Researching Computer Law Topics

**Research Guides**

- Library Research Guides
  - Washburn University School of Law – Law Library – Computer/Cyberspace Law - [http://www.washlaw.edu/subject/law.computer.html](http://www.washlaw.edu/subject/law.computer.html)
  - University of Chicago Law School, D/ Angelo Law Library, Computer and Information Technology, Communications and Internet Law – [http://guides.lib.uchicago.edu/computerlaw](http://guides.lib.uchicago.edu/computerlaw)

- Other Research Guides
  - Look for other topics in the Zimmerman’s Research Guide series as well – alphabetical listing of subject matters, including computers, patents, trademarks, etc. - [http://law.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmermans/](http://law.lexisnexis.com/infopro/zimmermans/)
  - Cornell University Law School, Legal Information Institute’s Wex (community built law dictionary and encyclopedia), Computer and Internet Fraud (an example of the types of items that you can find in Wex) – [www.law.cornell.edu/wex/computer_and_internet_fraud](http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/computer_and_internet_fraud)
  - Free Advice, Computer Law (links to guides dealing with computer law basics, copyrights and computer law, patents and computer law, trademarks and computer law, computer contracts/agreements, and privacy and security – [http://law.freeadvice.com/intellectual_property/computer_law/](http://law.freeadvice.com/intellectual_property/computer_law/)

- Print Research Resources
  - Penny A. Hazelton, general editor, Specialized Legal Research (Aspen, 2001-2012) (chapters dealing with specific subjects, such as “Copyright Law” and “Federal Patent and Trademark Law”

**Basic Introduction to Subject**

- Nutshell
  - Internet Law in a Nutshell (Michael L. Rustad) (Reserve collection - KF390 .C6 R87 2009)
Casebooks
- Cyberlaw: Problems of Policy and Jurisprudence in the Information Age (Patricia L. Bellia, Paul Schiff Berman, and David G. Post) (KF390.5 .C6 B44 2004)

Databases
- Research Databases - Boatwright Memorial Library - (http://library.richmond.edu/information/databases.html)
- Westlaw, LexisNexis, and Bloomberg Law databases

Books, Treatises, and Loose-leaf Services
For books, treatises, and other materials about various subjects, check the library’s online catalog, searching keywords such as computer law; cyber trespass; online privacy; copyright (generally and specific items such as copyright infringement); digital rights management; and many, many others. You will note that many of these titles are on the second floor of the Law Library at classification number KF390.5 .C6. Titles that deal with computer software are classified generally in the KF3024 section.

Following is a list of selected materials (alphabetical order by title) located in the Law Library about computer law generally, as well as some about more specific subjects.

- Annual Institute of Computer Law (KF390.5 .C6 C634)
- Communications Regulation (Pike & Fischer) (KF2763 .A2 P54) (looseleaf service updated regularly)
- Computer Litigation (prepared for distribution at the PLI Computer Litigation Program) (KF390.5 .C6 C653)
- Computer Law Reporter (KF390.5 .C6 C635)
- Computer Technology Law Reporter (available via the BloombergBNA (BNA Online) collection at the Law Library web site – select Library Catalog and Online Databases; then select BloombergBNA; then select Computer Technology Law Report)
- Guide to Computer Law (available via CCH Intelliconnect at the Law Library website – select Library Catalog and Online Databases; then select CCH Intelliconnect; then select the Intellectual Property database, which includes Guide to Computer Law, plus other titles such as Copyright Law Reporter and Trademark Law Guide)
- Intellectual Property Library (available via the BloombergBNA (BNA Online) collection at the Law Library website – select Library Catalog and Online Databases; then select BloombergBNA; then select Intellectual Property Library)
- Internet and Online Law (Kent D. Stuckey) (KF390.5 .C6 S78 1996)
- Internet and Online Privacy: a Legal and Business Guide (Andrew Frackman and others) (KF390.5 .C6 F69 2002)
- Internet Law and Practice (2002-present) (KF390.5 .C6 I61)
- Internet Law and Regulation (Pike & Fischer) (KF2763.4 .I58) (looseleaf service updated regularly)
- Law and Business of Computer Software (Katheryn Anderson 2011 ed.) (KF3024 .C6 L375)
- Law and Society Approaches to Cyberspace (Paul Schiff Berman 2007) (KF390.5 .C6 L387)
- Law of the Internet (George B. Delta) (KF390.5 .C6 D45 2002)
- Law of the Internet (F. Lawrence Street) (KF390.5 .C6 S77 2001-present)
- Offensive Internet: Privacy, Speech, and Reputation (KF390.5 .C6 O344 2010)
- Social Media, 2011: Addressing Corporate Risks (KF390.5 .C6 S63 2011)
- Uniform Computer Information Transaction Acct: a Broad Perspective (Stephen Y. Chow & Riva F. Kinstlick 2001) (KF390.5 .C6 U54)
- Virtual Law: Navigating the Legal Landscape of Virtual Worlds (Benjamin Tyson Duranske 2008) (KF390.5 .C6 D87)

**Law Reviews, Journals, and Periodicals**

- Computer Technology Law Report (BloombergBNA online service)
- E-Commerce Law Daily (BloombergBNA online service)
- Journal of Internet Law (Journal .J68133)
- Richmond Journal of Law & Technology (online resource)
- Rutgers Computer & Technology Law Journal (Journal .R872)
- SMU Science & Technology Law Review (formerly the Computer Law Review & Technology Journal (online resource)
- TechLaw Journal (online resource) (news, records, and analysis of legislation, litigation, and regulation affecting the computer, internet, communications and information technology sectors)
- Yale Journal of Law and Technology (online resource)
- The above listing is selective. Many law schools have a law and technology journal that might be useful. Browse the journal collection in the basement or search in the law review and journal databases of Westlaw and LexisNexis.
- Also, see the American Lawyer magazine, which frequently has articles about the practice law, cutting edge topics, including topics in the computer law and intellectual property areas, The September 2012 issue has a supplement about “Intellectual Property” (dated Fall 2012). (Journal .A566)

**Practice Guides, CLEs, and Other Materials**
- Internet Law for the Business Lawyer (Juliet M. Moringiello ed. 2012) (KF390.5 .C6 I569)
- Internet Law for the Business Lawyer (David Reiter, Elizabeth Blumenfeld, and Mark Boulding, editors, 2001) (KF390.5 .C6 I569)
- Practising Law Institute, Course Handbooks (from national CLE programs) – check for titles in the various Intellectual Property and Computer Law series). The PLI course handbooks are available in Westlaw and in print in the Law Library. There is a one-volume index for each year in the Reference collection (Ref. KF8 .I54). Appropriate subject matter entries are Computer Law, E-Commerce, Intellectual Property, Internet, Licensing-Open Source Software, etc.

**Primary Law**
- Statutes for individual states (as appropriate) and federal statutes, using print resources in the Law Library or online access via LexisNexis and Westlaw.
- Cheryl Rae Nyberg, Subject Compilations of State Laws (1981 – present; available online via Hein Online as well) (use subject headings such as “Computer crime,” “Copyright,” “Computers,” and “Computer programs” to locate references to law review articles, books, etc. where you can find citations to state statutes)
- Shepard’s Acts and Cases by Popular Names: Federal and State (see popular names of state acts under headings such as “Computer Crimes Act” and “Computer Security Act,” “Computer Fraud Act,” etc.
- Internet Law Library (provides links to federal and state statutes, as well as many other resources (http://www.lecflaw.com/inll/1.htm)
**Legal Blogs**

- Each year the ABA Journal publishes a list of the top 100 blawgs. For the most recent one, see Molly McDonough, Sarah Randag & Lee Rawles, *6th Annual Blawg 100, A.B.A. J.*, Dec. 2012, at 62.
- Use a general blogs search listing such as Justia Blawg Search for a relatively complete listing of legal blogs - [http://blawgsearch.justia.com/](http://blawgsearch.justia.com/). Pick an area of law, or look at the “legal theory” or “law professor” categories.
- Another source for a fairly good listing of legal blogs is located at the Rutgers-Newark law school library – [http://law-library.rutgers.edu/resources/lawblogs.php](http://law-library.rutgers.edu/resources/lawblogs.php) (includes a section dealing with “Law and Technology, which might be useful)
- See also Legal Blogs at Duke Law – [www.law.duke.edu/lib/blogs/](http://www.law.duke.edu/lib/blogs/) (which provides links to additional listings of legal blogs)
- Jurist’s Paper Chase: legal news from the U.S. and other countries – [www.jurist.org/paperchase](http://www.jurist.org/paperchase)
- SCOTUSBlog: Supreme Court news with analysis of pending and decided cases - [http://www.scotusblog.com/](http://www.scotusblog.com/)
- Law Professors Blogs: network of web logs ("blogs") designed from the ground-up to assist law professors in their scholarship and teaching. Might find a substantive area of the law that would be useful. [http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/](http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/)
- Split Circuits: good source to review issues where the various circuits split in their decisions - [http://splitcircuits.blogspot.com/](http://splitcircuits.blogspot.com/)

**Websites** (Law School Centers, Associations, Organizations, etc.)

There is a large number of websites devoted to computer law. Law School intellectual property centers/institutes/programs provide excellent ones, which frequently offer references to resources as well as updates about judicial, statutory, and regulatory actions. Additionally, many organizations provide valuable information in this area.

Listed below are some examples.

- **Associations and Organizations**
  - American Bar Association, Science & Technology Section
  - Canadian IT Law Association
  - Centre for Innovation Law and Policy
  - Computer Law Association
  - Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility
  - Electronic Frontier Foundation
  - Electronic Privacy Information Center
  - International Association for Artificial Intelligence and Law
  - International Federation of Computer Law Associations
  - ITech Law
  - Software and Information Industry Association
Centers and Institutes
  o Berkeley Center for Law and Technology (University of California – Berkeley – Boalt Hall)
  o Berkman Center for Internet and Society (Harvard Law School)
  o Cardoza Intellectual Property and Information Law Program (Yeshiva University Cardoza School of Law)
  o Center for Information Technology and Privacy Law (John Marshall School of Law)
  o Center for Law and Computers (ITT Chicago-Kent College of Law)
  o Center for Law, Technology & the Arts (Case Western Reserve University School of Law)
  o Center on Law and Information Policy (Fordham University School of Law)
  o Dean Dinwoodey Center for Intellectual Property Studies (George Washington University School of Law)
  o Engelberg Center on Innovation Law and Policy (New York University Law School)
  o Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property (University of New Hampshire School of Law)
  o High Tech Law Center (Santa Clara University School of Law)
  o Information Society Project (Yale Law School)
  o Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law (University of Houston Law Center)
  o Intellectual Property Institute (University of Richmond School of Law)
  o Kernochan Center for Law, Media and the Arts (Columbia Law School)
  o Stanford Center for Internet and Society (Stanford Law School)
  o Many, many others (some of which might be better and/or have more information than the ones listed above)