

Public Access to Court Records

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Court records, by the way, are legal documents that record the events that took place during a legal proceeding. Most of the time, court records include other important documents that may have been gathered during the court proceeding. Usually, the clerk of the court where the proceeding took place takes and keeps court records.

Lately, there has been some serious argument about whether or not to allow public access to court records by the means of the internet. Those in favor of making the records available to the general public justify their stand by saying that online court records provide great service to those who need them and provide a proof for the public about how the legal system works in the country. On the other hand, those who oppose the idea argue that making information widely available helps encourage identity theft, deprives an individual's privacy, and endangers the life of people who have participated in the proceeding (such as a jury member or a witness) especially if sensitive information are revealed. In the end, the points made by both sides were taken into consideration. Court records are still accessible online – but with confidential information deleted.

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