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THE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

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The Law Library and Technology Center has been a participant in the [Federal Depository Library Program \(FDLP\)](#) since October 1982. We are a selective depository, receiving at no charge approximately 16% of the documents that the Government Printing Office (GPO) makes available. In return, we agree to give the general public access to these documents, and to retain the publications for a specified period of time (usually 5 years). Our regional depository is the Documents Department of the University of Florida's [Smathers Libraries](#). This regional depository attempts to retain copies of all FDLP documents, and serves as our resource for documents we do not collect.

The LLTC receives government documents in several formats. Still the most common is print-on-paper. GPO continues to distribute some depository materials in microform, since it is an inexpensive format to produce. Less frequently-used are "tangible" electronic formats such as CD-ROMs and DVDs. Now that the vast majority of federal documents are "born digital", and are made available online from various government websites, many documents are no longer distributed to depository libraries in print.

While it is a convenient way to make federal publications available to a large audience, electronic access is often an imperfect substitute for a physical volume. This is particularly true for law students, attorneys and law-makers, who must use (and cite to) the "official" version of a law, case or regulation. GPO has undertaken an [authentication initiative](#) that someday will enable users to rely on electronic documents with the same confidence they now place in tangible print publications.

The federal depository publications we select are housed in different locations within the LLTC. Most of them are located in the Government Documents collection on the 1st floor. These publications are arranged in Superintendent of Documents (SuDoc)

classification order. This classification scheme organizes documents according to the federal agency or department which issues them. Another large number of government documents are housed in the Microforms Room on the 1st floor. These documents are also arranged in SuDoc order. The best way to locate documents in these collections is to check [Novacat](#).

Several important depository publications are located in the Federal collection on the 2nd floor. These titles include *United States Reports*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, *United States Code*, *USCCAN*, *Federal Register*, and public and private slip laws. The Tax collection, behind the Circulation Desk, also houses a few government documents, such as the *Reports* of the United States Tax Court and the *Internal Revenue Bulletin*.

Some of our selected depository publications are not housed in the LLTC at all. We have agreements with both the Alvin Sherman Library and the Oceanography Library, to send some publications to them. Each year, librarians at those libraries identify publications that fit their collections, and the LLTC adds these publications to our selection list. GPO ships all titles to us, and we forward the non-LLTC selections to the appropriate library.

For more information, or for help locating federal government documents, call x26201, or stop by the Reference Desk. You can also email your questions to referencedesk@nsu.law.nova.edu.

Book of the Month: **LAW SCHOOL 2.0: LEGAL EDUCATION FOR A DIGITAL AGE**

By David I. C. Thomson

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Review by Deborah McGovern

Thomson begins by indicting the legal education system, pointing out the many ways in which it fails students. He reviews the findings of reports on legal education going back to 1914, with particular emphasis on the Carnegie and Clinical Legal Education Association reports of 2007. Both reports stressed the importance of fitting the skill of “thinking like a lawyer,” within the framework of “practicing like a lawyer.” The reports found that while the case study method is successful in teaching most students the former, it is not capable of teaching lawyering skills.

The author makes a convincing case for the use of technology in law school instruction, largely in the service of varying the “sage on the stage” format of law school classes. He examines a number of technologies, drawing on his personal experience in the classroom. He found that audience response systems (“clickers”) engage the students and provide them with feedback, something that the Carnegie report found lacking in traditional legal education. Students in his Administrative Law class used a wiki to create outlines for the course. Students were permitted to

use the class-created outlines during their exams. For his Legal Research and Writing class, Thomson used Case Map, which provided a graphic representation of the students' understanding, enabling him to address problems. Later, when these students were job-hunting, knowing how to use Case Map was a plus with prospective employers. Finally, Thomson talks about, and advocates, teaching law classes online. Thomson does not provide in-depth instruction in the use of any of these technologies, but his book is easy to read and makes some serious points about legal education in the U.S.

Thomson is LP Professor and Director of the Lawyering Process Program at the University of Denver. He presents frequently on the application of technology to the teaching of law at conferences nationwide.

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<http://www.loc.gov/law/find/web-archive/legal-blawgs.php>

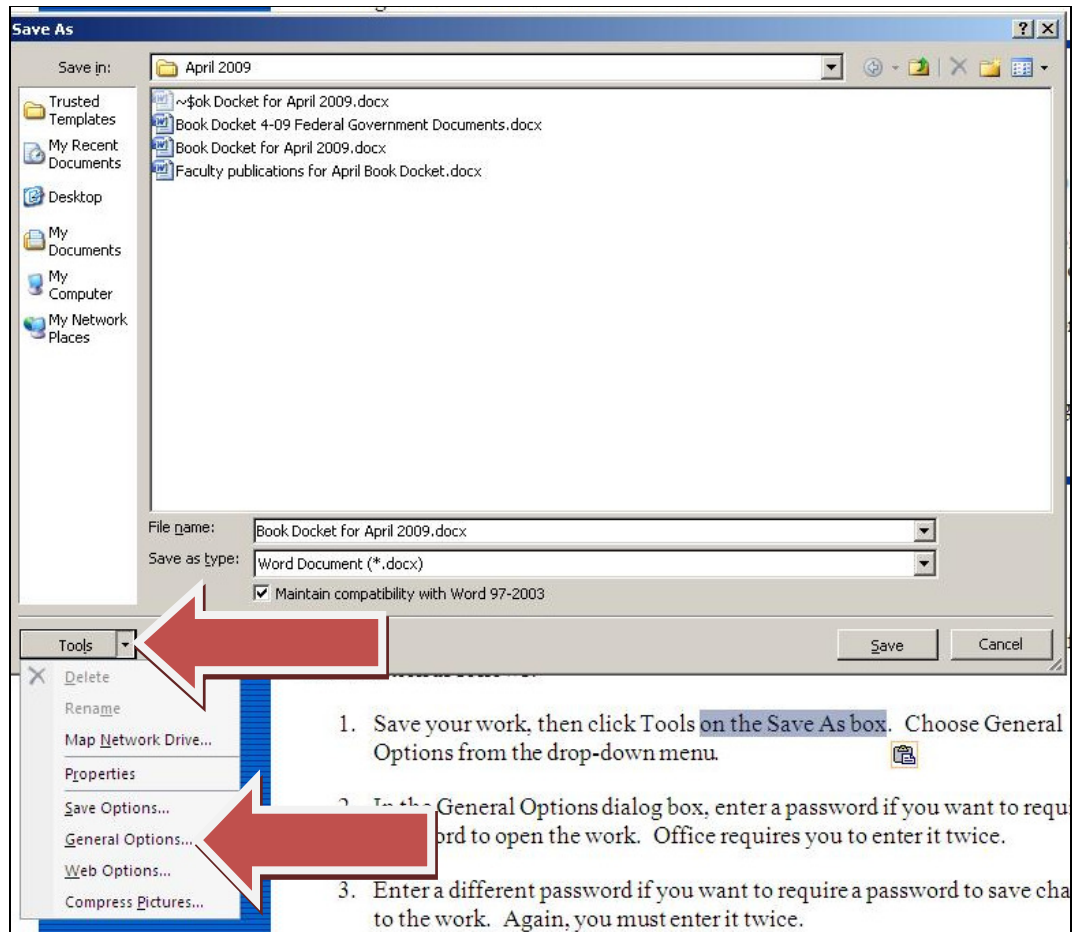
The Law Library of Congress has compiled an archive of recommended legal blogs (blawgs), thus ensuring that should one of these blogs bite the dust, as blogs so often do, its contents will be preserved. The archived blogs are categorized under 15 different topics, including antitrust, family law, intellectual property, international law and taxation.

This month's suggestion courtesy of Deborah McGovern, Emerging Technologies, Reference & Instructional Services Librarian

Tech Tip of the Month:

Feeling paranoid, or rather, appropriately cautious? If you are distributing a Microsoft Office 2007 document, workbook or presentation, you can protect it from modification as follows:

1. Save your work, then click Tools on the Save As box. Choose General Options from the drop-down menu.



2. In the General Options dialog box, enter a password if you want to require a password to open the work. Office requires you to enter it twice.
3. Enter a different password if you want to require a password to save changes to the work. Again, you must enter it twice.
4. Click OK.
5. Click Save.

And here's the tip for backing out of the deal and removing the password and/or modification requirements. Open the General Options dialog box, delete the existing password(s), click OK, and save.

Faculty & Staff Publications:

Olympia Duhart: Chapter titled *Legislation and Criminalization*

Impacting Renters Displaced by Katrina, in LAW AND RECOVERY FROM DISASTER: HURRICANE KATRINA (Ashgate Pub. 2009) (co-author).

The 'Live Write' – An Alternative Approach to the Scribe and PowerPoint Pit, 15(3) THE LAW TEACHER, Spring, 2009,
[http://www.washburnlaw.edu/faculty/schwartz-michael-institute/15-2lawteacher\(2009\).pdf](http://www.washburnlaw.edu/faculty/schwartz-michael-institute/15-2lawteacher(2009).pdf)

Bob Jarvis: *Emeritus Lawsuits: Much Ado About Nothing?* 9 NEV. L.J. 63 (2008).

Book Review, 33 J. LEGAL PROF. 111 (2008) (reviewing Susan Saab Fortney & Vincent R. Johnson, LEGAL MALPRACTICE LAW: PROBLEMS AND PREVENTION (2008)).

Eloisa C. Rodriguez-Dod: *Ashes to Ashes: Comparative Law Regarding Survivors' Disputes Concerning Cremation and Cremated Remains*, 17 TRANSNAT'L L. & CONTEMP. PROBS. 311 (2008), lead article.

Chapter titled *Legislation and Criminalization Impacting Renters Displaced by Katrina*, in LAW AND RECOVERY FROM DISASTER: HURRICANE KATRINA (Ashgate Pub. 2009) (co-author).

Forthcoming Works:

Marilyn Cane: *Shareholder Democracy and the SEC's Proxy Rules: In the Boardroom*, will be published this fall in the FORDHAM J. CORP. & FIN. L. (co-author).

Leslie Cooney: *Employee Fiduciary Duties; One Size Does Not Fit All* will be published in the MISS. L.J.

Eloisa C. Rodriguez-Dod: *It's Not a Small World After All: Regulating Obesity Globally*, will be published in the MISS. L.J.

Presentations, Translations, Appearances, Interviews and Citations:

Kathy Cerminara: She organized and presented at a panel on *Race*,

Culture, Class and Health Care at the 2009 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, hosted by Phoenix Law School in March, where the theme was *At the Intersection: Culture, Race & Class*.

She was a commentator for a work in progress on *Race, Class Stratification and Human Trafficking*, by Samuel Jones of the John Marshall Law School, at the 2009 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

She appeared on HPD's Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum Business of Medicine and Managed Care panel discussion for second year medical students.

She presented a draft article, tentatively titled *Open-Access Hospice: Compassionate Reimbursement Rules in Medicare*, at a workshop in the St. Louis University School of Law's faculty speaker series.

Jane Cross: She was a planning board member and co-coordinator of the work in progress presentations for the 2009 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

She was a presenter for a panel on *Race and Family Law* at the 2009 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

She was a commentator for a work in progress on *Constitutional Omissions: Hegemony and Sexual Property*, by Rebecca Dixon at the 2009 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

Gwen Handelman: She attended the 2009 Invitational Conference sponsored by the ABA Joint Committee on Employee Benefits, the ABA Fund for Justice, the AICPA and the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel. The conference was held in Baltimore and the topic was *Employee Benefits – Planning in Times of Economic and Political Uncertainty*.

Areto Imoukhuede: He presented his work in progress, *Private Contracts and Public Resources in the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Protective Service*, at the 2009 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

Bob Jarvis: He was quoted in the *Orlando Sentinel* for February 26 in a story about the upcoming Casey Anthony trial.

He was quoted in the *Miami Herald* for February 28 in a story about Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Spencer Eig berating a young girl during a dependency hearing.

He was quoted in *Travel Weekly* for March 4 in a story about the efforts being made to create a set of global passenger-screening standards.

He appeared in a segment on WSVN's Channel 7 10 O'clock Evening News on March 5 in a story about parking tickets.

He was quoted in the *Orlando Sentinel* for March 10 in another story about the Casey Anthony trial.

He was quoted in the *Orlando Sentinel* for April 14 in another story about the Casey Anthony trial. This story also ran in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Camille Lamar: She presented her work in progress, *Can Separate Be Equal? Questioning the Holy Grail of Diversity*, at the 2009 Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference.

Eloisa C. Rodriguez-Dod: Her article, *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds: Airline Liability for Checked-In Jewelry*, 69 J. AIR L. & COM. 743 (2004) will be translated into Mandarin Chinese and included in the Air and Space Law Project of Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Institute of Space Law and Center for Aviation Law.