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Legal Blawgs : Collecting for the Future.

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- **Why archive legal blogs?**
 - Temporary
 - Relevant
 - Cited elsewhere
 - Enhance collection
 - Serve our mission



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- **A Collection of Blawgs**
 - Started capturing about 90 legal blogs in 2007
 - Added 38 in 2008
 - Goals:
 - Increase our international and comparative legal blogs
 - Anticipate capturing up to 200 blogs



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- **Who worked on this collaboration?**
 - **Curators from the Law Library**
 - **Staff from web archiving in OSI**
 - **Staff from web services to design and integrate into LC/LL web pages**



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- **What did we need to do first?**
 - Selection criteria
 - Organization
 - Workflow



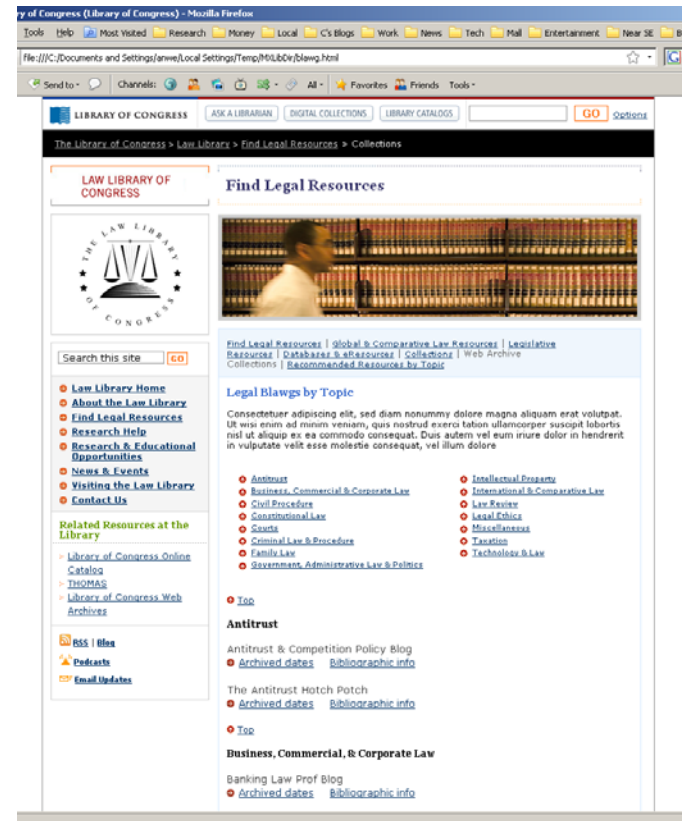
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- **How were blogs selected?**
 - Variety
 - Authoritative
 - Frequently cited
 - Widely read
 - Honors or awards
 - Nominee Statistics



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- **Organization**
 - Categorize into bucket terms
 - Monitor
 - Still publishing
 - Scholarship



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Webcapture Team Mission

- **Charged with**

- building a Library-wide process and technical infrastructure for capturing Web content.
- identifying policy issues, establishing best practices and building tools to collect and preserve Web content.



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Web Archive Collections

- The Library has been collecting Web content since 2000.
- Eleven collections cataloged and accessible.
- Six collections in post-processing phase.
- Current ongoing collections include:
 - Congressional/Legislative
 - Indonesia General Election 2009
 - Legal Blawgs
 - Presidential Transition in Times of Crises
- Partnered with the Internet Archive since 2000.
 - Capture and access tool infrastructure



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Webcapture Team Tracking Tool

Manages and tracks the status of recommended websites from nomination to post-processing.



Records: 129 | Stages: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | [Change](#)

RECORD #	STAGE	URL CANDIDATE	LAST CHANGED
92864	4	davidtest.com	February 27, 2009 4:35
91279	5	utorontolaw.typepad.com/faculty_blog	September 8, 2008 3:03
90419	5	www.tradelawnews.com	September 8, 2008 2:14
91280	5	www.thecourt.ca	September 3, 2008 2:25
91278	5	www.michaelgeist.ca	September 3, 2008 2:24
91281	5	ualbertalaw.typepad.com	September 26, 2008 2:1
91494	5	www.slaw.ca	September 26, 2008 2:0
90666	5	www.contentandcarrier.eu	September 26, 2008 1:5
90278	5	www.chinalawblog.com	October 31, 2008 11:38
90124	5	taxprof.typepad.com	October 30, 2008 3:52 p
90243	5	sports-law.blogspot.com	October 30, 2008 3:48 p
90555	5	spicyipindia.blogspot.com	October 30, 2008 3:43 p
90107	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/whitecollarcrime_blog	October 30, 2008 2:35 p
90122	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/property	October 30, 2008 2:27 p
90098	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/banking	October 30, 2008 11:55
90307	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/bankruptcyprof_blog	October 30, 2008 11:51
90117	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/laborprof_blog	October 29, 2008 3:03 p
90097	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/antitrustprof_blog	October 29, 2008 2:29 p
90306	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/adminlaw	October 29, 2008 2:25 p
90763	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/international_law	October 27, 2008 11:20
90111	5	lawprofessors.typepad.com/environmental_law	October 25, 2007 3:10 p

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Web Archive Permissions Process

Each collection has a permissions plan.

Legal Blawgs content owners must give us permission to crawl and all but one thus far have given permission to display off-site.

The tracking tool's primary purpose is to manage the permission process.



The LIBRARY of CONGRESS WEB CAPTURE

The Library of Congress > Contact Web Capture

Acceptance to Collect Web Site

"I hereby grant permission to the Library of Congress to collect the Web site identified below for inclusion in the Librarian's collection of Web materials."

Yes, I grant permission to these terms.

No, I do not grant permission to these terms.

Acceptance to Provide Offsite Access

"I also hereby grant permission to the Library of Congress to provide offsite access via the Library's public access Web site to archived copies of the identified Web site to researchers and patrons."

Yes, I grant permission to these terms.

No, I do not grant permission to these terms.

Name:

Title:

Name of Company/Organization:

URL:

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Web Archive Goals

QUALITY WEB ARCHIVES

Have to specify to the crawler what content to capture/links to follow.

Capturing the depth and breadth of a Web site can be an ongoing challenge in defining its boundaries.



Arkansas Adoption Ban Case Survives Motion to Dismiss
March 22nd, 2009

The ACLU's challenge to the ban on adoption and foster parenting by cohabiting unmarried couples, which was approved by Arkansas voters last November, [survived](#) a motion to dismiss this week. As with similar bans in Alabama, Mississippi, Utah, and North Dakota, the best interests of children are being sacrificed by the ban's supporters in order to score a win in the "culture wars" and, more specifically, to prevent the formation or completion of lesbian and gay families.

The history of the Arkansas initiative is tortuous. In 1999, the Arkansas Child Welfare Agency Review Board promulgated a regulation prohibiting an individual from serving as a foster parent "if any adult member of that person's household is a homosexual." In 2006, the Arkansas Supreme Court struck this regulation down as a violation of the separation of powers under the state constitution. Dep't of Human

Post a Comment On: [IntLawGrrls](#)

"New Report on Victim Participation at the ICC"
1 Comment - [Show Original Post](#)

Amy Senier said...
Kudos to the WCRO for taking on this confusing, yet important, topic!
March 20, 2009 9:21 AM

Leave your comment

You can use some HTML tags, such as ``, `<i>`, `<a>`

This blog does not allow anonymous comments.

Comment moderation has been enabled. All comments must be approved by the blog author.

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» [Nancy Kim](#)

Chapman University School of Law
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» [Deborah Zalesne](#)
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Collection Post-Processing

- **A Metadata Objective Descriptive Schema (MODS) catalog record is created for each captured Web site.**
- **Metadata comes from several sources**
 - **From the tracking tool**
 - On or off-site permission status
 - Language
 - Primary URL
 - **From the archive**
 - First and last capture date
 - HTML title, keywords, and abstract
 - **From the catalogers**
 - Other subject cataloging.
 - **From the Web capture team**
 - Any quality review comments to assist the catalogers.

Compiled into an XML file for cataloger review



[overview](#) >> [browse results](#) >> **bibliographic information**

Legal Blawgs Web Archive

<< [Back](#)

[[Display Archived Web Site](#)]

Title: blackprof.com

Date Captured: September 6, 2007 - OPEN
[Archived Site](#)

Subject(s): Law--Blogs
African American law teachers--Blogs
United States--Race relations--Blogs

Language(s): English

Genre: Web site

Access Condition: None

URL at time of capture: <http://www.blackprof.com/>

Citation ID: <http://www.blackprof.com/>

Record ID: mrva0015.0057

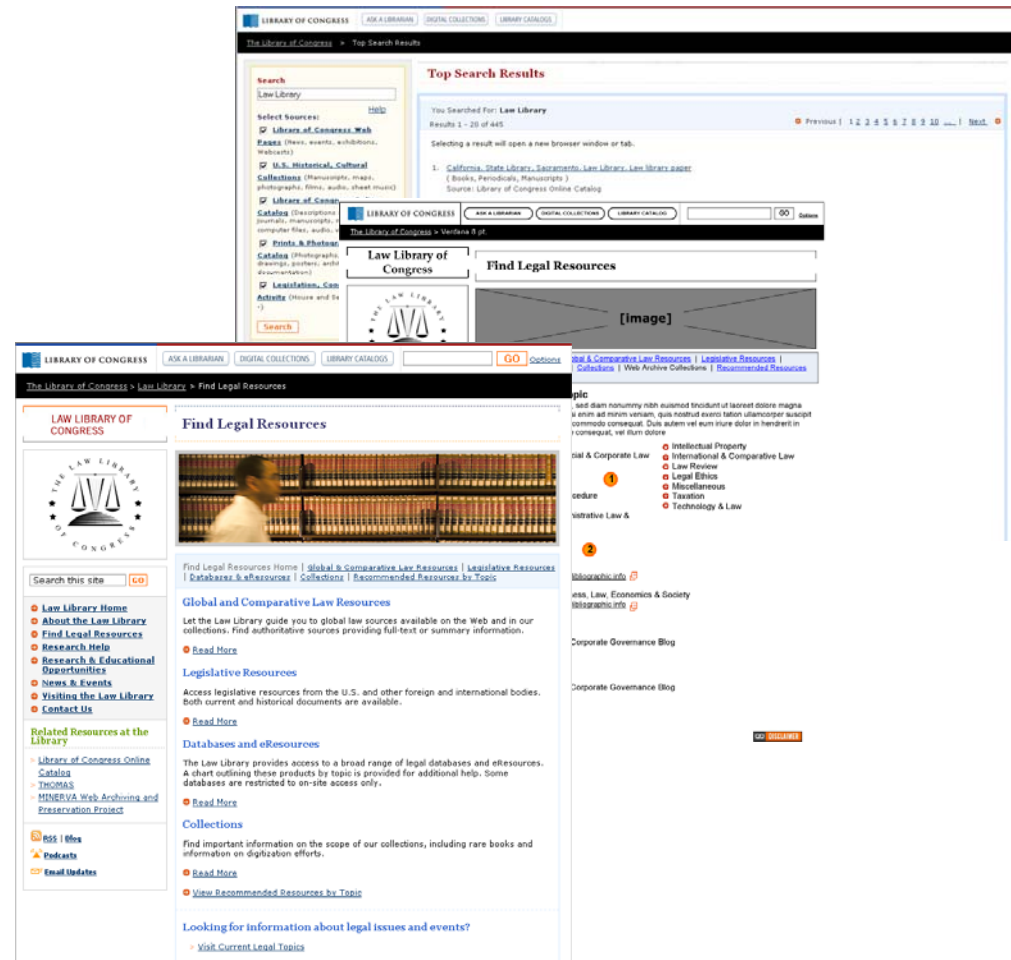
Collection Title: [Legal Blawgs Web Archive](#)

[Display MODS XML record](#)

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Web Integration Challenges

- How to integrate into loc.gov standard design?
 - Use standard design and conventions to help user navigate
 - Make visible in search results with other resources
 - Webarchives materials should appear in context – not be in a silo
- How to integrate into existing Law Library content?
 - In context with other specific resources
 - Use Law design and navigation



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Working with the Wayback Application Data

- Interface Challenge: How to scale for captures of varying frequency and amounts, from 1 time only to daily over the course of many years.

INTERNET ARCHIVES
Wayback Machine

Enter Web Address: All [Adv. Search](#) [Compare Archived Pages](#)

Searched for <http://www.fcc.gov> 1524 Results

Note some duplicates are not shown. [See all.](#)
 * denotes when site was updated.
 Material typically becomes available here 6 months after collection. [See FAQ.](#)

Search Results for Jan 01, 1996 - Sep 25, 2008

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
0 pages	1 pages	1 pages	9 pages	18 pages	96 pages	119 pages	24 pages	148 pages	406 pages	186 pages	167 pages	30 pages
	Dec 11, 1997 *	Dec 12, 1998 *	Jan 16, 1999 *	Feb 29, 2000 *	Jan 07, 2001	Mar 28, 2002	Feb 02, 2003	Feb 15, 2004	Jan 01, 2005	Jan 01, 2006	Jan 03, 2007	Jan 03, 2008 *
			Jan 17, 1999	Mar 01, 2000	Jan 08, 2001	May 23, 2002	Mar 19, 2003	Mar 18, 2004	Jan 02, 2005	Jan 04, 2006	Jan 04, 2007	Jan 05, 2008 *
			Jan 25, 1999 *	Mar 02, 2000	Jan 09, 2001	Mar 28, 2002 *	Mar 20, 2003	Mar 30, 2004	Jan 03, 2005	Jan 02, 2006	Jan 03, 2007	Jan 03, 2008 *
			Feb 08, 1999	Mar 02, 2000	Jan 30, 2001	Jul 02, 2002 *	Mar 24, 2003	Apr 01, 2004	Jan 04, 2005	Jan 03, 2006	Jan 03, 2007	Jan 03, 2008 *
			Feb 09, 1999	Apr 19, 2000	Feb 26, 2001	Jul 03, 2002	Mar 20, 2003	May 18, 2004	Jan 05, 2005	Jan 04, 2006	Jan 10, 2007	Jan 10, 2008 *
			Feb 20, 1999	May 10, 2000	Mar 01, 2001	Jul 04, 2002	Apr 24, 2003	May 20, 2004	Jan 06, 2005	Jan 05, 2006	Jan 13, 2007	Jan 13, 2008 *
			Apr 23, 1999	May 11, 2000	Mar 31, 2001	Jul 07, 2002	May 23, 2003	May 20, 2004	Jan 07, 2005	Jan 05, 2006	Jan 13, 2007	Jan 13, 2008 *
			Apr 20, 1999	May 20, 2000	Mar 31, 2001	Jul 06, 2002	May 25, 2003	Jun 04, 2004	Jan 09, 2005	Jan 06, 2006	Jan 19, 2007	Jan 17, 2008 *
			May 05, 1999	Jun 19, 2000	Apr 18, 2001	Jul 09, 2002	Jun 10, 2003	Jun 06, 2004	Jan 09, 2005	Jan 10, 2006	Jan 18, 2007	Jan 17, 2008 *
				Jun 21, 2000	May 05, 2001	Jul 11, 2002	Jun 12, 2003	Jun 09, 2004	Jan 11, 2005	Jan 11, 2006	Jan 25, 2007	Jan 20, 2008 *
				Jul 06, 2000	May 06, 2001	Jul 12, 2002	Jul 21, 2003	Jun 11, 2004	Jan 12, 2005	Jan 12, 2006	Jan 26, 2007	Jan 22, 2008 *
				Aug 16, 2000	May 08, 2001	Jul 13, 2002	Jul 25, 2003	Jun 12, 2004	Jan 13, 2005	Jan 13, 2006	Jan 26, 2007	Jan 22, 2008 *
				Aug 19, 2000	May 09, 2001	Jul 14, 2002	Aug 05, 2003	Jun 14, 2004	Jan 14, 2005	Jan 14, 2006	Feb 02, 2007	Jan 27, 2008 *
				Sep 03, 2000	May 10, 2001	Jul 15, 2002	Sep 27, 2003	Jun 14, 2004	Jan 15, 2005	Jan 14, 2006	Feb 02, 2007	Jan 27, 2008 *
				Oct 18, 2000	May 12, 2001	Jul 16, 2002	Sep 28, 2003	Jun 15, 2004	Jan 16, 2005	Jan 15, 2006	Feb 02, 2007	Feb 02, 2008 *
				Oct 19, 2000	May 15, 2001	Jul 17, 2002	Oct 12, 2003	Jun 16, 2004	Jan 17, 2005	Jan 16, 2006	Feb 02, 2007	Feb 02, 2008 *
				Nov 17, 2000	May 16, 2001	Jul 21, 2002	Oct 29, 2003	Jun 18, 2004	Jan 18, 2005	Jan 17, 2006	Feb 04, 2007	Feb 07, 2008 *
				Dec 18, 2000	May 17, 2001	Aug 02, 2002	Dec 07, 2003	Jun 19, 2004	Jan 19, 2005	Jan 19, 2006	Feb 10, 2007	Feb 07, 2008 *
					May 19, 2001	Aug 03, 2002	Dec 08, 2003	Jun 21, 2004	Jan 20, 2005	Jan 20, 2006	Feb 10, 2007	Feb 08, 2008 *
					May 21, 2001	Aug 05, 2002	Dec 13, 2003	Jun 22, 2004	Jan 21, 2005	Jan 20, 2006	Feb 25, 2007	Feb 13, 2008 *
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					May 26, 2001	Aug 08, 2002	Dec 22, 2003	Jun 24, 2004	Jan 24, 2005	Jan 20, 2006	Mar 05, 2007	Mar 06, 2008 *
					May 27, 2001	Aug 10, 2002	Dec 26, 2003	Jun 25, 2004	Jan 25, 2005	Jan 23, 2006	Mar 08, 2007	Mar 09, 2008 *
					May 28, 2001	Aug 11, 2002	Dec 28, 2003	Jun 26, 2004	Jan 26, 2005	Jan 30, 2006	Mar 09, 2007	Mar 18, 2008 *
					May 30, 2001	Aug 12, 2002	Dec 31, 2003	Jun 27, 2004	Jan 27, 2005	Jan 31, 2006	Mar 14, 2007	Mar 25, 2008 *

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Mar 2006	Apr 2006	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Sep 2006	Oct 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2006
2 pages	2 pages	0 pages	2 pages	1 page	1 page	1 page	1 page	1 page	0 pages
Mar 30, 2006 *	Apr 6, 2006		Jun 1, 2006 *	Jul 26, 2006 *	Aug 30, 2006 *	Sep 27, 2006	Oct 25, 2006	Nov 29, 2006 *	
Mar 30, 2006	Apr 26, 2006 *		Jun 28, 2006						

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Working with the Wayback Application Data


- **Our Approach:** use a modified calendar format that breaks the archive for a site down by year, and for each year, into months.
 - Uses well known organizational scheme
 - Uses date formats compatible with Wayback
 - Works with LOC standard design



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<http://aidpblog.org/>
*denotes when site was updated

2008

January	01/03/08 *
February	02/07/08 *
March	03/06/08 *
April	04/03/08 *
May	05/01/08 *
June	06/05/08 *
July	07/03/08 *
August	08/07/08 *
September	09/04/08 *
October	10/02/08 *
November	11/06/08 *
December	12/05/08 *

Total: 24 archived captures

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Working with the Wayback Application Data

- The limit of 12 months in a year and max of 31 links in a month provides a browseable view of when the captures were made and link to the individual captures in the archive.
- In cases of multiple captures in a day, a date links to a page with all the captures for that day.
- This approach puts some extra clicks between the identification of the blog and the view of the archived page - But, the path is clear, organized, and leverages a familiar organizing principle - the calendar.



2008 | [2007](#)

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2008

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May	05/01/08 *
June	06/05/08 *
July	07/03/08 *
August	08/07/08 *
September	09/04/08 *
October	10/02/08 *
November	11/06/08 *
December	12/05/08 *

Total: 24 archived captures

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Header Bar

- Establishes LOC/Law Library as the source of the content
- Shows where capture lives within the collection
- Allows user to navigate through the collection from the archived site, without resorting to bouncing back and forth between the Law Library and archived site
- User can hide header

 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Note: External links, forms and search boxes may not function within this collection	Legal Blawgs Web Archive Collection This is an archived Web site from the Library of Congress http://www.opiniojuris.org/ Archived: 01/03/2008 at 19:35:26	▲
« Back to Law Archives	«First (03/01/2007) «Previous #11 of 22 Next Last (12/05/2008)»	

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Future – Enhanced Searching, Bib Records, etc

- **Planned Enhancements:**
 - **Conversion of the Web Archives site to standard design**
 - **Allow searching and browsing of catalog/bibliographic records**
 - **Better integration with other collections**



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- **Future challenges: What can you do?**
 - Collect and preserve if you have the resources.
 - Help us to improve the site:
Nominate blawgs, submit comments
 - Recommendations for guidelines on blawg administration
 - Standardize some practices



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- **Biggest challenge ahead will be to keep pace with changes and trends in scholarly publishing. Books published a chapter at a time and articles published one by one are in our near future. Will Librarians need to become aggregators in order to collect and preserve?**



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