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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Now that classes are over, you can concentrate full-time on your research interests. If you've hired a summer Research Assistant, please urge him or her to talk with your Legal Information Librarian about research assignments and training. We welcome opportunities to point your RAs in the right direction. The Library's Research Assistant will also be available to you for short-term projects.

Our summer newsletter focuses on HeinOnline, a resource that may be most familiar to you as a source for full-text law review articles. HeinOnline continues to add new resources; several of these digital libraries are highlighted here. Also, check out the Social Networking sites to learn how lawyers and some law school faculty are using online networks to connect professionally.

Please do not be strangers to the Law Library during the summer. We hope to see you around.

Peace, Filippa

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Faculty Scholarship programs for the next school year are in the planning stage. We welcome your suggestions. Talk with your faculty liaison librarian and let him or her know what topics interest you.

**HeinOnline's U.S. Federal Agency Library**

HeinOnline brings PDFs of federal primary and secondary materials to your desktop. Imagine instant access to official U.S. Reports, the Congressional Record, Statutes at Large, the C.F.R., Federal Register, presidential documents, and agency opinions and decisions from over a dozen federal agencies all back to the beginning, all totally authoritative and authentic, and all without the wait for or weight of the paper copies. Click here for a list of agency decisions that are included.

**HeinOnline and Google Scholar - did you know?**

The Law Journal Library in HeinOnline includes over 1,100 law and law-related periodicals. Coverage is from the first issue published and goes through the most current issue allowed, based on contracts with publishers. Google Scholar is now indexing the law journals in HeinOnline. Unlike Google, Google Scholar searches databases with scholarly content that aren't searchable by Google because they're not part of the free web. Although Google Scholar doesn't provide access to the full-text of these articles (your Boston College Law Library does that), it is an easy way to search multiple databases at one time.

**Attention Legal Historians! HeinOnline's English Reports Library is here.**

The table of contents in HeinOnline's English Reports Library now displays the nominative citation for each case. From the English Reports Library, click on the Chart Tool under the Browse By options in the left menu.

The Chart Tool table lists the nominative reports included in each volume of the English Reports, Full Reprint and links to the volume in which they are located. Sort the table by any of the measures listed across the top of the table.
A short introduction to some popular social networks in the worlds of law students, lawyers and law firms.

Facebook: According to comScore, Facebook is the 6th most trafficked site in the U.S. and has more than 64 million active users, more than half of whom are outside college. Students and graduates are heavy Facebook users as a way to stay in touch; if you join using an email address that’s tied to a university, you will be automatically listed in that school’s network. Interested in learning more? Take a look at these 2 recent articles from the April 2008 issue of Computerworld:

- "A Newbie’s Guide to Facebook" explores the basics of joining Facebook and what you can find there.
- "A Guide to Privacy Controls in Facebook" examines how Facebook has responded to complaints about its privacy and security issues, and how to set your privacy controls to allow the access that’s right for you.

"Relationships Matter" is the tag line on the LinkedIn site. The practice of law remains a relationship-driven business, and this site is designed to help lawyers and other professionals connect in their working worlds. For more about how one lawyer is using LinkedIn, check out this short article by Renée Barrett: "Placing Bets on Online Social Networking: A Story of Social Capital Invested Wisely in LinkedIn."

LegalOnRamp is a networking site designed to help private practice and in-house users connect. Since its launch in June 2007, more than 175 firms and 150 companies have signed up. The site provides in-house counsel with free access to major law firms’ legal advice, as well as networking facilities such as wikis and online chatrooms. Only lawyers can access Legal OnRamp and membership is currently by invitation only, a response to the privacy concerns of users.

LawLink bills itself as "The First Online Network Exclusively For Attorneys." LawLink, which is free, has over 1500 members. Members can post announcements, personals, job openings, and even a brochure.

OUT-LAW.COM has won the Internet’s most prestigious award, a Webby, an award the New York Times calls “the Oscars of the Internet.” The site is the first law firm website that has won a Webby in the awards’ 12 year history. OUT-LAW.COM is part of Pinsent Masons, an international law firm with an interest in IT and e-commerce.

If you have borrowed materials from the Law Library, then you just might expect to hear from Michele Latimer during the month of June. Your chances of hearing from Michele increase if you have overdue books that you have not renewed, or if you have any books that you checked out some time ago - say, in the previous century. You should expect that the library will from time to time need to confirm that books checked out to you are, in fact, still in your possession, and are still useful to you. We’re happy to come to your office to help locate materials or to bring materials back to the library for you. Of course you are always encouraged to call Michele for help with renewing materials or any other library circulation questions.