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## SALEM, WITCHCRAFT, AND WITCH-HUNTS

Carol Yecies, Associate Law Library Director for Information Services and Administration and Adjunct Professor

According to the calendar, it is October, and we are well into autumn, even if the view out of my office window is of waving palm fronds, and nary a “changed” leaf is in sight. Holiday-wise, this month culminates with Halloween, evoking visions of costumed children begging for treats, carved pumpkins, and bats and witches flitting across the night sky.

The thought of witches brings to mind witchcraft and an infamous blot on the early American legal system, the Salem Witch Trials of 1692. Over the course of more than 12 months, community hysteria in Salem, Massachusetts, led to the charging of over 150 individuals with the crime of witchcraft. The hysteria, begun by the strange behavior of several young girls, fed by a doctor’s suggestion that the young ladies’ behavior might be caused by witchcraft, culminated in the death of 20 people, 19 by hanging and one by being pressed to death under heavy stones.

The Salem Witch Trials leave behind more than just a snapshot of community hysteria in colonial New England. The past continues to haunt us with more recent examples of community hysteria, where suspicions, uncorroborated by credible evidence, supplant thoughtful investigation or due process. Fear overrides logic and citizens are pre-judged to be guilty.

A classic example of a Salem-type mass hysteria in the face of a perceived public threat was the McCarthy-era hunt for Communists in the United States. During the period of the late 1940’s to the late 1950’s, Americans were hyper-concerned about the threat of Soviet influence in American institutions, and thousands of Americans were accused of being Communists or Communist sympathizers. The accused were subjected to aggressive investigations by both public and private bodies and stigmatized in the eyes of their fellow citizens. They lost jobs, they lost reputations, and in some cases they were imprisoned.

A current example of a Salem-type mass hysteria is the War on Terrorism. Muslims, Arabs, and suspected terrorists are now the targets of American hysteria. This modern witch hunt includes not only the suspect individuals, but targets as diverse as Muslim charities and law firms that represent suspected terrorists.

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## **Book of the Month: IN JUSTICE: INSIDE THE SCANDAL THAT ROCKED THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION**

By David Iglesias with David Seay

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**Review by Deborah McGovern**

This is a fascinating first-person account of the “massacre” that occurred on December 7, 2006, when seven U.S. Attorneys were fired for the apparent reason that they failed to effectively use their offices for the advancement of the Bush administration’s political ends. The author, David Iglesias, in common with other U.S. Attorneys who were dismissed, was hard-working and highly competent. More than that, he was a true believer. As he states on page 8, “I came to the Bush administration with the firm conviction that its values mirrored my values.”

As Iglesias tells the story, his sin, in the eyes of Alberto Gonzales, lay in not making loyalty to the President paramount. He failed to toe the line on the Administration-dictated strategy of focusing on voter irregularities and prosecuting Democrats for political corruption on a timely (i.e., *before* the election) basis.

In his discussion of the struggle between Democrats (worried about access to the ballot box) and Republicans (concerned about voter fraud that might favor the Democrats), Iglesias instances the technique known as “caging.” An example of this technique would be sending voter registration forms to a predominantly black college during the summer break. When the forms were returned as undeliverable, then the students’ residency, and therefore their right to vote, could be challenged. Iglesias alleges that “caging” was used in Jacksonville, Florida, against GI’s who were deployed in Iraq.

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**URL/Website of the Month:**

The screenshot shows the homepage of GobiernoUSA.gov. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: 'Página principal | Quiénes somos | Contactos | Índice del sitio | Medios'. The main header features the 'GobiernoUSA.gov' logo and the text 'Información oficial en español'. To the right, there is a contact number: 'Llámenos al 1 (800) FED INFO 1 (800) 333-4636' and an 'English Home' link. Below the header is a search bar with the text 'Todo el Gobierno Imágenes GobiernoUSA.gov' and a 'Buscar' button. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Público en general', 'Recién llegados', 'Visitantes a los EE. UU.', and 'Empresarios'. Under 'Recién llegados', there are sub-sections for 'Niños y jóvenes' and 'Estudiantes'. The 'Servicios por Internet' section includes links for 'Busque trabajos en el Gobierno federal' and 'Encuentre programas de ayuda del Gobierno'. The 'Temas' section is organized into columns with sub-sections: 'Empleo (Employment)', 'Beneficios y ayuda financiera (Benefits and Financial Assistance)', 'Ciencia y tecnología (Science and Technology)', 'Desastres y emergencias (Disasters and Emergencies)', 'Inmigración y ciudadanía (Immigration and Citizenship)', 'Leyes, datos y estadísticas (Laws, Data and Statistics)', 'Protección al consumidor (Consumer Protection)', and 'Salud, nutrición y seguridad (Health, Nutrition and Safety)'. On the right side, there is a 'Noticias e información de interés' section with various news items and a 'Lotería de Diversidad' link.

## Gobierno USA.gov pagina principal del portal oficial del Gobierno de EE. UU.

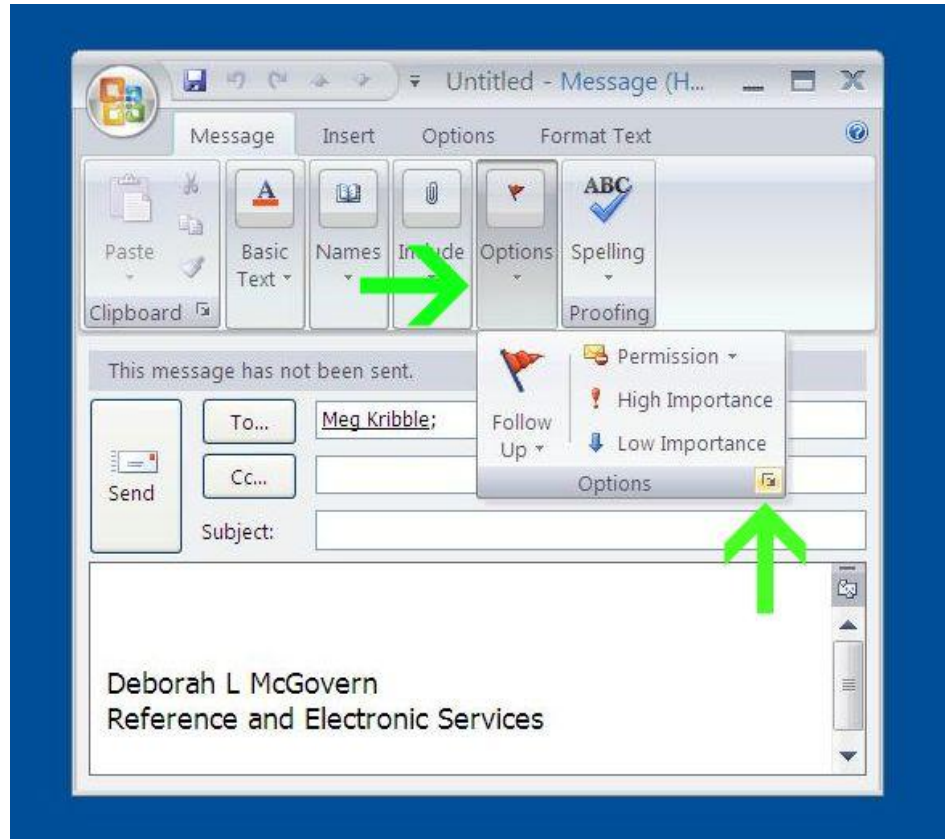
This is the Spanish language portal to a plethora of useful government websites. From here, you can locate government agencies, apply for government employment, find out how to get a free credit report, apply for disaster assistance, register to vote by mail and find out what the government is doing to protect our food supply from clones. It's available in English, too [USA.gov](http://USA.gov) [The US Government's Official Web Portal](http://The US Government's Official Web Portal)

This month's suggestion courtesy of Deborah McGovern, Reference and Electronic Services Librarian, Law Library & Technology Center, and Adjunct Faculty

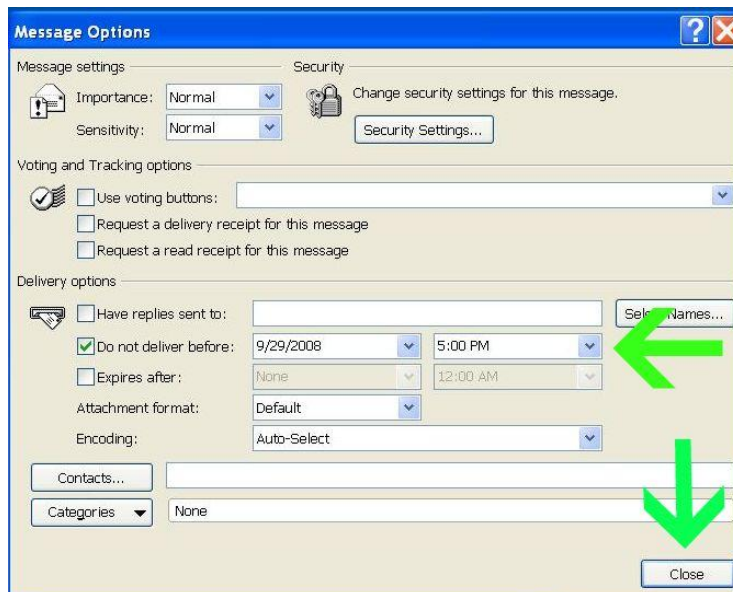
## Tech Tip of the Month:

Since Halloween is this month, it seems appropriate to introduce a Tech Tip that will allow you to haunt others with emails even when you're not with your computer, cell phone or personal hand-held device. Use Outlook 2007 to write your emails now and mail them in the future!

First, click on the *New* Button on your Outlook screen. Enter the names of your recipients. Then, click on *Options* and, within that menu, on the arrow at the lower right-hand corner.



On the *Message Options* screen that comes up, click in the box next to *Do Not Deliver Before* and fill in the desired date and time. Close the *Message Options* box, and just click on *Send* as you usually would.



Your incorporeal presence will be felt by your unfortunate victim, that is to say, recipient, at the time of your choosing. Spooky!

This month's Tech Tip comes from a whole bag full of tips and treats provided by Mary Paige Smith, Associate Law Library Director for Technical Services.

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## Faculty & Staff Publications:

**Michael Dale:** Update to REPRESENTING THE CHILD CLIENT (Matthew Bender) recently published.

**Bob Jarvis:** *Carl Zollmann: Aviation Law Casebook Pioneer*, 73 J. AIR L. & COM. 319 (2008).

**Michael Masinter:** *Universities Must Understand ADA Restoration Act's Impact*, DISABILITY COMPLIANCE BULL. (LRP), April 10, 2008.

**Jim Wilets:** *A Comparative Perspective on Immigration Law for Same-Sex Couples: How the United States Compares to other Industrialized Democracies*, 32 NOVA L. REV. 327 (2008).

## Forthcoming Works:

**David Cleveland:** *Draining the Morass: Ending the Jurisprudentially Unsound Unpublication System*, MARQ. L. REV. Pre-publication draft available at SSRN at: <http://papers.ssrn.com/abstract=1265780>.

**Michael Dale:** *Survey of Florida Juvenile Law*, NOVA L. REV (2009).

**Elena Marty-Nelson:** *Securities Laws in Soap Operas and Telenovelas: Are All My Children Engaged in Securities Fraud?* U.S.C. INTERDISC. L. J. (January 2009).

## Presentations, Appearances, Blogs, Interviews and Citations:

**David Cleveland:** He will be presenting on the topic of unpublished judicial opinions at the Stetson Junior Faculty Forum for Florida law schools in November.

**Michael Dale:** He has been teaching the National Institute for Trial

Advocacy (“NITA”) skills training for lawyers representing parties in abuse and neglect and termination of parental rights cases.

In March he was lead teacher at a three day program for lawyers who represent children sponsored by the Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles.

May 19 -23 he taught in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocky Mountain Child Advocacy Institute in Louisville, Colorado.

In June he was lead teacher in the week long Child Advocacy Program at Hofstra Law School in New York.

In June he was lead teacher at the Connecticut Commission on Child Protection training program for state and children’s lawyers at Yale Law School.

In September he was lead teacher at a program on behalf of the Parental Defense Alliance in Salt Lake City.

He will be a Plenary Speaker and Workshop Leader at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit in New Orleans on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, talking on the topic of Ethical Issues in the Representation of Minors in Juvenile Delinquency Cases.

He will be teaching in a NITA Training Program for lawyers in Domestic Violence cases, co-sponsored by the Justice Department, in Colorado in November.

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**Richard Grosso:** He was quoted in the *Florida Keys Keynoter* for October 1 as the legal representative of Last Stand and the Florida Keys Citizens Coalition in an article about preserving environmentally sensitive land in the Keys.

**Bob Jarvis:** His maritime attachments law review article was cited in *ST Shipping and Transport, Inc. v. Golden Fleece Maritime Inc.*, 2008 WL 4178189 (S.D.N.Y. 2008).

He served as a panel moderator at the Fourth Annual Florida Gaming Summit on October 7 at the Seminole Hard Rock. The topic of his panel was: “Legislative Outlook: Gaming for All of Florida?”

He was quoted in *Florida Today* for August 13 in a story about the future of shipboard gambling in Florida.

He was quoted in *Daily Business Review* for August 26 in a story about the means used to pick new Florida Supreme Court justices.

He was quoted in *Central Florida Law Journal* for September 2008 in a story about the future of gambling in Florida.

He was quoted in the *Miami Herald* for September 10 in a story about the effort to remove Miami-Dade School Superintendent Rudy Crew.

He appeared on the Channel 10 (WPLG-ABC) evening news on September 19 in a story about the future of the Seminole gambling compact.

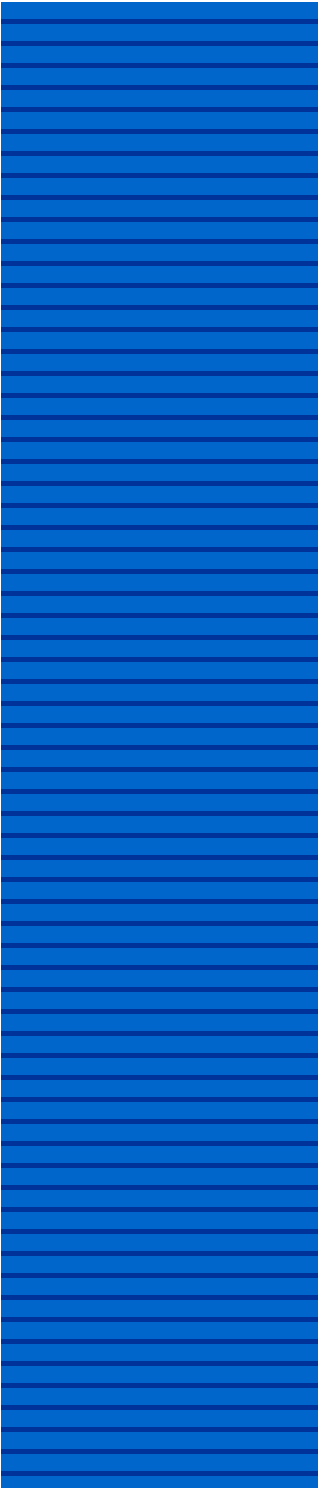
He was quoted in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* for September 19 in a story about Davie’s proposed vehicle accident rescue fee.

He was quoted in *El Nuevo Herald* for September 25 in a story about the ballot battle involving Broward County judicial candidate Mardi Levey Cohen.

He was quoted in *Closer* magazine for October 2008 in a story about proposed Florida Amendment 2.

He was quoted in the *Miami Herald* for October 1 in a story about the Eleventh Circuit’s decision in the AlphaMed case, which involved a start-up company’s claim that its business had been spied on by a rival firm.

He was quoted in *Correio Braziliense* for October 2 in a story about the threats to commercial shipping posed by Somali-based pirates.



He was quoted in the *Naples Daily News* for October 4 in a story about possible Government in the Sunshine violations by the Ave Maria Stewardship Community District.

**Michael Masinter:** He was quoted in *ADA Does Not Shield Improper Behavior by Employees*, DISABILITY COMPLIANCE BULL. (LRP), February 1, 2007.

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**Anthony Niedwiecki:** He will be blogging at the Bilerico Project on the impact proposed Florida Constitutional Amendment 2 will have if it is passed in November. His first posting is available [here](#).

He will also be doing a series of lectures and debates and appearing on panels and in symposia throughout the month of October to discuss the likely impact of Amendment 2.

He made a presentation on Amendment 2 at the Broward Votes Political Forum, sponsored by the Urban League, on Wednesday, October 15.