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## A Look at JDSupra

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

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This online service provides access to thousands of legal documents, including pleadings, amicus briefs, memoranda of law, opinions and orders. It also functions as a venue for attorneys who post documents there to advertise their expertise in various fields. Access to JDSupra requires registration, but the only information solicited is an email address and self-identification of your legal role.

By far the largest contributor of documents (with 786, at last count) is the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), a founding contributor. EFF is known for its free speech advocacy. It also litigates in the areas of intellectual property and privacy in the electronic age.

The screenshot shows the JDSUPRA website with a navigation bar (HOME, SEARCH DOCUMENTS, POST DOCUMENTS, HOT DOCS, PROFILES, RESOURCES) and a main content area. The main area features a search bar, buttons for 'Search Documents', 'Search Contributors', and 'Share My Work'. Below this, there are sections for 'In Partnership with our Contributors' (listing CLARK WILSON, HORRISON, CATO INSTITUTE, MBV|LAW, SNI), 'Featured Contributor' (highlighting Michael J. Young), and 'Top 10 Contributors' (listing Electronic Frontier Foundation, Thomson & Firester LLP, etc.). A 'Hot Docs' section is also visible at the bottom.

Its postings include documents filed in high-profile cases such as that of the MBTA hacker (*MBTA v Zack Anderson*), in which EFF contended that its clients' First Amendment free speech rights were violated by a judicial order canceling the Defcon

presentation at which they would have revealed security flaws in the MBTA's "smart card." In an amicus brief filed in the case of Lori Drew, the Missouri mother prosecuted under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) for impersonating a teenage boy on MySpace and allegedly causing the suicide of a teenage girl, EFF argued that criminal charges for a terms of service violation is a misapplication of the CFAA.

In another noteworthy case, EFF filed a class-action lawsuit against AT&T for collaborating with the National Security Agency in the illegal wiretapping and data-mining of Americans' telecommunications.

A Hot Docs button on the JDSupra website takes you to the "celebrity" documents in the collection, the ones that everybody is writing and reporting about. In the document listings under the poster's profile, the jurisdiction, subject matter and case/document title and filing date are indicated. In addition to legal documents, contributors post law-related articles. It is possible to subscribe to both via feed reader.

The site allows for keyword searching for documents by subject matter. Some of the subjects represented are: communications and media law; constitutional law; criminal law; military law; science, computers and technology; intellectual property; civil procedure; and antitrust and trade regulation. Searches can be limited by jurisdiction and by type of pleading. However, unless you know exactly what you are looking for, searching on the search page is not very productive. This is probably the least rewarding part of the website.

This collection is definitely more useful for attorneys and scholars than for the Self-Represented Litigant (SRL). Searching for a form in the quotidian area of family law using the keyword *dissolution* uncovered only two documents. One was an engagement agreement and the other was a set of instructions for the process for a legal name change in Florida.

One useful area for the SRL appears under the heading of Resources. Here, you can drill down to find the official websites of courts in Florida as well as other state and federal courts' websites. Also available are links to the various bar associations. Nova's clinics and journals are represented.

To reiterate, this site appears to be most useful as a way of accessing documents in high profile cases, such as the ones litigated by the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

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## **Book of the Month: BIOTECHNOLOGY AND THE CHALLENGE OF PROPERTY: PROPERTY RIGHTS IN DEAD BODIES, BODY PARTS, AND GENETIC INFORMATION**

By Remigius N. Nwabueze

K3925 .BN6 N83 2007 Recent Acquisitions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
**Review by Deborah McGovern**

The court in *Moore v. Regents of University of California* held that the plaintiff had no property right in cancer cells removed from his body, and hence was not entitled to profit from commercialization of those cells. Moving outside the confines of the common law as it has evolved in the industrialized West, the author here considers whether the concept of property is flexible enough to encompass the interests implicated by genetic engineering of human tissues. He compares the view taken of human body parts by non-Western traditional societies with that held in the industrialized West. His goal is to accommodate both viewpoints on the biotechnological use of human tissues within an expanded definition of property.

Remigius N. Nwabueze is City Solicitors' Educational Trust Lecturer in Property Law at the University of Southampton, UK. He has published in the areas of Regulatory and Ethical Issues in Biomedical Research or Bioethics, Medical Law and Torts.

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## URL/Website of the Month:



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

In South Florida, everybody's preoccupation during the hurricane season is tracking the progression of the destructive swirling weather patterns across the Atlantic. This month's website, [Stormpulse](http://www.stormpulse.com/), lets you monitor the paths of multiple hurricanes. One of the most interesting interactive features is the ability to hover your mouse over a city, causing a radiant to be drawn from the hurricane to the city to show how far inside, or outside, the "cone of probability" that particular city is.

This month's suggestion courtesy of Meg Kribble, Emerging Technologies, Reference & Instructional Services Librarian

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## Tech Tip of the Month:

If you don't mind letting Google know just a little bit more about you, and are not troubled by the fact that it "reads" your Gmail to target ads to you, try GOOG-411. This free service lets you find, and call, a business in any city you choose. Call 1-800-GOOG-411. GOOG-411 prompts you to say your city and state. You can say where you are or you can key in a zip code. Then GOOG-411 asks you for a business name or category. You tell it what you're looking for, say flower delivery. GOOG-411 will connect you with the business you choose. It's free, and after all, Google is a force for good, right?

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## Faculty & Staff Publications:

**Robert Hudson:** Book review, Making the Transition to E-Learning: Strategies and Issues, in *The Internet and Higher Education* (2008). Available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.iheduc.2008.08.003>.

### Forthcoming Works:

**Timothy Arcaro:** His article, *Creating a Legal Society to Support the Hague Convention on Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction in the Western Hemisphere* has been accepted for publication by the U. Miami Inter-Am. L. Rev.

His article, *No More Secret Adoptions: Providing Putative Fathers with Actual Notice of the Florida Putative Father Registry* has been accepted for publication by Cap. U. L. Rev.

He will be writing the 2007 adoption chapter updates for Florida Bar, *Adoption, Paternity, and Other Family Practice* (8<sup>th</sup> ed.)

**Joel Mintz:** His article, *Presidential Leadership and the Challenge of Global Climate Change*, will be published in the January 2009, Env'tl. L. Rep., a symposium issue on the theme of advice on environmental issues for the incoming administration.

An update to his treatise, *State & Local Government Environmental Liability*, was recently accepted for publication. It will be released this fall by Thomson/West.

### **Presentations, Appearances, Interviews, Nominations, Appointments, Reviews and Citations:**

**Kathy Cerminara:** She is on the Mentor Committee for the Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS).

She spoke at a continuing medical education session presented on August 24 by NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine on the topic of restrictive covenants in the practice of medicine.

**Bob Jarvis:** His law review article on Rule B maritime attachments was cited in *Novoship (UK) Ltd. v. Ruperti*, 2008 WL 2519912 (S.D.N.Y. 2008), and *DSND Subsea AS v. Oceanografia, S.A. de CV*, 2008 WL 3020856 (S.D.N.Y. 2008).

He organized and moderated a panel at the SEALS Annual Meeting in Palm Beach on July 30. The topic was: *Writing Your Law School's History: A How-to Guide*.

He served as an outside reviewer for a faculty promotion candidate at Florida A & M University College of Law.

He was quoted in the *National Law Journal* for June 27 and *Daily Business Review* for July 1 in a story about newly-appointed Judge O. Peter Sherwood, who is being investigated for possibly having engaged in the unauthorized practice of law prior to taking the bench.

He was quoted in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* for July 4 in a story about the Florida Supreme Court's decision striking down the Seminole gambling compact.

He was quoted in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* for July 5 in a story about the Florida Supreme Court's decision striking down the Seminole gambling compact.

He was quoted in the *Miami Herald* for July 6 in a story about the Florida Supreme Court's decision striking down the Seminole gambling



compact.

He was quoted in the *Daily Business Review* for July 8 in a story about Norman Braman's lawsuit against the Florida Marlins.

He was quoted in the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* for July 15 in a story about a Cooper City proposal aimed at limiting the public's right to speak during city meetings.

He was quoted in the *Daily Business Review* for July 16 in a story about the ongoing investigation into Sean Conway, who is in trouble with the Bar for his harsh blogging about Judge Cheryl Aleman.

He was quoted in the *Miami Herald* and *El Nuevo Herald* for July 20 in a story about the Seminole gambling compact.

He was quoted in the *Florida Times-Union* for July 25 in a story about Judge W. Gregg McCaulie of Jacksonville, who may have violated the judicial canons by becoming involved in a friend's dispute.

He was quoted in the *Miami Herald* for July 31 in a story about Broward Sheriff Al Lamberti's re-election bid.