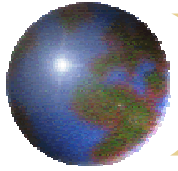


# ***IMPORTANCE OF LEGAL WEBSITES IN INFORMING ON LEGAL SOLUTION AND LAW POSSIBILITIES***

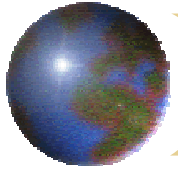
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*Usage of legal web sites can be observed  
from different points of view:*

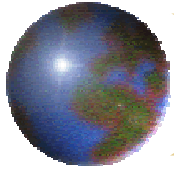
From the point of view of legal institutions.

From the point of view of interesting legal  
subjects (legal and individual persons).



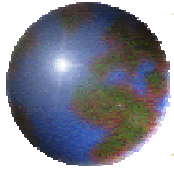
*Visitors of the legal web sites have a possibility to use published legal information in active and passive way.*

- The passive way means only searching the web sites containing legal contents.*
- Active communication includes e –correspondence of visitors of legal web sites with institutions, experts, newsgroups or other relevant subjects.*

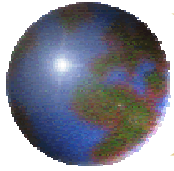


*Constructed legal web sites depend on authorised state organisations announcing their work on Internet, but there are other possible ways on announcing follows:*

- ❑ attorney's practice on Internet
- ❑ legal newsgroups
- ❑ chat regarding legal issue,
- ❑ free legal aid (as are sites Free Advice and Law Guru).



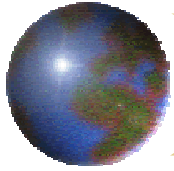
*Assessment of legal web sites includes, except classical and technical parameters (e.g. log on, speed of reading...), transparency, accessibility of legal advice, capacity of legal information and up date of web sites.*



# *1. LEGAL INSTITUTIONS*

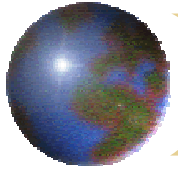
❖ *Structure of legal institutions web sites should consist of:*

- ❑ Constitutional and Court decisions,
- ❑ Legal acts,
- ❑ Legal opinions and articles of the judges and others legal experts,
- ❑ Useful links (web sites of Law Faculties, other courts, legal Institutes, international organisations, legal experts).



## *Quality of legal web site means the following:*

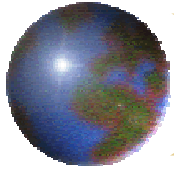
- ❑ Up-dated web sites,
- ❑ Organising of newsgroups,
- ❑ Contacts with experts
- ❑ Easy access to the web site,
- ❑ Easy researching and transparency of published information,
- ❑ Presentation of all Law segments ( e. g. Constitutional Law, Family Law, Civil Law, International Law, Commercial Law, Criminal Law, Finance Law, Contract Law, Labour Law).



## ***2. LEGAL SOLUTION***

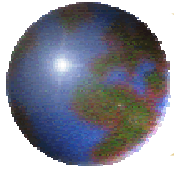
- ⊕ *Legal aid is professional legal assistance given either without charge or for a nominal sum, to indigent persons in need of such helps.*





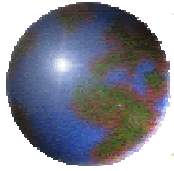
*Legal Aid e.g. Legal solution (Bailey, S.H.; Gunn, M.J., 1996) will, in principle, be capable of providing any help- not just from lawyers – which can either*

- ❑ prevent court proceedings or questions that would demand a legal solution from arising, or
- ❑ promote their settlement or other disposal, in accordance with the Law and in a way that will produce an enforceable result.



*This way of communication presents enormous promise for addressing the unmet legal needs of many people with lower incomes, through the following activities:*

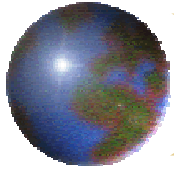
- ❑ contacts with several attorney offices at the same time (sending one e- mail request to several Internet attorney addresses),
- ❑ compression advises of numerous attorneys, or
- ❑ take participation into on–line discussion on the Internet.



## ***3. ANALYSIS OF SELECTED WEB SITES***

*Some of the basic criteria for analysis of quality of web site are*

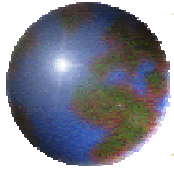
- ❑ the first impression,
- ❑ the structure of the web site,
- ❑ log on (v. 90),
- ❑ researching (site/base),
- ❑ the quality of data base,
- ❑ newsletters,
- ❑ the quality and number of links,
- ❑ contacts
- ❑ up-dating of the web site.



News- Links Contact Update  
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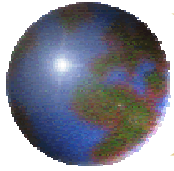
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● <a href="http://www.vsrh.hr">www.vsrh.hr</a>	-	+	+	-
● <a href="http://www.usud.hr">www.usud.hr</a>	-	+	+	-
● <a href="http://www.odvjekomora.hr">www.odvjekomora.hr</a>	-	+	++	+
● <a href="http://www.zakon.pravo.hr">www.zakon.pravo.hr</a>	-	+++	+	-
● <a href="http://www.jagor.srce.hr/gpp">www.jagor.srce.hr/gpp</a>	-	++	++	++
● <a href="http://www.law.cam.ac.uk">www.law.cam.ac.uk</a>	-	+++	+++	++
● <a href="http://www.coc.int">www.coc.int</a>	+++*	+++	+++	+++
● <a href="http://www.lawinternational.com">www.lawinternational.com</a>	++	+++	++	-
● <a href="http://www.prairielaw.com">www.prairielaw.com</a>	++	+++	+++	-
● <a href="http://www.findlaw.com">www.findlaw.com</a>	+++	+++	+++	+

+ poor ++ good +++ excellent - there is no characteristic



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● <a href="http://www.sudackamreza.hr">www.sudackamreza.hr</a>	++	+++	+++	+++	-
● <a href="http://www.nn.hr">www.nn.hr</a>	++	+++	+++	+++	+++
● <a href="http://www.vsrh.hr">www.vsrh.hr</a>	+	+	+++	+	++
● <a href="http://www.usud.hr">www.usud.hr</a>	++	++	+	+	+
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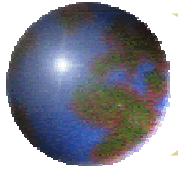
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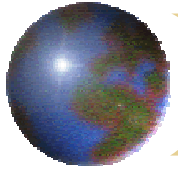
## 4. *LEGAL ADVICES ON THE INTERNET*

⊕ *Even if searching through legal web sites, the visitor might not get proper legal advice. In that case, there are another possibilities to find legal advice in frame of (Lanctot, C.J., 1999):*

- news groups (as is [alt.lawyeers.sue.sue.sue](#)),
- mailing list,
- chat room.

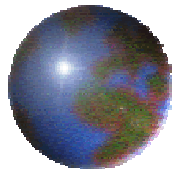


*Visitors of legal web sites have possibilities to request legal aid to the authorised institution (free legal aid or with fees) by sending e-mails to law firms or to an attorney. These sites differ from the two previously mentioned types of sites in the way that neither the questions nor the answers are visible to the public.*



*Except for the above mentioned ways, there are some web sites like [www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com), which offer the following topics:*





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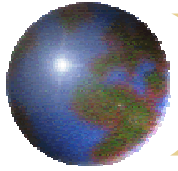
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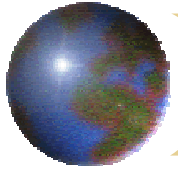
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*The equal type of web site in the Republic of Croatia could be [www.sudackamreza.hr](http://www.sudackamreza.hr). This web site is good project but not finished yet.*



## ***5. CONCLUSION***

- ❖ *The problem of ethics in non – traditional legal contact, known as the **question-and-answer form**, should be a topic of consideration and legal regulation for the relevant institution in the nearest future.*