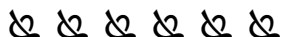


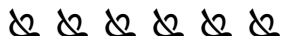
Retrieving California Statutes

1. Go to the Legislative Counsel's home page: www.leginfo.ca.gov
2. Scroll down to the "CALIFORNIA LAW" button and click.
3. In the next screen, find the Code that you want to search. For example, if you want to read Government Code §65302 (the contents of general plans), check the "Government Code" box then scroll to near the bottom of the page and click on the "Search" button.
4. In the next screen, look at the section numbers highlighted in blue, scroll down to "65300-65303.4" and then click.
5. In the next screen, you'll see a series of code sections. Scroll down to "65302."



Retrieving Attorney General's Opinions

1. Go to the home page for the California Attorney General: <http://caag.state.ca.us>
2. Scroll down to "LEGAL OPINIONS" and click.
3. In the next screen, scroll down to "Opinions Search" and click.
4. In the next screen, fill in the field. For example, if you want to see the all of the AG's opinions since 1986 that contain the word "LAFCO," type "LAFCO" and click the "Search" button.
5. In the next screen, following this example, there are 21 citations to choose from. For example, if you want to read Opinion 99-602, scroll down to that entry and then click on "99-602"
6. When Opinion No. 99-602 comes up, you can either read it on-line or print it.



Retrieving Administrative Regulations

1. Go to the home page for the Office of Administrative Law: <http://ccr.oal.ca.gov>
2. In the middle of the page, click on "List of CCR Titles"
3. In the next screen, scroll down the left-hand column to the Title that contains the topic you want to read. For example, for the CEQA Regulations, click on "TITLE 14. NATURAL RESOURCES"
4. In the next screen, scroll down to the section you want to read.

Retrieving California Court Decisions

1. Go to the home page for the California court system: www.courtinfo.ca.gov
2. In the upper left-hand corner of the screen, click on "opinions"

3. In the next screen, near the upper left-hand corner, click on the box that says “Searchable Opinions 1850 - Present”
4. In the next screen, near the bottom of the page, click on the “Continue” button.
5. In the next screen (now you’re at a LexisNexis screen), scroll down to the bottom of the page and check the box that says “I have read and agree to these Terms and Conditions”
6. Then, on the same screen, click “VIEW OPINIONS →”
7. In the next screen, there are 2 ways to search for cases. Use the lower method called “Get Opinion by Cite” and enter the citation for the decision you want to retrieve. For example, if you want to read *Fontana Redevelopment Agency v. Torres* (2000) 153 Cal.App.4th 902, then fill out the three fields:
 - In the first box called “Enter Volume” insert “153”
 - In the pull down menu called “Select Reporter” click on “Cal.App.4th”
 - In the third box called “Enter Page #” insert “902”
 - Then click on the “GO” button to the right
8. When the *Fontana* decision comes up, you can either read it on-line or you can print the case.

Senate Local Government Committee
August 12, 2009