

# Alternatives to Westlaw and Lexis— What's Out There and How to Use it

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I. Services Provided by Texas Bar (found on My Bar Page link at <https://www.texasbar.com/>)

Both services provide access to primary law, including statutes, cases, and administrative law:

### CasemakerX

Added Services:

- Casemaker Digest
- CaseCheck+
- CiteCheck

### Fastcase

Added Services:

- Batch Printing
- Mobile Sync
- Data Visualization
- Bad Law Bot
- Heinonline
- Clio Sync
- Public Links

Upcoming changes: <http://www.lawsitesblog.com/2015/07/exclusive-first-look-all-new-version-of-fastcase-out-today-in-beta.html>

## II. Free Services

### Government Sites

#### Federal

Federal Digital System <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>

U.S. Congress <http://www.congress.gov>

Court Documents <http://www.pacer.gov>

#### Texas

Legislative Reference Library

<http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/legis/TexasLawTimeLine.cfm>

Texas Judicial Branch

<http://www.search.txcourts.gov/CaseSearch.aspx?coa=cossup>

### Non-profit Sites:

#### Legal Information Institute

Federal Portal <http://www.law.cornell.edu/federal>

Texas Portal <http://www.law.cornell.edu/states/texas>

Wex (legal dictionary) <http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex>

Table of State Statutes [http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/table\\_property](http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/table_property)

UT Tarlton Law Library <http://tarltonguides.law.utexas.edu/texas-web-resources>

## III. Alternative Services for Appellate Law

Google Scholar <http://scholar.google.com/>

Law Blogs <http://blawgsearch.justia.com/blogs/categories/appellate-law>

(Handout) Kenton S. Brice, Bargain Shopping: Free and low-cost legal research options:

[https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Past\\_Issues&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=32499](https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Past_Issues&Template=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=32499)

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