Cheetah Replaces CCH Intelliconnect

Effective this month, the Law Library adopted Cheetah, the new legal research database from Wolters Kluwer. Cheetah is the successor to Intelliconnect, the long established platform for CCH content. Currently, the Library subscribes to the following practice areas on Cheetah:

- Antitrust & Competition
- Banking & Consumer Finance
- Government Contracts
- Intellectual Property
- Products Liability & Insurance
- Securities & Corporate

The advantages to the new platform include a faster search engine, better functionality, including more filter options, and a more attractive and intuitive design. Please note that access to Intelliconnect will continue in tandem with Cheetah until the end of the Spring 2017 Semester. More information on individual faculty access will be forthcoming.

Changes to Westlaw & Bloomberg Law

Recently both Westlaw (the moniker WestlawNext was dropped last Spring) and Bloomberg Law rolled out a number of useful changes. Perhaps the most notable new feature on Westlaw is the addition of “Westlaw Answers,” the company’s first attempt at a quasi artificial intelligence platform. The feature needs to be turned on in each user’s settings, but it allows for certain questions to be posed, e.g. what are the elements of slander? The results, while still a little limited in scope, can be helpful. Westlaw also recently introduced the “Snapshots” feature for certain content (e.g. popular names of statutes). This feature provides users with a useful overview of the retrieved result.

Bloomberg Law also made some recent changes including the introduction of “Bloomberg Law: Tax,” a new home page for their federal tax content. This can be accessed through the Tax Practice Center and provides more intuitive access to essential federal tax resources.