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I. Trends in Technology Use

Dennis Kennedy - <http://denniskennedy.com/>

Dennis Kennedy writes and lectures on technology issues in the practice of law. Read his blog for information on trends in legal practice. Litigation Technology Resources - <http://www.denniskennedy.com/resources/legal-tech-central/littech.aspx>

Electronic Discovery Resources - <http://www.discoveryresources.org/>

The site is sponsored by Fios, an electronic discovery service provider, but presents news on electronic discovery from a number of news sources. Fios presents a series of free webcasts on electronic discovery,

<http://www.fiosinc.com/events/webcasts.html> .

WikiLaw.org - http://wikilaw.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

A recent creation that hopes to develop in the way the Wikipedia has developed. Like Wikipedia, it will use volunteer editors to help users better understand the cases and the application of United States law.

LinkedIn - <http://www.linkedin.com/>

LinkedIn is an online network of more than 9 million professionals representing 130 industries. A networking site for professionals. Your profile summarizes your professional accomplishments which in turn helps you find and be found by former colleagues, clients, and partners. The network expands from your connections, to your connections' connections, and the people they know, linking you to thousands of professionals.

II. Use of Technology by the Courts

The Center for Legal and Court Technology/The Courtroom 21 Project -

<http://www.legaltechcenter.net/index.html>

Beginning in 1993 as a joint project of William & Mary Law School and the National Center for State Courts, the courtroom is billed as the world's most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom. The Courtroom 21 project is now part of the Center for Legal and Court Technology (CLCT). CLCT's mission is "To improve the world's legal systems through the appropriate use of technology." The center conducts frequent legal technology demonstrations and discussions with jurists, lawyers, law faculty, court administrators, technologists, architects and others from throughout the world. CLCT conducts empirical and legal research on courtroom technology and is very involved in judicial and lawyer education and training.

Rory Perry's Weblog -

<http://radio.weblogs.com/0103705/categories/legalTechStandards/>

Rory Perry is the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. He monitors the use of technology in the courts, particularly with regard to records management and information dissemination by the court.

Case Activity Notification Service - <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/RSS/default.asp>

A service of the Supreme Court of Ohio and believed to be the first such service in the country. The case notification service alerts users of new action on a case as soon as the document is docketed. The court also provides an RSS service for opinion summaries and court news.

Syndication and Weblogs: Publish and Distribute Your Court Information to the Web -

<http://www.state.wv.us/wvsca/clerk/rssresources.htm>

The Ohio court is a model for the type of service every court should provide. Rory Perry has posted a page for use by clerks to begin developing a similarly useful service. Every court at a minimum should distribute opinions, provide updated dockets, and notify attorneys of case action through RSS feeds.

Legal Data Exchange - <http://www.legalxml.org/about/index.shtml>

Hundreds of courts could develop hundreds of procedures and standards for their electronic initiatives. Hopefully to avoid confusion LegalXML is working to produce standards for electronic court filing, court documents, legal citations, transcripts, criminal justice intelligence systems, and others. Members include lawyers, developers, application vendors, government agencies and members of academia.

Effective Use of Courtroom Technology: A Judge's Guide to Pretrial and Trial - <http://www.nicic.org/Library/Default.aspx?Library=020405>

This Federal Judicial Center publication is intended to help judges understand technologies and common problems. The guide describes the substantive and procedural considerations that may arise when lawyers use electronic equipment. The guide sets out what lawyers hope to accomplish, the objections opposing counsel may raise, and the considerations of fairness that may surround the uses of courtroom technology.

III. Use of Technology by Individual Practitioners

Current Awareness Tools -

<http://digitalcommons.law.uga.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1003&context=speeches>

Keeping current has always been a responsibility for lawyers, it's one of the fundamental purposes of our CLE requirement. The amount of information to review will continue to increase. Look at the paper presented by Carol Watson at the 2006 Internet Legal Research program: *Blawgs, Podcasts, Wikis? Deciphering the Lingo and Evaluating Current Awareness Tools*.

ABA Legal Technology Resource Center -

<http://www.abanet.org/tech/ltrc/courttech.html>

Sections on Technology Used in the Courtroom, Electronic Court Filing, and Software Comparisons. Some of the articles are dated but there is information about state wide electronic filing initiatives and the Legal Data Interchange which is the broad concept intended to encompass the exchange of information and data between members of the legal profession. Legal XML is one method of interchange.

Consumer Electronics Show - <http://www.cesweb.org/default.asp>

This annual show, sponsored by the Consumer Electronics Association, <http://www.ce.org/>, is usually held in early January in Las Vegas. It is **the** venue for technology companies to launch their new products and service. Cnet typically has good coverage of the show and highlights some of the best products, <http://ces.cnet.com/>.

Cell Phone Watch - <http://www.cellphonestwatch.net/>

Cell phones are becoming more and more full-featured. For some people they're able to replace a laptop computer. Cell Phone Watch has reviews and stories about new

models and features.

LawTech Guru Blog - <http://www.lawtechguru.com/>

Wireless Guide - <http://www.wirelessguide.org/>

Help to choose a phone and service plan. Also has articles about cell phones and the wireless industry.

Wired - <http://www.wired.com/>

The publication to keep up with cutting edge technology. Great in-depth articles about important people and emerging trends.

Tech savvy lawyers will focus on using technology to be more productive, the old “work smarter, not harder” phrase comes to mind. They will also be less tied to their offices. These sites have information and suggestions for more effective mobile computing.

Home Office Lawyer -

http://gdgriffaw.typepad.com/home_office_lawyer/2006/12/the_connected_1.html

Internet for Lawyers - <http://www.netforlawyers.com/index.htm>

Mobile Computing - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mobile_computing

Mobile Lawyers Info Center -

<http://www.abanet.org/tech/ltrc/mobicomm.html>