

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

SELECTED NEW ACQUISITIONS

Gibber on Estate Administration, 5th ed., 2008.

Public Accommodations Under the Americans with Disabilities Act: Compliance and Litigation Manual, 2007 ed.

Michie's Annotated Code of Maryland, 2008 replacement volumes:

Correctional Services

Public Utilities

ONLINE RESOURCES

One from Tom Mighell's "Internet Legal Research Weekly"-- April 20, 2008:

"New Blawg--Convictions: Slate's blog on legal issues: Convictions, billed as a blog on legal issues . . . has a large number of contributors, largely law professors, but also a few practicing lawyers and journalists." Interesting posts about current legal issues:

<http://www.slate.com/blogs/blogs/convictions/default.aspx>

<http://tinyurl.com/2sob4q>

What is a blawg, or a blog, for that matter? "The word blog is a contraction of the words "web log." As technology improves and time goes by, the word blog is coming to mean different things to different people . . . A blawg is a weblog written by a legal professional (hopefully) that focuses primarily on areas of the legal system. (In other words, a law blog)."

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

From USC Annenberg's Online Journalism Review, Supported by the Annenberg School for Communication at USC:

Just what is a blog, anyway?

"Defining this variable form is not easy in the highly opinionated blogosphere - nor is it simple in the increasing number of newsrooms that are embracing blogging."

See also this article by Michael Conniff:

"I can define them for you very easily,' Jason Calcanis says. ' There are three main features of a blog: the first is reverse chronological order, the second is unfiltered content -- the second somebody filters or edits the author it's no

longer a blog -- and the third is comments.' Calcanis's insistence on a precise definition puts him clearly in a minority of blogging experts who mostly admit they can't or won't define exactly what constitutes a blog. Calcanis might add a fourth condition: hypertext links to the world outside the blog." To read the entire article, go to:

<http://www.ojr.org/ojr/stories/050929/>

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

Public Access to Maryland Court Records— A new online resource from the Maryland Judiciary

Brochure: Public Access to Maryland's Court Records (pdf)

- * Understanding public access to court records
- * How to request that information being placed in a case record be kept confidential
- * How to request permission to inspect court records that have been sealed/shielded - a summary of the law

Also includes forms, a reference card summarizing Public Access Rules, and other resources.

<http://www.mdcourts.gov/access/brochuresforms.html>

Where Do Your Tax Dollars Go? —"National Priorities Project analyzes and clarifies federal data so that people can understand and influence how their tax dollars are spent. Taxpayers can take stock of how the federal government spent their 2007 income tax dollars: over 40 percent went towards military spending, while education received just over 4 percent. This publication shows how the median income family's 2007 income tax dollars were spent for every state and 200 cities, towns and counties." This site has a wealth of information (no pun intended), including interactive charts, tax trade-offs, and interesting Federal budget information.

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

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