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#### Online case law databases

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In addition, the Federal Constitutional Court and the federal courts publish rulings on their own websites. This information is available free of charge for non-commercial use. Press releases are also published on the websites, providing information on significant pending cases and their outcome.

Since the Federal Republic of Germany is a federal state, the *Länder* arrange the publication of their own court rulings. For this purpose they have set up their own websites, to which links are provided on the [Justizportal des Bundes und der Länder](#) [federal and state justice portal].

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