

FOIA Workshop Handout

Some documents:

Text of the Freedom of Information Act. 5 U.S.C. § 552
http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foia_updates/Vol_XVII_4/page2.htm

Department of Justice Freedom of Information Act Guide
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oip/foi-act.htm>

Sample FOIA request letters from the Freedom of Information Center at the University of Missouri School of Journalism
<http://foi.missouri.edu/foialett.html>

Questions and Answers on the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act, 1992
http://www.epic.org/open_gov/rights.html

Department of Justice Frequently Requested Records
http://www.usdoj.gov/ag/rr_index.htm

Other places to find documents:

Find CIA Documents
http://www.foia.cia.gov/search_options.asp

Department of Justice Frequently Requested Records
http://www.usdoj.gov/ag/rr_index.htm

The FBI Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Reading Room
<http://foia.fbi.gov/foiaindex/foiaindex.htm>

The Memory Hole
<http://thememoryhole.org/about.htm>

Articles:

The Reporting Tool that Reporters Don't use

<http://www.johnemossfoundation.org/foi/doyle.htm>

Making Good Use of FOIA

http://www.cjog.net/commentary_making_good_use_of_foia.html

How-to guides:

12 Steps to FOIA Success

<http://www.progress.org/foia01.htm>

How to use the FOIA

http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/foia_how_use.html

(includes sample request letters)

FOIA Files Kit - Instructions

<http://www.fiu.edu/~mizrachs/FOIA-guide.html>

Information from Dr. Steven Mizrach, Adjunct Lecturer, Florida International University,
Department of Sociology/Anthropology

How to use the Federal FOI Act

<http://www.rcfp.org/foiact/>

National Security Archive: How to Make a FOIA Request

<http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/nsa/foia/howtofoia.html>

State and Local Freedom of Information Resources:

State and National FOI Resources

<http://www.nfoic.org/web/index.htm>