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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



How Appealing

(<http://appellateblog.blogspot.com>)

is "the Web's first blog devoted to appellate litigation." Weblogs, or blogs, are personal journals or sounding boards for their owners and which contain short, frequently updated messages and links. Because they can be rapidly updated with current happenings, the number of law-related blogs, also known as blawgs, has

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Welcome and Welcome Back

Sally Wise

Welcome and welcome back. We are here to support your legal information needs and to provide training in the use of legal research tools. All of us in the Law Library look forward to working with you this year.

Our reference, circulation, document delivery and interlibrary loan staffs are ready to assist you in all aspects of legal research and library usage. Please call on them. The collection development and technical services staff of the Law Library who select, acquire

and catalog our large collection of print and electronic resources are also dedicated to keeping the collection up-to-date and easy for you to use.

Please visit our web site [<http://library.law.miami.edu/>] which will introduce you to our library staff, services and procedures.

Please let us know how we can assist you.

Immigration Law Online

Virginia Templeton

This note only lists a portion of the most useful sources on the World Wide Web. There are many other sources online and in hardcopy that are relevant to this topic.

(<http://www.dol.gov>), State (<http://www.state.gov>), and Justice (<http://www.usdoj.gov>) all have authority over various aspects of immigration law.

Statutes & Regulations

The United States Congress has the responsibility and authority to make immigration law and to delegate this authority to specific agencies to make regulations. Many of the immigration laws are in Title 8 of the United States Code. You can find the U.S. Code on the web (<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode>). The federal regulations on immigration are also in Title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Use <http://www.access.gpo.gov/ecfr/> to access the Code of Federal Regulations on the web. For new and pending federal legislation, try Thomas (<http://thomas.loc.gov>), the Library of Congress' web site.

The Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS) (<http://www.bcis.gov/>) is part of Homeland Security. From this site you can find "Immigration Forms, Fees and Fingerprints," a general guide to immigration services with related forms. Additionally, in the Laws, Regulations and Guides section of the web site, researchers can find related public laws, CFR sections, Departmental Interpretations, Administrative Decisions published after July 31, 2000 (with a link to ear-

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Agencies

The United States Departments of Homeland Security (<http://www.dhs.gov>), Labor

See Page 4 for upcoming Lexis and Westlaw classes.

Subscription Databases

Helen Wohl

STUDENTS: Go to the Law Library's web page <http://library.law.miami.edu/> and click on Subscription Databases to see the list of specialty databases the law library makes available only to you and members of the University of Miami School of Law faculty and staff. To see what is available online by subject, go to our list of Internet Resources at <http://library.law.miami.edu/internet.html>.

The library's web page provides lots of information on online legal resources and we are always adding more. Some premium online resources we offer are the United Nations Treaty Collection, United Nations Official Documents, the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals and World Trade Law online. Need a congressional committee report? Try Congressional (a.k.a. Congressional Universe), an online database designed exclusively for federal legislative research. Need an older law review article that is not on Lexis or Westlaw? Go to Hein Online, where you will find hundreds of law review articles not available online anywhere else. Need to find an article on a particular subject, say restitution in Florida? Try a keyword search in LegalTrac and/or the Index to Legal Periodicals, all conveniently reached through links from Baron, the Law Library's catalog at <http://baron.law.miami.edu>.

Baron is used to help you locate our books, journals and other materials within the library (including our selection of feature-length movies). If there is a journal that is online, Baron might even take you straight to the online version through a link in the catalog record. Ask a Reference Librarian for help in using and accessing any of our online resources. Reference Desk help is available 7 days a week. Call (305) 284-3585.



Web Site of the Month cont.

increased dramatically. **HOW APPEALING** is written by Howard J. Bashman, a shareholder in the Philadelphia law firm, Buchanan Ingersoll, P.C. In it, he gives news about cases that are on federal appeal as well as news and information about the judges of the courts. He gives links to his sources which can be newspapers, legal publications, wire services, other electronic databases such as FindLaw, and the courts themselves. This blog is updated daily, sometimes hourly, with archived news that dates back to May of 2002. On the right hand side of the screen, links to "Especially Appealing Blogs," are listed.

Other Blogs of Interest:
 beSpecific—law and technology
 (<http://www.bespacific.com/>)
 Ernie the Attorney—
 (<http://radio.weblogs.com/0104634/>)
 The Paper Chase—Jurist
 (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/>)



News in Brief



Request your Interlibrary Loans Online

If you need a book that is not available at the University of Miami, you can request an interlibrary loan. (Please be sure to check Richter Library's catalog before requesting an interlibrary loan.)

The form to complete the request is now available from the law library's web page, under General Library Information (<http://library.law.miami.edu/info.html>). The form is also available in print from the Interlibrary Loan Department, room D137 in the law library. For questions, call (305)284-3728.



New DVDs in the Library

The following DVDs have been added to the library's collection:

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| Changing Lanes | High Crimes |
| Chicago | In the Name of the Father |
| Daredevil | The Life of David Gale |
| Evelyn | Minority Report |
| Hart's War | Night Falls on Manhattan |

For a complete list of popular videos and DVD's held by the library and to check the availability of a particular title, see the list on the library's web site (<http://library.law.miami.edu/videos.html>). E-mail suggested titles to rschard@law.miami.edu.



United States Supreme Court Briefs

Kay Mackey



Supreme Court briefs are a frequently sought source of information on the most current and compelling legal issues. Fortunately, they are available from numerous sources. Interestingly, the official web site of the Supreme Court does not provide access to briefs.

The popular legal databases, Lexis and Westlaw, have briefs in databases of varying coverage. On Lexis, briefs from 1991 to the present can be found by searching Legal→Cases-U.S.→U.S. Supreme Court Briefs. On Westlaw, there are three brief files- SCT-BRIEF has the full text of briefs since the 1990-91 term, SCT-BRIEF-EXT has selected briefs from 1870 to 1990, and SCT-BRIEF-ALL includes all briefs available on Westlaw.

The most readily available and *free* source of briefs is the internet. Findlaw (http://supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/briefs/) has briefs, including amicus briefs, from 1991 to the present.

The Curiae Project at Yale Law School (<http://curiae.law.yale.edu>) features briefs, records, transcripts and other important material from the most cited Supreme Court cases. The Curiae Project includes briefs from landmark cases such as *Brown v. Board of Education* and *Roe v. Wade*.

The Law Library collection includes Landmark Briefs and Arguments of the Supreme Court of the United States: Constitutional Law (Core A collection). Landmark Briefs includes cases dating back to 1793 within its 133 volumes. The Records and Briefs microform collection, covering 1832 to 1896 and 1974- is also available at the Law Library. (2nd Floor Microform Collection, Cabinets 9-11, 13-14, 26)

Compilations of briefs for specific cases or on specific topics of interest are sometimes available in the Law Library collection. Use the Baron online catalog to check for availability. Occasionally, interested entities or individuals place briefs on the internet. Search engines such as Google or AltaVista can be used to search the web.

Immigration Law Online, cont.

lier ones on a separate page), several procedural manuals and more.

The Department of State's Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM) and the Foreign Affairs Handbooks (FAH) are located in the Regulations section of the Department's Electronic Reading Room (<http://foia.state.gov>).

The Virtual Law Library section of the web page for the United States Department of Justice Executive Office For Immigration Review (EOIR) (<http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/>) provides access to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) Practice Manual, relevant parts of the C.F.R., recent Federal Register Notices, and the full text of Attorney General and Board of Immigration Appeals Precedent Cases published since October of 1996.

The Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals, BALCA Decisions, are published on the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Administrative Law Judges Law Library Immigration Collection site, <http://www.oalj.dol.gov/libina.htm>. This site also includes relevant statutes, regulations, the Judges' Benchbook and occupational information.



In addition to the forms available at the BCIS, forms from the Department of Labor are available on the web at <http://www.dol.gov/library/forms/go-search-dol-forms.asp>. The Department of State publishes visa and passport forms at <http://www.state.gov/m/a/dir/c4455.htm>. The United States Department of Justice Executive Office For Immigration Review publishes its EOIR Forms and other helpful documents at <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir>.

Subscription Database

Matthew Bender (LexisNexis) Immigration Law Library (<http://bender.lexisnexis.com>) provides access to decisions, statutes, regulations, manuals, interpretations and much more. Access is limited to the law school network. Much of the same information is also available on Lexis (<http://www.lexis.com/lawschool>) under Area of Law – By Topic – Immigration.

For other federal web sites, use the law library's web page (<http://library.law.miami.edu>) under Internet Resources. This note is only the tip of the iceberg.

Forms



Hours

| | Library Hours | Reference |
|------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Mon.-Thurs | 7am-Midnight | 8am-10pm |
| Friday | 7am-10pm | 8am-6pm |
| Saturday | 9am-10pm | 10am-6pm |
| Sunday | 9am-Midnight | Noon-8pm |



Computer Column

Both Westlaw and Lexis upgraded their services this summer. Westlaw changed the formatting of its initial results page so that related ALR annotations and key numbers are displayed along side the search result. Once you click on a hot linked case the traditional screen format appears.

Training Schedule for Lexis & Westlaw

The following classes are being offered to all 2L, 3L and LLM students. All classes will be held in Room D236 at the dates and times listed below. Sign-up sheets can be found at the circulation desk.

We will be adding classes as the semester progresses. Check at the reference desk for new classes. Please also remember that you can ask for help at the reference desk and that the student representatives in the computer lab are there to assist you as well.

| Service | Class | Date | Time |
|---------|--------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Lexis | Advanced Certification | Thurs., Oct. 9 | 12:15-1:00 |
| Lexis | Tax | Thurs., Oct. 9 | 1:15-2:00 |
| Westlaw | Advanced Certification | Mon. Oct. 13 | 4:30-6:30 |
| Lexis | Advanced Certification | Tues., Oct. 14 | 1:00-1:45 |
| Westlaw | Advanced Certification | Wed., Oct. 15 | 12:30-2:30 |
| Westlaw | Job Searching | Wed., Oct. 22 | 12:30-1:30 |
| Lexis | State Litigation & Prac. | Thurs. Oct. 23 | 12:30-1:30 |
| Lexis | Job Searching | Tues., Oct. 28 | 1:00-2:00 |
| Lexis | Advanced Certification | Tues., Oct. 28 | 4:30-5:30 |

Lexis added two noteworthy features this summer. First, its new 30-day history function allows you to archive your search results like Westlaw does. Second, a new icon, which appears beside each headnote, allows you to retrieve all other cases that have the same headnote. You can limit these results with a date restriction, by depth of treatment and by jurisdiction.

Library Directory

- Circulation & Reserves 284-3563
- Reference Desk 284-3585
- Automated Operator 284-2250
- Administrative Office 284-2251

Other University Libraries

- Richter Circulation 284-3233
- Richter Reference 284-4722
- Medical Library 243-6403
- Marine Library 361-4060

Have some free time?

Pick up a chess set from the circulation desk.



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