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Legal Beagle's Blog

ABA Techshow

Posted by Library Blog on 04/01/2010 at 12:00 AM

Held last month, the 24th ABA Techshow is the premier annual event showcasing cutting-edge technology used in the practice of law. In addition to the vendor/service providers' exhibits, the ABA Techshow offers sessions for attorneys and legal support staff who work in various legal settings. There are programs for novices and experts alike on social networking, the paperless practice, litigation/trial skills, Macs, cloud computing, e-discovery, mobile practice, finance, and smart phone applications.

[Click](#) to view the listings of websites reviewed at the ABA Techshow from 2001 to present. These websites are resources for helpful information on legal technology, practice management, research, and ethics. Some of the best presentations given at previous ABA Techshows can be accessed [here](#). Subscribe to the ABA Techshow [blog](#) for more information!

Legal Newspapers

Posted by Library Blog on 04/07/2010 at 12:00 AM

For those getting ready to take a bar exam or two, it is recommended that you read back and current issues of the legal newspaper(s) published for the state in which you plan on taking the bar exam. Summaries of important court decisions are reported in legal newspapers and a significant case can be a source of inspiration for a bar examiner's essay question!

The Law Library subscribes to [ALM](#) publishers' *Connecticut Law Tribune*, *Legal Intelligencer* (Pennsylvania), and *New York Law Journal*. For those taking the New Jersey bar exam, you can read ALM's *New Jersey Law Journal*.

The Law Library also has subscriptions to *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* and *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*. These are published by [Dolan Media Company](#).

Current issues of some legal newspapers are on the newspaper stands in the Law Library. Back issues of these newspapers along with issues of other newspapers are shelved in the Reserve collection.

If you need assistance with locating these newspapers, do not hesitate to ask the Librarian on duty at the Reference Desk or the staff at the Circulation Desk. Happy reading!

LLRX.com

Posted by Library Blog on 04/14/2010 at 12:00 AM

The [LLRX.com](#) web journal is an excellent resource for articles and guides on legal research and technology used in the practice of law. Contributions are by law librarians and lawyers. New content is added monthly. Guides for researching foreign and comparative law are included in addition to those for U.S. law. LLRX.com provides links to [court rules, forms and dockets](#). There are reviews of the latest software applications, hardware, databases, and gadgets and articles on how the technology can help a law practice.

For knowledgeable "how to" tips on practice management, marketing, or presentation skills look at the Librarian Resources topics. These articles are as helpful to lawyers (or future lawyers) without access to a law library or law librarian as they are for the librarians for whom they were originally written.

Got a Mac?

Posted by Library Blog on 04/22/2010 at 12:00 AM

Got a Mac? If you do, there are several blogs on using Macs in the practice of law. Two popular ones are [Mac Law Students](#) and the [Mac Lawyer](#). These blogs, like other legal technology blogs, are great resources for news and product reviews on soon-to-be released hardware and software for the Mac computer and other Apple products such as the iPod, iPhone and iPad. The Mac Law Students blog has lots of information for trouble shooting problems and using your Mac computer more efficiently.

The [Apple Business MacSolutions Legal web site](#) offers free resources such as the MacAttorney Newsletter and the MacLaw e-discussion group.

Happy Mac computing!

New Law Library service: "Ask a Librarian!"

Posted by Library Blog on 04/30/2010 at 12:00 AM

New Law Library service: "[Ask a Librarian!](#)"

"Ask a Librarian" is an IM service which provides real time reference assistance! It is accessible from the [Law Library's](#) web pages and is available to anyone with an RWU email address.

"Ask a Librarian" is ONLINE anytime a reference librarian is on duty. When it is OFFLINE, a Librarian will respond as soon as possible to your question by email.

Of course, you can still visit a Librarian in person or call the Reference Desk at 401-254-4547 for assistance with research.