What Can Google Scholar Do For You?

Google Scholar provides a number of services that can be beneficial to faculty. As a search tool, the site searches across many disciplines and sources, including articles, books, theses, etc. In many instances the full-text of articles can be retrieved through database subscriptions maintained by the Law Library and Mullen Library. This includes articles that appear on JSTOR, HeinOnline, and Ebsco products. Beyond just providing a useful site for searching, Google Scholar can also help you track how often your publications are cited. By using the “My Citations” feature on the site you can search for and load materials you have authored and then see how often and by who those materials have been cited. This statistical data is displayed in both graph and textual format. Additional metrics can be applied which provide a “h-index” and “i10-index” for your publications. In order to use these features each author is required to set up a profile which can be either publicly or privately displayed.

More information can be obtained here.

Incorporating CALI Into Your Curriculum - Part 1

If you haven’t visited www.cali.org recently, you may want to take a look at some of the lessons and other tools CALI has available.

CALI has over 900 web tutorials that cover over 35 legal subjects. The lessons are written by law school faculty and librarians and can be linked to from TWEN (CALI provides automatic links).

To review lessons, use CALI’s LessonText feature which allows you to see an entire lesson (including answers) in single text document. If you’d like to assign lessons to students and track their usage, use the LessonLink feature. Another useful feature is CALI Author, which enables users to customize existing lessons or to create completely new ones. Users can then publish these lessons using the Auto Publish feature. Only your students will be able to access the lessons you create or customize. Read more about this feature on the CALI Spotlight Blog.

Part 2 of this article on CALI will appear in the next issue of the Library Newsletter.