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The Library Staff has Grown!

We are glad to welcome Annissa Cosentino, our new part-time employee, to the Law Library. Annissa comes from a varied background having worked in both the human resources and library fields. Her most recent position was as a Human Resources Specialist for the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C. She also has prior experience working in public and school libraries. Annissa is currently completing her M.L.S. with a specialization in Law Librarianship and will graduate in May. Her hobbies include reading, coaching youth sports, traveling, and spending time with her family. Please be sure to come by and say hello to Annissa!

Invoices through Email

In order to streamline our billing process for attorney IOUs and to save a tree and a stamp or two along the way, we would like to send out invoices via email. If this idea appeals to you, please provide the Assistant Law Librarian with your email address at your earliest opportunity. You may do this by calling 972.548.4260, sending an email to ldodds@co.collin.tx.us, or by leaving your email address with us the next time you're in the library.

Attorney Lounge

Please contact Sharon Easley at 972-578-9597 concerning any Lounge-related issues, including paper for the copier.

Internet Access in Law Library

To access email from the attorney work stations in the Law Library, attorneys **must** set up a web-based email account such as Yahoo! Mail, Hotmail (MSN), or Gmail (Google). Non-web-based email is *not* accessible through the work stations.

Research Question of the Day:

How can I get the most recently updated "short" Collin County Inmate List?

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, please call the Library at: 972-548-4260 or email us at: ldodds@co.collin.tx.us



New on the Shelves...



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

- Bankruptcy Code, Rules & Official Forms, 2007 ed. — from Thomson West.
- Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Repay Your Debts, 2006 — Nolo.
- Collin & Grayson Counties Street Guide : including McKinney, Plano & Sherman, 2008 — Mapsco, Inc.
- Criminal Procedure, 2007 ed., by Wayne R. LaFave, et al.
- Dallas Street Guide: Dallas and 54 surrounding communities, 2008 — Mapsco, Inc.
- Handbook of Texas Lawyer and Judicial Ethics : Attorney Tort Standards; Attorney Ethics Standards, 2007, by Robert P. Schuwerk.
- Handbook of Texas Lawyer and Judicial Ethics : Judicial Ethics Standards; Recusal and Disqualification of Judges, 2008, by Robert P. Schuwerk.
- O'Connors Federal Rules: Civil Trials, 2008, by Michael C. Smith.
- O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action, 2008, by Michol O'Connor.
- O'Connor's Texas Employment Code Plus, 2008, by Jeffrey C. Londa.
- Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution [CD-ROM] — Knowles Publishing, Inc.
- Texas Consumer Law Handbook, 2007, by Stephen G. Cochran.
- Texas Summary Judgment and Related Termination Motions, 2007-2008, by David N. Finley & Julie Baker.
- Texas Workers Compensation Manual, 2008 — from Covington Press.
- Violent Attachments, 2002, by J. Reid Meloy.

The State Bar of Texas 2007 CLE coursebooks are here!!

- Advanced Criminal Law Course 2007
- Advanced Drafting: Estate Planning and Probate Course 2007
- Advanced Elder Law Course 2007
- Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course 2007
- Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course 2007
- Advanced Family Law Course 2007
- Advanced Real Estate Law Course 2007
- Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course 2006
- Advanced Guardianship Course 2006
- Advanced Elder Law Course 2006
- Collections and Creditors' Rights Course 2007
- **The New Lawyer Course 2007— *new***



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



Internet Spotlight

Ediscoveryinfo

<http://www.ediscoveryinfo.com>

Produced by the e-discovery consulting firm, Burney Consultants, LLC, this blog discusses e-discovery issues and legal technology. Topics include Accessibility, Case Law, Computer Forensics, E-mail, Ethics, Preservation, Privilege, Processing, Production, Retention, Review, Rules, Spoliation, and Storage.

Annotated Justinian Code
<http://uwacadweb.uwo.edu/blume&justinian/default.asp>

Corpus Iurus Civilis or Justinian Code, the result of Emperor Justinian's wish that existing Roman law be collected into a simple, clear system of laws, was completed in 529. This site contains the annotated English translation of the Code written by Fred H. Blume, attorney and Wyoming Supreme Court Justice. Blume's effort took over 30 years.



Cornell Law Library's Legal Information Institute liibulletin

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/bulletin/>

The bulletin covers cases currently before the US Supreme Court! Bulletin content is available on this site, or, if you prefer, by (free) email subscription. By subscribing you can have summaries of the decisions show up automatically in your email box (usually the day they are decided.)

North Texas Divorce and Family Law Blog

<http://www.northtexasfamilylawblog.com/>

Produced by Verner & Brumley, P.C. this legal blog discusses current news and updates on recent developments in Texas family law.

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

Courthouse Holiday Office Closures

The Collin County Courthouse (and the Law Library) will be closed on the following days this spring:

Friday, March 21st
for the Good Friday holiday

Monday, May 26th
for the Memorial Day holiday



Articles of Interest



“Driving Down the Wrong Road: The Fifth Circuit’s Definition of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle as a Crime of Violence”
Heather Harrison Volik, St. Mary’s Law Journal v. 39, no. 1 (2006) p. 149-184.

This article reviews “the erroneous application of crime of violence in the case of UUMV by the Fifth Circuit” and the consequences to non-citizen defendants, such as deportation and lifetime reentry bans. It addresses the need for congressional action to remove the term crime of violence and set forth specific crimes that trigger the lifetime ban.

“Can Random Access Memory Make Good Law?”
Thomas Y. Allman and Kevin F. Brady, The National Law Journal (December 10, 2007) p. E1-E7.

(Excerpted from page E6)

“When a company does not routinely preserve the data in its RAM as part of its record-retention policy, many courts will find that the company does not have a duty to change its business practices . . . Other courts might . . . find that if all it takes to preserve information relevant to the litigation is for the party to ‘flip the preservation switch,’ the court . . . might [o]rder a party to do just that.” However, according to the authors, just this sort of controversy can help develop needed common law principles.

“Internet Resources for Texas Criminal Lawyers”
Mark E. Steiner, Texas Bar Journal v. 70, no. 9 (Oct. 2007) p. 784-788


Steiner presents information on legal websites Texas lawyers might find particularly helpful. With sections on legal research, general information, current awareness and blogs, court websites and others, the article provides attorneys with lots of links to valuable legal information — **many of which are on the Collin County Law Library website!** Mr. Steiner explains ways to find “hidden” material. For example, from the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit home page www.ca5.uscourts.gov, select “Other Documents” under the Clerk’s Office. The Other Documents include downloadable templates for briefs, an *Anders* checklist, a checklist of rule requirements for briefs and record excerpts, a sample certificate of compliance, and guides to practicing before the court.



Copies of these articles are available in the Library.

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TEXAS LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOK

Contemporary Criminal Procedure

By Larry E. Holtz & Warren J. Spencer

2007-2008 Edition

This title in the Library's collection provides a "quick reference to the pertinent classical and current judicial decisions which directly affect the day-to-day activity of today's law enforcement and criminal justice communities." The cases presented in the text come from the United States Supreme Court, the Texas Court of Appeals, and the Courts of Appeal.

The title's format allows attorneys or law enforcement offices to instantly find answers to criminal procedure problems, along with the supporting case law. Cases are presented in a question-and-answer format. For example, under the citation for *United States v. Smith*, 978 F.2d 181 (1992), the following **Question** is posed: *Are cordless telephone conversations protected by the Fourth Amendment?* This is followed by the **Answer**, which states in part: *It depends on the cordless telephone.* The **Rationale** then provides the Court's analysis of the issue at hand. In addition, in many of the cases, **Notes** further exploring the particular subject area round out the discussion. -

This addition's addenda includes: The Oath of Office, The Constitution of the United States, Current Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, The Constitution of the State of Texas (Bill of Rights) - 1876, Current Justices of the Court of Criminal Appeals of the State of Texas, and a Glossary of Terms Frequently Used in Case Law Analysis.

Sample Parenting Plan Now Available on the Law Library Website

From the Library home page, http://www.co.collin.tx.us/law_library/index.jsp, select "Collin County District Courts: Forms Download Center" under Links & Resources. The Sample Parenting Plan, along with other District Court forms are available from this link.

Law Library Has Joint Report on Juvenile Indigent Defense

The Law Library has copies of the recent report, "Indigent Defense in the Texas Juvenile Justice System" issued by the Task Force on Indigent Defense and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. The report is designed to provide an overview of the key provisions of the Fair Defense Act as applied to juvenile court cases and answer questions for attorneys who practice before juvenile courts, among other things. Attorneys can get copies of the report at the display at the front desk in the Law Library. The report can also be downloaded from the TJPC or Task Force websites.

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How can I get the most recently updated "short" Collin County Inmate List?

Answer:

By contacting Michelle Fowler at 972-547-5212!

For a fee of \$2.00 per day, the Collin County Jail will email attorneys the latest "short" list.

Call Michelle. She will take your contact information and when the list generates (usually around 2:00 am), one will be emailed to you.

The short list is a listing of any new admissions and any releases in the previous 24 hours.

Additionally, a complete list of current inmates as well as an active warrant list may be accessed through the Collin County Sheriff's Office website at <http://www.co.collin.tx.us/sheriff/index.jsp>.

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A Little Legal Humor...

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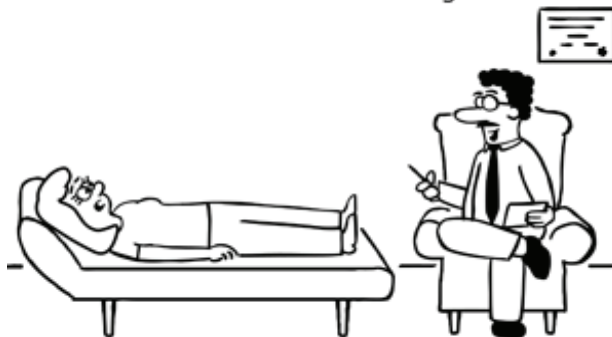
Stu's Views

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Do you have anything I can take for my stress?

Yes, a class called "101 Other Things You Can Do With A Law Degree".



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