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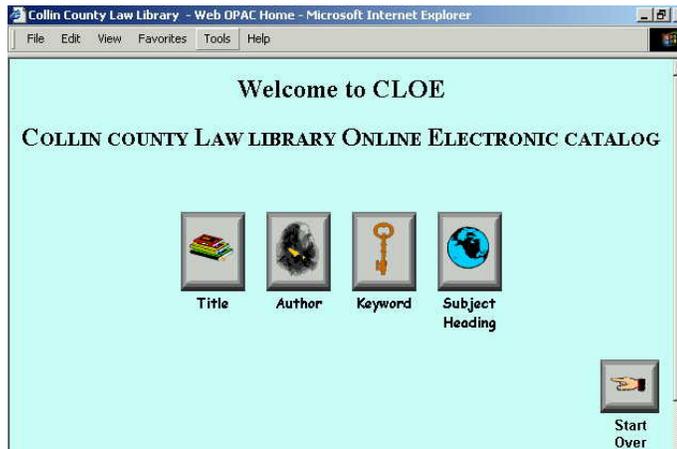
## Now Available: CLOE

### Collin County Law Library Online Electronic Catalog!

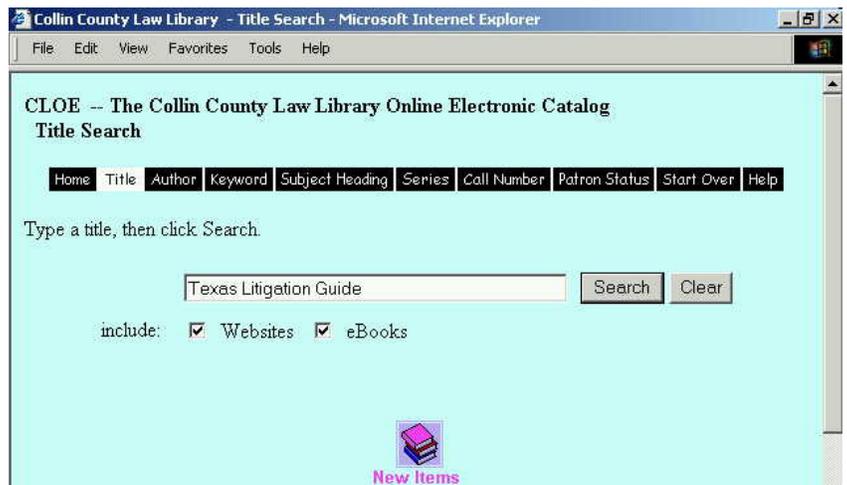
The Collin County Law Library Online Electronic Catalog, **CLOE**, is now available on the Law Library's page of the Collin County web site! To access the catalog, go to:

[www.co.collin.tx.us/law\\_library/](http://www.co.collin.tx.us/law_library/)

With CLOE, you can search for materials in the Law Library collection by either title, author, or keyword. Collin County is proud to be one of only a handful of county law libraries in the state of Texas to offer this service to our patrons and to make it available on the web.



*CLOE allows you to search by **title, author, keyword, and subject heading**. Just click one of the buttons to get started.*



*A sample search by Title.*



**Research Question of the Day:**

**Where can I go to find the new Plea Agreement & Discovery Agreement used by the Collin County District Attorney?**

To find the answer, turn to Page 6!



**Receive This Newsletter Via E-mail!**

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail rather than from U.S. postal mail, please call the Library at: 972-548-4260 or email us at: [kgill@co.collin.tx.us](mailto:kgill@co.collin.tx.us)

## Law Library Catalog Naming Contest Winner

To celebrate the completion of the online catalog, the Law Library held a contest to name the new catalog. The winning entry was submitted by local attorney **Alma Benavides**. Alma was presented with a gift certificate for dinner for two at Goodhues restaurant in McKinney at the August meeting of the Collin County Bar Association. The winning name was chosen by a panel consisting of Law Library Director Judy McCullough, Assistant Law Librarian Katy Gill, Judge Curt Henderson, Collin County Bar Association Past President Gwen Rawls, and Collin County Public Information Officer Leigh Hornsby. We would like to thank everyone for participating in the contest. We received a whopping 69 entries! There were many truly excellent suggestions made, and the panel enjoyed reading all of the creative names.



*Assistant Law Librarian Katy Gill presents prize to attorney Alma Benavides.*



## New on the Shelves...

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

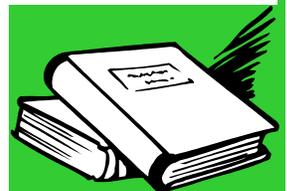


- Black's Law Dictionary - special abridged 8th edition created in honor of the 100th anniversary of the American Association of Law Libraries
- Texas Criminal Forms - by Robert Gill & Mark G. Daniel - a new title from James Publishing; includes an accompanying CD-ROM that may be used at the Attorney Workstation in the Law Library
- Texas Law Enforcement Handbook, 2006 ed. - by Larry E. Holtz & Warren J Spencer - this book is written in the format and style of a textbook
- Is it Admissible? - by Ashley S. Lipson, from James Publishing
- Personal Injury Forms: Discovery & Settlement - by Ronald G. Bankston & John A. Tarantino
- Nolo's Guide to Social Security Disability: Getting & Keeping Your Benefits, 3rd ed. - by David A. Morton III
- 2006 Dallas County Bench Book - includes Collin and Denton counties!
- Courtroom Handbook on Texas Evidence, 2006 ed. - from Texas Practice Series
- Federal Trial Objections, Courtroom Edition, 2006 ed. - by David F. Levi & Peter A. Nowinski
- Texas Pattern Jury Charges: Family, 2006 ed. - from the State Bar of Texas
- Pattern Jury Instructions (Civil Cases) - Fifth Circuit, 2006 ed.
- Federal Civil Judicial Procedure & Rules, 2006 revised ed. - from Thomson West
- O'Connor's Federal Civil Forms, 2006 ed. - by Michol O'Connor
- O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms, 2006 ed. - by Michol O'Connor
- O'Connor's Civil Practice & Remedies Code Plus, 2006-2007 ed. - by David J. Beck
- O'Connor's Family Code Plus, 2006-2007 ed. - by Sydney Aaron Beckman, Joan Foote Jenkins, Randall B. Wilhite
- O'Connor's Probate Code Plus, 2006-2007 ed. - by Suzanne E. Goss
- O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action Pleadings, 2006 ed. - by Michol O'Connor - a brand new title from O'Connor's, includes accompanying CD-ROM



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

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## Internet Spotlight

### Immigration Prof Blog

<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/>

This legal blog, or “blawg,” can help you to stay abreast of current and developing issues in immigration law. The editors of this blog are all law professors at the University of California, Davis, School of Law. What is perhaps most useful about this blog is the extensive listing of links to online immigration law resources. Several of these resources are portals to even more helpful immigration information.

### Image Shack

<http://imageshack.us/>

Need to put an image up on the web for quick and easy sharing? This site offers free image hosting. You do not have to set up an account or send an invite for people to view the image. Simply upload your image and Image Shack creates a URL for it.



### JiWire - Wi-Fi Hotspot Finder

<http://www.jiwire.com/search-hotspot-locations.htm>

This handy tool allows you to locate wireless hotspots around the U.S. and the world. You can search for hotspots by address, zip code, location type, and more! It also provides maps and driving directions to each spot. If you are traveling with your laptop, you can check out wireless locations before you go!

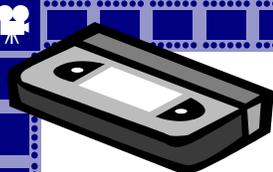
### What's New on Texas Judge

[www.texasjudge.com](http://www.texasjudge.com)

Here are just a few things available in the Download Center at Texas Judge:

- Collin County Standing Order Regarding Children, Property & Conduct of the Parties
- 2006 Tax Charts for Child Support
- Collin County District Clerk Court Costs & Fees

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

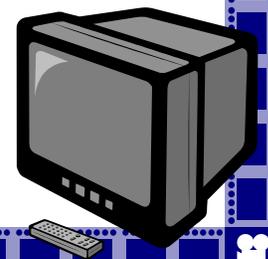


## Check It Out: The Law Library DVD / Video Collection

Did you know that the Collin County Law Library has several video tapes and DVDs available for check-out to attorneys? Some of the titles in the collection are:

- Kids in the Crossfire: Helping Parents Understand the Impact of Divorce - from the Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Understanding a DWI Trial - The Courtroom Video Library
- Gerry Spence in Trial
- Preparing the Witness for a Deposition - Knowles Publishing
- A Guide to Mediation - Galton, Cunningham, & Bougeois; from American Lawyer Media
- State Bar of Texas Advanced Criminal Law Course - We keep the previous year's course available for viewing!

Videos can be checked out for three days at a time. Ask a Librarian for more details.





## Articles of Interest



### **“A Family Lawyer’s Guide to the Indian Child Welfare Act”**

**Carol Tebben, American Journal of Family Law v. 20, no. 2 (Summer 2006) p. 117-132.**

This article provides an excellent overview of the Indian Child Welfare Act and how it can affect family law cases involving tribal children.

### **“How to Introduce a Child’s Out-of-Court Statement in Custody/Visitation Disputes”**

**Melissa F. Brown & C. Vance Stricklin, Jr., American Journal of Family Law v. 20, no. 2 (Summer 2006) p. 87-92.**

This article offers approaches to admitting a child’s out-of-court statement through use of exceptions to the hearsay rule.

### **“Prosecutorial Ethics Symposium”**

**South Texas Law Review v. 47, no. 4 (Summer 2006).**

The bulk of the Summer 2006 issue of South Texas Law Review is devoted to the subject of prosecutorial ethics. Articles include:

- “Reflections on *Brady v. Maryland*”
- “The ‘Law Game’: Why Prosecutors Should be Prevented from a Rematch; Double Jeopardy Concerns Stemming from Prosecutorial Misconduct”
- “Prosecutorial Misconduct: It is Not the Prosecutor’s Way”
- “Lessons from the Law of War: A New Perspective on the ‘Legal Warrior’s’ Code of Professionalism”
- “The (Ir)rationality of Supernational Prosecutions”
- “Who is Keeping the Gate? What Do We Do When Prosecutors Breach the Ethical Responsibilities They Have Sworn to Uphold?”



These articles are available at the Law Library.

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## Library News

### Librarian Attends Conference

Assistant Law Librarian Katy Gill attended the annual conference of the American Association of Law Libraries in St. Louis, Missouri in July. This year’s conference marked the 100th anniversary of the Association with a centennial celebration. The theme of the conference was “Pioneering Change” and was attended by over 1700 law librarians from around the United States and across the globe. Katy met with other county law librarians from around Texas and the U.S. to discuss library needs and services.

# \*\*\* ATTENTION ATTORNEYS \*\*\*

As Collin County grows, the Law Library is working to accommodate the legal resource needs of a rapidly increasing community of attorneys and citizens. In order for the Law Library to ensure that it can provide adequate space and resources to its users, attorneys are asked to observe the following guidelines for using the library facility. We appreciate your cooperation.

## Attorney Workstation Use

*The Law Library Workstation is not intended to be used as an office by attorneys.* The library's computers should only be used for research or to draft *short* documents.

Use of the Law Library's Attorney Workstation is permitted in **time slots of 30-minute** increments on a first-come, first-served basis. Users must note their start time on the Sign-In Sheet provided, indicating the time they begin using the Workstation. Users will be limited to a single 30-minute time slot if another person has subsequently requested access to the Workstation. If no one has subsequently requested access to the computer, then the current user may continue past the 30-minute time slot, subject to removal if another user requests access. In addition, attorneys are asked to limit their use of the computers in the Law Library to a **maximum of two hours per week**.

## Attorney-Client Meetings

The work tables and study areas in the Law Library are designated for Law Library researchers **ONLY**. These areas are **NOT** for use for lengthy attorney-client meetings. Attorneys who need to meet with clients or witnesses at the courthouse for more than just a few minutes are asked to hold such meetings outside of the Law Library. The library can only accommodate short meetings. There are seating areas on the 2nd floor on the east side of the courtrooms as well as seating on the 4th floor on the north side of the courthouse.

## Laptop Use

Attorneys wishing to use their laptops in the Law Library are asked to sit in the study areas located in the back of the Law Library to allow library researchers access to the worktables at the front.

## Law Library Newsletter: Changes

The Law Library will be **discontinuing the print publication** of *Truth, Justice, & Information For All*, the official newsletter of the Collin County Law Library after 2006. Beginning in 2007, the newsletter will be distributed in an **electronic format only**.

The newsletter currently circulates to nearly **1,200** local attorneys, county officials, and libraries. The cost of printing, supplies, and staff time devoted to preparing the paper newsletter for distribution is considerable.

We ask that all attorneys who wish to continue to receive the Law Library newsletter after printing ceases, **please send us your email address as soon as possible** so that we can include it in the email mailing list. Email addresses can be sent to Assistant Law Librarian Katy Gill at: [kgill@co.collin.tx.us](mailto:kgill@co.collin.tx.us) or simply drop off your email address next time you visit the Law Library.

*If you have any questions regarding the change from print to electronic format, please contact Judy McCullough at 972-548-4255. Thank you!*

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**Where can I go to find the new  
Plea Agreement  
&  
Discovery Agreement  
used by the Collin County  
District Attorney?**

**Answer:**

The Collin County District Attorney's Office has adopted uniform **Plea Papers** in felony cases as well as a **Discovery Agreement** to facilitate informal discovery in all felony cases set for trial.

Attorneys can get copies of these new Plea Agreements and Discovery Agreements from the District Attorney's website at:

**[www.collincountyda.com](http://www.collincountyda.com)**

They are also available at the Texas Judge web site at: **[www.texasjudge.com](http://www.texasjudge.com)** and at the Collin County Law Library. You can pick up a copy at the standing kiosk in the front of the library behind the large work tables.

In addition, if you are looking for **indigent defense plans and forms**, they are also available at the Law Library kiosk. You can also download these forms from the Texas Judge website at: **[www.texasjudge.com](http://www.texasjudge.com)**

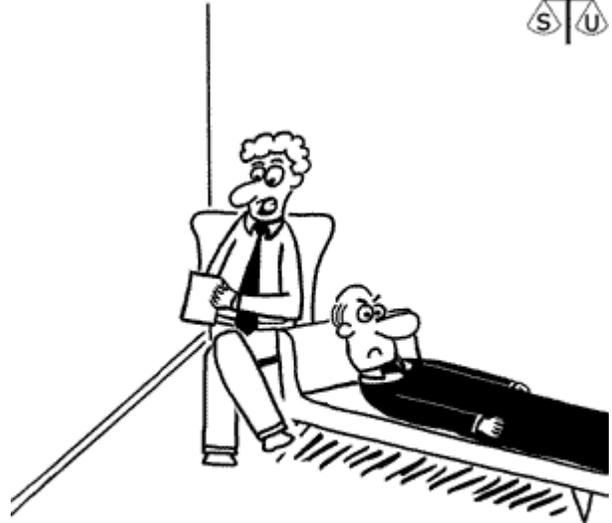
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**A Little Legal Humor...**

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**Stu's Views**

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No, your honor, I'm a different kind of "counselor." I'm supposed to ask "leading questions."

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