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Welcome to E-LERT! E-LERT will be a newsletter about new developments in the area of electronic legal research services. Lexis and Westlaw will be included, but the heaviest emphasis will be on the Internet. I will try to pass on to you word of any new law-related listservs, gophers, and web sites I hear about. E-LERT will be distributed once a week. EXTRA editions will be distributed if needed. If anyone would like an individual session on accessing any of the items listed, please contact me for an appointment.

REMINDER TO FACULTY: THERE WILL BE A WESTLAW UPDATE HELD IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE TODAY (TUESDAY OCTOBER 25 FROM 12 NOON TO 1:30 PM). IT WILL BE CATERED BY TINA'S

WRIGHT'S FEDERAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IS NOW FULL TEXT ON WESTLAW IN THE FPP DATABASE.

Lexis Sold

As you may already have heard, Lexis/Nexis has been sold by Mead Data Central to Reed Elsevier, a British-Dutch publishing conglomerate.

Lexis Lethargy

A Faculty member has mentioned that Lexis is running very slowly these days. I too have noticed it. The Lexis rep says it could be because of the high volume generated by student training sessions. The situation is being investigated. Please let me know if you think that Lexis is running unacceptably slow.

AT&T 800 DIRECTORY ON THE NET

AT&T has developed a WWW 800 number directory that can be accessed via the Internet. It can be found at: http://att.net/dir800
New Politics, Government, & Law-Related Internet Sites

WHITE HOUSE WEB SITE

The Vice-President has just announced a new WWW server at the White House. Users can take a virtual tour of the White House, hear a message from the President and Vice-President or leave a message for Mr. Clinton.

The server has a section for users without graphic capacity and pointers to other government agencies and services.

The address is:  http://www.whitehouse.gov

CHICAGO MERCANTILE EXCHANGE ON WORLD WIDE WEB

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the World's Largest Marketplace, trading approximately $200 trillion annually in underlying value of financial and agricultural futures and options, is pleased to announce it debut on the World Wide Web!

Accessible from the CME Home Page are background and product information, volume and membership-price information and charts, and the CME Model for Federal Financial Regulation, a proposal for streamlining government oversight of financial institutions.

URL:  http://www.interaccess.com/users/wilbirk

The Consumer Information Center (CIC) can be reached via the World Wide Web (WWW), Gopher, and Telnet. Famous for its Pueblo, CO address, the CIC publishes the Consumer Information Catalog which lists over 200 Federal publications covering topics such as Federal benefits, health, cars, children, housing and money matters. The Catalog and the publications listed can be viewed online or downloaded.

via WWW

*  Point to http://www.gsa.gov
*  Look for the Consumer Information Center under "GSA Organizational Components"
*  Click on the Consumer Information Center

via GOPHER

*  Point to www.gsa.gov
*  Change the directory to: /gopher/staff/pa/cic
via TELNET

* Telnet to sbaonline.sba.gov
* Select "Outside Resources"
* Select "Gateways to other Online Services"
* Select "Federal: Public Access (no Fee)"
* Scroll down and select "General Services Administration – Consumer Information Center"
* Follow the on-screen instructions

OR

* Telnet to fedworld.gov
* Select "Gateway Systems"
* Select "Connect to Government Sys/Database"
* Type "6" to access the CIC
* Follow the on-screen instructions

To connect to The Small Business Administration (SBA):

WWW URL: http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov
Gopher gopher www.sbaonline.sba.gov

NEW LISTSERVS

LAW LISTS (as of 17 October 1994) by Lyonette Louis-Jacques has been distributed in four files. It is one of the most comprehensive listings of law-related electronic discussion groups. Please e-mail me if you would like me to send you a copy.