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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

This is the last issue of
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you will receive in print.

The Law Library is **discontinuing the print publication** of *Truth, Justice, & Information For All*, the official newsletter of the Collin County Law Library, after 2006. Beginning in 2007, the newsletter will be distributed in an **electronic format only**.

The newsletter currently circulates to nearly 1,200 local attorneys, county officials, and libraries. The cost of printing, supplies, and staff time devoted to preparing the paper newsletter for distribution is considerable.

We ask that all attorneys who wish to continue to receive the Law Library newsletter after printing ceases, **please send us your email address as soon as possible** so that we can include it in the email mailing list. Email addresses can be sent to Assistant Law Librarian Katy Gill at:

kgill@co.collin.tx.us

You can also drop off your email address next time you visit the Law Library.

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**Research
Question of the
Day:**

**Print vs. Online
Resources:
Who do you trust?**

To find the answer,
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**Receive This
Newsletter
Via E-mail!**

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

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 22nd and Monday, December 25th

New Year's Day Holiday:

Monday, January 1st



New on the Shelves...

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



- DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Student Manual & Instructor Manual - from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - the 2006 editions are here!
- Confessions, 2006 ed. - by Collin County's own John Stride, with John Rolater - from the Texas District & County Attorneys Association
- Criminal Trial Strategy, 2nd ed. - by Charles W. Tessmer
- Texas Punishment: A Source Book for Defense Lawyers - by Keith S. Hampton & Philip A. Wischkaemper - from the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Losch's Texas Capital Defender Manual, 8th ed. - from the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Texas Search and Seizure, 4th ed. - by Hon. Robert R. Barton
- Police Misconduct: Law and Litigation, 3rd ed. (2007) - by Michael Avery, David Rudovsky, & Karen M. Blum
- O'Connor's Texas Crimes & Consequences, 2006-2007 ed. - by T.B. Todd Dupont II
- O'Connor's Texas Criminal Codes Plus, 2006-2007 ed. - by Richard A. Tulli & Larry Schoenbrun
- Kinkeade & McCulloch's Texas Penal Code Annotated, 2006 ed. - from Thomson West
- Court-Appointed Legal Representation of Children in Texas Family Law Cases: A Practical Guide for Attorneys, 2006-2007 ed. - by Hon. Debra H. Lehrmann
- Texas Pattern Jury Charges: General Negligence, Intentional Personal Torts; 2006 ed. - from the State Bar of Texas
- Texas Pattern Jury Charges: Malpractice, Premises, Products; 2006 ed. - from the State Bar of Texas
- Texas Rules of Form, 11th ed. - from Texas Law Review
- Open Meetings 2006 Handbook - from the Attorney General of Texas
- Public Information 2006 Handbook - from the Attorney General of Texas
- Handbook on Texas Discovery Practice, 2007 ed. (Texas Practice Series) - by Alex Wilson Albright, Charles Herring, Jr., & Robert H. Pemberton
- O'Connor's Business & Commerce Code Plus, 2006-2007 ed.
- O'Connor's Business Organizations Code Plus, 2006-2007 ed.
- O'Connor's Texas Property Code Plus, 2006-2007 ed. - NEW from O'Connor's!
- O'Connor's Texas Civil Appeals, 2006-2007 ed.
- O'Connor's Texas Employment Codes Plus, 2006-2007 ed.

The new Baker's books are here!!

- Baker's Texas Criminal Evidence Handbook, 2007 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Criminal Procedure Handbook, 2007 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Penal Code Handbook, 2007 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Drugs & DWI Handbook, 2007 ed. - by Lang Baker
- Baker's Texas Family Code Handbook, 2007 ed. - by Lang Baker



**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

DUI - A National Online Resource Library for the Judiciary on Impaired Driving <http://nasjedui.unm.edu>

Don't let the name fool you; this site offers great online DUI resources for attorneys and judges alike. A project of the National Association of Judicial Educators, this site serves as both library and online information portal for a variety of DUI related resources, including resources on: field sobriety testing, initial vehicle stops, arrest, pre-trial matters, sentencing, and more.

Law Library Newsletter Archive www.co.collin.tx.us/law_library/index.jsp

Looking for a web site or law journal article we reviewed in an old issue of *Truth, Justice, and Information for All*? Look no further than the Law Library's web site! We keep an online archive of back issues of the Law Library newsletter right on our web site. The archive extends back to 2003!



Google's Custom Search Engine <http://google.com/coop/cse/>

Google's new Custom Search Engine allows you to create your own unique search engine from web sites that YOU choose. Instead of searching the entire web, your search engine only searches those web sites that you have personally selected. You can save and name your custom search engine. This is similar to the search engine, Rollyo (www.rollyo.com) that we mentioned in a previous issue earlier this year. Please note that in order to use Google's Custom Search Engine you must set up a free Google account (e.g.: Gmail).

Acronyma www.acronyma.com

This handy tool helps you translate an unknown acronym. You just type in the acronym and Acronyma generates a listing of possible definitions for that acronym.

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

Did You Know...?

Additional Attorney Computer Available

Did you know that the Law Library has a second computer terminal for attorneys to use when the computer at the Attorney Workstation is occupied? This terminal is equipped with a printer, the Internet, Westlaw, the Matthew Bender online databases, as well as 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!

Collin County Bar Association Newsletter Archive

Did you know that the name "**Bar Tabs**" was given to the Collin County Bar Association newsletter by McKinney attorney George Roland back in 1990? Did you know that the CCBA once held its monthly meetings in the McKinney Holiday Inn? These facts and more are just waiting to be uncovered in the Law Library's archive of **Bar Tabs**, the Collin County Bar Association newsletter. The archive stretches from the very first issue right up through the present. Check it out at the Law Library!

Around the County

Local District Judges Retire

A retirement reception for the **Hon. Betty Caton**, Judge of the 296th Judicial District Court, and the **Hon. Nathan E. White, Jr.**, Judge of the 366th Judicial District Court was held on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at the Collin County Courthouse Central Jury Room. The reception was sponsored by several local bar associations and county offices. Attorneys, judges, family, and friends were among the many well-wishers who attended the event. Both judges plan to enjoy their retirement. Judge White will be taking on the role of President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.



LANWT Welcomes New Attorneys

Two new attorneys have joined the team at Legal Aid of Northwest Texas. **Denise Campbell**, an SMU graduate, handles crime victim related civil legal services. She was in private practice down in Dallas for five years in the areas of family, criminal, and personal injury law. Originally from Indiana,

Kamisha Dumas attended the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. She works with domestic violence/protective order cases at LANWT. Welcome to the county!

Dallas Association of Law Librarians Marks 30th Anniversary

The Dallas Association of Law Librarians (DALL) celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

A chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, DALL was established in 1976 to promote librarianship, to develop and increase the usefulness of law libraries, to cultivate the science of law librarianship and to foster a spirit of cooperation among the members

of the profession.

Assistant Librarian Katy Gill attended DALL's annual holiday celebration in December. This event commemorated DALL's 30 years of service to the North Texas area law librarian community. Law librarians from area law firms, law schools, private corporations, and county law libraries attended the event.

Attorney Workstation Notes

Don't Forget to Sign In!

When using the Law Library's Attorney Workstation computers, please remember to sign in with the date and time of use on the **Sign In sheet** provided. We do not ask for your name, just the date and time of use. This assists the librarians in tracking the amount of workstation usage over time.

Don't Forget to Sign Out!

It is perfectly all right to check your email at the Attorney Workstation, we only ask that you remember to **Sign Out of your email** account before leaving the workstation. Lately, we have noticed that attorneys are leaving their email Inbox open and within plain view at the Attorney Workstation. You don't want anyone else reading your email, so be sure to Sign Out!



CLE Opportunities



2006 Advanced Criminal Law Course Now Available!

The Collin County Law Library is now offering the State Bar of Texas Custom CLE Advanced Criminal Law Course 2006 to attorneys. The cost for taking the course is \$341.00 per person. For this price, you will view the DVDs and receive a copy of the course books for you to keep. The course provides 25.75 hours of participatory and 3.75 hours of ethics credit. *A minimum of two attorneys* must participate each time the course is administered; the course must be completed within a *single calendar month*. The Law Library is providing the administration of this course to assist attorneys in meeting the requirements of our local judges for court appointments for indigent defense.

Demand for this course is high, so sign up today!



2006 Advanced Guardianship Course



The Law Library is also offering the Advanced Guardianship Course 2006 at no charge to assist attorneys in meeting the requirements to receive court appointments as Guardian Ad Litem in the Collin County courts. This course is a self-study DVD course worth 5 hours (2.5 hours ethics) Self-Study credit. In order to qualify for Guardian Ad Litem certification, you must complete a training program that is at least 3 hours in length. Certification lasts two years from the date of the certificate. Attorneys who have been certified twice (four total years consecutively) may be certified a third time for four years. In order to receive Guardian Ad Litem appointments in the Collin County courts, you must submit a resume with a cover letter to each court for which you want to receive appointments.



Role and Duties of the Attorney Ad Litem in Child Protection Litigation Course



The Law Library also offers the *Role and Duties of the Attorney Ad Litem in Child Protection Litigation* course. Completion of this course fulfills the 3 hour CLE training requirement to become an Attorney Ad Litem in DFPS termination and conservatorship suits. This is a self-study DVD course worth 3 hours (.5 hour ethics) Self-Study credit. The Law Library is providing this course at no charge to assist attorneys in meeting the requirements to receive court appointments as Attorney Ad Litem in termination and conservatorship suits filed by the DFPS in Collin County. In order to receive Attorney Ad Litem appointments in the Collin County courts, you must submit a resume with a cover letter to each court for which you want to receive appointments.



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



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Print vs. Online Resources: Who do you trust?

Answer:

Free electronic sources are convenient, but can contain errors, or even simply not be up to date. It is always a good idea to check the print authority just to be sure!

A recent research question posed to the Law Library illustrated the importance of checking the print authority for a law.

An attorney was looking for a particular section of the United States Code. The statute had been cited by the opposing party and the attorney wanted to take a closer look at the statute. The attorney had already looked up the statute online on Cornell's Legal Information Institute website (www.law.cornell.edu) - an excellent free online legal information resource. The language of the statute as printed on Cornell's site, however, did not match the language cited by opposing counsel.

The attorney then decided to check another great online resource, GPO Access (www.gpoaccess.gov). The GPO site is a federal government portal to government information, including the U.S. Code. The same discrepancy in language was found on this site as well.

At this point, the attorney contacted the Law Library. We looked at the print volume of the U.S.C.A. here in the Library and, sure enough, the language cited by the opposing party was found! After closely examining the statute on the Internet, we discovered that the online version of the Code was current through January of 2005. Changes had been made to the statute since that time.

The advent of the Internet has made it easier than ever to access many legal resources online—free of charge. However, it is important to remember that online legal resources may not necessarily be authoritative.

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A Little Legal Humor...

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