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## Book Review: The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet

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## Recent Acquisitions of the Special Collections Department of the Fred Parks Law Library

Mark Lambert, *South Texas College of Law*

The **San Jacinto County Law Book Collection**, donated by the San Jacinto County Heritage Society, Coldspring Texas, in August 2004. The collection consists of 44 titles or 53 volumes, with the approximate inclusive publication dates of 1870-1915, the former date being when the county was created out of parts of four other Texas counties. The books were part of the law library recovered from the original wooden San Jacinto County Courthouse when it burned down in 1915. Subsequently a new stone courthouse was built, and apparently all new law books were acquired for the law library, and the old salvaged books were forgotten. Later when they were re-discovered the law books were donated to the San Jacinto County Heritage Society. The Heritage Society runs a museum complex including the original county jail, and eventually ran out of room for the law book collection. Some volumes show evidence of the 1915 courthouse fire, and the donation includes five titles with no previous holdings in Texas according to OCLC.

The **Professor Leonard A. Duffy Papers and Law Book Collection**, donated in September 2004. Leonard A. Duffy was a professor of law at South Texas from 1968-1997, mainly teaching property law and land titles. After Professor Duffy died in 2004, his widow, Mrs. Nola Duffy donated to the Fred Parks Law Library Professor Duffy's lecture notes, as well as his extensive law book collection consisting of 78 boxes of books, including 48 titles or 76 volumes added to the South Texas Special Collections department. The titles added to the Special Collections department include such items as *Bouvier's Law Dictionary* from 1857 and *Rapalje and Lawrence's Law Dictionary* from 1883.

## There's a New Blog in Town!

Sharon J. Persons, *Co-Editor, LLNE Newsletter*

Why wait 3 months to catch up with LLNE? The editors of the *LLNE Newsletter* have created a blog to keep you up to date! This blog includes member news, LLNE updates, and tips on technology. You can view the blog at <http://llne.blogspot.com/> and sign up to receive updates through <http://www.bloglines.com> by subscribing to the RSS feed <http://llne.blogspot.com/atom.xml>. Members can also post information to the blog, using a chapter user name and password.

Please refer to the LLNE News article about RSS, "RSS to the Information Overload Rescue" in Volume 24, Number 2 (2004) on page 19, if you want to learn how to sign up for news feeds.

[Editor's Note: Would HALL benefit from a HALL blog? Are you interested in investigating what it would take to have a HALL blog? Please contact a member of the HALL Executive Board to express your interest.]

## West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarship

Lori Hedstrom, *Thomson West*

Applications for the West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarships are due on February 28, 2005. The West Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarships program encourages leadership and excellence within the profession. The program awards scholarships of \$2,500 each year to several full-time students working toward graduate-level library science degrees with a demonstrated interest in law librarianship. Law librarians pursuing library science, law or graduate-level technology or computer science degrees as continuing education within the profession are also eligible. Please see <http://west.thomson.com/librarian/scholarships/> for complete information and an application form for this year's scholarships, which are available to full-time students.

## Book Review

### *The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet*

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Do you ever want or need to find research information on the Internet, but feel as if you don't know where to begin? *The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet* by Carole A. Levitt and Mark E. Rosch is just the resource. Two distinctive individuals have come together to create this useful tool. Levitt is no stranger to the legal research field being an attorney and former law librarian. Rosch is a marketing expert who certainly knows the Internet from his web developing skills.

This publication is a must have for all practitioners and a helpful tool for anyone in the research field. Though written specifically for attorneys, this book is a practical guide to assist anyone on the hunt for information. *The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet* can be used as a ready reference tool to find what one needs effectively and efficiently. One can easily locate the best web sites in a matter of minutes. Beneficial aspects of this 600-page book include how easy it is to use, how the contents are arranged and the comprehensive content within these pages. Reviews, screen shots, information on cost and useful tips make this a one-stop answer to where to go on the Internet. The publication also includes a helpful CD-ROM, which makes it easier to come across sites referred to within the book.

This book begins with a general overview of the Internet and various features of search engines, then further narrows to discuss specific chapters on public records, medical and international law for example plus more. I have not been able to locate any resource comparable to this publication. It covers all areas of research, provides more than just a "list" of sites and will definitely help lawyers and non-lawyers alike. It is a essential resource, which will undoubtedly be useful for a long time. Written by experts and designed in a logical easy-to-use manner, *The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet* is a valuable resource. If interested in purchasing, please visit the authors' website at <http://www.internetfactfinder.com/lawlib>, which will give a 20% discount to any law librarian.