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## **What is the “Invisible” Web and How Can It Be Searched?**

Invisibleweb.com – <http://www.google.com>

## **How to Conquer “Page Not Found” Message**

The Way Back Machine – Find deleted web pages – <http://www.archive.org>

Google Cache – Find deleted web pages – <http://www.google.com> (click on the “cached” link in your results list)

## **The Best Search Engines to Find Anything and Anybody**

Google - <http://www.google.com>

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

FirstGov.gov – <http://www.firstgov.gov>

## **How to Access Pay Databases FREE**

**Public Libraries-** Find your library's website to learn if they are providing library patrons with free “remote access” (over the Internet) to selected pay databases - <http://www.libdex.com/>

## **How to Access Your Own “Virtual” Law Librarian**

**LRSI (Legal Reference Service Inc.)** – An innovative new pay service. Obtain reference help by “co-browsing” over the Internet with an expert searcher - <http://www.lrsionline.net>

## **Finding People & Finding Out About People: Dead or Alive**

### ***Finding Dead People***

**Ancestry.Com** - [http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry/search/ssdi/ssdi\\_index.asp](http://www.ancestry.com/ancestry/search/ssdi/ssdi_index.asp)

**Rootsweb.com** – <http://www.rootsweb.com>

**Find A Grave** - <http://www.findagrave.com>

### ***Finding Live People***

**Trackem** - Links to numerous people finder, phone & e-mail directories, and reverse look-up web sites – <http://www.mdvl.net/~rcthomas/trackem.html>  
(or <http://www.members.localnet.com/~rcthomas/Trackem.html>)

**Infospace** - People finder/reverse directories - <http://www.infospace.com>

### ***Finding Out About People: Dead or Alive***

**Birthdays** - <http://www.anybirthday.com/>

**Classmates.Com** - Register - Registry of high school graduates broken down by school (not comprehensive, but useful) - <http://www.classmates.com>

**Betterwhois.com** - Who's behind a web site? <http://www.betterwhois.com>

**Google Groups Usenet Discussion Postings** - Search for e-mails sent to public discussion lists/interest groups - <http://www.groups.google.com>

**“Blogs”** (personal web logs) - <http://www.daypop.com/>

**Images (Altavista.com)** - <http://www.altavista.com> - to search for images of people, concepts, events, locales etc.

**Accurint** - Locate people, their relatives, their associates and property records for a small fee – <http://www.accurint.com>

## ***Finding Someone's Political Persuasion (& Place of Employment)***

**Political Contributions** - <http://www.tray.com/FECInfo/index.html-ssi> or  
<http://www.politicalmoneyline.com/>

## ***Finding Criminal Info About People***

**Rapsheets.com** – Search criminal records in about 35 states  
<http://www.rapsheets.com/>

**Federal Bureau of Prisons Inmate Locator** - Locate federal inmates -  
<http://www.bop.gov/> (click on "Inmate Locator" listed in left –side column)

**Deadbeat Parents** - Los Angeles County -  
<http://da.co.la.ca.us/childsupport/delinquent15.htm>

**Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Booking Log** -  
[http://pajis.lasd.org/ajis\\_search.cfm](http://pajis.lasd.org/ajis_search.cfm)

## ***Finding Experts and Finding Out About Experts***

**"How to Find & Research Experts on the Internet"** - In her "Computer Counselor" column, Carole Levitt shows attorneys how to locate experts or conduct due diligence to verify an expert's credentials -  
<http://www.netforlawyers.com/articles.htm>

**Findarticles.com** - <http://www.findarticles.com>

**JurisPro** - an expert database (free) that provides photos and streaming audio of experts - <http://www.jurispro.com>

**National Library of Medicine (NLM)** – Search all NLM databases simultaneously to find a medical expert or their medical articles (or articles on a particular medical subject) - <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

**AIM's DocFinder** - For links to many state's medical boards -  
<http://www.docboard.org/>

## ***Finding Attorneys***

**Martindale Hubbell** - Find a lawyer anywhere in the world -  
<http://www.martindale.com>

## Accessing Public Records On The Web

### *Meta-Sites*

**Internet For Lawyers' Public Records Article** – Includes links to Public Record Web Sites Noted in Article –

[http://www.netforlawyers.com/article\\_public\\_records.htm](http://www.netforlawyers.com/article_public_records.htm)

**“Search Systems”** - All-50 States Public Records Database; for example, lists links to professional and trade license look-up databases -

<http://www.searchsystems.net>

**Portico** – Links to publicly available information -

<http://indorgs.virginia.edu/portico/home.html>

### *People's Assets-Real Property And Personal Property*

**Portico Property Assessments Online** - Locate links to county assessors' offices that are free on the Web

<http://indorgs.virginia.edu/portico/personalproperty.html>

**Northwestern University Development Research Tax Assessor Database** -

Locate links to county assessors' offices that are free on the Web and find contact info for those that are not web accessible -

<http://pubweb.nwu.edu/~cap440/assess.html>

**Domania** - Home values since 1987 for many states/counties –

<http://www.domania.com>

**Airplanes** – Search for pilot license or search for owner of airplane –

<http://www.landings.com>

**Stock: Yahoo Finance** – <http://chart.yahoo.com/d>. Find historical stock quotes

**Unclaimed Property-All states** - <http://www.unclaimed.org/>

## Practice Tools

**Court Rules, Forms and Dockets Database (LLRX.com )** - To discover which courts' dockets are available on the Web- <http://www.llrx.com/courtrules/>

**Dockets - PACER** – Public access to federal court docket database  
<http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/>

**Brief Reporter** – Search by keywords to find sample briefs-  
<http://www.briefreporter.com>

**BriefServe.com** – Search for briefs from 30,739 cases -  
<http://www.briefserve.com/home.asp>

**Free Case Law - LexisOne** - <http://www.lexisone.com>

**Free Case Law - Findlaw** - <http://www.findlaw.com>

**Jury Verdicts - MoreLaw.com** - Free online jury verdicts -  
<http://www.morelaw.com>

**Jury Verdicts - National Association of State Jury Verdict Publishers** – Links to pay jury verdict reporters - <http://www.juryverdicts.com/>

**Depositions - TrialSmith** (formerly known as DepoConnect) – For plaintiffs' attorneys--access over 73,000 online documents that include depositions and more - <http://www.trialsmith.com>

**Depositions - Idex** - For defense attorneys, full text copies of expert's transcripts are available for a fee - <http://www.idex.com>

**Reference Books** – Access to legal and medical dictionaries, Farmer's Almanac and more – <http://www.refdesk.com>

## Discover Information about a Company

**CorporateInformation.com** - a useful site for information about the more elusive private company - <http://CorporateInformation.com/>

**Vault** - To provide an "insider's view" of private companies - <http://www.vault.com>

**Hoovers** - a fee-based site that also provides a generous amount of free company information - <http://www.hoovers.com>

**EDGAR** - Securities and Exchange Commission Filings - <http://www.sec.gov/>

**EdgarIQ** - To find company filings by company, industry or by using full-text searching - <http://www.edgar iq.com/>

**Thomas Register** - Search for company, product and brand name information - <http://www.thomasregister.com/>

**CEOExpress** - lists business news resources topically - <http://www.ceoexpress.com/default.asp#business>

**ResidentAgentInfo.com** - For a state-by-state list of where to locate registered agent information, both on the Web and off - <http://www.residentagentinfo.com>

## The 60<sup>th</sup> Site

**The Last Page on the Interent** - [http://www.robrob8.com/news/last\\_page.htm](http://www.robrob8.com/news/last_page.htm)