

National State Attorneys General Program

Search Engine

Useful Tips

GENERAL

- To perform a search, you must enter search terms in at least one field and hit the “submit” button at the bottom of the page.
- You may enter data into as many or few fields as you would like, based on the specificity of results you are seeking. The more fields you enter data into, the more tailored the results will be.
- In general, it is advised that you either use the drop-down menus *or* the keyword function. However, if you are seeking unusually tailored results you may use both the keyword and menus. Your results will be very limited, but also very specific.

KEYWORD

- In the “Keyword” field, you may enter a topical term, an author’s name, an article title, or any other words related to the type of article you are searching for.

TOPIC / SUBTOPIC

- The Attorneys General Program has developed a list of topics, into which most of the resources on our website fall, based on subject matters most relevant to the work of state attorneys general. If you have difficulty finding articles using the “Keyword” function, the “Topic” field is a more precise alternative.
- If you choose “Charities” from the “Topic” drop-down menu, an additional field called “Subtopic” will appear. You may then choose one of a variety of charities-related subtopics. Alternatively, you may leave the “subtopic” field at its default position (“select”) and search all Charities articles.

SELECT A STATE

- In the field called “Select a State” you can select any state to retrieve articles that specifically include information relating to that state. If you would like to search all states, leave the field in the default position (“Select”).

For further assistance in using the search engine or for more information about the Attorneys General Program in general, please contact attorneygeneral@law.columbia.edu.