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South Carolina Legal Resources on the Web

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General Information
The state of South Carolina’s Official Web Site is www.state.sc.us/. The site provides links to nearly all state government agencies and all branches of state government. A list of South Carolina state agency Web sites can be found at www.state.sc.us/stateage.html.

The South Carolina Reference Desk (www.law.sc.edu/refdes sc.htm) is maintained by the Coleman Karesh Law Library of the University of South Carolina School of Law. This site contains numerous links to South Carolina legal information organized in four categories: courts, legislature, executive and reference.

The South Carolina Bar’s Web site is located www.scbar.org and includes information for Bar members as well as general information that’s geared toward the public.

The South Carolina Budget and Control Board, Office of Research and Statistics’ site, www.orss.state.sc.us, contains a variety of statistics related to South Carolina.

The South Carolina State Constitution can be accessed at www.lpir.state.sc.us/reports/scnst00.htm.

Statutes
The text of current and pending legislation can be viewed at the South Carolina General Assembly’s Web site at www.lpir.state.sc.us. The Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 is available online at www.lpir.state.sc.us/code/statmast.htm.

The current House and Senate Journals can be found at www.lpir.state.sc.us/today.htm. Back journals are also available online at www.lpir.state.sc.us/basement.htm.

Internet users can also check on the status of current bills in General Assembly at www.leg info.state.sc.us/work/112/bills/billinfonew.asp by searching under the bill number. Searching by keyword is available at www.leginfo.state.sc.us/work/113/query.asp.

Legislative Update, published by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, is available at www.sccc.org. Searches can be done by using the “Legislature” button. The site contains abstracts of the bills introduced in the General Assembly.

Local Ordinances

- The State of South Carolina Official Web site includes a directory of state officials: [www.state.sc.us/phone/](http://www.state.sc.us/phone/).

### Periodicals
- South Carolina Law Review's Web page contains selected recent articles: [www.law.sc.edu/sclr/wpnew.htm](http://www.law.sc.edu/sclr/wpnew.htm).
- South Carolina Lawyer magazine, published bimonthly by the South Carolina Bar: [www.scbar.org/scl.htm](http://www.scbar.org/scl.htm). A cumulative subject index can be found on the Web at [www.scbar.org/scl_articles_index.htm](http://www.scbar.org/scl_articles_index.htm). Back issues are available at [www.scbar.org/scl_articles_past.htm](http://www.scbar.org/scl_articles_past.htm).
- SC Bar News newsletter, published bimonthly by the South Carolina Bar: [www.scbar.org/sc_bar_news.htm](http://www.scbar.org/sc_bar_news.htm).
- South Carolina Environmental Law Journal, a semi-annual journal published by the University of South Carolina School of Law: [www.law.sc.edu/elj/eljhp.htm](http://www.law.sc.edu/elj/eljhp.htm).

### Newspapers
Several South Carolina newspapers publish online editions that are available to the public.
- The State, Columbia: [www.thestate.com](http://www.thestate.com).
- The Post & Courier, Charleston: [www.charleston.net/](http://www.charleston.net/).
- The Sun News, Myrtle Beach: [www.myrtlebeachaccess.com](http://www.myrtlebeachaccess.com).
- The Item, Sumter: [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).

### Administrative Materials
- South Carolina State Register: [www.lpir.state.sc.us/register.htm](http://www.lpir.state.sc.us/register.htm).
- Executive Orders of the Governor of South Carolina: [www.lpir.state.sc.us/reports.htm](http://www.lpir.state.sc.us/reports.htm).
- South Carolina Code of Regulations: [www.lpir.state.sc.us/coderegstatemast.htm](http://www.lpir.state.sc.us/coderegstatemast.htm).
- South Carolina Department of Revenue Regulations: [www.dor.state.sc.us/regs.html](http://www.dor.state.sc.us/regs.html).
- Revenue, a quarterly publication of the South Carolina Department of Revenue: [www.dor.state.sc.us/revenews/revenews.html](http://www.dor.state.sc.us/revenews/revenews.html).
- Opinions of the Attorney General of South Carolina: [www.scattorneygeneral.org/](http://www.scattorneygeneral.org/). (Web version does not contain all opinions.)
- Administrative Law Judge Opinions: [www.law.sc.edu/alj/alj.htm](http://www.law.sc.edu/alj/alj.htm). This site is maintained by the University of South Carolina School of Law.

### Directories
- South Carolina Bar Online Lawyer Directory: [www.scbar.org/lawyer_directory.asp](http://www.scbar.org/lawyer_directory.asp). May be searched by first name, last name, county and state.
South Carolina Legal Information Centers

- University of South Carolina Coleman Karesh Law Library: www.law.sc.edu/lawlib.htm.
- South Carolina Supreme Court Library: www.state.sc.us/judicial/ (under construction).
- South Carolina State Library: www.state.sc.us/scsl/.

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Additional Legal Resources

Case Reports
- South Carolina Supreme Court opinions (recent): www.law.sc.edu/opinions/opinions.htm.
- South Carolina Court of Appeals decisions (recent): www.law.sc.edu/ctapp/scctapp.htm.

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