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Big Changes in the Library

Library Closing for Move

The library is moving to a new location in the lower level of the new addition of the courthouse. We will be CLOSED on Friday, August 26th, and will remain closed the entire following week (August 29th through September 2nd) We will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. The copier WILL NOT be available during this week, as we pack up and prepare for Armageddon (just kidding). We have seen a preview of our new space, and while it will not have windows, it will have more seating space. It will also be conveniently located next to the cafeteria and the District Attorney's offices. (Dare we hope there will be good coffee available instead of the vending machine sludge?)

New, Improved Computers!

For a long time, the law library only had two computers available to access programs like Westlaw or Lexis Nexis. After the move, the library will have four computers available for use with these programs. We still ask that attorneys limit their time to 20 minutes if others are waiting to use them.

New, Improved, Westlaw Next!

Do you love using Westlaw? Hate using Westlaw? Either way you'll be a happy camper. After our move, the computers will have the traditional Westlaw that we've always had, but the new program, Westlaw Next will also be available.

Westlaw Next has one search box where you just enter your query in simple descriptive words, terms and connectors, or even a citation. You don't have to pick a database or use exact search terms. The side bar lets you search through the results easily.

In Memoriam



Lori Bull Dodds
1959 - 2011

Lori Bull Dodds, who was serving as the Collin County Law Librarian at the time of her death, was born on March 11, 1959 in Apple Valley, California. She passed away on June 10, 2011 while traveling with her family in Peru. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Jerry and Kent Bull. Lori is survived by her husband, Jeffrey Dodds; daughter, Sarah Hackley Montalbano; son, William; granddaughter, Jayde Hardee; mother, Bettie Stone; sister, Becky Millen, and brother, David Bull. She held B.A. and M.A. from the University of North Texas and loved to read and travel. Lori was an active member of Texas Democratic Women and the AALL. She worked for many years in Austin as a paralegal for Winckler & Harvey, LLP. She became Assistant Law Librarian for Collin County in November 2007 and promoted to Law Librarian in October 2009. She is dearly missed by all of those who knew her.

Filing Post-Judgment Writ of Garnishment – You Should Know these Tips

A post-judgment writ of garnishment may be applied for and issued immediately after entry of a final judgment (TRCP 657). A debtor may likely try to remove assets before a writ of garnishment is issued, so making sure you do it correctly is extremely important to get right the first time.

Headnotes June 2011 ed. noted 5 tips you should know about filing a writ of garnishment.

- Avoid affidavits that merely regurgitate the statutory language since they are insufficient. Affidavits need to be based on personal knowledge stating personal knowledge stating forth such facts that would be admissible evidence.
- In cases where the judgment is against multiple defendants, the affidavit needs to address all of the defendants.
- A writ of garnishment needs to be issued from the court that issued the underlying judgment.
- A writ of garnishment can only be served by a sheriff or constable, not a private process server.
- Rules require that the writ be served on the judgment debtor “as soon as practicable following the service of the writ.”

For more information about these tips, read *Headnotes* June 2011 ed. now available in the Collin County Law Library.

CLE News

The law library has a new copy of the Texas Bar CLE Advanced Guardianship Law 2011. The title is available for a 1-week checkout, however, the current waiting list for it is quite long. You have the option of purchasing this title for a fee from the Texas Bar if you can't wait. Their website is: www.texasbarcle.com, or you can call 1-800-204-2222, ext. 1575

Please note, the Law Library will be closed the week before Labor Day for our move, but all Collin County government offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, 2011, in observance of Labor Day.

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