Where do I find information on a company’s code of ethics?

Start out by visiting the company website to read what the company states as its code of ethics. Many companies have their code of ethics included on the corporate website. For example, Wal-mart has a link to its Statement of Ethics on its web site at http://walmartstores.com/. Sometimes, the statement can be found under links entitled About Us, Company Overview, Corporate Governance, or Investor Relations. If you have trouble finding a link to the company’s code of ethics, look for a search box where you can type in terms such as code of ethics, code of conduct, code of business ethics, statement of ethics.

You can also try googling the terms, for example: Wal-Mart code of ethics.

A website that collects these codes is BELL (The Business Ethics Links Library). The site provides resources for research in both business ethics and social responsibility. Look for it at http://libnet.colorado.edu/Bell/

In Step 1. Select Type of Search, select Company Codes of Ethics. In Step 2 enter the company name or ticker symbol.