



## LCLL@Large: Legal News and Notes

### Changes in Law Library Newsletter!

This is the **first issue** of the Lane County Law Library’s revamped newsletter—which is moving entirely to a digital format. And as a digital document, it now becomes a hybrid—combining characteristics of an online newsletter with those of a blog, or “blawg” . It will be issued more frequently (monthly), but will consist of shorter posts that provide links to timely and topical articles or notices on legal issues and research. We welcome your comments and suggestions . Send e-mail at: [LCLAWLIB@co.lane.or.us](mailto:LCLAWLIB@co.lane.or.us)

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### The logo from the Law Library’s 60th year celebration

### OnGuardOnline—Online Safety Tips for Consumers

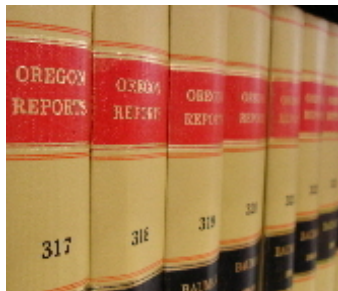
A long laundry list of federal government agencies have partnered with various private organizations and technology groups to offer a website with tips about how to more safely use online resources. Called OnGuardOnline.gov it features information from the Internet Education Foundation (at [www.GetNetWise.org](http://www.GetNetWise.org) ) on software tools for protecting your home computer and also for parents to use to make online usage safer for their children. Most importantly, it features online tutorials about how to use various security tools and security for wireless devices. It includes links to the Justice Dept., Homeland Security and the FTC.

#### Newsletter Highlights

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### Researching a Legal Problem—Help on the Web



#### The Oregon Reports are the published decisions of the Oregon Supreme Court, from 1853 to present day.

There are a number of resources available on how to research legal questions, and for analyzing resources for finding answers. One recent addition to this list of research guides is “How to Research a Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers”, issued by the Legal Information Services to the Public Section of the AALL (American Association of Law Libraries). Click here to review the online version of this guide under their Public Library Toolkit. Also provided is a page with links to some of the free online resources mentioned in this guide.

However, it should be noted (as is done in this guide and others listed here and here) that anyone doing their own legal research into a problem should start by finding a public law library in their area—the Internet is NOT a resource that will provide all of the information needed. Nor do many of the sources found there provide much guidance about how to search, or what is acceptable in particular courts. (cont. p 2)

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## Researching a Legal Problem , continued from p. 1

As for local court rules (which often define the format and time permitted for filing documents, check here for local and state court rules affecting Oregon courts. (Local rules are found under the name of the county in which the circuit, or trial court, is located. State court rules include supplementary trial court rules, in addition to those for civil procedure. )

## Personal Data in Court Documents—to Redact or Not?

The Third Branch, the newsletter for the Federal Courts offers an interesting article on how to redact personal data identifiers from federal court documents. With the advent of electronic filing, and the creation of metadata for most documents that can be hidden but not necessarily removed, it is now harder to determine if an electronic document truly has been redacted. Check here for the August 2008 discussion on this and link to some court websites which have posted information on this matter (E.D. California and Arizona.)

Everything you wanted to know about bad debts and debt collection but were afraid to ask. Check out this recent blog by Laura Orr, Washington County Law Librarian. Investigate Zombie Debt!

### BLAWGING ALONG IN ORE-

**GON:** Interested in a list of blawgs (legal blogs) on Oregon topics or by Oregon bloggers? Check out the ABA Journal's listing of blawgs in Oregon, by clicking here. These include a list of the most popular as well as an alphabetical list that is more comprehensive (check out Jack Bog's Blog and Life at Law by Eugene Law Students.) And for those of you considering whether blogging is for you, here are some sources that will help you:

<http://abajournal.com/blawgs/oregon>

**RESEARCH HINT:** There are free (or nearly free) sources on the internet for finding out more about people, particularly if you conduct research as part of a competitive intelligence project. A great resource on databases about people can be found in an article by Sabrina Pacifici on [www.llrx.com](http://www.llrx.com). <http://www.llrx.com/features/ciguide.htm#peopletrackers> Remember, however, that there are no comprehensive databases (and certainly no free ones) regarding criminal records (see here for more details about that.) However, her article has a lot of information about internet sites that provide a great deal of detail on everything.

### My Corner of the Universe



This will be the only blog-like part of the newsletter's new format—where I still take some of **your** time to express **my** opinions. However, I now need to use fewer words to get my point across. So here you are—my **opinion(!)** is that this new format (no mutant jokes please) is an opportunity to include more current and timely information, with less expense and time invested. Not quite a blog, because there will be more topical information than opinions expressed. But not quite a newsletter either, since much of the news here will link with other sources providing more details. I suppose this might also qualify as a zine (look it up) But frankly, I'd rather not fit it into any category just yet, as I enjoy watching this morph even more as time goes on. So strap yourselves in, everyone. We are all in for quite a ride, bumpy or not! - Linda Falken



## WiFi in the Law Library!

The Lane County Law Library now offers WiFi connections in its main facility. Users with wireless devices and laptops are welcome to use their equipment here. Call the Law Library if you have questions about this new service. 682-4337



## New Online Law Library Offers Interactive Tutorial Training

Fastcase, a major online subscription service, now also offers a free law library with federal and state case law available (including Oregon published case law back to 1997. It also offers statutes for all fifty states, as well as for the U.S. Of particular advantage are the online tutorials and user guides, which help explain how to look for a specific case or statute.

The disadvantage here? You do need to register (no charge) to use the service. But the advantage is that you can find case law back to 1997 and you can search terms and phrases. (In contrast, Findlaw's Legal Professional databases for Oregon cases only goes back to 1998 and only permits searching by case name, or docket number.)

However, [www.findlaw.com](http://www.findlaw.com) does provide more articles or public information about various legal issues. To search the case law databases on Findlaw, [click here](#).

## Reported Security Breaches for Personal Data on Rise

The Identify Theft Resource Center ([www.idtheftcenter.org](http://www.idtheftcenter.org)) recently noted that the total number of breaches reported by businesses has already surpassed all of those reported in 2007. [Click here](#) to see their press release from 8/25/08. And they also point out that this number is most likely underreported, as many breaches are not reported or are reported as one incident, even when they affect multiple businesses. The ITRC is a non-profit organization that posts helpful information for victims of identify theft, to help them resolve some of their problems. Included at the above site is information for consumers, state and local governments and for businesses that would like to audit their security and network systems.

For Oregon residents, the Oregon Attorney General's website also has information for consumers on identify theft. [Click here](#) to go to the AG's page on ID theft which provides information on protecting your credit in that situation. Oregon passed legislation in 2007 (effective as of October 1, 2007) which allows consumers to put a freeze on credit accounts. The Oregon Consumer Theft Act of 2007 also allows consumers the use of fraud alerts if they suspect that they may become a victim of this type of theft. [Click here](#) to view SB 583.

Both the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse also provide information for victims.



## New Acquisitions in the Lane County Law Library as of 9/15/08

Am Jur 2d (replacement set), West/Thomson, with current updates through 2008

American Law of Products Liability, 3rd ed, loose leaf service, West/Thomson, rev. 2001

Corporation Forms, by Hyman. West/Thomson, c 2008 (3 vols. loose-leaf)

Criminal Defense Techniques, by Cipes. Lexis, c1969 (5 vols., loose-leaf)

Documentation of Real Estate Transactions, 2008 supplement. OSB, c1992

Federal Practice Digest 4th series (replacement set), West/Thomson, 1998-

Felony Sentencing in Oregon, 2008 ed., by J. Barton. OCDLA, c 2008

Goldstein Trial Techniques, by Goldstein and Lane. West/Thomson, c2007 (4 vols)

Guide to Setting and Running Your Law Office: Avoiding Malpractice through Efficient Offices Systems. OSB/Professional Liability Fund, c2005

Guide to Setting Up and using your Lawyer Trust Account. OSB/Professional Liability Fund, c2005

Guide to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 6th ed.. American Medical Association, c2008 (in Goldstein Trial Techniques

Legal Malpractice, by Mallin. West/Thomson, c2008 (5 vols.)

Search and Seizure, 4th ed., by LaFave. West/Thomson, 2004 (6 vols.)

Nimmer on Copyright. Lexis/M. Bender, c2005 revision (11 vols.)

O'Neal and Thompson's Close Corporations and LLCs: Law and Practice. Rev. 3rd ed.. West/Thomson, c2004

OCDLA's Search and Seizure Manual, 5 ed., OCDLA, c2008

Oregon Legislative Highlights 2008. OSB, c2008 (2 copies)

Representation of Witnesses Before Federal Grand Juries, by National Lawyers' Guild. West, 1999- (2 vols.)

Rights of Prisoners, by M. Mushlin, 3rd ed. West/Thomson, c2003

### CLE Titles added:

Avoiding Legal Malpractice with your Computer, OSB/PLF (5/5/05) 1 General Credit

Learning the Ropes 2007, OSB/PLF 11/15/07) 11 Practical, 2.5 ethics, 1 Bias Credits

Practical Contract Lawyering, OSB/PLF (5/1/08) 2.5 General, .75 Ethics credits

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