

**LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES from Mary Rice, Circuit Court Law Library  
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**TAX TIME**—IRS website--Along with the usual helpful collection of publications, forms, information and links to help you through the tax season, the IRS website might provide you with an extra refund this year. Click the link to "Telephone Excise Tax Refund." "The Telephone Excise Tax Refund (TETR) is a one-time payment available on your 2006 federal income tax return. It is designed to refund previously collected long distance telephone taxes. Individuals, businesses and tax-exempt organizations are eligible to request it." You may be able to get a refund of \$30 to \$60 without even having to find your old phone bills. Check it out at:

<http://www.irs.gov/>

**SELECTED NEW PUBLICATIONS**

**COMAR Deskbook, 2006**--The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) is the official compilation of the State's administrative regulations. It comprises 36 numbered titles contained in 33 volumes. Each title has its own index, but there is no overall index. The Comar Deskbook provides an index to the entire set, as well as a section listing the Code of Maryland section cross-referenced with the COMAR sections for which each statutory section provides the authority. This is a large white looseleaf binder, shelved in the large room at the beginning of the COMAR volumes.

**District Court Fine or Penalty Deposit Schedule for Motor Vehicle Violations-DC/CR 90 (Rev. 10/2006)**. Ask librarian. (Also on the web; see under Internet Resources.)

**Guidebook to Maryland Taxes, CCH, 2007**; brown soft-cover on telephone table in Xerox room.

**Habeas Corpus Checklists**, by Ira P. Robbins; West Group, 2006.

**Maryland Administrative Law**, by Arnold Rochvarg, MICPEL, 2d edition, 2007.

**Maryland Consumer Law: Sales, Leases and Financing**, by Professor Charles B. Shafer, MICPEL, 2006.

**Maryland Employment Law: Forms and Practice Manual, 2006**. Black loose-leaf in large room, Maryland section.

**New York Times Almanac 2007**-- Large room, far wall; general reference section.

**Opinions of the Attorney General of Maryland**, v. 91 (2006); green soft-cover, large room, to right of MICPELs. Opinions from 1993-2006 are also online at:

<http://www.oag.state.md.us/Opinions/index.htm>

<http://tinyurl.com/37nnj5>

**The Yale Book of Quotations**, 2006--Large room, far wall; general reference section.

## INTERNET RESOURCES

**District Court Fine or Penalty Deposit Schedule for motor vehicle violations-DC/CR 90 (Rev. 10/2006)**- This can be found online at the District Court website. On the homepage, find "Brochures Fees/Fines/Forms," and click on "Motor Vehicle." The document will download in PDF. (Also in library office.)

<http://mdcourts.gov/district/index.html>

**Maryland Courts Watcher**--From the web site: "This is a weblog that posts the synopses of all published opinions issued by the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals of Maryland and synopses of all opinions that are openly available on the Internet from...the U.S. District Court and Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, the Maryland Tax Court, and any Circuit Court in Maryland." You can subscribe by Email or add to your blogs through a number of different services.

<http://marylandcourts.blogspot.com/>

**A Compilation of State Lawyer Licensing Databases**-- by Maryland law librarians Trevor Rosen and Andrew Zimmerman. "Every U.S. lawyer is licensed to practice in some state, but very few lawyers are licensed to practice in every state. As a result, the question often arises...is attorney X licensed to practice in state Y? Traditionally the answer would be found by calling the relevant state's licensing authority. That still works although, now, it may be faster, easier and cheaper to find the answer by searching that state's relevant online database."

<http://www.llrx.com/features/lawyerlicenses.htm>

<http://tinyurl.com/ye69nf>

**Court Rules, Forms, and Dockets**--"This site includes links to over 1,400 sources for state and federal court rules, forms and dockets. You can browse to find the resource you need, or search by keyword."

<http://www.llrx.com/courtrules/>

**FirstGov.gov** has changed its name to **USA.gov** as of 2007, to make its resources easier to find. Change your bookmarks to:

<http://www.usa.gov/index.shtml>

**Food Safety**--With the recent spate of E-coli and other food-related illnesses, this is a good website to have in your Bookmarks. But that topic barely scratches the surface of this site. This is the "Gateway to Government Food Safety Information," and has extensive links to information on topics such as news and safety alerts, consumer information, food borne pathogens, and much more.

Visit the site at:

<http://www.foodsafety.gov/>

**On the No Fly List?**--Any of you who have had travel problems because your name was mistakenly placed on a terrorist watch list might be interested in the Department of Homeland Security's Travel Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP), which "is a single point of contact for individuals who have inquiries or seek resolution regarding difficulties they experienced during their travel screening at transportation hubs--like airports and train stations--or crossing U.S. borders, including:

- \* denied or delayed airline boarding
- \* denied or delayed entry into and exit from the U.S. at a port of entry or border checkpoint
- \* continuously referred to additional (secondary) screening."

Check it out at:

[http://www.dhs.gov/xtrvlsec/programs/gc\\_1169676919316.shtm](http://www.dhs.gov/xtrvlsec/programs/gc_1169676919316.shtm)

<http://tinyurl.com/37l3x6>

**Current Traffic Information**--Live traffic cameras, interactive mapping, road conditions, lane closures, highway message signs, and other up-to-the-minute travel information from the Maryland Department of Transportation.

<http://www.chart.state.md.us/>

**Historical Weather Data**--If you need information on the weather for a particular date, check out these sites:

The Weather Underground allows you to enter a zip code, then scroll down to "History and Almanac" and pick a date, as far back as 1970. The available information includes temperature, humidity, precipitation and other weather data.

<http://www.wunderground.com/>

The Southeast Regional Climate Center also offers historical climate summaries for states in the region. Here is a link to the Maryland page:

[http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/climate/sercc/climateinfo/historical/historical\\_md.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/climate/sercc/climateinfo/historical/historical_md.html)

<http://tinyurl.com/yymhw>

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<http://www.charlescountylawlibrary.com/>