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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



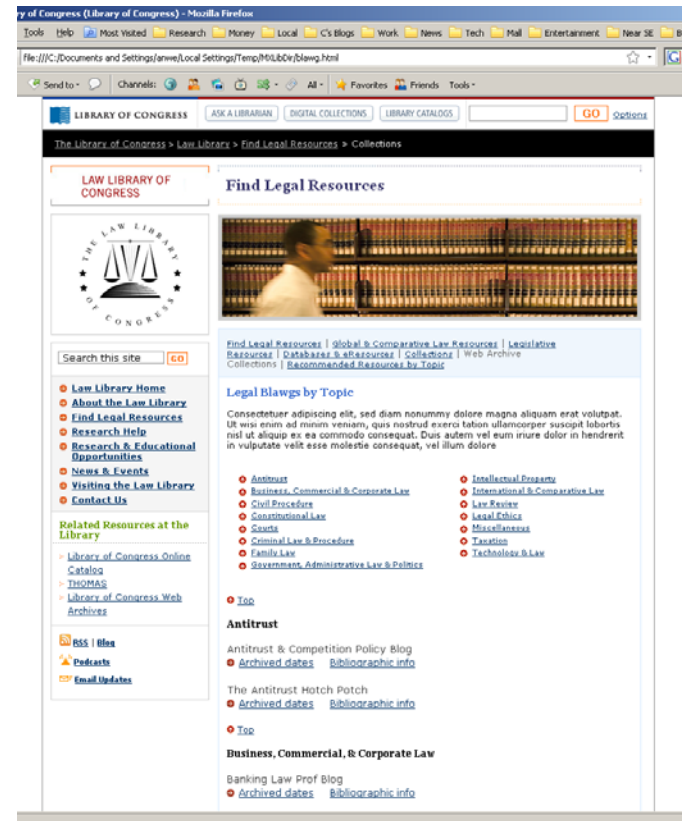
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- **How were blogs selected?**
 - Variety
 - Authoritative
 - Frequently cited
 - Widely read
 - Honors or awards
 - Nominee Statistics



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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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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

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[[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

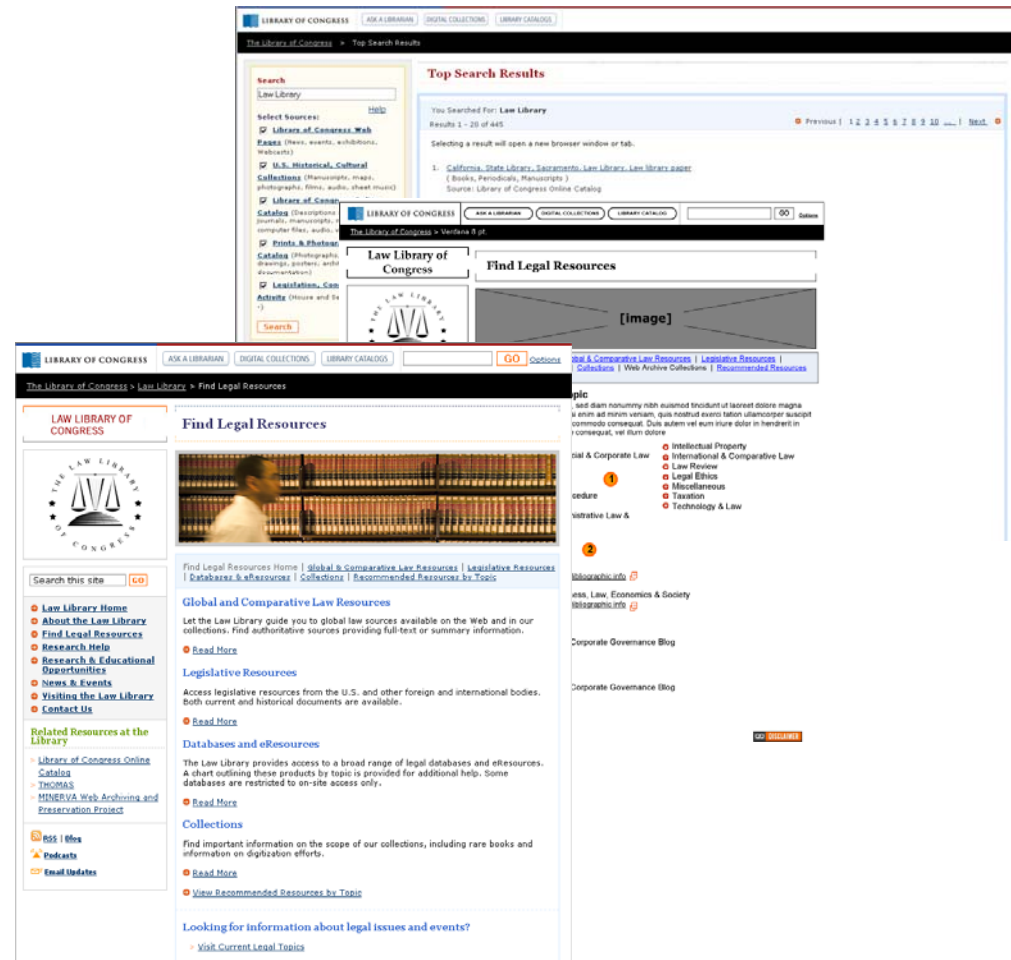
Collection Title: [Legal Blawgs Web Archive](#)

[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
waybackmachine

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

Searched for <http://www.loc.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 |
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| | | | | 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 |
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| | | | | 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 |
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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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2008 | [2007](#)

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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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| July | 07/03/08 * |
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| September | 09/04/08 * |
| October | 10/02/08 * |
| November | 11/06/08 * |
| December | 12/05/08 * |

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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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