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The Official Newsletter of the Rutgers-Newark Law Library

Hot Websites for Spring

General:

<http://law-library.rutgers.edu/ilg/>

The Internet Law Guide, hosted on the law library web site is an excellent portal to New Jersey law, federal law and much more..

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

The Legal Information Institute hosted by Cornell Law School is one of the oldest legal sites on the Web.

Legal and Corporate Ethics:

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/ethics/>

The Cornell American Legal Ethics library offers extensive links to state legal ethics rules and model rules.

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

Topical news on legal ethics

<http://www.abanet.org/cpr/>

ABA Center for Professional Responsibility offers information on current standards, client protection, judicial ethics.

<http://www.sox-online.com/index.html>

A Web guide to the Sarbanes Oxley Act.

Blogs:

<http://www.freshpatents.com>

The latest patent information each week

<http://www.scotusblog.com>

Great info on current US Supreme Court matters

INSIDE:

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New Jersey Supreme Court Oral Arguments Now Viewable on Rutgers Law Web Site

A collaboration between Rutgers School of Law-Newark Law Library and the New Jersey Judiciary has made webcasts of New Jersey Supreme Court oral arguments permanently available on the Law Library web-site. Webcasting of Supreme Court arguments, which began in January 2005, provides members of the public, students, attorneys, reporters, and other interested viewers with the opportunity to watch the oral arguments live on the New Jersey Judiciary's website at www.njcourtsonline.com. Once each day's oral arguments are completed, they remain viewable for 30 days on the Judiciary web page. With the new agreement between the Judiciary and Rutgers-Newark, at the end of 30 days the webcasts will be transferred to the Rutgers-Newark law school archives.

The oral arguments archive, part of Rutgers Law Library's New Jersey Digital Legal Library (NJDLL) project, was initiated by Carol A. Roehrenbeck, Associate Dean for Library and Information Services. "The goal of the Digital Legal Library," she explained, "is to provide the public with free online access to valuable New Jersey legal materials." Additional credit goes to Paul Axel-Lute, Deputy Director of the Library for his help with the project and to Kevin Reiss, Head of Digital Services who designed the page and provided the digital access. To access the collection, which includes New Jersey Administrative Reports, Attorney General Opinions, Executive Orders, Council on Affordable Housing Decisions, and other items, visit <http://njlegallib.rutgers.edu/>.



Contact the Law Library

Important Library Phone Numbers

- Reference.....(973) 353-5676
Got a question? We can help.
- Circulation(973) 353-5677
Contact us for information about inter library loans, study rooms, and getting all your books checked back in to prevent hassles at graduation.

Our Web Site

- <http://www.law-library.rutgers.edu>

Beyond Wexis*

For legal information, *Lexis* and *Westlaw* are the premier online databases, with thousands of files providing primary legal information such as cases, statutes and administrative decisions, as well as secondary sources including treatises, law reviews and the full-text of major newspapers and periodicals.

Despite the wealth of information available on these two databases, there are times when Lexis and Westlaw may prove inadequate. Research problems that one encounters in the legal clinics, or when preparing a paper for a seminar or a note for the law review often require resources beyond the traditional legal databases.

Where to go when Westlaw and Lexis draw a blank? For many the next step is *Google*. And while Google can ferret out some excellent resources available on the Web, it will not bring up the full-text of many scholarly journals and specialty publications that are available only through subscription databases.

JOURNALS

Rutgers University offers over 200 online subscription databases that provide access to tens of thousands of full-text journals. The databases can be accessed from any networked computer while on campus and from home using your Net ID (Pegasus user name and password).

Two legal databases that are available through the law library web site are *Hein Online* and *U.S. Law Week*. Hein Online provides full-text PDF images of older law reviews not available on Lexis and Westlaw. U.S. Law Week provides background news on cases before the U.S. Supreme Court as well as many primary documents on cases before the Court.

BUSINESS

Looking for business information? Try *Factiva* to search for articles on any subject in the full text of 9,000 leading business newspapers, magazines, trade journals, newsletters, and television and radio transcripts. The full-text of the Wall Street Journal is

available through Factiva but not available through either Westlaw or Lexis.

Need to research a company? The *D&B Million Dollar Database* is a directory of over 1,500,000 U.S. companies. The database includes all compa-



nies with more than 100 employees or sales greater than \$5 million.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Perhaps you need scientific or technical information for research in the legal clinics. For students in the Environmental Clinic the library recommends exploring *Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management Abstracts*. It provides access to abstracts on wide range of environmental literature. Other databases to explore include *Science Direct* with the full-text of over 1100 journals, *EIS: Digests of Environmental Impact Statements*, and the *New Jersey Digital Environmental Library*, a digital collection of "ephemeral" or "grey" literature unavailable through common research tools.

To access any of the non-legal databases go to the homepage of the Rutgers University Libraries (<http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu>) and click on the link that says "Find Articles." Then select the link for indexes and databases. For help and more information on using any of the Rutgers databases please stop by the reference desk or give us a call at 973-353-5676.

*An acronym used by many librarians when referring to Westlaw and LexisNexis.

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Have You Tried CALI Yet?

Rutgers Law-Newark is a participating institution in the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, a group of not-for-profit law schools that has developed Internet-based lesson plans and tutorials for use by law school students and faculty.

You can get to CALI from the law library home page at by clicking on “resources,” “databases,” and then “CALI.” Or, you can go directly to CALI at <http://www2.cali.org>. The lesson plans and tutorials are password protected, so stop by, or call the circulation desk at 973-353-5677, or the reference desk at 973-353-5676, to see where CALI can take you.



Get the Jump on Preparing for Your Finals

Beginning April 25, 2005 the Law Library will be open at 7:30 A.M. for students who want to get their studying in early. Make the most of the extra time and stake out your favorite quiet spot or be the first to reserve a study room for your study group!

User Questions

Q: *Can the library help me get information about public opinion polls?*

A: Yes! There is a great database called iPoll which compiles more than half a million questions from public opinion polls on a huge range of topics dating back to 1935. Track opinion across decades. To get there, go to <http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu>, click on “find articles” then click on “indexes and databases.” Scroll down the alphabetical list to find iPoll.

Q: *Where can I find a New Jersey Administrative Report from 1980?*

A: The library has digital copies of the NJ Administrative Reports, First Series in the New Jersey Digital Legal Library. Access it through our web page, <http://njlegallib.rutgers.edu/njar> !