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*news flash***LAW SCHOOL RECEIVES
DIGITIZATION GRANT**

Dr. Joel Fishman, co-director of the Pennsylvania Constitution Web Site, reports that the Law School has received a \$15,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Economic and Community Development for a grant titled "Digitizing Pennsylvania Constitutional Law Documents." Senator Jay A. Costa, Jr. assisted in obtaining this grant for the Law School. This grant will enable the digitizing of the journals and debates of the constitutional conventions of 1776, 1790, 1838 and 1874. Approximately 15,000 pages will be scanned and made available at the Web site, www.paconstitution.duq.edu. The grant will also cover the revision of the Web site. This grant supplements an earlier grant from the Pennsylvania Bar Trust Fund which provided funding to add the 1967-68 constitutional convention documents. It is hoped that the project will be completed by the end of the summer. For more information, please call Joel Fishman at 412-350-5353; or e-mail fishman@duq.edu.

*available online***INDEX TO THE OPINIONS OF
THE ATTORNEYS-GENERAL OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

There are four volumes of Attorneys-General Opinions of Pennsylvania that do not have cumulative indexes in their respective volumes. Three of them have been indexed now and are available on the Law Library Web site:

- Joel Fishman and Marguerite Atria, Index to the Opinions of the Attorney-General 1961-62 (2005).
- Index to the Opinions of the Attorney-General 1963-1966 (2004).
- Index to the Attorney-General 1967-1969 (2005).

*new technology***LAW LIBRARY TO UPGRADE
COMPUTERS IN THE COMPUTER LAB**

Library management has decided to upgrade the computers in the computer lab over the next couple of months. The current equipment is five years old and needs to be replaced.

*hot off the press***NEW PENNSYLVANIA PUBLICATIONS**

Terrance A. Kline and Daniel R. Ross, eds. *Estate Planning in Pennsylvania*. [Mechanicsburg]: PBI Press, 2004. 2 vols. (Looseleaf) Table of Contents: 1. Interviewing the client. 2. Ethical issues. 3. Mapping the plan. 4. Drafting the will. 5. Drafting the trust. 6. Tax planning. 7. Estate planning for closely held businesses. 8. Estate planning for nontraditional couples. 9. Estate planning using charitable gifts. 10. Powers of attorney and advance directives for health care declarations (living wills). 11. Medicaid payment for long-term care. 12. Choosing fiduciaries. 13. Transferring assets outside of probate. 14. Execution and safekeeping of documents. 15. Terminating the representation. Index of cases. Subject matter index. In addition, there is a CD-ROM for forms with the volumes.

*new posting***WEB ARTICLE**

Joel Fishman. Model Rules of Professional Conduct Cited in "Ethics Forum: Questions and Answers on Professional Responsibility" By Samuel C. Stretton in the Pennsylvania Law Weekly (April 10, 1995 to December 31, 2004), at www.lawlib.duq.edu/publications/strettonindex.pdf (2.6MB) 2/3/05 posted

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CLE PROGRAM CALENDAR

CLE COURSES

Wednesday, August 3, 2005

Researching Legal Ethics

(Dr. Joel Fishman)

Noon-1 p.m.

Thursday, August 4, 2005

Using Internet for Legal Research

(Mr. Dittakavi Rao)

9 a.m.-Noon

Thursday, August 4, 2005

Federal Legal Research

(Dr. Joel Fishman)

1-4 p.m.

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BOOKS FOR SALE

Wettick, R. Stanton, Jr. *Allegheny County Discovery Opinions Volume 6* (2002-2004). Compiled by Joel Fishman and Catherine Gerhold. Allegheny County Law Library, 2005. xci, 97p. ISBN: 1-890800-40-6.
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SNAP SHOTS

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- ScanSoft Inc. (www.scansoft.com) released software, “Dragon Naturallyspeaking Legal 8,” that converts speech into text at up to 160 words per minute. Naturallyspeaking speech-enables most Microsoft Window applications, including Office, and most practice management systems, Corel WordPerfect and Lotus Notes. It also provides a specialized vocabulary of more than 25,000 legal terms and formatting capabilities for legal citations.
- “West km for Transactions” (www.elite.com) helps users find, analyze and reuse precedent documents, clauses and definitions from within their own document collections. It also helps transactional attorneys gain negotiating leverage against opposing counsel by targeting past work product.
- The new feature of “Smart Tools” of Westlaw (www.westlaw.com) retrieves results even when a search doesn’t include every possible alternative for a legal term. For example, a “statute of limitations” might also be referred to as a “statute of repose” or a “period of limitation.” When a researcher runs a search, Smart Tools suggests synonyms and alternative spellings; suggests a broader database search when the search result contains five or fewer documents; and detects a variety of errors in a query. Smart Tools also recognizes legal terms of art and suggests related legal terms.
- “AccessPlus Jury Verdict on the Web” (www.lawbulletin.com) provides comprehensive searching of 55,000 civil jury verdicts and negotiated settlements with advanced e-mail and print functions.
- VOIP: Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol is a phone service where a client phoning a firm partner at his office is routed into voicemail. That voicemail is converted into e-mail and then transported to a remote computer, perhaps at a home office while the partner is enjoying some time off. It’s all instant and seamless and also cheap.
- “Elite WebView 5.0” (www.elite.com) adds Westlaw integration, to assist administrators with billing for research. It also integrates with Elite Extend to automate distribution of notifications and event reports via e-mail messages to predefined groups.
- LexisNexis China Online (<http://research.lexisnexis.com.cn>) is a new Chinese language service is designed specifically for the Chinese market to help users find up-to-date information on legal, tax and regulatory issues in China.
- Online Legal Services Ltd. has expanded its Lawyersandsettlements.com site for people seeking legal representation and news on large cases. It now includes non-class action complaints with wider legal coverage. Currently there are more than 4,000 cases to search.

