

Public Info Sites

We have all 'Ego Surfed', to see what Google has on us. That is only the tip of the iceberg. To give you an idea of the info available about you in the 'public domain', the following are just a sampling of some of the other public websites. There are professions that have access to 'proprietary' information, which is much more detailed. It looks like a family tree, and it includes not only your name, but your Social Security Number, previous addresses, phone numbers, your employers, family members, neighbors names, addresses and phone numbers, etc. Among those with access to this info are law enforcement agencies, attorneys, news reporters and debt collectors.

Google: 'Consumer rights debt collection'; this will have a wealth of information on collection laws, as well as your rights and what you can do to protect yourself.

Colorado Attorney General: Collection Agency Board; Consumer Fraud office; these will provide links to file complaints on-line.

www.skipeace.com Explore this site, especially 'Zabba Search'; this is one of the more extensive 'search' sites. Some info is free, others will charge for it.

www.whitepages.com Locates people and businesses.

www.anywho.com It's another on-line phone book, like whitepages.com. A NY judge recently chastised a law firm for using this site to confirm (in error) the identity of a debtor for a court case. (Denver Post 12/2/09, Morning Brew, *'Judge wants penalty for sloppy case'*. 'Sloppy' is right, but it happens.)

www.anybirthday.com Public records; birth, death, marriage, divorce.

www.ussearch.com Provides background checks, for a fee.