

DJJ ONLINE STATUTES, AAC, AND RULES OF COURT TRAINING MODULE

"How To Access And Research Alaska Legal Resources Online"

(Note to DJJ staff: obtain your supervisor's approval prior to starting work in this course.)

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Part I

Pre-test and Evaluation

The pre-test will determine participant skills at the beginning of the course, and will determine where in the course the participant begins. The learner's work in activities will measure effective understanding of course content, skills using the resources, and ability to utilize web-based and hard copy resources in job-related research.

Learning Objectives

Objective 1

Upon successful completion of the course, participant will demonstrate knowledge and skills using a web browser and search engines to find legal information on the Internet.

True/False

1. Do you have experience using a computer?
2. Do you have experience using a web browser such as Internet Explorer or Netscape?
3. Do you know how to use a browser to navigate to a search engine, like Google or Alta Vista?
4. Do you have experience searching for information on the Internet?

Objective 2

Upon successful completion of the course participant will demonstrate awareness of resources used to research the Alaska Statutes.

Question 1: (multiple choice)

The Alaska Statutes are available:

- a) In the DJJ Policy and Procedure Manual
- b) On the web
- c) In bound volumes at each DJJ office
- d) a) and b)
- e) b) and c)

Objective 3

Upon successful completion of the course participants will be able to determine that they are viewing the most current edition of the Alaska Rules of Court.

Question 1: (multiple choice)

The most current edition of the Alaska Rules of Court is:

- a) available on the Internet
- b) identified by the current year annotation
- c) available in hard bound copy at each DJJ office
- d) all of the above.

Part II

Using the Web

If you are unfamiliar with the Internet and using web browsers click on the hyperlink below and take some time now to learn more:

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/WhatIs.html>

Then click on this site to learn more about how to conduct a search on the Internet:

<http://searchenginewatch.com/facts/index.html>

Part III

Virtual Library

Activity 1:

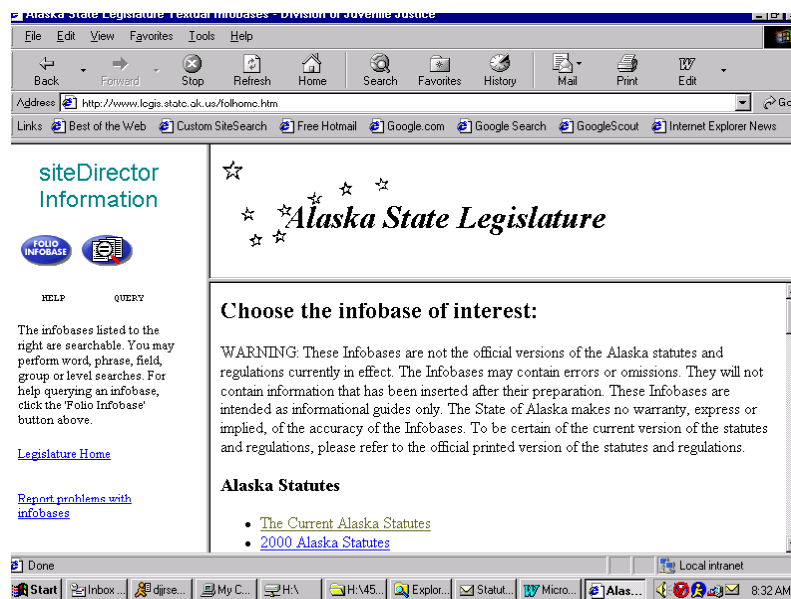
Click on the links below or use an Internet search engine to find the online resources listed below:

Alaska Statutes

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/folhome.htm>

Go to “Current Alaska Statutes” unless you are researching past year’s statutes. Go to the “Query” link and search by text (for example “juvenile delinquent”).

The opening screen should look like this:



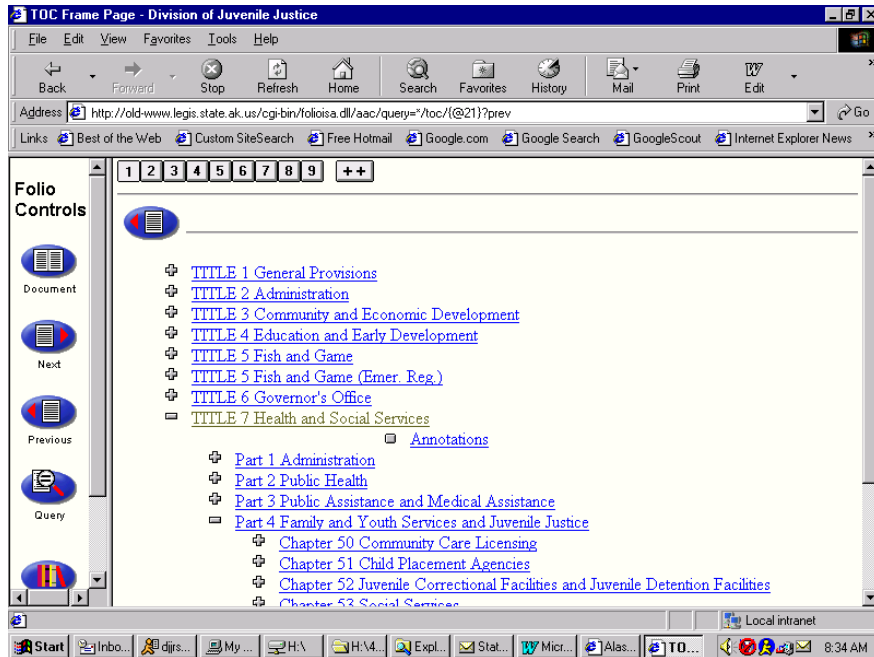
Alaska Administrative Code

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/folhome.htm>

<http://old-www.legis.state.ak.us/cgi-bin/folioisa.dll/aac?>

The opening screen should look like this:

Click on the “plus” (+) beside “Title 7 Health and Social Services”.



Then click on the “plus” (+) beside Part 4 Family and Youth Services and Juvenile Justice”.

Click on the Articles.

Other useful resources:

Alaska Department of Law

<http://www.law.state.ak.us>

Alaska Court System

<http://www.state.ak.us/courts>

ACS Resources

<http://www.state.ak.us/courts/akct.htm>

Includes links to:

Court Rules
Forms and Publications
Law Library
Trial Courts

Rules of Court <http://www.state.ak.us/courts/rules.htm>

Activity 2:

Using the links and resources above complete the following actions:

1. Navigate to the Alaska Statutes and find Sec. 47.12.150.
2. Download and print the section if the current Alaska Rules of Court on delinquency proceedings.
3. Search the Alaska Administrative Code for 7 AAC 52.005.

Activity 3:

After conducting this online research, talk with your job-training mentor, and/or with other DJJ colleagues, and then provide your answers to the following questions to the course trainer with a copy to your mentor via email:

1. What is the purpose of studying the Alaska Statutes, Alaska Administrative Code, and Alaska Rules of Court. How will you need to use these resources in your job?
2. How can you know that you are accessing the most current version of these resources?
3. What is the section of the Alaska Statutes which you will use most in your job? Why?
4. What is the section of the Alaska Administrative Code which is most pertinent to your job? Why?
5. What is the section of the Alaska Rules of Court which is most pertinent to your job? Why?

Activity 4:

Read this scenario, decide what crimes were committed, analyze them, formulate charges and make recommendations to the Court based on that analysis.

Joe enters a dwelling at 10:00 p.m. by forcing the locked door open with a crowbar. Vinnie waits outside in the van, and then goes into the house and helps Joe load the TV and VCR, valued at \$750, into the van. The next day Joe sells the TV and VCR to Tom for \$150.

Referencing Alaska Statutes and Alaska Rules of Court:

1. Separate and list the crimes committed by Joe, Tom and Vinnie.
2. Classify each defendant's crimes by felony and misdemeanor.
3. For each crime list the applicable statute.
4. Formulate all possible charges you could make for each defendant for each crime.
5. Decide what charges you will make against each defendant.

If you have questions or comments about this module, please contact the DJJ Statewide Training Unit: Rob Seward or Barbara O'Brien.