



DESCRIPTION

[Practical Law Company](#) (“PLC”) provides topic overviews, practice notes, checklists, and drafting tips on a wide range of business topics to help law students and lawyers handle business transactions quickly and efficiently.

ACCESS

Free access by password is limited to law students and law faculty by registration on their Web site:

<http://us.practicallaw.com/about/lawschooltrial>

CONTENT

PLC content is organized by three tabs at the top of the page: “Corporate and Securities,” “Finance,” and “Law Department.” Each broad topic is subdivided. For example, Corporate and Securities includes topics such as “Business Entities,” “Joint Ventures,” and “Mergers and Acquisitions,” among others. The pages for the specific topics are again organized by tabs for “Practice Notes,” “Documents,” “Clauses,” “Checklists,” “Articles,” and “Updates.” The information provided is current and most of it is labeled “maintained” to indicate that it is up to date. If not maintained, there is a note with the date of the last update. The service can be used for current awareness as well as for transactional assistance. An “Update” section flashes the most current news headlines and provides summaries of current events. A “What’s Market” section analyzes current transactions and links to sections of actual agreements between parties to mergers, acquisitions, IPOs, and more. There is also a Practical Law journal with articles about current events and topics of interest. There is a basic and advanced search feature to search across PLC or to search within a subtopic. The “Law Department” tab has similar resources but includes more topics, practical toolkits, and a selection of resources by industry sector.

HELP

There is no traditional “help” feature. Instead there are video tours for “Topics,” “Cross Border,” and “What’s Market.” “What’s Market” also offers a scope note for the database.

NOTES

The link to “My Account” allows users to sign up for email updates. The law school home page for PLC has a link to a “Survival Guide” which includes over “50 step-by-step corporate, securities and finance resources to give you the tool to ace summer assignments.” The home page also links to “Interview Survival Guide” designed to quickly bring students up to speed “in the basics of corporate, securities and finance practice” to “[g]et the edge in interviews with your knowledge of deal trends and market practice.”

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