

**LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES from Mary Rice, Circuit Court Law Library,  
February 2008**

**N.B. NEW Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual and Offense Table released on January 10, 2008.** The law library copy is in the large room on the shelf under Michie's Annotated Code. You may also download the complete manual in PDF from the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) Web site. Click on the first link under "Manual/Current Sentencing Guidelines Manual."

<http://www.msccsp.org/guidelines.html>

**SELECTED NEW PUBLICATIONS**

**Appellate Practice for the Maryland Lawyer**, by Sandler and Levy. 3d ed., 2007.

**Government Discrimination: Equal Protection Law and Litigation**, by James A. Kushner, 2006.

**Maryland Lawyers' Manual 2008**—Green paperback on telephone table in Xerox room

**Murphy & Grimm's Comparative Guide to the Maryland and Federal Rules of Evidence**, MICPEL, 2007.

**Physicians' Desk Reference (PDF)**, 2008 edition.

**Search and Seizure Checklists**—West, 2006-2007.

**When Nature Strikes: Weather Disasters and the Law**, by Marsha L. Baum (2007) This new book examines law and legislation related to natural disasters, disaster relief, and crime. It will be on the telephone table in the Xerox room through March 2008.

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**Atlantic Magazine**—As of Jan. 22, 2008, TheAtlantic.com has dropped its subscription requirement and made the site free. "Now, in addition to such offerings as blogs, author dispatches, slideshows, interviews, and videos, readers can also browse issues going back to 1995, along with hundreds of articles dating as far back as 1857, the year The Atlantic was founded."

<http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/>

**Build Your Firm Web site-FREE**--Justia also offers a page that allows you to build a free law firm Web site "in a Few Easy Steps." Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Free Law Firm Web Sites."

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

From Tom Mighell's INTERNET LEGAL RESEARCH WEEKLY, November 18, 2007:

**Civil Rights Code**--The Legal Information Institute at Cornell Law School provides access to the entire U.S. Code. This page contains the Civil Rights Code, contained in Chapter 21 of Title 42. You can search within the code, or browse by section. Each section provides links to notes, updates, parallel authorities, as well as a copy of the statute in a PDF file.

[http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode42/usc\\_sup\\_01\\_42\\_10\\_21.html](http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode42/usc_sup_01_42_10_21.html)  
<http://tinyurl.com/24uxv2>

**Federal District Court Filings, Opinions and Orders**—Justia.com allows you to “search new opinions by full text, state, court, lawsuit type and/or party name [and to] subscribe to RSS feeds to receive updates of new decisions. Go to the home page and click on the links on the right side of the page. This is much easier than similar searches on PACER.”

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

**Finding Lawyers**—from LLRX.com: “Locating Lawyers (including Corporate Counsel): A Brief Overview of Attorney Directories and a 50 State Survey of Online State Bar Directories”

<http://www.llrx.com/features/locatinglawyers.htm>  
<http://tinyurl.com/39t7m7>

**Government Spending**—“USASpending.gov - Where Americans Can See Where Their Money Goes . . . The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act) requires a single searchable website, accessible by the public for free” that shows “where federal contracting dollars and grant awards go.”

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

**National Personnel Records Center Opens more than Six Million New Military Personnel Files** [From the press release, Oct 22, 2007]: “The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) will open for the first time all of the individual Official Military Personnel Files (OMPFs) of Army, Army Air Corps, Army Air Forces, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard military personnel who served and were discharged, retired or died while in the service, prior to 1946. Collectively, these files comprise more than six million records. This is the second step in the progressive opening of the entire paper and microfiche OMPF collection of over 57 million individual files. Additional military personnel records will be made available to the public each year through 2067 until the entire collection is opened.” This is a project of the National Archives at:

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>  
<http://tinyurl.com/ffwub>

**Tracking Federal Legislation**—Try the following Web sites for tracking Federal legislation through the mark-up process:

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

<http://www.eenews.net/eed/>

<http://www.opencongress.org/>

<http://www.govtrack.us/>

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