



# Library Briefs

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## *LLMC-Digital*

### **Law Library Adds Digital Collection**

The Law Library has just added *LLMC-Digital* to its growing collection of digital resources. LLMC, a consortium of law libraries throughout the country, is building a comprehensive library of legal materials from jurisdictions around the world. Its state collections, when completed, will include entire runs of reported cases, statutes and other legislative materials, and executive documents. The volumes in its online collection can be browsed by title, searched full-text, or retrieved by citation. Page images can be printed or downloaded as PDF files.

Because it is a non-profit consortium, LLMC relies heavily on its member libraries to make materials available for digitizing. The first 122 volumes of *Maine Reports* are already included in the collection. The Law Library will be helping LLMC locate and obtain other Maine state materials to be added. These donated materials will not be discarded, even after imaging; LLMC preserves the originals in a "dark archive" deep in a salt mine, in case changes in technology ever make it desirable to scan them again.

LLMC-Digital is available at the public access computers in the Law Library. Please explore it for yourself, or ask a reference librarian to give you a quick tutorial.

## *Wiscasset's Declaration of Independence*

### **Virginia Court Rules Against Maine**

March 22, 2008 - A Virginia circuit court judge ruled against the State of Maine in its action to regain ownership of an early broadside copy of the Declaration of Independence which was sent to Wiscasset, formerly known as Pownalborough, in 1776. Maine argued that the document, discovered in a Wiscasset attic and sold several times since, was a public document not subject to private sale. The judge ruled in favor of Richard L. Adams, Jr., a Virginia collector who paid \$450,000 for the document in 2001. The Attorney General's office, representing the State, has appealed the circuit court decision to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

## *National Library Week*

### **Join the circle of knowledge @ your library®**

National Library Week will be observed April 13-19, 2008 with the theme, "Join the circle of knowledge @ your library®." National Library Week has been sponsored annually since 1958 by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

## *Kleinrock's*

### **Online Tax Resource**

The Law Library's public computer network now provides timely access to *Kleinrock's Tax Expert* online. The subscription includes: Federal Tax Expert (analysis, bulletins, reference



library, Treasury decisions, regulations, revenue and letter rulings, Internal Revenue publications and Code); bulletin products; compliance titles; and, reference materials such as the Master Tax Guide and 1040 Express Answers.

### *Indian Land Claims*

#### **New Legislative History Compiled**

A legislative history of the Maine Indian Land Claims is now compiled. It includes federal laws and court cases, Maine legislation, and a list of related materials in the Law Library's collection. The volumes are being processed and will be available for loan soon.

### *Energy Reports*

#### **Three New Reports on Energy Efficiency Accessible Online**

**1)** Report by the Public Utilities Commission to the Utilities and Energy Committee regarding LD 1851, *An Act to Establish the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative*. March 2008. Report and three attachments at [http://maine.gov/mpuc/staying\\_informed/legislative/2006legislation/2007-2008ReportstoLegislature.htm](http://maine.gov/mpuc/staying_informed/legislative/2006legislation/2007-2008ReportstoLegislature.htm)

**2)** Falling Behind : New England Must Act Now To Reduce Global Warming Pollution. March 2008. [http://www.nrcm.org/documents/falling\\_behind.pdf](http://www.nrcm.org/documents/falling_behind.pdf)

**3)** Energy Efficiency, Business Competitiveness, and Untapped Economic Potential In Maine. April 2008. [http://mainegov-images.informe.org/governor/baldacci/policy/energy\\_efficiency.pdf](http://mainegov-images.informe.org/governor/baldacci/policy/energy_efficiency.pdf)

### *Audio Books*

#### **Listen To A Book While You Commute!**

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