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SOME HELPFUL LAW-RELATED SITES

As you might expect, there are thousands of law-related Web sites. In practice, I constantly reference certain sites to obtain information quickly, and there is no charge for most of the sites with the exception of pay sites such as westlaw.com and lexis.com.



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However, you do not have to be a lawyer to find these Web sites useful. I have listed below a few

sites that may be useful to anyone in South Florida.

FindLaw.com is one of the better general law Web sites. It contains a legal dictionary and links on basically any legal subject you can think of, from adoption to wills.

The site can also help you select a lawyer that suits your legal needs and even provides access to legal forms at no charge.

MyFlorida.com is the state of Florida government Web site.

The site contains links to just about anything a person would need to access involving Florida state operations and govern-

ment.

The Florida Legislature, information on Florida's "homestead" laws, Florida statutes, links to all of the circuit courts throughout Florida, along with statewide records searches are among the information available through this site. This site also gives citizens access to Gov. Jeb Bush. You can even renew your driver's license through this site.

BrowardClerk.com provides access to the Broward County circuit court system. If you have received a traffic ticket or are facing

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criminal charges, you can access information relating to your case on this site.

Miami-Dade's circuit court's site is miami-dade-clerk.com, and the circuit court for Palm Beach is pbcountyclerk.com.

Law.Cornell.edu is one of the best legal sites on the Web. Cornell Law School runs this site, and it is one of my favorites because it contains information such as summaries of recent U.S. Supreme Court cases, federal rules of civil procedure, and recent events in

the legal world.

Firstgov.gov is the official U.S. government Web site. Former President Bill Clinton launched this site before he left office as a means of having information available to citizens all on one site. It is similar to myflorida.com but obviously involves federal government functions and operations.

Flabar.org is the official Web site of the Florida Bar. If you are looking for a particular lawyer in Florida, this is the best way to find the person. Martindale.com is another way to find an attorney, but the Bar's Web site is usually more up

to date and provides more information about how to locate the attorney.

The Internet has broken down many barriers that in the past would have prevented citizens from understanding and accessing their government. As all of us must deal with the government from time to time, keep these sites in mind the next time you, a friend, or a family member have a legal concern.

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