



LEGAL RESEARCH AT WWW.NMBAR.ORG

The State Bar has a central navigation from its Web site to legal research. This navigation provides access to Casemaker, ethics opinions, links to law libraries, legal forms, and other legal research providers.

- **Casemaker**

Casemaker is free online legal research available to all active members of the State Bar and to members of the Paralegal Division. Casemaker includes all 50 state libraries and a federal library. The recently launched version 2.0 provides more functionality, including a multi-state library search feature where you can search for cases in any jurisdiction with only one search query. Ethics opinion searches can also be conducted. The Federal Library now includes U.S. Supreme Court opinions from 1754, U.S. Circuit opinions from 1930, and U.S. District Court opinions from 1950. User guides, available in Word and PDF formats, outline the new features. Browse and search functions are available for N.M. statutes, the administrative code, state court rules, attorney general opinions, uniform jury instructions and the N.M. Constitution. This area requires a login, and specific instructions are provided on the Casemaker page.

- **Ethics Opinions**

Formal opinions from 1983 to present are summarized and an index helps members locate opinions based on topic. In addition, the Ethics Advisory Opinions Committee responds to specific requests for opinions. Call the ethics helpline (1-800-326-8155) for personal assistance.

- **Law Libraries**

Various law libraries have been referenced so members have additional resources for their legal research needs.

- **Legal Forms**

A Legal Forms Center provides access to all 50 states which include forms on various practice areas. Over 62,000 forms are available.

- **Legal Research Providers**

Other legal research providers (government and nonprofit) are referenced.

Comments about the new site design or any features of the site are welcome. Contact Veronica Cordova, (505) 797-6039 or vcordova@nmbar.org.