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Attorney Workstation News

New Titles Available in Westlaw

The Law Library has expanded the Westlaw subscription available at the Attorney Workstation. Attorneys now have access to the following resources:

- 50 State & Federal Case Law
- 50 State & Federal Statutes
- Texas Administrative materials, including the Texas Administrative Code & Attorney General Opinions
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Federal Register
- Texas Law Reviews & Journals
- American Jurisprudence
- Am Jur Pleading & Practice Forms Annotated
- Am Jur Proof of Facts
- Am Jur Trials
- American Law Reports (ALRs)
- Causes of Action
- Federal Jury Practice & Instructions, 5th
- Federal Procedural Forms
- West's Federal Forms
- Wright & Miller's Federal Practice and Procedure

And more!

These new resources can be accessed using the "Texas" and "Federal" tabs on the Westlaw home page at the workstation.

Corel WordPerfect Now Available

The Law Library is pleased to announce that Corel WordPerfect is now available at the Attorney Workstation in the Law Library. Many attorneys have requested over the years to have WordPerfect in the Law Library and now, this has become a reality. Please note that Microsoft Word will still be available at the workstation for attorneys to use as well.

The Law Library would like to thank the law firm of Gay, McCall, Isaacks, Gordon, May & Roberts, P.C. for their donation of this software and also the Collin County Commissioners Court for making this possible.

For more information about what's available at the Attorney Workstation, just ask a law librarian!

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Research Question of the Day:

**How can I get a copy
of a hard-to-find
article that is not
available online or at
the Law Library?**

To find the answer,
turn to Page 6!

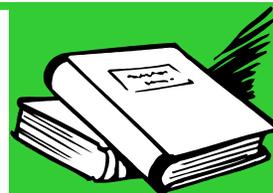
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New on the Shelves...



The following titles have been added to the
Collin County Law Library collection:

- O'Connor's Texas Crimes & Consequences, 2005-2006 ed. - brand new from O'Connor's!
- Courtroom Criminal Evidence, 4th ed. - by Edward J. Imwinkelried, Paul C. Giannelli, Francis A. Gilligan, & Fredric I. Lederer
- Federal Habeas Corpus Practice and Procedure, 5th ed. - by Randy Hertz & James S. Liebman
- Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual, 2005 ed. - from the United States Sentencing Commission
- O'Connor's Federal Rules, Civil Trials, 2006 ed.
- Bankruptcy Code, Rules & Official Forms, 2006 ed. - pamphlet from Thomson West
- Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, 2005 - the State Bar of Texas CLE coursebook
- Texas Workers' Compensation Manual, 2006 ed. - from Flahive, Ogden & Latson, PC
- Texas Construction Law Manual, 3rd ed. - by Joe F. Canterbury, Jr. & Robert J. Shapiro
- O'Connor's Business Organizations Plus, 2005-2006 ed.
- O'Connor's Business & Commerce Code Plus, 2005-2006 ed.

Newly arrived Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (TCDLA) titles:

- Appellate Manual for Texas Criminal Defense Attorneys - by Cynthia L. Hampton, from TCDLA
- Texas Writs, 2005-2006 ed. - by Keith S. Hampton, from TCDLA
- Texas Capital Habeas Corpus Manual - by Gary A. Taylor, from TCDLA

The new Baker's books are here!

- Baker's Texas Criminal Procedure Handbook, 2006 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Penal Code Handbook, 2006 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Criminal Evidence Handbook, 2006 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Drugs & DWI Handbook, 2006 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Family Code Handbook, 2006 ed. - by Lang Baker



For assistance in finding these new titles in the library
or for information about upcoming titles,
just ask a law librarian!

Call 972-548-4255 or email: jmccullough@co.collin.tx.us



Don't See it On the Shelf?



If you are looking for a particular title that is not available at the Collin County Law Library, don't despair! Just give the title, author, and publisher information to the law librarian. We will determine if it is possible to order the title and add it to the library's collection.

Internet Spotlight

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure Online! **www.supreme.courts.state.tx.us/rules/TRCP/**

At last, the current, official version of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure is available online! Access the Rules via the Texas Supreme Court web site. *Note:* the rules are currently available only in a PDF format.

Find Online CLE **<http://westlegaledcenter.findlaw.com>**

You can search to find CLE courses by practice area, state, type of credit (ethics or otherwise), and course sponsor. Take CLE courses from the comfort of your home or office. The West LegalEdCenter offers a searchable database of online CLE courses, including live webcasts. The database includes both State Bar of Texas courses as well as American Bar Association courses. Once you have located the course you want to take, you can sign up, pay, and watch it right from the website.



IRS Information for Charities & Non-Profits **www.irs.gov/charities**

Find helpful information for charities, political organizations, churches, and other non-profit organizations on the newly remodeled IRS web site. The site offers a detailed explanation of the life cycle of a public charity, filing requirements, requirements for exemption and more.

Tiny URL **www.tinyurl.com**

Tired of copying and pasting enormous web addresses into email messages and documents? You can use the Tiny URL bookmarklet tool right from your browser to shrink down long URLs for easier use. To get this tool, go to www.tinyurl.com and click on the "Make Toolbar Button" tab on the left and follow the instructions for adding it to your toolbar.

The opinions expressed on these web sites are not representative of those of Collin County or the Collin County Law Library.

Looking for an Old Web Page?

The World Wide Web is an ever-changing organism. Web pages and content come and go. Maybe you're wondering whatever happened to a long-lost web site you used to rely upon, or maybe you need to know about something that was on a company's web page a year ago that isn't there now. You can use these web tools to track down and view those old pages!

Internet Archive Wayback Machine **www.archive.org**

The Internet Archive offers a searchable feature called the "Wayback Machine" that searches for old web pages. Type in the URL (web address) of the page you want and then select a date to view.

Cyber Cemetery **<http://govinfo.library.unt.edu>**

Brought to you by the University of North Texas and the U.S. Government Printing Office, this site provides access to the web pages from defunct U.S. government agencies.



Articles of Interest



“The Rights and Wrongs of Cross Examination”
John A. Tarantino, DWI Journal v. 20, no. 11 (November 2005) p. 1-5.

This article provides helpful tips and strategies for cross examination of an arresting officer in a drug or DWI case. A handy sample script is used to illustrate a successful cross.

“Electronic Discovery: Not Your Father’s Discovery”
Howard L. Speight & Lisa C. Kelly, St. Mary’s Law Journal v. 37, no. 1 (2005) p. 119-177.

This article addresses the ins and outs of electronic discovery, from preserving information from spoliation to producing electronic information. Helpful practice tips are also provided for retention of information and requesting information.

“Law Firm Web Sites: Foundational Best Practices”
Deborah McMurray, Headnotes v. 30, no. 2 (February 1, 2006) p. 16.

The author of this article conducted an analysis of the web sites of the AmLaw 100 law firms and found that 56% of them were of only fair or poor quality. The article suggests some “Foundational Best Practices” that can aid both large and small firms in designing effective web sites.

**“Faulkner’s Practical Web Strategies for Attorneys:
Maximize Your Browsing Experience: Toolbars, Bookmarklets, and Extensions”**
Frederick L. Faulkner, LLRX.com (February 15, 2006)
available at: <http://www.llrx.com/columns/faulkner2.htm>

This article, authored by the webmaster of the American Bar Association, offers a nice overview of some simple tools you can use to make your Internet searching more efficient.



These articles are available at the Law Library.
Just ask a law librarian!
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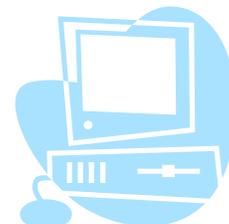


Westlaw Training Available in the Law Library

Would you like to do research in Westlaw but don’t know how to get started? The Law Library offers individualized one-on-one training in Westlaw by a law librarian. We are happy to show you how to retrieve a document, shepardize using the Keycite feature, conduct a case law search, and more!

Attorneys who would like assistance in learning how to use the various features of Westlaw may schedule an appointment for training in the Law Library with a librarian. Training sessions will last approximately 30 minutes.

Just call the Law Library to set up a time! 972-548-4255



Search Engine Update

Many of us use Google and Yahoo to search the web, but there are many other search engines available for the savvy searcher. Here are some engines you may not be using that can help you navigate the World Wide Web more effectively.

FirstGov Search **<http://firstgovsearch.gov>**

Locate government information more easily using the FirstGov Search. This engine searches the data in the U.S. government's official portal, FirstGov. It combines the searching capability of Google with the results display of Clusty. It groups the results of your search into topically-arranged clusters to help you sort through your hits more quickly and effectively. Results can also be sorted by topic, agency, and source.

Rollyo—Roll Your Own Search Engine **www.rollyo.com**

Rollyo allows you to create your own search engine from web sites that you choose. Instead of searching the entire web, your search engine only searches those web sites that you have personally selected. You can even save and name your customized search engine for future use.

Searching the Invisible Web

Complete Planet **www.completeplanet.com**

Search Engines 2 **www.search-engines-2.com**

These sites both offer means of searching the “invisible” or “deep” web. There are millions of databases contained in individual web sites all over the web. They are used for business intelligence, market research, and deep intelligence gathering of all kinds. Most of these databases are not indexed by the major search engines and; therefore, not searched when you conduct a search in a regular search engine. Complete Planet and Search Engines 2 allow you to find and search these “invisible” databases from one convenient location. Both sites provide a topical arrangement of databases for ease of use.

Meta Search Engines

Dogpile **www.dogpile.com**

Mamma **www.mamma.com**

Meta search engines, or “meta engines,” allow you to search multiple search engines at one time. Search results are sorted and displayed by engine used. Dogpile searches Google, Yahoo!, MSN, and Ask. Mamma searches Yahoo!, Ask Jeeves, Gigablast, Wisenut, Entireweb, and more.

Answers.com **www.answers.com**

Answers.com provides brief reference information about a particular topic. Unlike traditional search engines which match the search terms you enter to web sites relevant to those terms, Answers.com searches online reference resources for relevant entries on your topic. Results can include online dictionary and encyclopedia entries, online biographies, and more.

Clusty the Clustering Engine **<http://clusty.com>**

Enter your search terms and Clusty sorts your search results into “clusters,” which are arranged topically in an outline format. This allows you to immediately eliminate entire groups of irrelevant “hits” from your result list.

Search Engine Watch Blog **<http://blog.searchenginewatch.com/blog>**

This blog keeps up with the latest trends in online searching. It also reviews new search engines and Internet searching tools and techniques.

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How can I get a copy of a hard-to-find article that is not available online or at the Law Library?

Answer:

Sometimes attorneys are looking for a particular journal article or book that is essential to a client's case, but is nowhere to be found on the Internet or in the Law Library. The perfect treatise on a topic may be out of print, or the law review article that is right on point may be too old to be found in Westlaw or Lexis.

While these and other electronic databases allow attorneys to search a vast number of books and periodicals, they are not comprehensive nor do they always have every issue of a particular title.

If you are looking for an older or obscure title, **just ask a law librarian** at the Collin County Law Library!

Your librarians are a part of a national network of law librarians who are happy to lend materials from their own library's collection to other law libraries. We can often borrow the item you need or obtain a copy of an article from another library, so don't hesitate to ask!

For more information about our interlibrary loan services, just ask a law librarian!

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A Little Legal Humor...

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"No, my husband and I never fight. I'm a litigator and, frankly, he can't afford my time."

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