

What's Up

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CREDIT AND THE WEB

The Internet has made it easy to take advantage of a wealth of information. We want to share some of this information in our *Special Edition* titled **CREDIT AND THE WEB**.

To a business, use of the Internet should be more than posting a Web site and e-mail. It should be a resource. It can assist you in investigating potential customers, managing current customers, pre-legal assessment, and collecting a judgment. Other areas you may want to investigate would be new business opportunities, employment purposes, and investment opportunities - the possibilities are endless!

Below is a partial list of resources put together by **THEA DUDLEY** from Guardian Building Products. Our thanks and appreciation to Thea for sharing her research with us.

411 Locate www.411locate.com has addresses, phone finders, reverse lookups and automatic links to maps. It brings up reliable information on past city and state addresses, relatives' phone information and links to last sale price for property. Basic information is free, but enough to get you started. Links to additional information is available for a fee from US Search. www.ussearch.com

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our **NEW** enclosed "What's Up" Special Placement Form can be Faxed or it can now be sent **Electronically**. Visit our Home Page at www.commercialcollection.com. Click on Special Placement Form

Please remember that this form can only be used **ONCE** and must be in our office no later than.....**May 8, 2009**.

Accurint www.accurint.com has access to over 20 billion records compiled from over 400 sources. It provides a series of product reports for searches on people, businesses, court records, criminal records, motor vehicle, divorce, marriage, property records, licenses, etc. It's a useful site that is extremely cost effective. Huge time-saver as data is available in one place.

American Bankruptcy Institute www.abiworld.org provides research and education regarding bankruptcy. Latest statistics on national bankruptcies. Good research site.

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Better Business Bureau Online www.bbbonline.com
Check out businesses; file a complaint against a business. Information available includes time in business, where business is located, and complaint history.

Choicepoint Online www.choicepointonline.com Data provider offers nationwide search of public records. Target databases are to locate people or businesses, identify assets. This search site is costly. Monthly fee, plus search charges. Information is on target, so you do get what you pay for. Offers year-round seminars. Spun off from Equifax in 1997.

Corporate Affiliations www.corporateaffiliations.com
Owned by Lexis Nexis, provides links to who owns what.

Courthouse Direct <http://courthousedirect.com/courth/>
Provides electronic document images of deeds, mortgages, IRS Liens, assignments, and any other real property or official records filing. Also has collection, litigation, and genealogy information. Not all states covered. Must be a member but reasonably priced.

Dun & Bradstreet www.dnb.com/us Business information for credit, marketing, purchasing and accounts receivable management. D & B's public record search is one of the most extensive commercial public database sites available. One of the few that covers all 50 states, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and District of Columbia. Database covers corporate, UCC filings, litigation, and tax lien information.

Equifax Credit Services www.equifax.com
Provides commercial and consumer financial information worldwide.

Merlin www.merlindata.com Data providers Ultimate Weapon search can't be beaten for the money. Many databases can be searched cheap. Provides same offerings as the other data providers - criminal, civil, address, phone, etc.

Yahoo! People Search www.people.yahoo.com
Locate addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses. Provides a reverse phone search lookup. E-mail address search is often out of date and costs.

Lexis Nexis CourtLink www.lexisnexis.com/courtlink/
Offers online access to over 200 million court records. Offers electronic access to filings from the nation's courts that are online.

National Association of Counties www.naco.org
You can locate a county or city through this Web site; from there you can access that county's records for taxes, county clerk, assessor's office and county records. 48 of the 50 states have operational county governments. Free Site.

National Association of Credit Managers
www.NACM.com National Association of Credit Managers - specializes in linking commercial credit managers. Offers industry group meetings, business credit reports and collection services. Good source of information and educational seminars.

Pacer <http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov> Pacer is the administrative office of the U.S. Courts. It is Federal Judiciary's centralized registration, billing and technical support center for electronic access to U.S. District, Bankruptcy and Appellate court records. Legal records search for all courts online.

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission www.sec.gov/
Economic information, court rulings, proposed rulings. Has link to EDGAR-leading place to find information on publicly traded company filings. Check quarterly and annual financial statements filed with the SEC back five years.

US Corporate Services www.uscorpsero.com
In business almost 40 years providing public record search business. Provides nationwide searches for UCC's and other filings. Easy to navigate.

To receive the complete list, please contact Judy Mattioli at jmattioli@commercialcollection.com.

Brain Teaser

You throw away the outside and cook the inside.
Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside.

What did you eat?

Answer to last Brain Teaser:
Counterfeit Money

Winners of Last Drawing

1. Kim Bragg (Arcade, NY)
2. Mike Hagan (Waco, TX)
3. Donna O'Neil-Wheaton (Colorado Springs, CO)
4. Lynn Skowronski (Cleveland, OH)
5. Donna Kilker (Rochester, NY)

All answers to be placed on Special Placement Form.
5 Special Placement Forms will be pulled at random & sent a FREE Gift.

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