

King County Law Library E-News

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KCLL E-News Publishing Schedule to Change

The current quarterly schedule for KCLL E-News will change starting in September. The Law Library will begin publishing E-News for our subscribers on a bi-monthly basis. So watch for us more often. In addition, we will be adding new content. The first is our new Tech Tips column.

Tech Tips - Portable Hard Drives: A Simple Storage Solution

Portable or external hard drives are an easy way to expand your computer's storage capacity. Per gigabyte, they cost more than internal hard drives because they require additional components, but they are easier to install and more versatile. They connect to your computer through one of its USB ports—the connections you use for devices like your printer or your digital camera—and usually don't require you to load any special software to work with them. You can purchase them in a "bundle" that includes the hard drive itself, its carrying case and its USB cable. You can also purchase a portable hard drive carrying case and USB cable package and then purchase a hard drive of your choice separately. The hard drives come in a wide range of physical sizes—some fit neatly in your pocket and others are the size of a small lunch box—and an equally wide range of storage capacities—some as small as 4 GB and others as large as 400 GB. Since they are external devices, they are meant to be carried around and handled but you should still be cautious and avoid dropping them, getting them wet or exposing them to extreme temperatures. If you are looking for additional storage space for your desktop PC or your notebook, consider adding a portable hard drive.

Did We Miss You?

Pro-ration Begins on September 1st

The Subscriber Program is the fee-based system we use to enable you to check out books and become eligible for reduced rates for other library services such as our Fax service and *KCLL Delivers*, our document delivery service. Beginning on September 1st, the rates for joining the Program will be reduced for the remainder of the year. Please call Rick Stroup at 206-296-0940 for more information.

Library In-Service Day is September 29th

Both branches of the Law Library will be closed all day on Friday, September 29th for our annual staff in-service day. During this time, the staff will be attending training and performing other duties that require our operations to be closed to the public.

Patron Appreciation Day is October 2nd

Monday, October 2nd is Patron Appreciation Day so please stop by either of our branches for free cookies and a "thank you" from the staff for supporting the Law Library this year!

KCLL Plans for Podcasting

The King County Law Library is planning to start podcasting this fall. Podcasts are short audio files you can listen to over the Internet or download to your own PC to listen to later. Our podcasts will be available via an RSS feed from our web site. RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication, and if you have a RSS reader, you will automatically be notified when a new podcast is available. You do not, however, need to have a reader to access the podcasts. Just check the KCLL web site often for the new posts and download them directly to your computer or mp3 player. The podcasts will explain how to use our legal resources; how to research legal issues; highlight our training opportunities and more. Watch for this new service in September.

LRTC Training Schedule

As our training classes get more popular, we are attempting to ascertain what types of training you would like. If you have a suggestion, please call 206-296-0940 and ask to speak to Rita Kaiser.

Check out our current training calendar at: <http://www.kcll.org/learnhow/lrtc/lrtccalendar.htm>

Due to its popularity, we have added an additional Skip Tracing: Finding Personal and Business Information session on July 24th, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. There are still a few openings in this class. We will be offering this class again on September 8th, from 3:00 – 4:30 PM.

Check out our new class – **Legal Research for the Non-Attorney, Parts 1 & 2** – to be offered on September 11th and 18th from 12-1 PM. Call 206-296-0940 to reserve your space! All classes are held in the Seattle branch at 516 3rd Ave, Suite W-621.

Web Site to Consider

The King County Law Library's web site features numerous great Research Links. Many of you use our links as a starting point for doing Local, State & Federal legal research. One recent addition to our links – at both the State level under the Forms links and in the Self-Help links is the Washington State Child Support Calculator. Use the calculator to estimate the amount of child support that may be ordered in your case. **It is advisory only.** The superior court judge, court commissioner, or administrative law judge has the final authority to determine the amount of child support ordered. Link to the web site at: <http://www.courts.wa.gov/ssgen/> or start at our web site to find this great resource.

New Books in the Library

Bankruptcy:

How to File Your Own Bankruptcy (or How to Avoid It)

Civil Procedure:

The Electronic Evidence and Discovery Handbook: Forms, Checklists, and Guidelines

Corporations:

Premerger Coordination: The Emerging Law of Gun Jumping and Information Exchange

Domestic Relations:

Letters for Divorce Lawyers: Essential Communications for Clients, Opposing Counsel, and Others

Estate Planning:

Tax, Estate, and Lifetime Planning for Minors

Indian Law:

Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law, 2005 Ed.

Insurance:

The Fidelity and Surety Desk Reference Book

Legal Composition:

Thinking like a Writer: A Lawyer's Guide to Effective Writing and Editing

Medical Law:

Assisted Reproductive Technology: A Lawyer's Guide to Emerging Law and Science

Practice of Law:

The Curmudgeon's Guide to Practicing Law

Unfair Competition:

Trade Secrets: A Practitioner's Guide, 2nd Ed.

To see a complete list of the new books, go to www.kcll.org/aboutus/news/newbooks.html.

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