



# The Starting Place:

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## Electronic Discovery

Since 2006, when the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure were amended to address discovery of electronically stored information ("ESI"), states have gradually taken similar actions in hopes of taming the mine field that is electronic discovery. Washington is no exception.

For the past several years, the Washington State Bar Association's Court Rules and Procedures Committee has been studying the issue of electronic discovery. Extensive input has been sought on proposed amendments closely mirroring those of the federal rules.\* However, due to the complexity and controversial nature of the issue, most of the proposals have languished before the WSBA Board of Governors and will carry over to the 2009-2010 review year.

The fact remains that electronically stored information comprises a large portion of material subject to discovery. With no current guidance from the state court rules, what is an attorney to do? The following resources are a place to start.

\*The text of the proposed amendments, as well as stakeholder comments, can be found at <http://www.wsba.org/info/bog/july09tab5.pdf> and <http://www.wsba.org/info/bog/sept09tab16.pdf>.

## Electronic Discovery Resources

### General

- Discovery Resources  
<http://www.discoveryresources.org/>
- ABA Electronic Discovery Resources  
<http://www.abanet.org/tech/ltrc/fyidocs/ediscovery.html>
- The Electronic Discovery Reading Room  
<http://www.ediscoveryreadingroom.com>

### Blogs

- Bow Tie Law's Blog  
<http://bowtielaw.wordpress.com/>
- Electronic Discovery Navigator  
<http://www.ediscoverynavigator.com/>
- eDiscovery101  
<http://ediscovery101.wordpress.com/>
- K&L Gates Electronic Discovery Law  
<http://www.ediscoverylaw.com/>

### Cases

- eLaw Exchange  
<http://www.elawexchange.com/>
- Kroll Ontrack Case Summaries  
<http://www.krollontrack.com/case-summaries/>
- K&L Gates  
<https://extranet1.klgates.com/ediscovery/>

### Audiocasts

- TechLaw Solution's e-Discovery Zone  
<http://www.techlawsolutions.com/ezone.asp>

## On the Lighter Side



Facebook adds Shepardizing

Here are some sites that will brighten your day.

<http://www.courtoons.net/>

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

<http://www.loweringthebar.net/>

[http://www.uslaw.com/law\\_blogs/category/Law+Humor](http://www.uslaw.com/law_blogs/category/Law+Humor)

## Did you know?

The Washington State Supreme Court will begin 2010 with the swearing in of our new chief justice, Barbara Madsen. Justice Madsen succeeds Gerry Alexander, the longest serving chief justice in Washington State history.

Did you know that the little room above our Main Reading Room desk holds precious Supreme Court historical documents? These include biographies of former chief justices such as Robert C. Finley, Frank Hale and others. Our reference staff is happy to help with all of your Supreme Court history needs.

## Online

Here are some helpful legal sites recently appearing on the web.

### [The Supreme Court Database](#)

Free analysis of US Supreme Court Cases from 1953 to 2008.

### [FedThread](#)

An interactive interface to the Federal Register that allows one to discuss and follow proposed rules

### [Martindale-Hubbell Connected](#)

Facebook for legal professionals

### [Google Scholar](#)

It's not new, but it has a new "Legal opinions and journals" search feature, and it works!

## From the BRC

[Washington Practice, Criminal Jury Instruction Handbook](#), West, 2009-10  
Main Reading Room

[Corporate Counsel's Guide to Reductions in Force](#), West, 2009  
Call # KF3471 .C672

[Handling Child Custody, Abuse and Adoption Cases](#), 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Thomson Reuters/West, 2009  
Call # KF547 .H37 2009

[The Complete QDRO Handbook: dividing ERISA, military, and civil service pensions and collecting child support from employee benefit plans](#), American Bar Association, 2009  
Call # KF3512 .C37 2009

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