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New CLE Coursebooks

The following 2005 State Bar of Texas CLE Coursebooks are now available for check-out in the Law Library:

- Advanced Elder Law Course 2005 coursebook
- Building Blocks of Wills, Estates and Probate Course 2005 coursebook
- Electronic Discovery & Digital Evidence Course 2005 coursebook
- Negotiating and Constructing an IP License Agreement Workshop 2005 coursebook
- Marriage Dissolution Institute 2005 coursebook
- Suing and Defending Governmental Entities Course 2005 coursebook
- Family Law Basic Training Course 2005 coursebook
- Guardianship Course 2005 coursebook
- Advanced Family Law Course 2005 coursebook
- Representing Nonprofit Organizations Course 2005 coursebook
- Nuts and Bolts of Employment Law 2005 coursebook

Also, due to high demand, the Law Library is acquiring a second copy of the **Role and Duties of the Attorney Ad Litem in Child Protection Litigation 2005 CLE Course** for attorneys to check out. The Law Library is providing this course at no charge to assist attorneys in meeting requirements to receive court appointments as Attorney Ad Litem in termination and conservatorship suits filed by the DFPS in Collin County. This course is in high demand, so please sign up with the Law Library ahead of time to check it out.

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**Receive This
Newsletter
Via E-mail!**

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail rather than from U.S. postal mail, please call the Library at: 972-548-4260 or email us at: kgill@co.collin.tx.us

Coming Soon to the Attorney Workstation: Corel WordPerfect

The Law Library is pleased to announce that Corel WordPerfect will soon be available at the Attorney Workstation. Many attorneys have requested over the years to have WordPerfect in the Law Library and now, thanks to the contribution of a local law firm, this will be possible. Microsoft Word will still be available at the workstation for attorneys to use as well. The new WordPerfect software will come online for attorneys to use in the Law Library beginning early in 2006.



New on the Shelves...

**The following titles have been added to the
Collin County Law Library collection:**



- Criminal Laws of Texas, 2005-2007 ed. - by Diane Burch Beckham, from the Texas District & County Attorneys Association
- O'Connor's Criminal Codes Plus, 2005-2006 ed. - by George McCall Sechrest, Jr.
- Kinkeade & McColloch's Texas Penal Code Annotated, 2005-2006 ed. - from Thomson West
- Texas Penal Code, with Tables and Index, 2006 ed. - West's Texas Statutes & Codes Series pamphlet
- Police Misconduct, Law and Litigation, 2006 ed. - by Michael Avery, David Rudovsky, & Karen M. Blum
- Mental Defenses - by Jane Starnes, from the Texas District & County Attorneys Association
- Juveniles - by Chris Hubner & Sharon N. Pruitt, from the Texas District & County Attorneys Association
- Criminal Law Boot Camp 2005 - State Bar of Texas coursebook
- Representing Abused and Neglected Children in Texas: Child Protection Litigation in Texas and the Role of the Child's Attorney - by Charles G. Childress, State Bar of Texas coursebook for the Role and Duties of the Attorney Ad Litem in Child Protection Litigation 2005 Course
- Court-Appointed Legal Representation of Children in Texas Family Law Cases: A Practical Guide for Attorneys - by Hon. Debra H. Lehrmann
- Texas Family Code, 2006 ed. - West's Texas Statutes & Codes Series pamphlet
- Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, 2006 ed. - West's Texas Statutes & Codes Series pamphlet
- Texas Property Code, 2006 ed. - West's Texas Statutes & Codes Series pamphlet
- Texas Business and Commerce Code, 2006 ed. - West's Texas Statutes & Codes Series pamphlet
- Texas Corporation and Partnership Laws, 2006 ed. - West's Texas Statutes & Codes Series pamphlet
- O'Connor's Texas Rules of Evidence Handbook, 2005-2006 ed. - by Cathy Cochran
- Handbook on Texas Discovery Practice, 2005 ed. - (Texas Practice Series) by Alex Wilson Albright, Charles Herring, Jr., & Robert H. Pemberton
- Handbook of Texas Lawyer and Judicial Ethics, 2005 ed. - (Texas Practice Series) by Robert P. Schuwerk & Lillian B. Hardwick
- Contract Law - a new title in the Texas Practice Series, by David R. Dow & Craig Smyser
- General and Special Laws of the State of Texas - 2005 Legislative Session, including the Regular Session, 1st Called Session, & 2nd Called Session
- 2006 U.S. Master Tax Guide - a companion to the CCH online tax guide service, from CCH Incorporated
- Computer Law Review and Technology Journal - SMU Dedman School of Law - donated to the Law Library by Judge Curt B. Henderson

And from Collin County's own...

- Ethical Implications Regarding Collateral Consequences of Pleas - by Pamela J. Lakatos, a paper presented to the Collin County Bar Association
- How to Prepare For and Succeed at the Social Security Disability Hearing in Texas - by Michael T. Kelly & Michael Sloan, a paper presented to the National Business Institute



**For assistance in finding these new titles in the library
or for information about upcoming titles,
just ask a law librarian!**

Call 972-548-4255 or email: jmccullough@co.collin.tx.us



Internet Spotlight

National Sex Offender Public Registry

www.nsopr.gov

Brought to you by the U.S. Department of Justice, this site allows you to search the sex offender databases from other states from one central location on the web. The site includes data from forty-four of the fifty states, including Texas.

Identity Theft Resources

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

This online article is a wonderful outline of statutes and resources relating to identity theft and privacy laws. There is an extensive bibliography including both print and electronic resources on this topic.

Revised Civil and Criminal Statutes of 1879-1925

<http://www.sll.state.tx.us/codes/revised.asp>

The Texas State Law Library has digitized the Texas Statutes dating from 1879-1925, including the old Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure. They are available in PDF format from the State Law Library's web page.

Wireless Access Locator

<http://www.wififreespot.com/index.html>

The Wi-Fi-Freespot Directory helps you locate places within a given city where you can find free wireless internet access, in coffee shops, museums, and more. Use it to find listings for locations within cities all over the country.

Google Search Within a Site

Type in : "search term" site: www.____

You can do a Google search on an individual website. Type the above into the Google search box to search for a particular term on a single website.

Foreign Adoption Forms—from the Texas Vital Statistics Unit

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/reqproc/forms.shtm>

The Texas Department of State Health Services Vital Statistics Unit has forms for foreign adoptions including: *Application for Order Recognizing Validity of Foreign Decree of Adoption* and *Order* forms.

Find a Human

<http://paulenglish.com/ivr/>

Tired of calling a company or business only to find yourself trapped in automated phone system limbo? If so, check out the Find a Human IVR Cheat Sheet. Mr. Paul English has put together a handy listing of companies along with their phone numbers and the appropriate buttons to push to get to speak with a real live human being over the telephone without all of the hassle of listening to the myriad menu options.

The opinions expressed on these web sites are not representative of those of Collin County or the Collin County Law Library.



Did you Know....?

Did you know that the Law Library has a second computer terminal for attorneys to use when the Attorney Workstation is occupied? This terminal is equipped with Westlaw, the Matthew Bender online litigation materials (including the Texas Litigation Guide), as well as the Microsoft Office applications (including Microsoft Word). If you need to use the Attorney Workstation computer and someone else is already using it, let the librarian know and we can set up the other terminal for you!



Articles of Interest



“How New Associates Can Become Effective Researchers”

Dionne Carney Rainey, Texas Lawyer v. 21, no. 33 (October 17, 2005) p. 29.

This article offers some great research tips for newly minted attorneys. Check it out—and don’t forget that if you need research assistance, just ask a law librarian!

“A Practical Guide to E-Mail Discovery”

Craig Ball, TRIAL v. 41 no. 10 (October 2005) p. 29-34.

Dealing with the ins and outs of electronic evidence can be tricky, especially when you’re dealing with the often obscure terminology of the computer world. This article explains many of these terms as well as offering a nice list of tips for conducting electronic discovery. Also, be sure to take a look at the other articles in the October issue of TRIAL; the entire issue is devoted to electronic evidence.

Also, now available in the Law Library is the Computer Law Review and Technology Journal, recently acquired through a donation by Judge Curt B. Henderson. Our holdings include issues dating from 1997—present. Some recent articles from this journal include:

“You Can’t Say That!: Enjoining Publication of Trade Secrets Despite the First Amendment”

Brooks W. Taylor, Computer Law Review and Technology Journal v. 9, no. 2 (Winter 2005) p. 393-423.

“Copyright Under Siege: The First Amendment Front”

Lackland H. Bloom, Jr., Computer Law Review and Technology Journal v. 9, no. 1 (Fall 2004) p. 41-61.

These articles are available at the Law Library.

Just ask a law librarian!

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Tips for Better Searching in Westlaw

Tired of wading through dozens of hits in your results list when using Westlaw? There are special symbols called Boolean Operators that you can use when entering your search terms that will help to make your search more specific. Clip and save this handy guide to searching with terms and operators!

Operator: &

Example:

conversion & automobile

This search will retrieve only those documents that contain both the word “conversion” and the word “automobile” within the same document

Operator: /s

Example:

conversion /s automobile

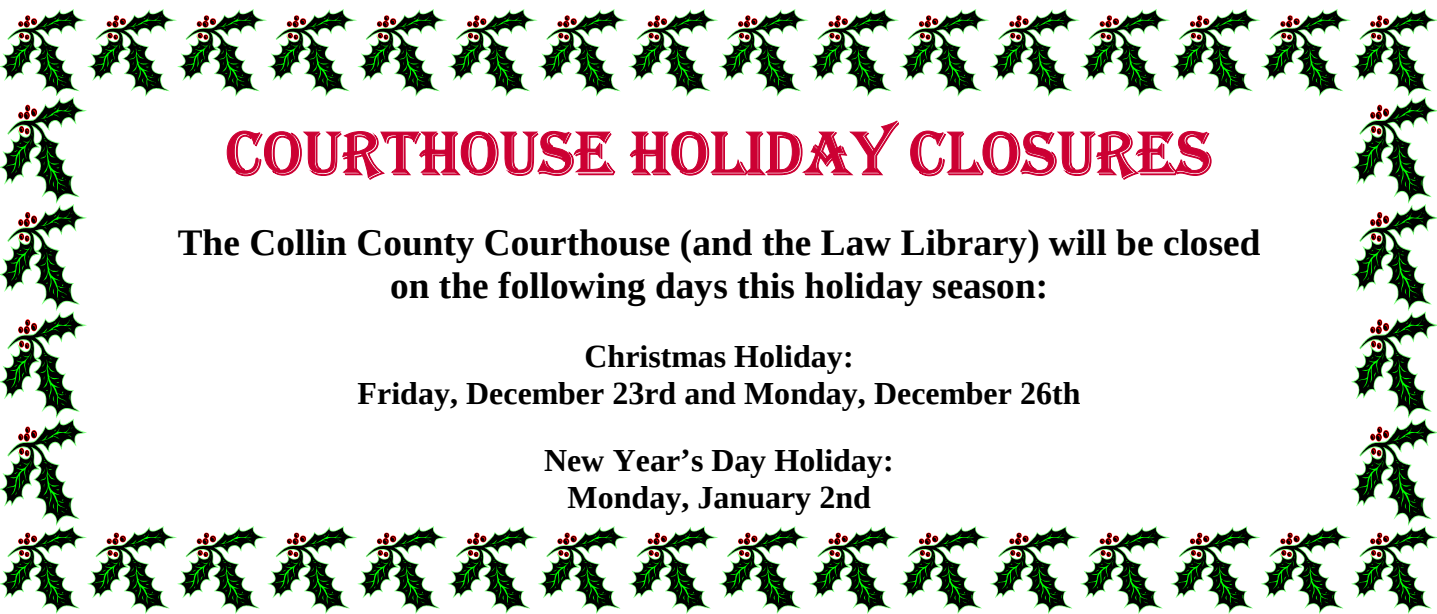
This search will retrieve only those documents that contain the word “conversion” and the word “automobile” within the same sentence

Operator: “ ”

Example:

“personal property”

This search will retrieve only those documents that contain the entire term “personal property” within the same document.



COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Collin County Courthouse (and the Law Library) will be closed
on the following days this holiday season:

Christmas Holiday:
Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th

New Year's Day Holiday:
Monday, January 2nd

Important Notices to Attorneys

Unclaimed Faxes

The Law Library permits attorneys to receive faxes on the library's fax machine at a charge of \$1.00 per page. Lately, we have received many faxes addressed to attorneys that no one ever comes to pick up and pay for. We cannot continue to offer this service if the faxes are not retrieved and paid for in a timely manner. If you have a fax sent to the Law Library, **please pick it up** and pay for it within 24 hours.

Missing Newsstand Items

Lately, several items have gone missing from the Law Library's newsstand. These items are not free giveaway items available for people to take with them and keep; they belong to the Law Library and are kept there for everyone to use. Attorneys are welcome to read newsstand items while in the library. However, if you wish to take an item with you to read elsewhere in the courthouse or at home, we ask that you complete a check-out card and leave it at the Reference Desk.

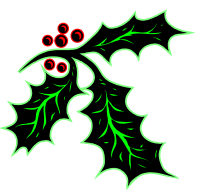
Unpaid IOUs

The Collin County Law Library has always been happy to permit attorneys to leave an **IOU** with the librarian for the purchase of photocopies, print-outs, and faxes made in the Law Library. Attorneys are then invoiced at the end of each month for their IOUs.

Lately, several of these IOU invoices have gone **unpaid**.

The IOU system is a courtesy that the Law Library extends to attorneys, but if invoices continue to go unpaid, the Library will no longer be able to provide this service. **If you think you have an unpaid IOU invoice** from the Library, please drop by the Reference Desk or contact the librarian at: 972-548-1460.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.



**THE COLLIN COUNTY LAW LIBRARY
WISHES YOU JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**



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Where can I go on the Web to find opinions and other information about the U.S. Supreme Court?

Answer:

Keeping up with the latest happenings with the nation's highest court is easy with the help of these resources on the Internet:

**Supreme Court of the United States—
Official Website**

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

This is the official website of the Supreme Court. You can access the docket, Merit Briefs back to the 2003-04 term, oral argument transcripts, and more.

**Cornell's Legal Information Institute—
Supreme Court Collection**

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/index.html>

This site offers a nice collection of Supreme Court materials including full-text opinions from 1990-present as well as a large collection of resources for briefs, oral argument, and older opinions.

U.S. Supreme Court Center on Justia

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

This page allows you to search a database of all published Supreme Court opinions. There is also a nice bibliography of online Supreme Court resources near the bottom of the page.

SCOTUS Blog

<http://www.scotusblog.com/movabletype/>

This blog keeps tabs on what's going on with the Court as well as offering commentary.

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A Little Legal Humor...

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"I'm not sure it was worth it, but it certainly was the world's best judge joke."

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