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Articles and Websites of Interest

Free Online Storage

www.Dropbox.com, <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-skydrive>

Judging from the number of thumb drives that we find left in the library, you may want to check out some online storage options. For those of you who are unaware, GoToMyPC.com does not work on the computers in the law library. However, Dropbox and Windows Live Skydrive do. Dropbox offers 2GB of free storage, and can automatically update changes in files made on different computers. Windows Live Skydrive offers 25 GB free storage, but is a little trickier to use. Both have the capability of "public access" for certain files, so you can share files with associates or assistants.

Freeware Reviews and Updates

www.techsupportalert.com/

Check out this site for great free software recommendations and tech tips. This site has a nice clean interface, and offers tech tips for all levels of users, not just the ultra-geeks among us. I just found a cool free pdf-maker program!

Can We Tape? A Practical Guide to Taping Phone Calls and In Person Conversations in the 50 states and D.C.

www.rcfp.org/taping

Both state and federal statutes govern the use of electronic recording equipment. This site was put together by and for journalists, but it is a nice summary of issues such as consent, expectation of privacy, and possession and publication.

Admissibility of Web-Based Data

The Advocate, Vol. 52 (Fall 2010) p.31-35.

This paper discusses the practical issues involved in using reports and records from the internet. The threshold issue in determining whether web-based data is admissible is authentication. Materials from government websites are self-authenticating under Texas Rules of Evidence 902(5), but material from private websites are more difficult. The article discusses various strategies for authentication and analysis under traditional hearsay rules.

Compassion Fatigue and Attorneys

Texas Bar Journal, Vol. 73, No. 8 (2010), p. 636-658.

Attorneys are ranked first on the list of occupations whose members are most depressed and prone to compassion fatigue (also known as burnout or secondary stress). Symptoms of compassion fatigue include substance abuse, overeating, anxiety, apathy, increased irritability, exhaustion and isolation. This article encourages attorneys to prevent compassion fatigue by developing a self care plan and establishing work-life balance. The author suggests that measures such as learning to set boundaries, cultivating creativity, and connecting with someone on a daily basis can help prevent and/or cure the issues that come with compassion fatigue.

Your Cheat Sheet for Local Rule Motion Practice Part Three: Eastern District of Texas

www.llrx.com/columns/localrules3.htm

This is an excellent article on local rules for the Eastern District of Texas, outlining key provisions and highlighting possible pitfalls. Parts 1 and 2 covered the Central District of California and the Southern District of New York.

Copies of these or other articles may be obtained in the Law Library or from the Law Librarian via email:

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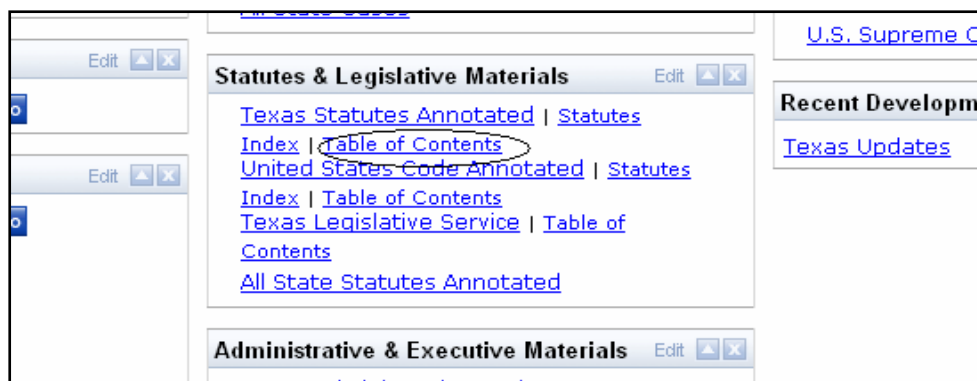
*December 23 and
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*December 31 for
New Years*

Westlaw Tips: Access Old Statutes

Many attorneys ask to see old versions of Texas Statutes. You can access these through Westlaw. You can view statutes back to 2000 using the **Table of Contents** view by following these instructions:

Under **Statutes & Legislative Materials** section on the opening page, click on the **Table of Contents** view:

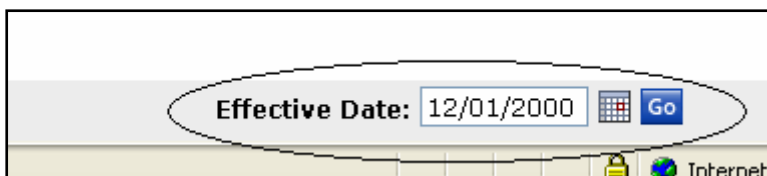


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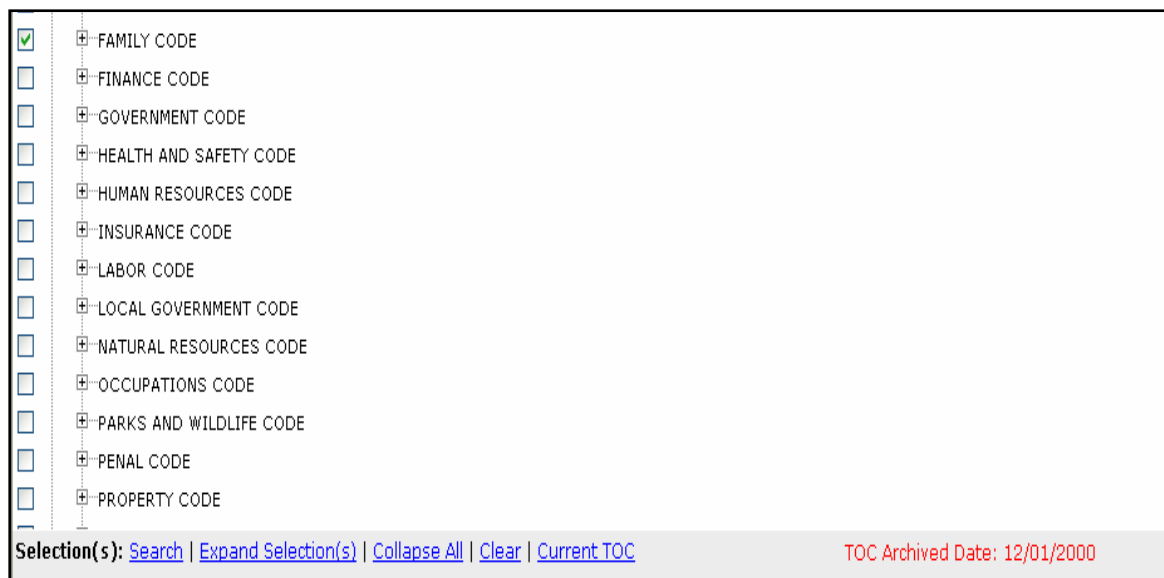


Westlaw Tips: Access Old Statutes (continued)

The effective date in the right bottom corner of the screen will automatically default to the current date. You can change the effective date to any date back to Jan. 1, 2000. Just type it in MM/DD/YYYY format, and click on the **Go** button.



Now you will see a red **Archived Date** appear in the right bottom corner of the screen, letting you know that you are viewing archived content:



Now you can click on the section you need to expand the Table of Contents, and view the statutes.

Please note: Prior to 2000, you can access statutes using only the keyword search feature.

New on the Shelf:



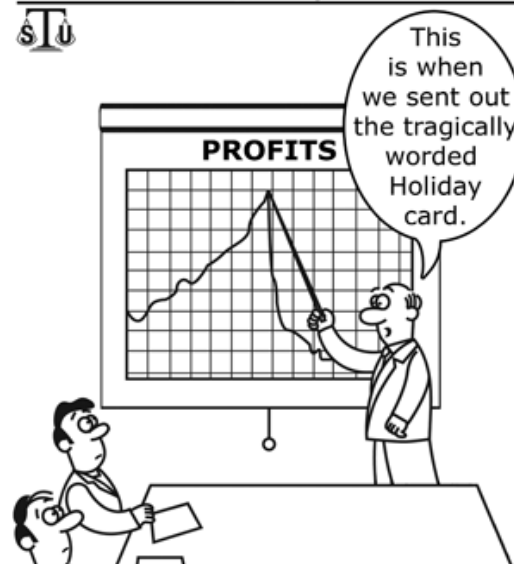
- 24th annual advance civil appellate practice course, 2010.
- 34th annual advance estate planning and probate course, 2010.
- 36th annual advanced family law course, 2010.
- Baker's Texas criminal evidence handbook, 2010.
- Baker's Texas criminal procedure handbook, 2010.
- Baker's Texas drugs and DWI handbook, 2010.
- Baker's Texas family code handbook, 2010.
- Baker's Texas penal code handbook, 2010.
- Capital issues for trial judges: a practical approach, 2004*.
- Death is different : handling capital cases, 1997*.
- Kinkeade & Mccolloch's Texas penal code annotated: with related Texas law and penalty tables, 2010.
- O'Connor's business organizations code plus, 2010.
- O'Connor's property code plus, 2010.
- Soaking up some CLE 2010 : a South Texas litigation course, 2010.
- Texas elder law, 2010.

**donated by Judge Curt B. Henderson.*

A Little Legal Humor

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