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Legal Beagle's Blog

Law Professors Blog!

Posted by Library Blog on 03/04/2010 at 12:00 AM

There are numerous blogs authored by law professors and others in legal education (e.g. academic support) from across the United States. The Justia.com Blawg Directory contains <u>links</u> to approximately two hundred law professor blogs.

What do law professors blog about? Law professors blog about their area of teaching and scholarly research. They blog about controversial court cases and legal personalities. Their blogs contain analysis and commentary on issues and developments in the law. Some professors even delve into issues in legal education such as writing and grading exams, legal scholarship (theirs and others), and faculty hiring, promotion and tenure. Some even blog about non-legal stuff! Some blogs have multiple regular and guest contributors, links to recommended blogs, and RSS feeds. Take some time to read one or two!

Following the "Supremes!"

Posted by Library Blog on 03/10/2010 at 12:00 AM

In addition to the weekly email to the law students that contains highlights from the Bureau of National Affairs U.S. Law Week covering the activities of the U.S. Supreme Court, devotees of the Court might want to check out the <u>SCOTUSblog</u>. This blog offers comprehensive reporting of the U.S. Supreme Court's current term activities. The SCOTUSblog provides opinions and orders, commentary and analysis, new filings, petitions to watch, and term tracker.

The SCOTUSblog's sister site, <u>SCOTUSwiki</u>, is a source for links to briefs and documents, analysis that originally appeared on SCOTUSblog, and links to media coverage for each case that the Court granted certiorari beginning with the October 2007 Term. Also available at the site are statistics about the Court dating back to the October 1995 Term.

Solo Practice

Posted by Library Blog on 03/10/2010 at 12:00 AM

For those looking to be their own boss, the Law Library offers a variety of publications for you to consult. These books are located in the Law Library's Career Collection and can be checked out for three weeks.

How to Start & Build a Law Practice by Jay Foonberg (KF300 .F66 2004) provides the basics on selecting a location for your office and equipping as well as obtaining clients and setting fees.

Flying Solo: a Survival Guide for the Solo and Small Firm Lawyer by William Gibson (KF300 .F58 2005) contains contributions by practitioners offering solutions to various problems faced by solo and small firm practitioners.

Attorney and Law Firm Guide to the Business of Law: Planning and Operating for Survival and Growth by Edward Poll (KF315.Z9 P64 2002) is a comprehensive guide covering creating a business plan, marketing, managing finances, and using technology. There are two cases studies on starting a family law practice and opening a practice in your home. Various business and financial forms are included.

How to Go Directly into Your Solo Practice and Succeed: Into the New Millenium and Beyond by Gerald Singer (KF300 .S56 2000) addresses the topics of billing clients, paying bills, using technology, and marketing.