



# Right to Be Forgotten A Legal Research Guide

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- First and only resource of its kind!
- Concisely and clearly explains the brand-new legal concept of the right to be 'erased'
- Practical guide for lawyers, students, and tech companies
- Locate essential primary and secondary sources on this emerging global topic

### **About This Title**

The "right to be forgotten" is a brand-new legal concept. Also known as the right to erasure or to be delisted, the right to be forgotten came into legal existence when the European Court of Justice (ECJ) handed down its decision on May 13, 2014 involving a dispute between a Spanish man suing a Spanish newspaper and its website and Google Spain. The EJC's decision has struck a chord in the Internet age. In Europe there is a right to be forgotten which applies to search engines but not to news websites or other journalistic endeavors. This guide provides information on primary material from other countries, such as Japan, Canada, South Korea, India and the United States, including federal and state law. Secondary sources such as journal and newspaper articles provide a wealth of information on this emerging topic.

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