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AAAS Human Rights Action Network

URL: <http://shr.aaas.org/aaashran.htm>

The AAAS Human Rights Action Network (AAASHRAN) was established in 1993 by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as a means of informing AAAS members and other subscribers of human rights cases and developments involving scientists. Predicated on the effectiveness of organized letter-writing campaigns as a means of protest, AAASHRAN aims to "coordinate scientists' efforts to appeal to governments on behalf of their colleagues whose human rights are being violated." Its main areas of activity are violations of scientific freedom and the professional rights of scientists; violations of scientists' human rights not directly related to the conduct of science; and participation by scientists in practices which infringe the human rights of others. AAASHRAN Alerts are archived on the website going back to 1996, and are browseable by date, name, case number, and country. Each case study contains detailed "Facts of the Case," points to "Relevant Human Rights Standards," and provides "Recommended Action" and necessary contact information. The archived letters of appeal go back to 1998, and are arranged by date.

freedominfo.org

URL: <http://www.freedominfo.org/>

Based at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., freedominfo.org presents itself as a "one-stop portal that describes best practices, consolidates lessons learned, explains campaign strategies and tactics, and links the efforts of freedom of information advocates around the world." It was initially funded by The Open Society Institute (Budapest, Hungary); its current fiscal sponsor is the non-profit National Security Archive Fund Inc. One of the most useful features of the site is a global survey by David Banisar (of Privacy International) outlining the state of access to information in over forty countries. Included in the survey are links to relevant sites in those particular countries. A section of the website devoted to case studies shows how countries are implementing freedom of information laws, with suggestions as to what approaches might be most successful. Articles and analysis regarding the lack of transparency in major international financial institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization appear in a section called "IFTI (International Financial and Trade Institutions) Watch." The site also provides a useful listing of freedom of information websites and organizations for further research. Users can sign up for an electronic update service which provides notification when there are significant updates to the website.

Legal Technology Insider

URL: <http://www.legaltechnology.org/>

"Legal Technology Insider" is a UK subscription business newsletter that covers all aspects of the legal information market, including the players, products, and purchasers. "Insider" started publication in 1995. It is edited and published three times a month by Charles Christian, a former barrister with 25 years of experience writing extensively about legal technology. "Insider" targets information technology (IT) developers, suppliers, buyers and managers of legal systems worldwide. Subscribers can read the current issue on the Legal Technology Insider website. The public can access archived issues of "Insider" along with the current issue of the free e-zine, "Latest Legal Technology," and its public archives. While the site promotes "Insider," it also provides links to the Top 25 busiest legal websites (the Legal HitList), a list of websites bookmarked in the latest "Insider," a legal technology solution finder, a legal technology finance calculator, and links to many IT firms, legal software suppliers, associations, and other publications. Those wanting legal information rather than legal technology can search "infolaw," a UK subscription-based legal database, from any page of the Legal Technology Insider site. Non-subscribers to "infolaw" can also use the search feature but are directed to a list of Google search results and relevant books from Hammicks Legal Bookshops and Amazon.Co.UK rather than to the "infolaw" database. The site's "Events Diary" offers free publicity to information technology events and conferences around the world. The "Jobs Board" is a free service where information technology firms, libraries and law firms can post employment listings. This site gives up-to-date, pertinent information to both paying customers and non-paying visitors.

Pain & the Law

URL: <http://www.painandthelaw.org/>

Pain & the Law is a website devoted to the legal issues associated with pain management and palliative care. The site is a joint venture of the Center for Health Law Studies at St. Louis University School of Law and the American Society of Law, Medicine, and Ethics. The "Statutes and Regulation" section provides easy access to state and federal legislation on pain regulation along with commentaries. Various state "Pain Relief Acts" are listed together with the specific citation to the statutes' codification. Links are provided to both free (Findlaw, Cornell Legal Information Institute) and fee-based (Lexis and Westlaw) statutory sources. "Malpractice and Civil Actions" reports court decisions and provides excellent cross-references for relevant terms and definitions. While most of the court decisions refer the user to fee-based services (Lexis or Westlaw) there are also links to free sources, which might provide the decision. One of the most useful portions of this website is the "Agencies & Organizations" section which links to further pain-related information. There is a site search box conveniently located on each page of the website. Users are invited to subscribe to a free e-mail newsletter which keeps readers updated on developments in pain management and the law.

Campaign for Freedom of Information

URL: <http://www.cfoi.org.uk>

The non-partisan Campaign for Freedom of Information, a British organization, opposes government secrecy and lobbies for access to information in the public interest. A Freedom of Information Act was passed in 2000 but will not take effect until 2005, and the Campaign works to improve its provisions. It also advocates the repeal of the Official Secrets Act and its replacement with a much narrower statute. Among its aims are more complete disclosure of commercial/industrial information, especially in the health and safety areas. The website presents substantial background information on several acts pertaining to access to health and medical records and other records containing personal information. Each section gives a long explanation of the provisions of the act, along with links to relevant government agencies. Besides reporting on the Campaign's activities, the website includes the text of evidence presented to the House of Lords, articles on the pharmaceutical industry and government censorship (the focus is more on access to information in the public interest rather than press censorship per se). A section on the parallel organization in Scotland provides a good deal of legislative history on a similar Freedom of Information Act recently passed in the Scottish Parliament. There are further links to government/NGO sites in the UK, the United States, Europe, and Australia. Information tends to be scattered around the website, and rather repetitive, but this is a good source for UK government activism and lobbying.

CR Info 2002: the Conflict Resolution Information Source

URL: <http://www.crinfo.org>

CR INfo is a service funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Its goal is to serve as a gateway providing links to web, print, and organizational resources for adversaries, bystanders, students, educators, practitioners, researchers. Areas of conflict include commercial, family, education, intergroup, community and international; or the user may wish to study the philosophies and processes of conflict resolution and peacemaking. There is a lot of information in here, but it is by no means obvious how to locate it, due to the complex structure of the website. Rather than consulting the very lengthy site map, or even About CR Info, which gives guidelines for the above stakeholders on the kinds of resources available, it may be best to select Browse on the home page, which is based on the organization pattern of Yahoo. From here one may select reviews and abstracts of books and articles, a section of core knowledge of the types of processes utilized in conflict resolution (e.g. arbitration, dialogue, litigation, mini-trial, restorative justice), and techniques such as active listening and cooling-off periods. For the most part the substantive content consists of links to reports, articles, and papers from a variety of sources, many of them low-key and pragmatic, covering everything from mediation processes or methods of conducting effective meetings, to features on relations between North and South Korea, and several on Tajikistan. There is a substantial amount of material for K-12 educators. For someone with a lot of time to review and scrutinize the website, it can be useful, but it may take some time to arrive at the desired material. The site is searchable, with advanced search features and search troubleshooting.

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)

URL: <http://www.treas.gov/fincen/>

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network has been under the aegis of the U.S. Treasury Dept. since 1990. Its function is to detect and gather information on money laundering, fraud, and the concealment of assets, especially in the areas of gambling, banking, drug trafficking and now the financing of terrorism. One section of the website is given over to the USA PATRIOT Act, with the text of the statute and material on a provision that enables a financial institution (bank or brokerage) to share information on suspicious transactions by individuals or organizations. A large section of the site contains reporting forms required by the Bank Secrecy Act (such as currency transaction reports from casinos). Also on the website are the text of the Network's 2000-2005 strategic plan, some well-written reports, new releases, bulletins and advisories, and pertinent Federal Register notices from 1997 to 2002.

Jewish Law

URL: <http://www.jlaw.com>

This website is sponsored by several Orthodox organizations, principally the Center for Halacha and American Law of the Aleph Institute, with the goal of facilitating interaction between Jewish law (Halacha) and secular law. The primary contents are: articles from the Journal of Halacha and Contemporary Society, commentary and editorials, and a bibliography of law review articles; a listing with brief summaries of cases pertaining to Jewish law or other religions, mainly taken from federal and New York State reporters, as well as Westlaw; legal briefs on issues important in Jewish law; forms consistent with Halacha (e.g. living wills, prenuptial agreements); a directory of legal scholars and an e-mail forum; and the Jewish Law Students' Q & A Line, for law students seeking to apply Jewish law to secular jurisprudence. Topics covered include commerce, divorce, litigation, clergy malpractice, and medical ethics. With its straightforward organization and frequent updating, this website is a strong resource whether or not the user has prior experience in Jewish law.

Service-Public

URL: <http://www.service-public.fr>

Service-Public provides public access to administrative law in France. If you want to find out the rules and regulations governing employment, taxes, obtaining identity papers, or enrolling a child in school, this website is your online gateway. There are additional home pages in English, Spanish, and German, but these are much abbreviated, so for best results the French version of this site will need to be consulted. The principal section is called Vos droits et démarches (Your rights and procedures), with broad topics such as children, change of residence, inheritance, and more specific subjects including elections, health, foreigners in France, and job training. Additionally, there are links to national websites (civil and social services, ministries), European and international sites, and even local government, searchable by department. Of greatest use to the general public, besides access to Legifrance, which contains the text of French laws in force, some regulations, and the Journal Officiel from 1990 on, are online forms and general legal forms which can be downloaded for personal or commercial use. Under Teleservices some government business, e.g. filing forms and applications, can be conducted online. Each topical area offers FAQ's, and queries may be submitted via e-mail. The home page is a bit busy, and there are no site maps for the non-French versions, but for individuals trying to navigate through French government agencies, or about to move to France, this can be a helpful resource.

American Immigration Law Foundation

URL: <http://www.aifl.org/>

The American Immigration Law Foundation offers "education, policy analysis and support to litigators" in the field of immigration law. Most of the website is given to promoting the value of immigration, documenting the achievement of immigrants, with special sections on important ethnic groups, and a gallery of notable immigrants in U.S. history and today. The policy reports are brief articles on topics such as immigrants in the military, student visas, the recent convention with Mexico, and the economic value provided by undocumented workers. Also included are statistics from the 2000 Census and links to the text of legislation and the Federal Register. Other links point to websites for legal research, public policy, the U.S. government (e.g. the Departments of Justice and Labor), the Census, and human rights and immigration law groups. Of most interest to legal practitioners is the Legal Action Center section, which contains documentation from the Foundation on immigration and asylum cases: briefs, memoranda, practice advisories, and sample motions. Most of the material is from the previous presidential administration. The website is upbeat and pro-immigration, easily used by the public (community leaders, industry, employers, activists, cultural historians), and a good resource for secondary schools.

ILOLEX: database of International Labor Standards

URL: <http://ilolex.ilo.ch:1567/english/>

ILOLEX contains some 80,000 documents from the International Labour Organization, including conventions, recommendations, comments, complaints, legislative interpretations, and ratification status, ranging from 1919 to 2001. Materials are searchable by country or title of convention. A universal query feature enables the user to search for any document by convention, kind of document, country, subject (occupation as well as aspect of employment), or date range. Helpful drop-down menus provide a choice of terms. Look at "How do I use ILOLEX?" on the home page. In addition to ILO documents, there is a link to NATLEX, an international database of legislation governing labor, social security, and related topics, also searchable, and to APPLIS, or Application of International Standards, which gives ratifications from the last 12 months (mainly by Third World nations and former Soviet republics). Considering the amount of material contained, the website is fairly easy to use. It is also available in a CD-ROM version.

Salem Witch Trials: Documentary Archive and Transcription Project

URL: <http://www.salemwitchtrials.org/>

The Electronic Text Center of the University of Virginia presents verbatim transcripts of the legal documents pertaining to the witch hunts that took place in Salem Village (now Danvers), Massachusetts in 1692. Documents have been assembled from the Danvers Archival Center and other institutions and libraries, including the Essex County Court, and include transcriptions and digitized images of items such as indictments, warrants, complaints, and examinations and testimony of the accused. From the home page the user may access a historical overview of the trials and answers to questions on the legal facts, under "Ask the Archivist" (e.g. no one in Salem was burned at the stake because under English law witchcraft was a civil felony punishable by hanging). The collection also includes maps and digitized versions of several contemporary books on the witch hunts by Increase Mather and others. In addition to a "Notable People" section, which contains a list of all participants, most with links to additional biographical information, there is a searchable name index; the website can be further searched by word/phrase, date, etc. The transcription was originally prepared under the Works Progress Administration in 1938; look at "Transcription Updates" for corrections to errors in the first transcription. The color images of the original documents are well reproduced, and organization is easy for the non-specialist to use. This website provides a good online resource in a nutshell.

Student Press Law Center

URL: <http://www.splc.org/>

The Student Press Law Center, headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, provides information, advice, and (some) free legal assistance to college and secondary school publications, and to their media advisors, who are answerable to school administrators. The Center publishes an online newsletter (archived back to 1997) and quarterly reports, the most recent being Fall 2002. Staff answer questions, in a generalized way, on topics such as censorship, privacy, protection of sources, etc., through the "Virtual Lawyer" FAQ feature. Other queries can be submitted online or via telephone, and the Center even provides a "homework zone" for researchers who are not student journalists but are writing research papers on the topic, which gives Internet links in the areas of freedom of speech and journalism. Most of the articles and news reports pertain to college/university publications, but there are some relevant to the high school level. This is a low-key and user-friendly website.

Globalization and Labor Standards Bibliographic Archive (GALS)

URL: <http://www.laborstandards.org/>

A service of the Cornell Labor And Social Policy Project, the Globalization and Labor Standards Bibliographic Database (GALS) posts lengthy abstracts of articles published in English-language law journals on issues in labor standards in the global economy. Topics covered include child labor, NAFTA, the WTO, the ILO, forced labor, and women's rights. Each abstract is accompanied by the complete bibliographic citation plus hyperlinked subject headings. The archive can be browsed or searched by author, title, subject, keyword, journal title, or date, selecting from a complete author list or a brief list of subject headings (presumably as time goes on the list will be expanded). GALS also publishes a newsletter, consisting of the most recent abstracts, and an electronic mailing list which will e-mail similar abstracts on a monthly basis. (To subscribe, send an e-mail to lstinfo@postoffice.law.cornell.edu, with an empty subject line and the message , e.g. . Instructions are also found at the end of the newsletter.) The newsletter is edited by Prof. Katherine Van Wezel Stone of the Cornell University Law School and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and should prove to be a useful current-awareness service for specialists in international labor law and globalization.

National NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act)

URL: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra/>

Under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), museums and similar facilities are expected to return physical remains of Native Americans (including native Hawaiians) to the indigenous people for re-burial, if it can be determined which tribe the deceased likely belonged to. The program is administered under the National Parks Service. On this website is posted the National NAGPRA Update, a brief newsletter in PDF format; the text of the Act, along with Congressional reports and regulations from the CFR, and notices of intent to repatriate remains, taken from the Federal Register from 1993 on. A Native American Consultation Database provides names of contacts for Indian tribes, although it is by no means comprehensive (no entries for Navaho/Dine or New Jersey). There is also a collection of primary documents--memos, reports, correspondence--regarding the case of Kennewick Man, a 9,000-year-old skeleton discovered in Washington State and under contention between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a contemporary Washington tribe (see the newsletter for the most recent legal status).

Slaves and the Courts, 1740-1860

URL: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/sthtml/>

This resource is comprised of over 100 books and pamphlets from the Library of Congress Rare Books and Manuscripts Division, and the Law Library of Congress, "an assortment of trials and cases, reports, arguments, accounts, examinations of cases and proceedings, [and] journals," having to do with slavery and slaves under criminal indictment, primarily from the 18th century up to 1862. Most cases are from colonial/U.S. courts; some are from British courts, and a few from British Guiana. Some of the works contain contemporary legal commentary in addition to the primary legal materials. To enter the collection itself (not immediately apparent from the home page), use the "Search" or "Browse" feature. Subject headings are from the Library of Congress catalog. Documents can be viewed either as text or as digitized images. Links are provided to other online collections on slavery and African American history, as well as to numerous related websites from the Library of Congress and elsewhere. The site is easy to navigate, searchable by keyword or browsable by subject, author, or title, and there is a full page of technical description.

Welfare Law Center

URL: <http://www.welfarelaw.org/>

A non-profit organization since 1965, the Welfare Law Center is dedicated to legal advocacy on behalf of the poor, in the areas of public assistance, Medicaid, and access to benefits, by means of litigation, policy formulation, and publication. The "Site Highlights" section presents news of court cases the Center is involved in (with some court documents in PDF format), general public benefits news, and announcements of sponsorships and training programs. "In the Courts" on the home page menu includes a "Docket of Selected Recent Welfare and Related Cases" (1998), which lists cases by policy and statutory area. Among the topics covered are child care, disability, food stamps, privatization of benefits, and Medicaid. This is not a comprehensive welfare website, but a good resource for litigators and activists, with a very useful collection of links to other low-income advocacy organizations nationwide, plus some foreign and international counterparts.

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

URL: <http://www.rcfp.org/>

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of Information, "a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to journalists," has a distinct and unapologetic bias towards the rights and privileges of journalists in gaining access to any information deemed in the public interest. For many reporters, "privacy" has become an over-used concept, particularly regarding the disclosure/concealment of medical or criminal records. This intriguing website posts recent news of freedom of information and freedom of the press cases and challenges in the form of a list of annotated citations--a full page covering just the last two months. The Committee also publishes several guides for journalists, including one on the bounds of medical privacy. Another lengthy report entitled "Homefront Confidential" discusses the limits to information-gathering affected by the USA Patriot Act and other Homeland Security actions (available in PDF format or on the Web at www.rcfp.org/homefrontconfidential). Other publications include the quarterly "The News Media & the Law," and reports on access to electronic records and to juvenile court proceedings, subpoenas issued to journalists, and the issue of secret tribunals. The website also provides a guide to submitting a Freedom of Information Act request. Of equal interest is a significant collection of the Committee's amicus briefs, comments submitted to courts and federal agencies, and letters addressed to the President or federal officials, protesting restrictions on freedom of information, the public's right to know, access to court proceedings, and in particular, limitations placed upon legitimate newsgathering activities. Researchers in favor of increased privacy rights as well as those opposed will want to be familiar with this website.

Security on Campus

URL: <http://www.campusafety.org/>

This website is sponsored by a non-profit organization established in memory of a college student who was murdered in her dorm room after dozens of other violent incidents had occurred on campus but not disclosed by the university. With colleges and universities under pressure to adhere to federal crime-reporting legislation, and an awareness that campus crime is often not reported or publicized, there is increased interest in legal compliance. The News section of the website notes that under the federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, Megan's Law will be extended to college campuses. The "Newswire" contains articles from the national press on recent developments, as well as background on the prevalence of sexual assaults and binge drinking by underage students. Under "Featured Resources" are the text of the Clery Act (PL101-542, named for the above-mentioned slain student), requiring administrators to report crimes to the Justice Department, with its legislative history, a summary in plain language, links to the text of the law, regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations, and proposed and final rules from the Federal Register; campus crime statistics; a sample campus safety audit; and links to the websites of some campus police organizations. The website also offers a newsletter, e-mail updates, and a discussion forum. It can be utilized by any activist, administrator, or concerned parent, bringing the issues together in straightforward language.

Tribal Court Clearinghouse

URL: <http://www.tribal-institute.org/>

The Tribal Law and Policy Institute is a non-profit, Native American-run organization seeking to strengthen the operations of the Tribal Court system and its interaction with the U.S. federal judiciary. The website of the Tribal Court Clearinghouse contains a searchable database (provided by VersusLaw) of some 1300 Tribal Court opinions, memoranda, and orders. A message board, which can be viewed by any visitor to the website, allows people working in Tribal Courts or with cases involving Native Americans to share information and request assistance from others in the field. Also on the site are law review articles on Indian law and jurisdiction, links to relevant federal laws, bills and recent legislation, decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court and Navaho Nation court, and several codes: a model tribal housing code, the Tribal Juvenile Justice Code, and the Tribal Child and Family Protection Code. Much of the content deals with issues of legal jurisdiction; other important areas are child custody, gaming, and tribal identity.

UNISPAL - UN Information System on the Question of Palestine

URL: <http://domino.un.org/UNISPAL.NSF?OpenDatabase>

The United Nations Division for Palestinian Rights has gathered an enormous array of full-text UN documents on the Palestinian question and Arab-Israeli conflict. The documents emanate from the General Assembly, Security Council, numerous Commissions, and non-UN bodies such as the World Bank. Reports, resolutions (with voting records), and press releases make up the bulk of the material here, but there is also a great deal of other grey literature. The UNISPAL database is searchable by phrase, title, keyword, thesaurus term, date, and by issuing entity, subject, or document type. Some of the subject headings used include: credentials, house demolitions, holy places, land, settlements, and women. Results can be sorted by date or relevance. Although the website is undated, on the day it was reviewed it contained documents issued that very day. Given the huge number of documents--letters, recommendations, working papers, agreements--and the rather brief subject arrangement, it may be challenging to retrieve a precise piece of documentation. Still, this is an essential resource for materials on the United Nations and the Palestinian cause.

German Law Journal

URL: <http://www.germanlawjournal.com/>

The German Law Journal is an English-language online journal publicizing developments in German, international, and European Community jurisprudence. The editors, a German legal scholar and an American scholar working in Germany, aim to bring German legal thought to a wider audience by taking advantage of Germany's central location in Europe, which affords it access to developments throughout the continent, particularly Eastern Europe. The articles, by scholars from many countries, are generally of moderate length, and are clearly written and accessible to researchers outside of the field of law. Many articles deal with cases involving the German federal constitutional court, German corporation law, and the Federal Court of Justice (BGH). Other subjects include U.S. foreign policy, the European Court of Human Rights, terrorism, the rights of same-sex couples, dance raves and the freedom of assembly, and extremist political parties. There are also longer essays, as well as book reviews. Articles are searchable by keyword and by title. Researchers in comparative law, political science, and public policy will find this a valuable resource for news of trends in European legal thought.

GovEngine.com

URL: <http://www.govengine.com/>

GovEngine.com -- "the premiere federal, state and local government site on the Internet" -- is a Florida-based non-profit corporation providing advertisement-free access to the websites of government departments and agencies -- executive, legislative, and judicial. The federal section provides links to the Thomas website, to the web page of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, other features such as "This Week on the House Floor" and voting records. On the federal level other sections cover the Supreme Court, federal district courts, and numerous independent agencies, boards, and commissions -- everything from the Peace Corps to the U.S. Postal Service. Similar coverage is provided for the states and territories (Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands and Northern Marianas), with links to the Legal Information Institute, Findlaw, Courts.net, and other major Internet resources. The local government section is arranged, within each state, by county and by municipality, leading to local websites and to municipal codes online. GovEngine invites submissions of other relevant websites and gives instructions on linking a site to any web page within this site. Although GovEngine per se is not searchable, it presents a superbly accessible gateway to government Internet sites, easily used by public-interest groups, schools, and other educational institutions.

International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet (ICDRI)

URL: <http://www.icdri.org/>

A creation of two specialists in web design and accessibility, the International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet website is intended as a gateway for resources on disability, with a focus on accessibility issues. Yet the website is not in fact very clearly arranged, despite the wealth of information potentially available to the user. In the legal realm, there are resources pertaining to making technology accessible to people with disabilities, in particular compliance with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which mandates this kind of access. It is necessary to browse the "New Features" section to locate the Section 508 materials, which include bibliographies and text documents on web accessibility. A "Best Practices" section contains very extensive collections of links to resources for Asian/Pacific islanders (with or without disabilities), caregivers, stroke victims, and general disability websites, including many government sites; having these in a separate section on the website seems superfluous. More efficient would be to go to the site map and browse under "Sites by Category." The site creators have made an effort to gather international materials on disability, coverage being principally from the UK, Canada, and Australia, with a collection of disability policies and pertinent legislation from a dozen or so foreign, mainly European, countries. Researchers in the legal profession will also wish to look at the sections on employment and education, or select the "Government" section from the sidebar on the home page. The website is searchable, and can be translated via Babel Fish into several European or Asian languages. It will be of greatest use to persons with (or working with) disabilities, and computer specialists in web and systems design.

Online Policy Group

URL: <http://www.onlinepolicy.org/>

The motto of the Online Policy Group is "one Internet with equal access for all." Headquartered in San Francisco, California, this non-profit organization supports access to the Internet, privacy protection, and fighting online defamation, censorship and filtering through policy research, outreach and action. The Group sponsors individual programs geared for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, the elderly, youth, women, the disabled, and in the areas of race/ethnicity and health, especially with regard to HIV/AIDS. In the "Action" section are reports on current legislation and upcoming protests; under "Research" are reports on the various projects the Online Policy Group has been involved with, from rating search engines to publicizing corporate and government control of media. The Group also offers free Internet services for the underserved and targeted groups, including e-mail list and website hosting, and domain name registration.

Forced Migration Online

URL: <http://www.forcedmigration.org/>

Forced Migration Online is an engrossing and comprehensive resource coordinated by the Refugee Studies Centre at the University of Oxford with the help of international advisors. The group includes under the rubric of "forced migrations" displacement due to war, economic need, natural disaster, political oppression, trafficking and human smuggling. Individual guides have been prepared on topics such as the Roma (Gypsies), gender issues, trafficking, psychosocial issues, and children in conflict situations (youth in war). Each guide presents an historical/ social overview, links to pertinent organizations and more general ones such as Amnesty International, as well as a bibliography of books, articles, and web publications. Regional resources are currently limited to Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Colombia, Georgia, the Central African Great Lakes region, and the Western Sahara; research guides are provided for Afghanistan, Colombia, Georgia, and Thailand. There is also a discussion list, which contains many notices of and hyperlinks to other documents, new books, human rights activities, etc., archived to September 1998. The website as a whole comprises a digital library of full-text documents from several academic centers, articles from scholarly journals in the field, news articles from the U.S., Europe, and other regions, in addition to the research guides. The site is usable with Explorer 4.0 or Netscape 4.0, deliberately of simple design to accommodate users with low bandwidth and limited Internet capabilities--a consideration seldom seen in the Internet world. The target audience includes students, practitioners, librarians, policy makers, journalists, and forced migrants themselves. A very good resource.

Freedom of Information Center

URL: <http://foi.missouri.edu/>

This website is an online library based at the University of Missouri School of Journalism's Freedom of Information Center, focusing on access to government documents and information for the benefit of the public and members of the media. Established in 1958, the Center was instrumental in the creation of the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Much of the content is concerned with government secrecy, particularly in the war against terrorism. On the home page, flashing fireworks highlight victories in cases involving press rights and access to information; near the bottom of the page are topical areas (e.g., secret courts, prisoners' rights) taken from the major print news media and news wires. The website also contains several publications, among them "Access to Public Information: a resource guide" (focusing on the City of Columbia and Boone County, Mo.), with reference to federal and state legislation and pending bills. The FOI Advocate is an online newsletter-digest, with links to full-text news stories, federal reports, and web publications. There is a chapter of the final report of the independent counsel for Iran/Contra Matters, dealing with the federal case against John Poindexter, recently named to head the Total Information Awareness program. Of further interest to researchers is the section entitled "Quick 'n' Easy Media Law Research": guides to laws on open records, taping phone calls, shield laws and confidentiality, links to resources such as the Freedom Forum and the Libel Defense Resource Center. Other guides pertain to the mechanics of doing legal research; using the Freedom of Information Act; the Missouri Sunshine Law; annual FOIA reports from federal departments and agencies (for FY2000). Be sure to scroll all the way down the home page for features such as a lengthy essay on how reporters can gain access to public records and meetings without having to invoke the FOIA. The tone of the website is occasionally smart-alecky ("We neither recommend nor disapprove of these fee [based] sites--we just wish we had the idea first"), but it can be helpful for students, journalists, and others unfamiliar with legal research.

International Digest of Health Legislation

URL: <http://www-nt.who.int/idhl/>

The International Digest of Health Legislation, formerly published in print by the World Health Organization (WHO), is an online database of selected national and international health legislation. Full text is accessed via hyperlinks to websites, either in translation or in the original language; if there is no online source available, the legislation is cited by title and often summarized in English (or French for the French version of the website). The citation is to the official journal or code. The chief sources for the database are the official publications of WHO member states. The database is searchable by country, subject, keyword, or volume/issue of the print digest for 1998-2001. The country menu includes international bodies such as the Council of Europe, the European Community, and the International Labour Organisation; conventions between nations and international bodies are listed as well. Subjects are in a classified list; see "subject notes" for scope and cross references. Keyword searching may be performed in combination with all countries or a selection; choices here are more specific (e.g. radiation protection, sports, oral health, traditional medicines). Despite the lack of real search help and the limited graphics, this is a good resource for comparative law in areas like AIDS, reproductive health, and education.

World Legal Information Institute

URL: <http://www.worldlii.org/>

Officially launched in November 2002, the World Legal Information Institute (WorldLII) is a "free, independent and non-profit global legal research facility" affiliated with several academic legal information institutes, among them Cornell's Legal Information Institute and others from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, South Africa, Britain and Ireland, and the University of the South Pacific School of Law. WorldLII provides a single search facility for over 270 databases from 48 jurisdictions in 20 countries. The user may select a resource area, among which are: legislation, case law, superior or high court decisions, journals, treaties, law reform, domain name decisions, and secondary materials. Alternatively, a jurisdiction or geographic region may be selected, with an emphasis on Pacific and Commonwealth countries (for the United States only Supreme Court decisions are included). The site can be translated into Chinese, Japanese, or Korean. Among recent additions to the website are World Trade Organization panel decisions, Tuvalu domain name decisions, and materials from the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. For searching advice, click on the Help link at the bottom of the home page; this produces a Quick (but superbly thorough) Guide in RTF, PDF or HTML versions which provides all the assistance the user will need. While the content of the WorldLII is fairly limited at this time, its ease of use is admirable.

Center for Ethics in Government

URL: <http://www.ncsl.org/Ethics/>

The Center for Ethics in Government is a bipartisan nonprofit organization, a division of the National Conference of State Legislatures. Its website has a collection of materials on ethics for state and federal legislators, with an emphasis on the state level. A database of state ethics laws connects to each state's legislative website, in some cases directly to the text and in others simply to the senate/assembly home page. Areas of concern include campaign finance, gifts, lobbying, and financial disclosure. In addition, there are websites of each state's ethics commission, directories of ethics committees, rules committees, and similar bodies. Briefing papers are found on the "Eye on Ethics" section. The news section links to lengthy analyses and commentaries from other websites on non-legislative ethical issues of current interest (the corporate world, homeland security and surveillance). Legislators and staff, or other subscribers, may register for access to special content, including directories of state legislatures, state statutes, full-text publications, and a rules and procedures database. This may be helpful for legislative staff who are working specifically in this area, but much of this material can be found elsewhere on the Internet and in print sources. However, this website as a whole should certainly be examined by new staff, and is excellent for comparative study or drafting of model rules.

IViR: Institute for Information Law

URL: <http://www.ivir.nl/index-english.html>

The Institute for Information Law (Instituut voor Informatierecht, or IvIR) at the University of Amsterdam's Faculty of Law is the largest research institute in Europe in the field of information law. The staff conducts original research as well as studies commissioned by the European Commission, the Council of Europe, and other international bodies, offers training and conferences for legal professionals and legislators, and maintains a library, which has an online catalog linked to this website. The chief textual content consists of EC directives, decisions, etc., taken from the Official Journal (going back to 1986), pertaining to radio and television, computer law, telecommunications standards, and freedom of expression. Also posted on this site is similar legislation from the Netherlands, and articles from law journals and European newsletters, mostly in English, with some publications in French, German, or Dutch. A topical sidebar allows the user to search by subject, such as intellectual property, media law, advertising, food law, e-commerce. This is a useful resource for the study of Western European developments in telecommunications law.

National Tribal Justice Resource Center

URL: <http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/>

There are over 500 recognized Native American tribes in the United States, about half of which have formal tribal court systems, ranging from traditional forms of justice-making to Euro-American style judiciaries. The National Tribal Justice Resource Center, based in Boulder, Colorado, is a project of the National American Indian Court Judges Association. Its website (much of which is still under construction) provides a brief history of the tribal court system, and quick links to a selection of tribal constitutions and the codes and resolutions of tribal councils. These are searchable by keyword. Special sections on the website are being created for legal issues important to Native Americans: substance abuse, child support, domestic violence, gaming, land and housing issues, sovereignty. Also available are texts of tribal court opinions, memoranda and orders (it is noted that these are available on VersusLaw free of charge to law students).

WorkersCompensation.com

URL: <http://www.workerscompensation.com/>

This is a privately managed site, not produced by a government agency, intended for general information and assistance in navigating the system rather than aid with individual claims. It claims to offer "over 36,000 pages of information free of charge," including frequently asked questions, statutes, rules, and forms. A brief directory of professionals includes listings for defense (i.e. employer) and injured-worker attorneys, physicians, insurance and vocational specialists, but the user will undoubtedly have better luck consulting the yellow pages or the TV, likewise for the job postings section. The user can join chat rooms and online discussion groups, subscribe to a free e-mail newsletter, and even send an online get well card. Employers can fill out a form and receive an insurance quote, or look into "leasing" employees through another agency which will assume any compensation risks. Forms are available, but not in PDF; rather they are in EPS, to be forwarded to a print shop. Some are downloadable. For insurance providers there are tips on recognizing fraudulent claims.

Bytes in Brief

URL: <http://www.senseient.com/default.asp?page=bytesinbrief/default.htm>

Bytes in Brief is a newsletter with a simple mission: to promulgate news from the world of Internet and telecommunications law, free of charge. The subscriber receives a monthly digest via e-mail, consisting of lengthy abstracts of news on legislation and court cases, hyperlinked to texts of the law, court decisions, Federal Trade Commission judgments, and news releases. Topics include online filtering, the Microsoft antitrust case, SEC information distribution, patents, music piracy, electronic publishing, and Internet pornography. An archive of all issues goes back to 1997. This no-frills journal is published by Sensei Enterprises, a firm specializing in legal technology and computer forensics.

International Crisis Group

URL: <http://www.intl-crisis-group.org/>

The International Crisis Group (ICG) describes itself as an independent, non-profit, multinational organization ... working through field-based analysis and high-level advocacy to prevent and resolve deadly conflict. It studies and issues reports on a number of the world's trouble spots, including the Congo, the Balkans, and Middle East, and provides briefing papers to foreign ministries, international organizations, and works with the media. The Program sections focus on Africa, Asia (Central Asia, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Burma), and Colombia; an Issues division studies the European Union's crisis response capability and role in conflict management with respect to terrorism; HIV/AIDS as a security threat to nations; and terrorism. Among the subjects examined more closely in the reports are the ongoing war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, termed Africa's first continental-scale war, Turkmenistan's crisis of leadership, and strife in Yemen, Colombia, and the Sudan. The concise overviews survey the players in each region, the state of peace negotiation, and issues in finding stability in longtime strife-ridden areas. For each region/country included, a publication link produces links to a selection of reports, comments from the world press, and news from world media, going back to about 1998. The website is searchable and available in several languages, among them Indonesian, Arabic, and Russian, and the user may sign up to receive e-mail updates on events in these regions. While rather broad in scope, this website is useful as a source of background information on many conflicts, especially for areas often neglected or forgotten by mainstream U.S. media.

Opensecrets.org

URL: <http://www.opensecrets.org/>

Opensecrets.org is a website of the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics--your guide to the money in U.S. elections. Assembling data reported to the Federal Election Commission, the Center publishes figures on important aspects of campaign finance: averages spent, amounts received from political action committees and individuals, the incumbent advantage, donor demographics, and sources of funds (business, labor, by ideology or special interest). Data are provided for the 2000 Presidential election, but most of the documentation pertains to Congressional races. The user can search by donor name, by state or zip code, by type of special interest or ideology/single issue source of funding (e.g. pro-life or pro-choice, agribusiness, transportation, environmental interests, many others). Charts and graphs illustrate contribution trends since 1990. Most of the data are confined to the two major parties, but there is some coverage of third-party presidential candidates from the last election. A news section for hot topics such as Enron, homeland security, and of course campaign finance reform, provides an overview of issues, a brief life history of a piece of important legislation, and a special interest watch or profile of a group's political input into the issue. Data are clearly displayed, making this a good quick source for information on campaign finance trends.

PreLex

URL: <http://europa.eu.int/prelex/apcnet.cfm?CL=en>

PreLex is a database on inter-institutional procedures of the European Union, containing materials from 1976 on, which tracks proposals and communications between the European Commission and other bodies of the EU--the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, the European Central Bank, the Court of Justice, and others. Documents are taken from the Official Journal, the Bulletin of the EU, the European Parliament, and EU press releases. The user may select standard (basic) searching, by procedure, type or source of documents, year, document number, or keyword; advanced searching allows searching by personal name, specific EU body or field of activity (e.g. sports, customs, intellectual property). Searching retrieves an extremely detailed list of events in the life of the piece of legislation, so that it would be possible to trace all actions and decisions pertaining to a particular subject area. Complete instructions are given at Description of the database, which the user is well advised to consult beforehand. Also read the section on Players, which describes the stakeholders in the EU legislative process (this may not be necessary for the user already familiar with the workings and roles of the EU and related agencies); this is actually a link from the explanatory pages of Euro-Lex, where it is possible to click back and forth among web pages with helpful descriptions of EU primary and secondary legislation, and the role of other bodies such as the European Court of Justice.

Samuel J. May Anti-Slavery Collection

URL: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/mayantislavery/>

The Reverend Samuel J. May was an American abolitionist and friend of one of the founders of Cornell University, who in 1870 donated his collection of anti-slavery materials to the Cornell University Library. Other abolitionists in the U.S. and Great Britain responded to the call to contribute to the collection, in order to document the movement. The collection now resides in Cornell's Division of Rare Books and Manuscripts and consists of over 10,000 pamphlets, leaflets, broadsides, newsletters of local and regional anti-slavery societies, sermons, essays, and arguments for and against slavery. Materials date from the 18th-19th centuries, and cover slavery in the United States and the West Indies, and the slave trade. The pamphlets have been digitized, and thus are searchable by keyword within the text. Accompanying the electronic documents is an assortment of links to similar anti-slavery collections, and a visual record of the conservation process each item went through.

U.S. Access Board

URL: <http://www.access-board.gov/>

The Access Board is a U.S. federal agency charged with ensuring physical access for the disabled to public buildings, streets, and transportation, its mission being greatly expanded with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990. Its website gives a history of the evolution of the Board and comprehensive descriptions of its principal activities, which are as varied as drafting guidelines for public rights-of way, writing regulations for recreation facilities, election access, a report on standards for improving highway variable message signs (e.g. those alerting travelers of accidents or construction) for the vision-impaired, evacuation planning, classroom acoustics, and training sessions for prison administrators. (There are sections for news reports and notices of public meetings, but these seem not to have been updated since September 2002.) A section on enforcement provides information on filing a complaint regarding any federally funded facility, as well as the text of pertinent legislation, such as the Architectural Barriers Act and the Fair Housing Act. State contacts for accessibility compliance and building codes are also given. Among the publications are many technical bulletins and reports on a wide variety of access issues, from movie theaters to cruise ships to the use of wheelchairs on aircraft.

Virtual Chase

URL: <http://www.virtualchase.com/>

The Virtual Chase (TVC) is a legal research gateway produced by the law firm of Ballard, Spahr, Andrew & Ingersoll. It is ideal for law student, legal researchers, paralegals, research assistants, and indeed anyone doing extensive research on the Internet, law-related or otherwise. Among the features are news on legal research and TVC Alert, a free online newsletter. A second newsletter entitled The Tyburski Files is devoted to law office computing. The bulk of the website consists of articles on conducting Internet research, evaluating the value and credibility of information found on the web, and numerous research pathfinders. The guides do not provide direct research instruction as such, but lead to many links to relevant Internet resources, with substantial annotations. Some of the topics addressed amount to basic legal research, such as locating treaties ratified by the U.S. or working with federal regulations; others are of broader interest or pertain to public records--determining vehicle ownership from license plates, employer ID numbers, locating domain names and website ownership, company records, EDGAR filings, and people-finding tools. Some Canadian and UK sources are included. A factual research section directs the user to current awareness services, online resources for medical or legal research, resources for science, psychiatry, etc., including databases, websites, online dictionaries and many other materials. The user can submit a "how do I...?" query, and the site managers will create a pathfinder which is posted on the website. In addition to law-related and factual research guidance, there are general tips for conducting research online, navigating on the Internet, and using a browser effectively. The Virtual Chase is well worth a visit for anyone conducting current affairs research online.

WorldTradeLaw.net

URL: <http://www.worldtradelaw.net/>

WorldTradeLaw.net is the creation of Simon Lester and Kara Leitner, a husband and wife team of former international trade lawyers. Their website is for the expert in international trade law, and acronyms abound. It includes a sizable amount of materials from the World Trade Organization (WTO), GATT, and NAFTA, including the text of WTO panel reports, Uruguay and Tokyo Round Agreements, and legal texts. Comparable to LEXIS or WESTLAW, search capabilities are extremely refined and are given an extensive explanation. Most documents are in PDF format. Lester and Leitner offer a subscription-based Dispute Settlement Commentary, and access to materials on ongoing WTO disputes is likewise available by subscription only. One welcome feature is a section of links to (principally) WTO news, derived from search engines such as Altavista, Google and Yahoo, and legal and industry sources like the BNA WTO Reporter and Trade Observatory News. In keeping with the site's objective as a portal to online documentation on international trade, there are many pages of links to related sites organized by region, topic (e.g. customs, competition, corruption), or format. The website could stand a better design, since almost everything is accessed directly from the home page in half a dozen boxes, but this may be a preferable arrangement for more visually-oriented users. All in all, this is an impressive online resource.

European Court of Auditors

URL: <http://www.eca.eu.int/>

The European Court of Auditors serves as the European Union's accounting watchdog. Its website contains its reports and opinions from 1997-2002, its auditing policy, in conjunction with the standards of the International Organisation of Supreme Auditing Institutions (INTOSAI), general information on the Court and accessibility of documents to the public, access to "Europa Chats"--an online discussion group on European Union matters, especially with respect to trade issues--and a lengthy multi-lingual bibliography of articles and a few monographs on the Court of Auditors. The "Other Sites" button at the bottom of the home page leads to links to other European Union websites and to the sites of the Supreme Audit Institutions of EU members, candidate nations, and nations important in international trade (including American states). The website is searchable by keyword or Boolean language.

European Research Papers Archive

URL: <http://olymp.wu-wien.ac.at/erpa/>

The European Research Papers Archive is an Internet gateway to the working papers of a number of research institutions specializing in the area of European integration, among them the Jean Monnet Chair at the New York University Law School, the European University Institute in Florence, the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, the EC Studies Association, and Queen's University in Belfast. (Over 600 papers were available at the time of examination.) From the home page, clicking on an institution's logo leads to an informational summary and link to a list of papers from that institution. Most of the papers are in English, a few in German, French, or Italian. Because the texts "live" in the websites of the institutions of origin, some may be available in PDF or RTF as well as HTML. Subjects include the relationship of the European Union to individual states, the introduction of the euro, the impact of GATT, globalization, state formation, and the European Monetary Union. The papers are searchable either in a short search form (recent additions to the database, keyword in title, or author), or by full-text or Boolean searching. This collection provides access to a wealth of current research into the role of the European Union and the identity struggles of the new Europe.

MIRIS - Minority Rights Information System

URL: <http://dev.eurac.edu:8085/mugs2/index.jsp?TopBarItem=Home>

The Minority Rights Information System (MIRIS) is a database created by two researchers at the non-profit European Academy of Bolzano (EURAC), containing legal documents regarding ethnic minorities in member countries of the Council of Europe. There are two methods of searching: full text (or phrase) and Browse, which will likely be the more successful. From menus in the Browse mode, the user selects a country, a minority, and type of document (or "any" of the above), and retrieves citations and links to court decisions, relevant sections of national constitutions, legislation, international organization materials, and other documents. From the citation list the user may select "view info," which retrieves a summary description of the item, or go directly to the PDF or HTML document. Texts are generally posted in the vernacular and in English. Complete instructions on searching are provided. Additionally, an e-mail newsletter, or current awareness service, can notify the user of new documents added to the database. The list of ethnic/political minorities is impressively comprehensive, including many ethnic groups which are little-known outside of their home region (e.g. Aostians, Gagauzes, Wends) making this an important resource for European ethnic studies and comparative law.

Office of the Privacy Commissioner, New Zealand

URL: <http://www.privacy.org.nz/top.html>

New Zealand's Office of the Privacy Commissioner has established this website to explain and assist the public in applying the Privacy Act. Among the areas protected by the Privacy Act are insurance, medical and employment records, finance, immigration, and law enforcement. The website contains legal news, FAQs, guidelines for business, the Commissioner's "case notes" (opinions) on individual privacy issues as well as his addresses, essays, and letters to the media. Some provisions of the law deal with anti-terrorism efforts, and with sensitivity towards Maori social standards. Although the website pertains to New Zealand law and practice, its comprehensiveness and non-technical language make it a good resource for comparative law or drafting of similar legislation.

beSpacific

URL: <http://www.bespacific.com/>

"beSpacific", a digest of news in the world of Internet law and e-government, is a project of Sabrina I. Pacifici, law librarian and publisher of the webzine LLRX.com. The home page is neatly divided into summaries of current news (e.g., the state of civil liberties post-9/11; the public's use of search engines; proposed federal legislation), with a link to the text of reports, laws, news articles, press releases and statements from Congressional representatives, as well as one or more assigned subject headings which can be clicked on for similar entries. A separate topical list includes subjects like privacy, copyright, freedom of information, ID theft, marketing, and digital signatures. There are also links to a number of weblogs by Pacifici and other attorneys on legal issues or on Internet law. This site is a must for people concerned with the evolving online world, its interaction with government, and access to government information.

Centre for Restorative Justice

URL: <http://www.sfu.ca/cfrj/>

With funding from the Correctional Service of Canada, Simon Fraser University operates the Centre for Restorative Justice, researching, teaching, and promoting innovative and appropriate ways of administering criminal justice beyond the traditionally narrow emphasis on punishment. The Resources section gives links to introductions on the concept of restorative justice (RJ) and classroom projects; the "scholarly" section (intended to be an online bibliography) is not yet prepared, but is nonetheless searchable by keyword, which retrieves complete citations and abstracts of articles. There are thorough descriptions of the RJ courses offered at Simon Fraser University, and of its training institutes on conducting victim-offender mediation, peacemaking, the Alternatives to Violence Project, juvenile justice solutions that avoid incarceration, and, citing Native traditions of consensus and balance, in addition to Mennonite philosophy, indigenous Canadian justice traditions. A good deal of material will be found among the "Links," which consists of a long list of links to related online criminal justice resources, comparable university RJ institutes, religious organizations, and death penalty and prison reform. The "What's New" page contains brief reviews of new publications and links to e-books. Parts of the website are still under construction, but it is concise enough that if the entire content is examined, much will be gleaned.

Hong Kong Legal Information Institute

URL: <http://www.hklii.org/>

The Hong Kong Legal Information Institute website (HKLII) is based on the World Legal Information Institute (reviewed in InSITE v. 8, no. 7) and its Australian counterpart (AustLII), and operates in the same manner. Databases found here include court decisions from the various levels of Hong Kong courts (most dating from the 1990s, but decisions from the Court of First Instance go back to 1982); legislation (ordinances and regulations, arranged alphabetically by title, and historical laws, i.e. full-text of the six English compilations of Hong Kong law from the 20th century). Also available, via the WorldLII, are legal resources for the People's Republic of China, Macau, and Taiwan, as well as the WorldLII sections on banking, human rights, and other topics pertinent to Hong Kong. The site is searchable, and available in a Chinese-language version.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

URL: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/>

This site, full of reports, statistics, and links to important resources, is easily utilized by either the specialist in the field of juvenile justice and child welfare or by the layperson. One helpful feature is a flowchart of the possible outcomes of a case in the juvenile justice system, from diversion to adjudication, to incarceration, probation, or residential treatment. In addition to the usual "Highlights," publicizing conferences, press releases, and grant opportunities, the Resource section provides links to lay organizations and parenting resources. The publication file contains a wealth of reports on subjects as diverse as female juvenile offenders, offender youth under the age of 15, gangs, and trends in arrests. (The documents are generally available in PDF or HTML format, and some are posted in ASCII or Word Perfect.) When a keyword search is done in the publications file, many of the document listings have linking URLs but no title, making it difficult to determine the relevance of the item without actually looking at it, but so many items are able to be retrieved that searching is nonetheless worthwhile. Also in the publications section is the National Criminal Justice Reference Service's gateway to international juvenile justice resources. Spending time with this informative and welcoming website will reward the effort.

1st Amendment Online

URL: <http://1stam.umn.edu/>

1st Amendment Online "is a website dedicated to publicly accessible information, ideas, and images concerning the First Amendment to the United States Constitution." Based at the University of Minnesota Law School and edited by Adam Samaha, the website presents a good collection of U.S. documents on important court cases involving the First Amendment: the establishment clause, free exercise of religion, and the freedom of speech, press, assembly, and petition clause. Among the cases included are current Supreme Court cases; cases decided in the Federal Court of Appeals, which are marked with a plus or minus depending upon whether government action was upheld or limited; Supreme Court decisions (slip opinions); Court of Appeals and Minnesota Supreme Court cases from 1989 on. Among primary sources, taken from the above cases, are scanned circulars, leaflets, advertisements, and transcripts. A section on historical materials includes excerpts from Blackstone, 18th century bills for religious liberty, and documents relating to the development of the Bill of Rights. Also on the website are the results of public opinion polls on such issues as flag burning and Bible reading in public schools, and a link to a news digest from the Freedom Forum (reviewed in v. 5, no. 10 of InSITE).

Administration for Children & Families

URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

A division of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) coordinates the federal programs that impact families, working with state and tribal governments to strengthen families and improve their economic viability. The site is basically divided into "Citizens," containing descriptions of the programs available (although ACF also works with immigrants and refugees), "Working with ACF," which describes the grants, programs, contracts, conferences, and community/tribal contacts; "Research and Planning," which also contains statistical reports, and a general "About ACF" administrative section. The site is searchable and quite approachable, with FAQs among the web pages for specific programs, and a link to FirstGov.gov, the portal to federal government information. The user, who, it is anticipated, may be a member of the public or in public service, is reminded that many federal programs, e.g. welfare, are actually administered by state or local government, but guidelines are offered on how to interact with the system: for example, how to adopt a stepchild, or how to claim child support.

Internet Library of Law and Court Decisions

URL: <http://www.phillipsnizer.com/internetlib.htm>

The Internet Library of Law and Court Decisions is a digest of court decisions pertaining to cyberlaw, intellectual property, defamation, spam, online gambling, cybersquatting, consumer protection, and similar topics. The user selects a topic from a menu, which retrieves a list of summarized cases, links to a longer summary of the decision, and in some cases a link to the official text of the decision. Cases may be from state civil court or federal court. A statute page contains links to pertinent sections of the United States Code and to several state bills. The user may sign up, free of charge, to be notified when new cases are added to the database.

World Customs Organization

URL: <http://www.wcoomd.org/ie/en/en.html>

The mission of the World Customs Organization is to harmonize and facilitate customs operations for its 161 member nations. The home page presents worldwide developments in customs management, reports of conventions, and links to PowerPoint presentations from meetings. There is a demonstration of the Harmonized Commodity Description Coding System, a goods classification program. Various documents will be found under "customs topics" (which include valuation, cross-border crime, integrity, and information technology); other principal content includes the texts of customs conventions, a searchable document database, the "WCO News" magazine, and one of the best features, links to related organizations such as Interpol, the International Standards Organisation, WTO, IMF, regional organizations (e.g. APEC, NAFTA, the European Union), and UN agencies. The structure of the website is rather awkward: each time the home screen is accessed a pop-up box appears, soliciting submissions to a Directory of Technical Aids to Enforcement (i.e. commercial equipment for document verification, surveillance, testing, software), and the reviewer found that the Back button did not function at all in moving between screens, which tended to freeze up before opening. However, for the customs specialist the site provides a great breadth in international materials.

Center for Justice and International Law

URL: <http://www.cejil.org/>

The Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) is a human rights NGO for Latin America and the Caribbean, which consults with the Organization of American States, the UN, and the African Commission of Human Rights. The members of CEJIL work to aid "in the implementation of international human rights norms in the member states" of the OAS. CEJIL provides defense, free legal counseling, education, and training in the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights. The site gives a description of programs, annual reports for 1999-2001, and an extensive collection of links to international organizations, human rights organizations, and similar institutions for the nations of Latin America and Haiti. CEJIL also publishes a bi-monthly Gazette, with reports on topics such as refugees, women's rights, democratic movements, and the disposition of cases handled by CEJIL. The section entitled "Thematic files" consists of narrative reports containing many hyperlinks on subjects like disappearances, prisoners, torture, and children. The website is available in English, Spanish and Portuguese, with some documents (and all news) only in Spanish.

ESQLawTech Weekly

URL: <http://www.lawyerlounge.com/lawtech.php>

ESQLawTech Weekly describes itself as an ezine on law office technology, published by lawyerlounge.com. There is plenty of advertising, and the user needs to register in order to access the entire website, but even a brief visit yields a broad range of articles taken from print sources as well as the Internet, posted as a kind of digest and gateway to a number of attorneys' blogs. (There is also an article on how to set up one's own blog.) Also on the site is a directory of legal professionals, such as court reporters, expert witnesses, and translation services (far from comprehensive but possibly useful); discussion forums, comments and practice tips from other legal practitioners; and under "Other Areas," several news feeds on legal news, appellate court news, and technology news. This site is almost recreational in tone, yet legal professionals will find valuable information here.

NVCAP: National Victims' Constitutional Amendment Project

URL: <http://www.nvcap.org/>

An amendment (S.J. Res. 1, 108th Congress, 1st session) to the U.S. Constitution has been introduced which would guarantee crime victims the right to be notified of legal proceedings; "the right... to attend public proceedings in the case; to make a statement at release proceedings, sentencing, and proceedings regarding a plea bargain; and to have the court order the convicted offender to pay restitution for the harm caused by the crime." While this may sound like a radical implementation of the Constitution, it has been endorsed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, many state Attorneys General, law-enforcement and victims' rights organizations, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and many other public interest groups. The website contains the text of the amendment, information on participating in its support, news and a timeline of the amendment's development, its legislative history, case histories of victims, media coverage, links to state victims' rights amendments, and arguments against implementation, with counterpoints.

RESOLVE - Results Through Consensus

URL: <http://www.resolve.org/>

Resolve is a non-profit organization specializing in low-key dispute resolution in public-policy matters, evidently with particular success in environmental issues. They work to bring stakeholders together, build a consensus, and then resolve the dispute through mediation or arbitration. This method is usually used in voluntary settlements, with the parties working out the agreements themselves under the guidance of trained facilitators, including attorneys. The process includes negotiation, a "mini trial," with attorneys for each side facilitating the presentation of the case, and an agreement devised by the principals, presided over by a neutral party. The website explains the consensus-building concept, the role and function of the mediator, a case list of disputes in which Resolve staff took part, publications on restorative justice, environmental cases, and building trust, and a bibliography of books and articles on negotiation, many from outside the strictly legal realm.

European Trade Union Institute

URL: <http://www.etuc.org/etui/>

The European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) serves as a link between academic research and the European trade union movement. It conducts research in employment issues such as gender equity in pay, globalization, and pensions, and in the "Europeanization" of industrial relations, in the wake of the expansion of the European Union: towards standardizing collective bargaining agreements, regional programs for the Baltic area nations, and economic development for Southern and Eastern Europe. As noted in the "New" section, there are 18 country reports posted, most of them in English as well as the vernacular, although not all were accessible at the time of this review. Other areas of the website include "Documentation," a link to a bibliographic database (www.labourline.org) on industrial relations and occupational health and safety, and "Collective Bargaining Europe," which contains the country reports, statistics, and other reports. The "Links" section leads to many European Trade Union Council organizations, labor relations research institutions in Europe and the U.S, and other labor, economic, and social policy organizations and institutions. The site map does not seem to function, but the website is concise enough to be useful without it.

Labor Contracts Database

URL: <http://www.iir.berkeley.edu/library/contracts/index.html>

The library of the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California at Berkeley is compiling a database of labor contracts. These can be accessed by state (though the collection is national in scope, most contracts are from California), union name, or occupation. The major unions are represented--AFSCME, UAW, California State Employees Association, and many AFL-CIO unions. Occupations range from advertising to welding, as well as several professions: many teachers' unions, lawyers, librarians, doctors and dentists, scientists, and white collar workers are represented. Having been downloaded from Internet sources, the documents are in PDF format, which permits searching within the contracts but not searching of more than one document at a time, although the Institute is hoping to provide that capability.

LawSites

URL: www.legaline.com/lawsites.html

This weblog produced by lawyer and author Robert Ambrogi reviews law-related websites and posts notes on other law-related news found on the Internet, e.g. journalism students investigating the identity of the Watergate figure Deep Throat; news-tracking services; a web-based police composite sketch program; new books; upcoming webcasts; blogs; new government websites; and technology notes of interest to lawyers (such as the perils of documents inadvertently migrating from one wireless laptop to another).

MINELRES - Minority Electronic Resources

URL: <http://www.riga.lv/minelres/>

MINELRES - Minority Electronic Resources - is, as proclaimed on its homepage, "a directory of resources on minority human rights and related problems of the transition period in Eastern and Central Europe." Based in Latvia, it serves as a gateway to Internet resources on ethnic minorities found in many of the emerging countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. It contains international law resources, and the text of national legislation pertaining to minorities (including linguistic and religious minorities) from the nation's constitution and in-force legislation (both recent and historic). The legislation is available in the vernacular and usually also in English or Russian. The website also hosts the archives of the MINELRES-L mailing list, a forum for discussion of minorities in Eastern and Central Europe and associated issues.

National Institute of Military Justice

URL: <http://www.nimj.com/>

Headquartered in Alexandria, Va., the privately-funded National Institute of Military Justice sponsors this interesting resource for the study of military justice. The bulk of the material pertains to the United States military, but there are also documents from Canada and Great Britain. Selecting "Basic Pub[lications]" opens a separate window for PDF documents, including army regulations on enemy POWS and other detainees, sections of the Dept. of the Army Field Manual, the Law of Land Warfare, a manual for courts martial, material for military judges, regulations on military executions, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Other sections of the website present cases and reports relating to military justice; issues of the Military Justice Gazette (a publication of the Institute) dating back to June 2001 are available as PDF files. Users may also sign up to receive issues of the Gazette via e-mail. The "Research Tools" portion of the site provides an extensive, searchable list of links dealing with military justice and related topics.

Deep Throat Uncovered

URL: <http://deepthroatuncovered.com/>

Under the guidance of Professor Bill Gaines of the University of Illinois Dept. of Journalism, students in his Investigative Reporting class researched the possible identity of an important informant in the Watergate scandal, nicknamed Deep Throat by reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward in their book "All the President's Men." After four years' work by dozens of students, the team concluded that Deep Throat was Washington lawyer Fred Fielding, a deputy counsel to President Richard Nixon. He had been identified as such by Watergate figure H.R. Haldeman, but continues to deny it. The website, which was created by other University of Illinois students in courses on Online Publishing and News Editing, presents the complete story of Watergate; Fielding's biography; post-Watergate developments and Fielding's career in the Reagan administration; and the salient clues that Fielding had had access to the specific information passed to Woodward and Bernstein. Key figures in the scandal are described in "The Players," including men previously suspected as being Deep Throat. There are streaming videos of clips from the film of "All the President's Men" and of an NBC Dateline story on the students' investigation, and a section on media reaction, including discussion of the ethics of disclosing the identity of another reporter's anonymous source.

Holocaust Denial on Trial

URL: <http://www.hdot.org/ieindex.html>

This website, a project of the Emory University's Witness to the Holocaust Program and the Institute for Jewish Studies, is devoted to a libel suit brought by British writer David Irving against American professor Deborah Lipstadt and Penguin Books, the UK publisher of her book Denying the Holocaust, in which she criticized Irving's historical research in denying that the Holocaust against the Jews ever took place. The case was tried in the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, in early 2000; the suit was brought in the British courts rather than in the U.S. because British libel law puts the burden of proof upon the defense, thus in an American court it would have been far more difficult for the plaintiff to have prevailed. The website, supportive of the defense, presents Lipstadt's research, the complete transcript of courtroom testimony from opening to closing statements, and the text of the judge's opinion, which was that Irving was "a pro-Nazi polemicist" rather than an honest historian and that he had deliberately misrepresented and falsified facts in his own research. The site also provides a complete outline of the case, from Irving's claim for damages, expert witness testimony for the defense (under "Evidence"), a timeline of the Holocaust as well as the denial movement, and articles on the trial from the Guardian newspaper.

Public Law and Legal Theory Working Paper Series

URL: <http://www.law.uchicago.edu/academics/publiclaw/>

The Public Law and Legal Theory Working Paper Series is a collection of scholarly papers by faculty of the University of Chicago Law School, most published in law reviews and the rest published as working papers, dating from November 1999 to the present (the most recent at the time the website was examined was dated March 2003). These cover an interesting range of public policy issues, including family law and parental rights, cloning, taxation, constitutional law, political parties and intervention by the courts in the election process, and animal rights. The papers are in PDF format, and can also be downloaded from the online Social Science Research Network Electronic Paper Collection.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

URL: <http://www.armfor.uscourts.gov/>

The United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (originally called the United States Court of Military Appeals) was created by Congress in 1950. The Court is administratively part of the Department of Defense, but is judicially independent, hearing appeals to cases tried in courts martial, exercising jurisdiction in "(1) all cases in which the sentence, as affirmed by a Court of Criminal Appeals, extends to death; (2) all cases reviewed by a Court of Criminal Appeals which the Judge Advocate General of a military department or the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation acting for the Coast Guard orders sent to the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for review; and (3) all cases reviewed by a Court of Criminal Appeals in which, upon petition of the accused and on good cause shown, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces has granted a review." Its website gives a history of the Court, the text of opinions and a digest of them, a daily journal of matters before the Court (orders granting petition for review and interlocutory orders), annual reports, notices of scheduled hearings, and court rules. There are links to U.S. federal courts, military-related websites, legal websites, and to Internet search engines. The site has its own search engine.