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## LAW LIBRARY ENHANCES FLORIDA BAR CLE COLLECTION

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The Law Library and Technology Center (LLTC) continues to support its faculty and alumni in meeting the Florida Bar's requirement to "continue their legal education throughout the period of their active practice of law." (Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, Rule 6-10.1.) Rule 6-10.3 states: "Each member shall complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of approved continuing legal education activity every 3 years. Five of the 30 hours must be in approved legal ethics, professionalism, substance abuse, or mental illness awareness programs."

To this end, every year the LLTC purchases circulating copies of many of the CLE audio CD titles made available by the Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education program. Law faculty may check out these materials for a renewable two week period and Law alumni may check out the materials for a renewable three day period. The Acquisitions Department of the LLTC is in the process of purchasing eighteen new titles, many of which will be purchased in multiple copies. New titles will include the 2008 Pat Dore Administrative Law Conference, Bankruptcy Law & Practice, 4th Annual Ethics Update, Asset Protection in Florida, and Real Estate: Ethical Fraud & Other Fairy Tales. The CDs are housed on the south side of the low shelves at the front of the Circulation/Reserve area of the LLTC.

To improve access to these titles, each CLE item has been provided with a brief cataloging record in Novacat, the Library catalog. Novacat is accessible wherever you have an Internet connection and a Web browser. The titles may be found by title or keyword search, but one of the easiest searches is by the LLTC's collective title of [Florida CLE Current](#). This year the LLTC has enhanced this collective title by adding the number of credit hours provided by each title. After you find the number

of credit hours you are interested in, you may then click on that entry to see the specific title and whether or not it is currently available for you to check out. We have also added a title of [Florida Bar CLE](#) which will allow you to see the actual title first, then you may click on the entry to see how many credits are provided and whether or not it is available for checkout.

The LLTC strives to support the Law faculty in many ways and we hope you will find access to these titles useful to you. Please let your Library Liaison, any Librarian, or other Library staff member know if you have a question about these CLEs.

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## **Book of the Month: THE END OF LAWYERS? RETHINKING THE NATURE OF LEGAL SERVICES**

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**Review by Deborah McGovern**

This book examines the evolving impact of technology on the practice of law. Susskind is British, and thus grounded in the bifurcated British system of barristers and solicitors. This makes it necessary to parse his conclusions for the American market, but his insights and conclusions seem generally applicable to the practice of law here in Britain's common law child.

The author concludes that there are many tasks now performed by (expensive) lawyers that could be equally well performed by less skilled workers supported by technology or by lay people using self-help internet tools. He predicts that lawyers who continue to rely on providing sui generis legal services in response to common problems will find their sources of livelihood drying up.

Susskind concludes that the legal market of the future will support five types of lawyers. The first is the "expert trusted adviser." These lawyers will be creative and intelligent in devising solutions for clients who face complex, novel or expensive problems, and they will be skilled at counseling those clients.

To the extent that they lawyers can supply skills beyond those provided by paralegals and outsourced researchers, there will also be what Susskind terms "enhanced practitioners."

The third category of lawyer will be the "legal knowledge engineers." Susskind sees a central role for these lawyers, who will create new services for clients by engaging in the distillation and organization of legal knowledge that is contained in computerized systems.

Fourth in Susskind's legal forecast is the "legal risk manager." These lawyers will be engaged in developing tools to help clients control their legal risks. Finally, he sees a

role for lawyers who are “legal hybrids.” These lawyers will not be those who pick up their interdisciplinary knowledge on an ad hoc basis, but will be well-schooled experts.

In summing up, Susskind warns the legal profession that those who do not embrace technology and what it can do for clients are doomed to extinction.

Richard Susskind is Honorary Professor of Law at Gresham College, London, IT adviser to the Lord Chief Justice, and an independent consultant to professional firms and national governments. He studied law at Glasgow University and has a doctorate in law and computers from Balliol College, Oxford. He was awarded an OBE in the Millennium New Year's Honours List for services to IT in the Law and to the Administration of Justice. His book, *TRANSFORMING THE LAW: ESSAYS ON TECHNOLOGY, JUSTICE AND THE LEGAL MARKETPLACE*, is available here at the LLTC.

This month's suggestion courtesy of Deborah McGovern, Emerging Technologies & Reference, Law Library & Technology Center & Adjunct Faculty

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## URL/Website of the Month:

<http://tiny.cc/j99nh>

This month's recommended website is, not to put too fine a point on it, ugly. That's why no enticing screen shot is shown. Whatever the skills of Robert Richards, the website owner, and I am sure he has many; web design is not among them. The name, too, is not enticing – Legal Information Systems & Legal Informatics Resources. However, despite its cosmetic deficiencies, this is a rich site for anyone in the field of law or law librarianship. It gathers hundreds of useful, up-to-date URLs from the fields of knowledge management, law and legal technology. It is, in fact, a treasure trove of sources for those embarking on a career in legal knowledge management (see the book reviewed above).

This month's suggestion courtesy of Lisa Smith-Butler, Assistant Dean & Director, Law Library & Technology Center & Associate Professor of Law

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## Tech Tip of the Month:

Getting Around Your Desktop Without the Mouse

- When you're browsing the Web, you can scroll down the page one full screen by pressing the space bar. To go back up a full screen, press Shift and the space bar simultaneously.

- Switch between open programs by pressing the Alt and Tab keys simultaneously.
- Change the text size on any Web page by pressing the Ctrl key and either the plus or minus key simultaneously.
- Hide all the windows by hitting the Windows key and “D” simultaneously. This is great for users who store all their files on their desktop – you know who you are. Press the two keys again to re-inflate all the windows.

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## Faculty & Staff Publications:

**Michael Masinter:** *Understand Why ADA Restoration Act Should Matter to You*, DISABILITY COMPLIANCE FOR HIGHER EDUC. (Wiley Periodicals, Horsham, Pa.), Apr. 1, 2008.

*Newly Proposed ADA Rules Define Service Animals, Exclude Emotional Support Animals*, DISABILITY COMPLIANCE FOR HIGHER EDUC. (Wiley Periodicals, Horsham, Pa.), July 1, 2008.

*What Should You Do When 2 Requests for Reasonable Accommodations Conflict?* DISABILITY COMPLIANCE FOR HIGHER EDUC. (Wiley Periodicals, Horsham, Pa.), Oct. 1, 2008.

## Presentations, Appearances, Court Filings, Interviews, Honors and Citations:

**Jane Cross:** She presented a talk based on her article *Families Redefined: Kinship Groups that Deserve Benefits* at The Global Arc of Justice: Sexual Orientation Around the World Conference, held at the Williams Institute at UCLA March 10 through 14 (co-presenter).

**Pearl Goldman:** Her paper, *Legal Education and Technology II: An Annotated Bibliography* was listed for two consecutive weeks on SSRN’s Top Ten download list for Legal Information and Technology.

**Joseph Hnylka:** He made a presentation titled *Integrating the Rules of Professional Conduct into a First-year legal Research and Writing Course* at the Rocky Mountain Legal Research and Writing Conference

in Phoenix the weekend of March 13 (co-presenter).

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**Michael Masinter:** Petition for Writ of Certiorari in *Buckley v. Rackard*, No. 08-996.

**Bruce Rogow:** He took part in a panel discussion titled *Public Corruption and the Need for Reform* in a Public Ethics Academy seminar at Florida Atlantic University's School of Public Administration on February 4.

**Charlene Smith:** She presented a talk based on her article *Families Redefined: Kinship Groups that Deserve Benefits* at The Global Arc of Justice Conference: Sexual Orientation Around the World, held at the Williams Institute at UCLA March 10 through 14 (co-presenter).

**Rick Stone, Adjunct Professor of Law:** He was interviewed on Fox Business Network on March 4 in a story about Bernard Madoff.

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**James Wilets:** He presented his paper *Racism and Religion: United States Exceptionalism with Respect to Sexual Minorities* at The Global Arc of Justice: Sexual Orientation Around the World Conference, held at the Williams Institute at UCLA March 10 through 14.