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Search and file writs of execution online...

without going to the Registry Office

Searching for writs of execution is a necessary part of all real estate and most business transactions. Filing an execution is often a key part of enforcing a judgment. In the not-too-distant past, one had to personally attend at an Enforcement or Registry Office to file or search for an execution. This is a thing of the past, thanks to two online services provided by BAR-eX Communications Inc. through its Web site/portal www.bar-ex.com.

OWL™ – Ontario Writs Locator – is an exclusive service providing comprehensive writ searching capabilities. OWL's most powerful feature is the ability to simultaneously search all 49 enforcement offices in Ontario for writs of execution in a single query. Until OWL was available, searching for writs in even a few offices was generally prohibitive given the time, cost and effort required to attend each jurisdiction of interest.

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