

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER:

It has been an extraordinarily long time since the last issue of the Lane County Law Library newsletter . And my only excuse is — “black holes”. Because I am certain that one has taken up residence near our library. I “know” this because I can come up with no other explanation for all of the catastrophic physical phenomena over the last nine months. (Read: This is my excuse, and I’m sticking to it!)

Despite every contrary intention, my schedule in the past eight months has been swallowed up by 1) planning for the Library’s 60th anniversary (this month), 2) scheduled (and unscheduled) shifting of computers, furniture and staff, 3) truly onerous budget planning for next year, and of course, 4)(seemingly) endless negotiations about renewing or replacing the library’s online database contracts (first we had public access LEXIS and Loislaw, then we didn’t have public access LEXIS, then we added public access WESTLAW, but spent 3 months in negotiation, and let’s not even count the 8 months of negotiation to get BarBooks, etc, etc.). The only logical reason must be that some unseen “event” is responsible for all of this “space debris” filling my universe.

After reading descriptions of the effects of black holes (i.e., gravity wells, loss of light and energy, and slowing down of time!), I finally figured it out. Not only did time seem to slow down as we got closer to the end of last year, but also energy, light and miscellaneous stray objects seemed to disappear into some type of gravitational center. (Of course, this last effect was probably accelerated by spending last November in moving my office from a larger space into a smaller one—accompanied by three months with resident elevator engineers, who needed access to the mechanical closet adjacent to the library!)

Unfortunately, I have yet to discover the black hole’s “event horizon” (i.e., the boundary past which nothing can escape from the black hole’s gravitational pull) This may be good news, however—since most physicists indicate that once **that** barrier is crossed, you are officially “toast” ! (And rather mashed toast at that, which also leads me to wonder how physicists **know** this stuff—has any of them ever encountered one of these directly? Should I can lay claim to being the first?)

However, as I continue working towards the April 24th anniversary event, I have noted that some of the negative phenomena have been receding—hopefully, the black hole’s mass is shifting elsewhere. At least I hope it is shifting, rather than losing mass (and gravity)—apparently they explode when this happens! Which means we might all be soon reduced to a boltzman, a tiny particle containing all of the information ever sucked into a black hole!

I think maybe I should cut back on Star Trek and Battlestar Galactica reruns!



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Foreclosure/Financial Information for Oregon Consumers

The current financial and credit crunch has led to a wealth of web sites with information for consumers. Below are some sites that might be useful, if you have questions, or would like information about how to contact particular mortgage lenders. (And thanks to Laura Orr in Washington County for pointing to some of these sites):

Federal Trade Commission —

“How to Recognize a Foreclosure Rescue Scam”

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/articles/naps31.pdf>

“Mortgage Payments Sending You Reeling? Here’s What to Do”

www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/homes/real04.shtml

U.S. HUD information:

“You Can Avoid Foreclosure and Keep Your Home”

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=33,717348&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Tips for Avoiding Foreclosure

<http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm>

“Avoiding Foreclosure—Oregon”

<http://www.hud.gov/local/or/homeownership/foreclosure.cfm>

Oregon Department of Revenue— Real Property Foreclosure

www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/IC_310_671.shtml

Oregon State Bar—

Foreclosure on Real Property

www.osbar.org/public/legalinfo/1202.htm

Oregon Dept. of Finance and Corporate Securities—

Foreclosures in Oregon

<http://www.dfcs.oregon.gov/ml/foreclosure.html>

Oregon Revised Statutes—

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/088.html>

NEW BOOK NOTES

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The following are titles acquired by the Law Library since the last newsletter; you will find them on the library shelves. Ask the library staff for information on their locations:

AmJur 2nd (with current supplements through 2/08) West Publishing. **KF 154 .A12 1962 REF**

Antitrust Adviser, 4th ed., by I. Scher. West Publishing, 1985) 2007 revision **KF 1649 .A75 1995 TRE**

Attorney General's Model Public Contracts Rules. 2008 ed., Oregon Attorney General's Office (OJD, 2008) **KFO 2551.5 .A856 OR**

Attorney General's Public Records Manual 2008 ed., Oregon Attorney General's Office (OJD, 2007) **KFO 2862.6 .A25 .J73 OR 2007**

Federal Jury Practice and Instructions, by Devitt and Blackmar. 5th ed., (West Publishing, 1987-) **KF 8984 .D4 1987 TRE**

Federal-State Court Directory, 2008 ed. (CQ Press, 2008) **KF 8700 .A19 .F42 2008 RES**

Fee Agreement Compendium, 2007 revision (Oregon State Bar) **KFO 2477.5 .F4 .F44 2007 RES**

Felony Sentencing Manual, 2008 edition (Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Assn, 2008) **KFO 2983.2 .B37 2007 RES**

Goldstein Trial Techniques, 3rd ed. (West Publishing, 2007) **KF 8915 .G62 2007 TRE**

Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment, 6th ed., (American Medical Association, 2008) **RA 1055.5 .A45 2008 RES**

Investigator's Manual, OCDLA (Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Assn., 2004) **HV 8088 .O2 2004 RES**

Juvenile Law, 2007 revision, (Oregon State Bar, 2007) **KFO 2996 .J88 2007 RES**

LaFave's Search and Seizure, 5th ed. (West Publishing, 2004) **KF 9630 .L36 2004 TRE**

Legal Malpractice, by Mallen (West Publishing, 2008) **KF 313 .M29 2008 TRE**

Legislative Analysis of Criminal and Juvenile Laws, 2007 ed., ed. by Ann Christian (OCDLA, 2007) **KFO 2961 .A4 2007 OR**

Medicare-Medicaid Guide, 4 volume loose-leaf. (CCH, current through 2008) **KF 3608 .A4 .C64 TRE**

O'Neal's and Thompson's Close Corporations and LLCs: Law and Practice, rev. 3rd ed. (West Publishing, 2006) **KF 1466 .O52a 2006 TRE**

Oregon Evidence, 5th ed., by L.C. Kirkpatrick. (LexisNexis, 2007) **KFO 2940 .K57 2007 RES**

Oregon Formal Ethics Opinions, 2007 supplement, (Oregon State Bar, 2007) **KFO 2476.5 .A2 .A495 OR**

Oregon Rules of Court, State Local and Federal, 2008 ed. (West Publishing, 2008) **KFO 2929 .A3 .A2 2008 OR**

Rights of Prisoners, 3rd ed., by M.B. Mushlin, (West, 2003) **KF9731 .M87 2003 TRE**

Supreme Court Practice, 9th ed., by E. Gressman. (BNA Books, 2007) **KF 9057 .S8 2007 TRE**

Veteran Benefits Manual, 5th ed., by National Veterans Legal Services Program (LexisNexis, 2007) **KF 7745 .V468 2007 TRE**

Research Hint: OregonLegalResearch Blog

While most blogs tend to pontificate a bit or contain more opinion or rumor than fact, there are an increasing number of legal blogs (or "blawgs") that are as informative as they are entertaining. One public blawg that specifically targets Oregon legal issues is managed by the Washington County Law Librarian, Laura Orr. While not all postings touch upon current events or local issues, many do—and some are just plain funny. For a sample of recent postings, go to:

www.oregonlegalresearch.blogspot.com

However, there are other legal blogs out there, all of them opinionated, but many with a sense of tongue in cheek humor. For a topical directory to legal blogs, go to:

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

This site has a subject directory for selected blogs, and also ranks the day's posts by their popularity. And it also has a search engine designed to search only the blogosphere for keywords, should you be searching for comments on a particular topic.

Another blawg search engine can be found at Justia: <http://blawgsearch.justia.com/category.aspx>

Both of these can and do group blogs into multiple categories, including humor. Try them.

