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Web 2.0:

Blogs, wikis, RSS, and social bookmarking are all part of the Internet revolution commonly referred to as Web 2.0. Many of these things are useful in our personal lives, but what about at work? More and more people are discovering the usefulness of Web 2.0 in the workplace and some courts are even citing to Web 2.0 sources!

A brief overview:

Blogs, often referred to as blawgs in the legal field, are web logs maintained by individuals who regularly update their readers on news or current trends in a specific area of interest. There are even micro-blogging services, such as Twitter, that allow one to update their "friends" on the most minute details of their daily activities.

Wiki technology is a collaboration and knowledge management tool for business which provides for a central place to share knowledge and ideas amongst colleagues and clients.

RSS allows users to stay up to date on news, blog entries, podcasts and the like. Special software allows one to subscribe to an RSS feed of interest and then aggregates the feeds, freeing the user from frequent manual checks of favorite websites. The type of information being disseminated through RSS is growing everyday!

Social bookmarking is a great idea for people who regularly search the web. Social bookmarking sites allow users to save, categorize (or "tag") and share links to web pages. This allows the searcher who visits a social bookmarking site to rely on human help in finding sites relevant to a research topic.

Web 2.0 Links:

Where to find RSS & Blogs

Law Professor Blogs Network
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/>

Legal Blog Watch
<http://legalblogwatch.typepad.com/>

The December 2007 ABA Journal Blawg 100
http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/aba_journal_blawg_100/

Tom Mighell's Inter Alia
http://www.inter-alia.net/index.php?id=C0_24_1

Virtual Chase--RSS Feeds for Legal Topics
http://www.virtualchase.com/topics/law_rss_feed_s.shtml

Ernie the Attorney
<http://radio.weblogs.com/0104634/>

More relevant links

Top 10 Uses for RSS in Law Firms:
<http://vancouverlawlib.blogspot.com/2006/09/top-10-uses-for-rss-in-law-firms.html>

Wikis for the legal profession:
<http://www.abanet.org/lpm/lpt/articles/slc02071.shtml>

Legal Wikis are Bound to Wow You:
<http://www.law.com/jsp/ihc/PubArticleIHC.jsp?id=1178541412778>

Wired Magazine's Clive Thompson on How Twitter Creates a Social Sixth Sense:
http://www.wired.com/techbiz/media/magazine/15-07/st_thompson

del.icio.us--Social Bookmarking:
<http://del.icio.us/>

From the BRC:

[The Citizens Almanac : fundamental documents, symbols, and anthems of the United States](#), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 2007
Call# JF801 .C581 2007
Also available online at:
<http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS81039>

[Representing children in child protective proceedings : ethical and practical dimensions](#), 3rd edition, by Jean Koh Peters, LexisNexis, 2007
Call# KF3735 .P47 2007

[Digital evidence in the courtroom : a guide for law enforcement and prosecutors](#), U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, 2007
Call # KF8947 .D54 2007
Also available online at:
<http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS79142>

[Construction arbitration handbook](#), 2nd edition, by James Acret, Thomson/West, 2006
Call # KF902 .A737 2006

New Washington Practice Volume

Thomson West has added a civil jury instructions companion to its Washington Practice series. [Washington Practice, Civil Jury Instruction Handbook](#) includes civil jury instructions used in actual cases and is designed to guide practitioners in the appropriate selection and drafting of instructions in similar cases. The volume will be revised yearly.

Other News:

TVW.org News

TVW, Washington's public affairs television network, has updated its web site with detailed programming information and direct links that allow you to watch featured programs. The site provides easy access to live webcasts and you can even download or subscribe to podcasts of government hearings, commission meetings and regular TVW programs. Check it out at <http://www.tvw.org>.

In related news, we are now housing TVW State Supreme Court [oral argument videos](#) on site in DVD format. Arguments prior to January 2007 will continue to be held off site in VHS format and must be retrieved for patron use.

On Display

On December 4, Governor Gregoire appointed Judge Debra L. Stephens of Spokane to the Washington State Supreme Court. Judge Stephens will fill the seat that was vacated by Justice Bobbe Bridge. In the wake of this announcement, the Washington State Law Library has placed on display a number of items that recount the history of the State's highest court including biographies, reports of opinions from territorial times as well as statehood, and photos of the original five members of the Washington State Supreme Court and the current sitting court.

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