

LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES from Mary Rice, Circuit Court Law Library, May 2007

FREE Martindale-Hubbell sets--2004 and 2005--See librarian.

Question of the month: Another occasional feature, suggested by a local attorney's question--**How do I find a listing of Maryland attorneys and cases they have worked on?**

These are the answers I got from the Maryland law librarians' Listserv (LLAM):

1. Try the lawyer lookup at:

www.findlaw.com

It will list state and federal court cases for that individual. You will have to register to see the list. There is no perfect source for this. In other words, don't be surprised if information is left out of the results of this search. You can probably rely upon what you find (unless there is more than one attorney by that name), but don't necessarily draw conclusions based upon what is left out.

2. If you don't mind running a Westlaw search, Profiler provides that information:

Users are able to view a profile of an attorney, judge or expert witness and see a listing of links to State and Federal caselaw from 1990 forward, jury verdict summaries, Supreme Court and California Supreme Court briefs from 1990 forward, other industry directories and articles in the Law Firm Articles Database on Westlaw (WLD-ARTICLES). Profiles are being linked to additional content on Westlaw each month. See Scope for a complete listing and more detailed information regarding coverage.

Database Name: Profiler - Profiles of Attorneys, Judges and Expert Witnesses

Database Identifier: PROFILER-ALL

3. Probably the best place to find what cases an attorney has worked on is the Maryland Judiciary Case Search at:

<http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/inquiry/processDisclaimer.jis>

<http://tinyurl.com/r3a36>

SELECTED NEW PUBLICATIONS

Basic Estate Tax Planning, MICPEL, 2006; large room, MICPEL section.

Martindale-Hubbell, 2006--Graciously donated by Mudd, Mudd & Fitzgerald.

Maryland Consumer Law: Sales, Leases and Financing, Prof. Charles B. Shafer, MICPEL, 2006; in large room, Maryland section.

Maryland Estate Planning, Wills, and Trusts Library, 2 vols., 1998, with Dec. 2006 supp.; gray loose-leaf in large room, Maryland section.

Maryland Technology Transactions : the Venable Practice and Forms Manual, 2002. Black loose-leaf in large room, Maryland section.

Michie's Index to COMAR-2007 edition

INTERNET RESOURCES

Document Drafting in MS Word: Pitfalls for the Lawyer--"Track Changes is one of the most common and popular collaborative document preparation tools used in the legal profession. Yet it isn't perfect. Some features could lead to potentially embarrassing, revealing or compromising situations. This column may not eliminate all of your frustrations and difficulties but it should make your life easier next time you use this feature." Read this article by Tom Mighell and Dennis Kennedy in the ABA's Law Practice Today at:

<http://www.abanet.org/lpm/lpt/articles/slc03071.shtml>

<http://tinyurl.com/2r6bj3>

Electronic Discovery--E-discovery is a relatively new area of the law that you need to add to your litigation arsenal. The ABA's Law Practice Today has an article with an extensive list of links to portals and other resources.

<http://www.abanet.org/lpm/lpt/articles/slc10061.shtml>

<http://tinyurl.com/yd6bbm>

Litigation Articles & Legal Research Collection--Take a look at this "free collection of hundreds of recently published articles of interest to litigators and related legal professionals. All articles are full-text, written by lawyers and have been published as part of continuing legal education (CLE) seminars, in legal journals, or are of similar quality. **Litilaw** links to copies of articles available on the internet, or hosted by us at the author's request."

<http://litilaw.lexbe.com/>

Islam: Sunnis and Shiites--CRS Report for Congress. Christopher M. Blanchard, Analyst in Middle Eastern Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division of the Congressional Research Service of The Library of Congress has prepared a brief (6 page) report on "the historical background of the Sunni-Shiite

split in the Muslim world and the differences and similarities in religious belief and practices between and within each Islamic sect." Updated Dec. 11, 2006. In PDF at: <http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS21745.pdf>
<http://tinyurl.com/yjljwo>

2007 Statistical Abstract: The National Data Book is now available online. From the website: "The Statistical Abstract of the United States, published since 1878, is the authoritative and comprehensive summary of statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. Use the Abstract as a convenient volume for statistical reference, and as a guide to sources of more information both in print and on the Web. Sources of data include the Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and many other Federal agencies and private organizations."
<http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>

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