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New Library Director at The Stark County Law Library

Wednesday, July 18, 2001 was a significant day at the Stark County Law Library. We said "Good-bye" to Niki Domenick and welcomed Kendel Croston, former Assistant Librarian, as our new Director.

As always, "The law library is here to provide you with the information you need. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask me, or any other staff member, for help."

Lesson About Free Speech from the "Nuremberg Files" Web Site Case

Eugene Volokh, the author of this article is a professor at the UCLA School of Law, where he teaches free speech law and copyright law and has clerked for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The following are two of his more interesting comments on the underlying question "... when may the law punish menacing political speech?"

"If a jury's finding that the speech is implicitly threatening can lead to a \$100 million verdict, many people (except perhaps the most irresponsible) would be unwilling to express their honest views on such matters.

... as with all First Amendment exceptions, it's important to keep this one narrowly limited. When statements made in public discourse contain no explicit threat of violence -- or merely warn about the risk of violence by unrelated third parties -- the Ninth Circuit held they must be protected. A harsh rule, but necessary, not just for the protection of pro-life speech but of speech on all topics that make people's blood run hot."²

You can read the entire article at <<http://www.gigalaw.com/articles/2001/volokh-2001-05-p1.html>>.

²Volokh, Eugene. "A Lesson About Free Speech from the 'Nuremberg Files' Web Site Case." [GigaLaw.com](http://www.gigalaw.com). May 2001. GigaLaw.com. 19 July 2001. <<http://www.gigalaw.com/articles/2001/volokh-2001-05-p1.html>>

Floods, Fires and Firebombs: Can Your Law Office Recover From Disaster?

"Can you continue to practice law and meet your deadlines if you have a computer failure, a fire in the office or a sudden discharge of the sprinkler system?"¹

If not, go to <http://www.senseient.com/new_articles.htm> for a good introduction to disaster recovery planning.

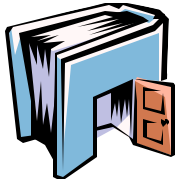
¹Nelson, Sharon and John W. Simek. "Floods, Fires and Firebombs: Can Your Law Office Recover From Disaster?" Sensei Enterprises, Inc. 2001 Sensei Enterprises, Inc. 19 July 2001. <http://www.senseient.com/new_articles.htm>.



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Why Do I Need The Library When I Have the Internet?

- Very few substantive materials are on the Internet for free.
- Sites often promise to search everything but they can't deliver. Moreover, what they do search is not updated daily, weekly, or even monthly, regardless of what's advertised.
- Quality control doesn't exist
- Even the full-text sites of digitized journals, while grand, aren't always full. Articles on these sites are often missing, among other things, footnotes; tables, graphs, and formulae often do not show up in a readable fashion (especially when printed); and journal titles in a digitized package change regularly, often without warning.
- Try reading an e-book for more than a half-hour
- A fully virtualized library just can't be done. Not yet, not now, not in our lifetimes.
- A virtual State Library would bankrupt the state
The Internet is a mile wide, an inch (or less) deep. Not much on the Internet is more than 15 years old.
- The Internet is ubiquitous but books are portable ³

³ Herring, Mark Y. "10 Reasons Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library." *American Libraries*. 2001 American Library Association. 23 July 2001. <<http://www.ala.org/online/news/10reasons.html>>.

Need Something For Your Web Site?



Add a link to C.C. Holland's "Are You Being Stalked? How To Avoid the Dark Side of the Web." This eye-opening and informative article is located on the Web at <<http://www.zdnet.com/anchordesk/stories/story/0,10738,2782711,00.html>>



Legal Dockets Online

www.LegalDocketsOnline.com

Legal Docket Online provides free and inexpensive access to federal and state court case docket information. It includes listings for all web accessible courts including: Federal District, Bankruptcy, Appellate, State Supreme, Superior, Common Pleas, and Municipal courts.

Also included are listings for accessing Federal and State Opinions, Orders and Decisions, as well as a wide selection of news stories.

The Multiple Court Searches cover Federal District Court Civil Cases and Patent, Trademark and Copyright Cases, as well as Federal Contract Law Cases.

The Electronic Case Filing and Retrieval section allows you to check out the latest technology.

Legal Docket Online is located on the web at <<http://www.LegalDocketsOnline.com>>. ⁴

⁴ *Legal Dockets Online*. 2000 - 2001. Legal Dockets Online. 22 July 2001. <<http://www.LegalDocketsOnline.com/>>.

Stark County Case Dockets Online

CJIS: The Criminal Justice Information Systems for Stark County, Ohio, at: <<http://www.starkcjis.org>> now includes online case dockets for the Stark County Court of Common Pleas and the Alliance, Canton and Massillon municipal courts.



There are a variety of choices for searches. A single court or multiple courts can be searched, and there is an option to search all divisions or a specific division. The cases can then be searched using a party name, case number or social security number.

A list of cases matching the search criteria appears, and when the docket number is clicked on, the docket appears.

KnowItNow

If you live, work, or attend school in Cuyahoga County, Ohio or in any CLEVNET library service area, which includes the **Medina County District Library, Orrville Public Library, Wadsworth Public Library, and Wayne County Public Library** ⁵



you can use "KnowItNow", a new, live online reference service provided by the Cleveland Public Library.

Professional librarians equipped with all the resources available at the library (both print and digital) are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer general reference questions and assist you in finding information. Specialists in law will be available from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Monday - Saturday.

"Once logged on, you and a librarian engage in a 'chat' session that features co-browsing capabilities. You can watch and participate as librarians skillfully navigate the Internet to find precise answers to your questions. Librarians can also convert print documents into digital format and email these resources right to you (limited by copyright restrictions). At the conclusion of each KnowItNow session, you will receive a complete transcript of your session via email that includes links to all Internet resources shared during that session." ⁶



⁵ "The CLEVNET Library Consortium." April 17, 2000. Board of Trustees, Cleveland Public Library. 26 July 2001. <<http://www.cpl.org/Locations.asp?FormMode=CLEVNET>>.

⁶ Welcome to the KnowItNow Website. Board of Trustees, Cleveland Public Library. 26 July 2001. <<http://www.cpl.org/vrd/learnmore.html>>

Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online

The sourcebook brings together data from more than 100 sources about all aspects of criminal justice. The site at <<http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/index.html>> is updated regularly and can be read online or is also available for downloading in PDF format. Its six sections include:

Characteristics of the criminal justice systems

Presents data on the number and types of criminal justice agencies and employees, criminal justice expenditures, workload of agency personnel, and State-by-State statutory information.

Public attitudes toward crime and criminal justice-related topics

Presents the results of nationwide public opinion polls on such matters as fear of victimization, the death penalty, gun control, drug use, and ratings of law enforcement and judicial system performance.



Nature and distribution of known offenses

Presents data from several indicators of the extent of illegal activities. These surveys of individuals and households that may have been victims of crime, proportions of persons reporting that they have used various drugs or participated in other illegal activities, and law enforcement agency counts of offenses reported to them.

Characteristics and distribution of persons arrested

Includes tabulations of arrestees by age, sex, race, and geographic area; proportions of known crimes cleared by arrests; and counts of illegal goods and assets seized.

Judicial processing of defendants

Presents data on the number of juveniles and adults processed through the courts and on the characteristics, dispositions, and sentences of defendants.

Persons under correctional supervision

Presents data about persons on probation and parole, juveniles in custody, persons in local jails, population and movement of inmates in State and Federal prisons, and characteristics of State and Federal prison inmates. The section also presents data on offenders executed and offenders currently under sentence of death. ⁷

⁷ "Welcome to Sourcebook." Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics Online. 19 July 2001. Bureau of Justice Statistics. 26 July 2001. <<http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/index.html>>

Odds & Ends of Interest

"Emerging Wireless Privacy Issues and the Law" at: <<http://www.gigalaw.com/articles/2001/harvey-2001-07-p1.html>>.

"Guides to SEC Filings' Content" at: <<http://www.llrx.com/columns/reference27.htm>>.

"How Public are Public Records?" at: <http://www.netforlawyers.com/article_public_records.htm>



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Press enter at main SIRSI
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Press BEGIN to start

Choose Library Catalog

For more detailed
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Membership and Fees: Membership is open to those who have passed the Ohio State Bar Examination.

First year Bar member...
Complimentary

2-5 years as member.....\$5.00

6+ years as member.....\$10.00

Membership checks must be separate from other payments, please.

Circulation: Most print materials can be checked out by members for two weeks. Some items may be taken out overnight only. You may renew items by phone.

Online Databases Available to members: Internet (including email), WestLaw, LEXIS-NEXIS, OPEN, PubMed, First Search, LoisLaw, BNA Employment Law Library, and CCH Human Resources. Technical support from the staff is available. Charges vary.

Photocopies: \$.15 each, self-service. Vending cards may be purchased in any amount. Microfiche/film copies are also \$.15 each. Printing from computers is \$.15 per page.

FAX services for members: Send a fax for \$.25 per page within our local calling area, \$.50 outside. Receive free of charge.

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