google (although we don't agree with that assessment)

<http://www.alltheweb.com/>

Yahoo - <http://www.yahoo.com>

Lycos - <http://www.lycos.com>

Excite - <http://www.excite.com>

Altavista - <http://www.altavista.com/>

Librarians' Index to the Internet - <http://Lii.org/>

Britannica - <http://www.britannica.com>

B. Meta-Search Engines

Mamma - <http://www.mamma.com>

Dogpile - <http://www.dogpile.com>

Profusion - <http://www.profusion.com>

MetaCrawler - <http://www.metacrawler.com/>

Langenberg - <http://www.Langenberg.com/>

C. General Legal Search Engines

FindLaw - Law Crawler (Main Page) - <http://lawcrawler.findlaw.com/>

FindLaw - New York Resources
<http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/laws.html>

LexisOne - This is a free service from Lexis - although you must register. Currently it has three major components: (a) The complete collection of Supreme Court cases from 1790 to date; all federal circuit court cases from January 1, 1996 to date; and all cases from the two highest courts from each state from January 1, 1996 to date; (b) More than 6,000 free legal forms; and (c) An annotated Legal Research Guide consisting of 16,000 legal related links broken down into 36 separate practice areas. Be careful everything is not free; charges do apply for some services.
<http://www.lexisone.com>

Legal Information Institute (Cornell Law School)
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/states/ny.html> (New York)

New York States Defenders Association - an excellent, comprehensive site with frequent new features - <http://www.nysda.org/>

D. Internet Law Libraries

<http://www.lawmoose.com/internetlawlib/1.htm>
<http://www.lectlaw.com/index.html>
<http://www.lawguru.com/ilawlib/index.html>
<http://www.lawguru.com/ilawlib/42.htm> (New York)

New York State Legal Resources from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law Library
<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/law/remotesites/nys.html>

III. Case Law Sites

A. U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Supreme Court site - <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/opinions.html>
Cornell site - <http://straylight.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>
FindLaw site - <http://www.findlaw.com/cascode/supreme.html>

B. Second Circuit

2d Cir. Site - <http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/>
Touro Law School site - <http://www.law.cornell.edu/usca/search/>

Pace Law School site - <http://library.law.pace.edu/>

C. New York State Case Sites

New York Court of Appeals - <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ctapps/latdec.htm>

Cornell site - Searchable by name of parties, by keyword and by topic
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/ny/ctap/>

FindLaw site - cases from 1992 to date, including case summaries from Sept. 2000 to date
<http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/nyca.html>

New York State Unified Court System - <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/home.htm> - this site has been redesigned and expanded as of January, 2002, and now includes links to the official New York State Reporter of all unpublished Appellate Term Decisions and 1,000 unpublished trial decisions per year, all of which can be searched through an electronic key word search. There are many different features to this site - and it is growing rapidly. Among the more useful features are the following:

- Future Court Appearance System - where you can find all open court civil cases for any Supreme Court in 62 counties.

http://portal.courts.state.ny.us/pls/portal30/cms_dev.attorney_court_schedules.show

- Searchable database of Supreme Court decisions - where you can presently conduct a

full text search of some 60,000 civil decisions from the Supreme Courts in New York, Kings, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk and Broome counties - and more counties are being added each month.
http://portal.courts.state.ny.us/pls/portal30/PORTAL30.wwa_app_module.show?p_sessionid=4443507

- WebCrims Court Appearance - where you can check coming court appearances in criminal cases in 21 courts, including the Supreme courts and the Criminal courts in New York, Bronx, Queens, Kings and Richmond counties, and the County and District courts in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties.

http://iapps.courts.state.ny.us/webcrim_attorney/Login

New York State Law Reporting Bureau - This site provides access to recently released New York State court decisions that have not yet been edited for publication in the Official Reports, together with a unique electronic citation number for each decision. Thus, you can use this electronic citation for officially published cases that have not been assigned a permanent citation in the traditional "volume-report-page" form.

<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/reporter/Decisions.htm>

Legal Dockets Online - <http://www.legaldockets.com/>

Law.com - decisions from the New York State Appellate Division and the New York State Supreme Court: Although this was originally a free service, since April 2001, access to these decisions now costs \$295 annually - although a free 30 day trial period is available.

<http://www.law.com/jsp/nylj/index.jsp>

Appellate Division - Third Department - Recent Opinions - <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ad3/>

Appellate Division - Fourth Department - 2000 - 2005

<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4/Court/Decision.htm>

PACER (Public Access to Electronic Court Records) - <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>

This site, maintained by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, is an excellent resource. It gives you electronic access to U.S. District Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and U.S. Appellate Court records. Although the original

PACER system was a rather complex dial-up system that charged \$.60 per minute, most courts have switched in recent years to "Web PACER" - which is an excellent resource. You have to register and get a Login ID and a Password (which takes about two weeks). Most of the individual court sites charge a fee of \$0.07 per page for docket sheets and other documents - and you are billed monthly through a central billing system.

RACER is an acronym for Real-Time Access to Court Electronic Records. RACER is similar to PACER except it is a product/service produced by a commercial vendor, Wade Systems, LLC (www.wadesystems.com). At the present time, RACER offers court records from approximately 40 U.S. District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts.

New York State Court Dockets and Case Info - a service offered by Legal Dockets Online, a commercial company. At the present time, most of these services are free, but you must register and some services require opening an account)

<http://www.legaldockets.com/>

IV. Court Sites

A. Federal Court Sites

U.S. Supreme Court - <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>

Second Circuit - <http://www.ca2.uscourts.gov/>

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
<http://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/>

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
<http://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/>

United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
<http://www.nynd.uscourts.gov/>

United States District Court for the District of Connecticut
<http://www.ctd.uscourts.gov/>

B. New York State Court Sites:

New York State Courts on the Web - <http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/index.shtml>

New York State e-Court site - This is the home page for the new and rapidly growing list of Internet resources that are available from the New York Unified Court System. It provides both General Information and Case Information - at no cost. The General Information includes links to all the New York courts and phone numbers of the State courts in Manhattan. For a description of what's included under Case Information, see the summary under the next Item below.
<http://e.courts.state.ny.us/>

New York State Case Tracking Site - This site includes a broad and growing range of features that enable you to keep track of pending cases. At the present time, it includes such things as (1) future court appearances for all pending Supreme Court, Civil Term cases in all counties; (2) future court appearances for criminal cases in 21 courts (Bronx Criminal and Supreme, Dutchess County, Buffalo City, Erie County, Kings Criminal and Supreme, Nassau County and District, New York Criminal and Supreme, Orange County, Putnam County, Queens Criminal and Supreme, Richmond Criminal and Supreme, Rockland County, Suffolk County and District, Westchester County); (3) Supreme Court Civil Term decisions for Broome, Kings, Nassau, New York, Queens and Suffolk Counties and limited decisions in Erie, Livingston and Monroe

Counties; and (4) judge's calendars. In addition, there is a special service that is available (for a minimal fee) which will notify you every time an action is taken on a pending case.
<http://www.casetrac.com>

Court of Appeals - <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ctapps/>

Court of Appeals - Rules of Practice
<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ctapps/500rules.htm>

C. New York City Court Sites

New York City Criminal Court
<http://www.nycourts.gov/courts/nyc/criminal/index.shtml>

V. Legislation, Statutes and Rules Federal

A. Federal

Thomas - <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

United States Code - Search Engines
<http://findlaw.com/cascode/uscodes/>
<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/>

United States Code - Table of Popular Names - <http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/topn/>

Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/frcrmp/>

Federal Rules of Evidence
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/fre/overview.html>

Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure
http://www.law.cornell.edu/topics/appellate_procedure.html

B. New York State

Rules of the various Courts of New York State
<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/rules/index.shtml>
Individual Judge Rules
<http://www.law.com/jsp/nylj/rules.jsp>

New York State Legislative Information
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/ils/legislature/legis.html>

New York State Municipal Codes On-line
<http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/ny/laws.html>
<http://www.generalcode.com/webcode2.html#newy>

New York Criminal Law - A Web Digest
<http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/bclc/web/nycriminallaw.htm>

Gunga Web - The New York Penal Law Software
<http://www.gungaweb.com/>

C. New York City

New York City Council
<http://www.nyccouncil.info/>

VI. Government Sites

A. Federal

Federal Web Locator - <http://www.infoctr.edu/fwl/>

U.S. Government Resources - <http://www.law.csuohio.edu/lawlibrary/usgovernment/>

First Gov
<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

U.S. Department of Justice - <http://www.usdoj.gov/>

U.S. Attorney's Manual - http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/eousa/foia_reading_room/usam/

B. New York State

New York State Home Page - <http://www.state.ny.us/>

New York State Attorney General Home Page - <http://www.oag.state.ny.us/>

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services - <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/>

New York State Department of Correctional Services - www.docs.state.ny.us

New York State Government Information Locator Service - <http://unix2.nysed.gov/ils/>

New York State On-Line License Verification - <http://www.op.nysed.gov/opsearches.htm#nme>

New York State Consumer Protection Board - <http://www.consumer.state.ny.us/default.htm>

C. New York City

New York City Services and Agencies – <http://www.nyc.gov>

New York City Council Home Page - <http://www.nycouncil.info/>

New York City - Licenses and Permits

http://www.nyc.gov/portal/index.jsp?epi_menuItemID=666681bde8e04df6a62fa24601c789a0&epi_menuID=f03e2e8e105ecbf6a62fa24601c789a0&epi_baseMenuID=27579af732d48f86a62fa24601c789a0

New York City Police Department - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/>

VII. Miscellaneous Criminal Law Research Sites

A. Comprehensive Criminal Law Links (Free)

Buffalo Criminal Law Center - <http://wings.buffalo.edu/law/bcle/>

CrimeLynx

<http://www.crimelynx.com/>

<http://www.crimelynx.com/forensic.html>

Hieros Gamos Guide to Criminal Law - <http://www.hg.org/crime.html>

Jeff Flax Law Related Resources - <http://www.jflax.com/>

Criminal Justice Links (Cecil Greek, Florida State University)

<http://www.criminology.fsu.edu/cjilinks/>

Internet Legal Research Group - <http://www.ilrg.com/>

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics - <http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/index.html>

B. Other Sites (\$\$\$)

WestLaw - <http://www.westlaw.com>

Lexis - <http://www.lexis.com>

Versus Law

<http://www.versuslaw.com>

LOIS Law

<http://www.loislaw.com>

<http://www.loislaw.com/index.htm?lru=http://www.loislaw.com/info/StatePages/ny.htm>

National Law Library - has New York cases going back to 1951.
<http://www.nationallawlibrary.com>

The Law.Net
<http://www.thelaw.net>

Law.com
<http://www.law.com/jsp/nylj/index.jsp>

FedCrimLaw.com
<http://www.fedcrimlaw.com>

New York Criminal Bar Association (“NYCBA”)
<http://www.nycrimbar.org>

VIII. People Locators

A. Attorneys

Martindale-Hubbell - <http://www.martindalehubbell.com/xp/Martindale/home.xml>

West's Legal Directory - <http://lawyers.findlaw.com/>

New York State Attorney Directory
http://portal.courts.state.ny.us/pls/portal30/INTERNETDB_DEV.MENU_INTERNETDB.show

Accurint
<http://www.accurint.com>

B. Inmates

Inmate Locator (DOCS) - <http://nysdocslookup.docs.state.ny.us/kinqw00>

Department of Correctional Services Facilities List <http://www.docs.state.ny.us/faclist.html>

Federal Inmate Location Information - <http://bop.gov/iloc2/LocateInmate.jsp>

IX. Legal Forms

LexisOne - claims to have 20,000 free legal forms
<http://www.lexisone.com/store/catalog?action=main>

Law Depot
<http://www.lawdepot.com/>

Blumberg (\$\$) - <http://www.blumberglegalforms.com/>

FindForms

<http://www.findforms.com/>

U.S. Court Forms (\$\$) - <http://www.uscourtforms.com/>

U.S. Legal Forms (\$\$) - <http://www.uslegalforms.com/>

X. Legal News

The New York Law Journal - <http://www.nylj.com/>

FindLaw - <http://news.findlaw.com/>

LexisOne - <http://www.lexisone.com/news/index.html>

Law.com Legal Newswire - <http://www.law.com/newswire/>

The Empire Page

<http://www.empirepage.com>

<http://www.empirepage.com/judiciarylaw.html>

The New York Times - <http://www.nytimes.com/>

Links to Newspapers in the United States and around the world

<http://www.newspapers.com/>

XI. Miscellaneous

New York State - Pattern Jury Instructions (Criminal)

<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/juryinst.htm>

New York State Criminal Justice System Handbook

<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/litigants/crimjusticesyshandbk.shtml>

How to Read the New York State Rap Sheet (in PDF format)

<http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us/crimnet/cust/rapsheet.pdf>

The Blue Book to Basic Legal Citations - <http://www.law.cornell.edu/citation/>

New York State Public Library - <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/elecres.htm>