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LegalTrac - provides indexing from 1980 to the present for over 1,400 periodical titles, including major law reviews, legal newspapers, bar association journals, and international legal journals. Users can do a basic search by author, title, or keyword, a subject search, a publication search, or an advanced search by fields. In general, results will produce a bibliographic record for each article pulled up in a search, and then the article must be located in paper in our periodical collection, or possibly printed from HeinOnline in pdf format.

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Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) - provides electronic access to case and docket information from Federal Appellate, District, and Bankruptcy courts. The service is provided by the federal

judiciary and contains the following features: the U.S. Party/Case Index, a listing of all parties and participants in federal cases, including judges, attorneys, and trustees; a compilation of case-related information such as causes of action, nature of suit, and dollar demand; a chronology of dates of case events entered into the case record; a claims registry; appellate court opinions; judgments or case status; and types of documents filed for certain cases. Not all federal courts participate in the U.S. Party/Case Index, but the non-participating courts are listed under the “Courts Not on Index” option on the main menu.

Thomson Gale LegalForms - contains a wide selection of Louisiana-specific and multi-state forms covering many popular legal topics. The main page features over eighty searchable categories of forms, such as adoption, bankruptcy, divorce, landlord and tenant, and probate. Users also can browse by sample searches on topics such as bill of sale forms, living wills, name change forms, and many more, or type specific terms into the search box that might not be covered in the browse topics or sample searches. In addition, there is a comprehensive Louisiana attorney directory on the site, and a dictionary of legal definitions explained in layperson’s language.

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WilsonWeb - includes two databases, *Index to Legal Periodicals & Books*, which covers from 1982 to the present, and *Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective*, which covers from 1908-1981. The current database indexes over 900 legal periodicals from the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, and New Zealand, including legal journals, law reviews, yearbooks, institutes, bar association publications, legislation, court decisions, government documents, and selected books. The retrospective database provides historical coverage back to the early 20th century. Searchers can choose a basic search, which accepts simple words or phrases, or an advanced search, which allows searching by fields such as author, title, or subject. Most of the results will be bibliographic records of articles or other items, but there are some links to full-text documents.

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