



Steps in research

- identify authoritative sources
- use finding resources
- use secondary resources
 - to find primary authority
 - to confirm understanding

Library Resources

- Library Home Page
<http://www.lib.uea.ac.uk/>
- Online catalogue (follow link from main page)
http://139.222.194.102/F/?func=find-b-0&local_base=UEAPUB
- Inter-library loan requests

Online legal resources

- **General Searches**

- <http://www.google.com>
- <http://www.dogpile.com>
- <http://www.alltheweb.com>

- **Limiting and Controlling Searches**

- <http://www.google.com/help/refinerearch.html>

General Law: “Official” U.K. online resources

- **Government Portal**

<http://www.direct.gov.uk>

- **Office of Public Sector Information
(formerly HMSO – Her Majesty’s
Stationery Office)**

<http://www.opsi.gov.uk/>

- **Her Majesty’s Court Service**

<http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/>

General Law: “Official” E.U. online resources

- **European Court of Justice**
 - Main page: <http://www.curia.eu.int/en/transitpage.htm>
 - Recent Caselaw: <http://europa.eu.int/jurisp/cgi-bin/form.pl?lang=en>
 - Caselaw access: <http://www.curia.eu.int/en/content/juris/index.htm>
- **European Court of Human Rights**
<http://www.echr.coe.int/echr>

General Law: “Official” E.U. online resources

- **Eur-Lex:** <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/>
- **Essential European law websites:**
<http://www.eurunion.org/infores/BestLawSites.HTM>
- **OHIM:** <http://oami.eu.int/>

General Law: “Official” U.S. online resources

- **Federal Government**
 - U.S. Supreme Court
 - Official Web Site: <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>
 - U.S. Federal Courts
 - Official Web Site (links to individual court sites): <http://www.uscourts.gov/>
 - Federal Laws, Legislation and Information
 - Thomas: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
 - Government Information Locator: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/gils/index.html
 - Census Data: <http://www.census.gov/>

U.S. States

- generally in the format of:
<http://www.state.XX.us/> where “XX” is the
two letter state abbreviation
- Examples:
<http://www.state.ca.us>
<http://www.state.ny.us>

“Unofficial” online resources (often including official resources)

- Legal Research Sites
 - British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII): <http://www.bailii.org/>
 - Legal Information Institute (Cornell Law School): <http://www.law.cornell.edu/>
 - Findlaw (from Westlaw): <http://www.findlaw.com/>
 - LexisOne (from Lexis): <http://www.lexisone.com/>
 - LLRX: <http://www.llrx.com/>
 - AALL: http://www.aallnet.org/about/legal_links.asp

“Unofficial” international online legal resources

- General Academic Legal Research Sites
 - Google scholar: <http://scholar.google.com>
 - SSRN: <http://www.ssrn.com>
- Libraries (especially law libraries)
 - Harvard Law Library: <http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/>
 - Yale Law Library: <http://www.law.yale.edu/library/>
 - UEA: <http://www.uea.ac.uk/law/resources/library.html>

IP Specific Web Sites

- **WIPO:** <http://www.wipo.int/portal/index.html.en>
- **WTO's TRIPS Gateway:**
http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/trips_e/trips_e.htm
- **U.K. Patent Office:** <http://www.patent.gov.uk/>
- **EU Patent Office:** <http://www.european-patent-office.org/index.en.php>
- **EU Information Society Home Page:**
http://europa.eu.int/information_society/index_en.htm

IP Specific Databases

- **ESP@CENET**
<http://www.espacenet.com/>
- **UK Patents**
<http://www.patent.gov.uk/patent/dbase/index.htm>
- **US Patents**
<http://www.uspto.gov/>
- **EU Trademarks**
<http://oami.eu.int/en/database/ctm-online.htm>
- **UK Trademarks**
<http://www.patent.gov.uk/tm/dbase/index.htm>
- **U.S. Trademarks**
<http://www.uspto.gov/main/trademarks.htm>