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Spotlight on Foreign Law

Looking for European Union, United Kingdom, or Human Rights Act of 1998 materials? The LawTel electronic database service is worth checking out. Need to know about online sources for other foreign legal systems? Take a look at the *Guide to Law Online*.



Research Tips From the Experts:

LawTel

The LawTel electronic database provides access to a variety of European Union, United Kingdom, and Human Rights Act of 1998 materials. LawTel EU materials include cases, legislation, commission reports, treaties, press releases, and an index to articles published in several European legal periodicals. Article abstracts are available. LawTel UK has cases, legislation, and an articles index to numerous legal publications with abstracts available. LawTel's comprehensive information service on the Human Rights Act of 1998 provides case comments and commentary on the Act. A search engine allows

keyword searching of the LawTel site.

This site is accessible only from a Law School computer workstation or by using the Law Library's proxy service (instructions are located at <http://law.rwu.edu/LawLib/instructions.html>). Access to this web site is limited to members of the RWU Law School Community. To access LawTel, go to the Law Library's home page at <http://law.rwu.edu/LawLib> and click on "Research Links." Scroll down to "Consortium and Subscriptions Sites," select LawTel from the pull-down menu and click on "Go." For further assistance, ask the Librarian at the Reference Desk.

Guide to Law Online

This highly useful resource is prepared by the Law Library of Congress, Public Services Division. This is an annotated guide to sources for foreign online government and legal information. It also includes selected links to useful and reliable sites. Wherever possible, these links include sources of full text materials. Links include official government sites, materials directed to attorneys, and materials provided for the lay

public. The *Guide* is available is <http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/index.html>.

Finding a database on LexisNexis

LexisNexis users may have noticed that the "Search Sources" directory on LexisNexis has been redesigned. You must now select from either the Legal, News & Business, or Public Records tab under "Look for a Source" to access the databases within that area. Only the links to the most frequently used databases by LexisNexis users are displayed. Click on the "View more sources" links to access additional databases. If you are having difficulty locating a database, use the "Find a Source" feature by clicking on the "Find a Source" tab. Make certain the "Match terms in long names" is selected. Type in the title of the source and click on "Find" button. You can also browse through an alphabetical listing of databases. If you need help with finding a database, ask the Librarian at the Reference Desk for assistance or speak to a LexisNexis reference attorney via the red courtesy telephone located in Training Lab 1.



Printing statutes on WESTLAW

Have you ever wanted to print the text of a statute from Westlaw without printing the sometimes voluminous annotations? Use the "Locate" feature on Westlaw to accomplish this. Once you have retrieved your statute(s), select the "Fields" option from the "Locate" pull-down menu at the lower right corner of the screen and click on the "Go" icon to the left of the "Locate" pull-down menu. From the "Display these Fields" listing, click off "Annotations" and click on the "OK" button. You will then be returned to your retrieved documents ready for printing minus the annotations. Instructions for setting the Westlaw stand-alone printer as your default printer are posted in all three computer labs.



Barb's Computer Advice:

Want to avoid leaving behind confidential or embarrassing personal information on a shared PC as you email, bank or shop online?

① Internet Explorer provides an easy tool for helping to keep the computer "clean." In the library, we have enabled the setting that will empty temporary internet files when the browser is closed.

You can set this on your computer by selecting "Internet Options" (usually under "Tools") and selecting the "Advanced" Tab. Near the bottom of the list under "Security," check "Empty Temporary Internet Files."

② Netscape does not have a setting like this. Any temporary files cached by Netscape will remain on the hard drive of the PC until the machine gets rebooted.

③ Even after a reboot, however, some of the temporary files will remain, and the setting in Internet Explorer only addresses part of the problem

Here are the steps to take to ensure you "cover your tracks."

Internet Explorer:

- 1) Select "Tools" on the menu bar, then select "Internet Options."
- 2) On the "General" tab, click on the following buttons:
 - a) Delete Cookies
 - b) Delete Files
 - c) Clear History (this will clear the address bar)
- 3) On the "Content" tab, click on the "Auto Complete" button:
 - a) Click on "Clear Forms"
 - b) Click on "Clear Passwords"

Netscape:

- 1) Click on "Edit" on the menu bar, then select "Preferences"
- 2) Click on "Clear History" and "Clear Location Bar" on the right
- 3) Click on the plus sign next to "Advanced" on the left, and then click on "Cache"
- 4) On the right, click on "Clear Memory Cache" (OK), and "Clear Disk Cache" (OK)



Library News

First-year LexisNexis and Westlaw training

Training sessions on LexisNexis and Westlaw will be conducted for first-year day and extended division students during the weeks of January 12th and January 20th.

Check your mailbox in early January 2003 for a memo with the assigned dates and times for your LexisNexis and WESTLAW training sessions.

Need a Legal Research Refresher?

During the spring 2003 semester, a series of programs on legal research tools will be offered. Look for details in future issues of *Law Library Briefs*. A tentative schedule is:

January 27, 2003 - *Practice Aids*

February 24, 2003 - *Using the West Digests* (print and online)

March 27, 2002 - *Research Strategies and Services of the Rhode Island State Law Library*

Library Holiday Hours

The library will be observing different hours during the Thanksgiving and Winter Intersession breaks. These hours will be posted on the web at: http://lawlib.rwu.edu/screens/libinfo_01.html.

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