MINNESOTA JUDICIAL TRAINING UPDATE



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INTRODUCING MINNESOTA'S MOST CONVENIENT AND SIMPLE ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH LIBRARY

If you're looking for a "cream of the crop" legal research tool then you should buy a subscription to an expensive service like Westlaw Next or Lexus Research. But if your looking for a convenient and simple "one-stop" (and did I mention free) legal research tool then the best option for legal practitioners is the "Minnesota Judicial Training & Education Blog" located at pendletonupdates.com.

In addition to the Blog site containing the complete repository of all past Judicial Training Updates, it is also home to the most comprehensive, convenient and free legal research tool that I've been able to find for Minnesota legal practitioners.

This legal research site was created out of frustration over my inability to find a centralized website that could give me direct links to the legal resources that attorneys, judges and other legal practitioners use on a regular basis. I wanted simple, direct and convenient.

Whether you're looking for a MN statute, rules of criminal or civil procedure, rules of evidence or other court rules, state or federal court decisions, MN or US constitution, or searching for district court case records (MNCIS), this legal research site can provide you with direct hyperlink access to just about any state or federal legal resource you can imagine.

Below is a summary of the links available when you access this online legal research tool:

- 1) Minnesota State Statutes & Session Laws
- 2) Minnesota Court Rules, including:
 - a) Rules of Appellate Procedure
 - b) Rules of Civil & Criminal Procedure
 - c) District Court Special Rules
 - d) Rules of Evidence



e) General Rules of Practice, including:

Title 1: All Proceedings

Title 2: Civil Proceedings

Title 3: Land Titles

Title 4: Family Court

Title 5: Probate

Title 6: Conciliation Court

Title 7: Housing Court (Henn & Ramsey Counties)

Title 8: Criminal Matters

Title 9: Jury Management

Title 10: Guardian Ad Litem Rules

3) Juvenile Court Proceedings:

- i) Adoption Procedure
- ii) Juvenile Delinquency
- iii) Juvenile Protection (CHIPS)
- 4) State & Federal Caselaw search (using Google Scholar)
- 5) Legal Article Search (using Google Scholar)
- 6) Minnesota Rules of Judicial Conduct (ethics rules governing judges)
- 7) Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct (ethics rules governing attorneys)
- 8) Minnesota Records Access Rules
- 9) Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines & Commentary
- 10) Minnesota Civil Commitment Act
- 11) NEW: Minnesota Court Records Search (MNCIS Public Access)
- 12) NEW: Minnesota Court Forms Minnesota Judicial Branch

- 13) Minnesota Judicial Branch Public Website
- 14) Minnesota "Payables" List
- 15) Minnesota State Bar Association (MSBA)
- 16) Minnesota Constitution & United States Constitution
- 17) NEW: Shumaker's Rulings on Evidence (Judge's Edition): An Evidentiary Manual for Minnesota Trial Judges and Attorneys (my favorite trial evidence book)
- 18) NEW: Justice Scalia Online Research Site: (my #1 site for deep dive searches)
 - a) Incredible legal resource site with over 100 links broken down into 8 legal categories: Popular Online Legal Resources (11 links); Search Engines (9 links); State & Federal Statutes, Case Law and Agencies (over 50 links); International and Foreign Laws (6 links); Journal Articles (5 links); Dictionaries & Encyclopedias (5 links); Legal News and Blogs (9 links); Research Guides (8 links)
- 19) NEW: The LawEngine.com: (an amazing assortment of legal & non-legal sites)
 - a) Extremely diverse all-purpose resource site with dozens of links to both legal and non-legal sites of interest such as: State & Federal Courts, Laws, Cases, Codes, Rules & Govt Agencies; Tax Subjects; Top Law Libraries; Newspapers, News & Networks; Identity-Credit Checks; Dictionaries; Atty Directories & Law Schools; Publications; Litigation Aids; Financial Markets; Legal Associations; Specific Law Topics; Private I's & Experts; Legal Services & Products; Law Enforcement; and miscellaneous popular websites (i.e. Ted Talks, Web MD, Google earth, etc.)
- 20) Criminal Jury Trial Judge's Manual
- 21) Handbook on Motor Vehicle Stops and Warrantless Searches
- 22) Minnesota Jail Credit Manual
- 23) Professor Simon's Online Bench Book
- 24) Prosecutorial Misconduct Manual
- 25) Weapons & Hazardous Exhibits in the Courtroom Policy
- 26) Judge's Guide to Managing Civil Cases
- 27) NEW: Video: Irving Younger's 10 Commandments of Cross Examination

REFERENCE: Minnesota Judicial Training & Education Blog, at PendletonUpdates.com