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Somehow after handing over the reins to Cathryn Crowe, for all my sins I have landed the position of National Publishers' Liaison Co-ordinator. I'd like to thank Kerrie Dickie for her hard work in performing this role over the last two years. In that time the ALLG's profile has been significantly raised in relation to legal publishers and I intend to carry on where she has left off. If anyone has any issues they would like to discuss with me please don't hesitate to contact me.

Changes to Anstat

Anstat Pty Ltd recently announced an important change to their legislation service. I have reproduced part of their announcement for your information.

20 February 1998

Dear Subscriber

As a valued subscriber, we would like to advise you of an important change to the structure of our Commonwealth Legislation Service.

In response to a steady decrease in demand and recognising the limitations in ensuring that our Update Bulletins are dispatched and then filed in a timely manner, our Update Bulletin service will be discontinued effective from this dispatch of Update Bulletins enclosed.

Elizabeth Garcia

Publishing Operations Manager

Legal Publishers' List

Rob Richards from the University of Colorado Law Library publishes an interesting homepage that keeps track of the current ownership of legal publishers around the world today. I thought this would be of interest to members and I thank Rob for his permission to publish this list below.

The Shape of Legal Publishing Today

www.colorado.edu/Law/lawlib/ts/legpub.htm

This list is undergoing continual revision. Please send comments to Rob Richards, University of Colorado Law Library, Campus Box 402, Boulder, CO 80309-0402, rrichard@stripe.colorado.edu. A previous version of this list appeared in *The Shape of Legal Publishing Today*, The CRIV Sheet, Nov 1997, at 11.

Four major "families" of legal publishers:

1 Thomson Corporation:

A West Group:

- i West Publishing
- ii Lawyers Co-op
- iii Bancroft-Whitney
- iv Clark Boardman Callaghan
- v Barclays Law Publishers
- vi Compuclerk
- vii Counterpoint Publishing
- viii Legal Solutions
- ix Foundation Press
- x Information America
- xi Rutter Group

B RIA Group (publisher of some former Prentice Hall Law and Business titles)

- i RIA
- ii Warren Gorham & Lamont (some former WG&L titles are now published by West Group; others by A.S. Pratt)
- iii Auerbach
- iv Practitioners Publishing

2. Reed Elsevier/Wolters Kluwer
 - A Reed Elsevier Legal
 - i Butterworths
 - ii Editions du Juris-Classeur
 - iii Giuffrè
 - iv Stampfli Verlag
 - v Wydawnictwa Prawnicze PWN
 - B Wolters Kluwer
 - i Aspen Law & Business (incorporating Little, Brown; Wiley Law; and publisher of some former Prentice Hall Law and Business titles)
 - ii Panel Publishers
 - iii CCH
 - iv Kluwer Law International
 - v NILS
 - C LEXIS-NEXIS
 - i Business Information Services
 - ii Legal Information Services
 - iii LEXIS Law Publishing (formerly Michie, and publisher of some former West Group titles)
 - iv Shepard's partnership
 - v Martindale-Hubbell
 - vi Marquis Who's Who
 - vii National Register Publishing
 - viii National Information Services
 - ix Congressional Information Services Inc.
 - x LEXIS Document Services
 - xi Reed Technology and Information Services Inc
3. Times Mirror
 - A Matthew Bender (Bender is now up for sale; likely buyer is Elsevier/Kluwer)
 - i Shepard's (Jointly owned by LEXIS-NEXIS & Matthew Bender)
4. The "Indies"
 - Anderson Publishing
 - Andrews Publications
 - Austin & Winfield
 - Bernan Associates, Bernan Press
 - Bureau of National Affairs
 - Business Publishers
 - Business & Legal Reports
 - California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB)
 - Cutter Information Corporation
 - Infosources
 - Island Press
 - Labor Relations Press (LRP)
 - Law Office Information Systems (LOIS)
 - Mealey Publications
 - Nolo Press
 - Oceana Publications
 - Phillips Publishing
 - Practising Law Institute (PLI)
 - Tax Analysts
 - Telecommunications Reports International
 - Thompson Publishing (Wash DC)
 - VersusLaw, Inc.
 - Warren Publishing
 - William S. Hein & Co.
 - university presses

Prospect Media – Looseleaf Update Charges Query

James Butler from the Supreme Court of Victoria raises the cost of looseleaf updates with Prospect Media. At the time of print there was no response from Prospect Media.

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Dear Ms. Moss,

I am writing at your suggestion following our telephone conversation. We subscribe to Australian Corporate Finance Law, for which we have received Release No. 6. I was shocked to see that the charge for this release was \$85 for 30 sheets of paper

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| 1 sheet | Instructions |
| 2 sheets | title pages |
| 12 sheets | contents |
| 1 sheet | supplementary cases |
| 1 sheet | supplementary statutes |
| 3 sheets | replacement pages for Chapter 6 |

4 sheets replacement pages for Chapter 7
3 sheets replacement pages for Chapter 12
1 sheet supplementary index.

I see that previous releases were charged as follows:

release 3 \$120.00
release 4 \$145.00
release 5 \$185.00

I do not, however, know the extent of these releases I would be interested to know how you justify a cost of almost \$3 00 per page in the latest release.

James Butler

Librarian

Supreme Court of Victoria

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Casebase and AAT Decisions

Shelley Campbell from the AAT in Perth raised this issue with regard to searching Casebase and Debra Fallon from Pink Ribbon Publishing was quick to respond with a solution that is satisfactory to everyone.

I noticed last week that Casebase has divided up the AAT decisions on the database by State I am not sure how long this has been going on, but it is an anomaly that needs to be rectified as soon as possible to ensure that Casebase remains the excellent tool it has become. The Administrative Appeals Tribunal is a federal body, and as such there are no state boundaries with our decisions. We have a registry in each state and territory. ACT and Victoria have state Administrative Appeals Tribunals and these are totally separate to the federal body, with totally different jurisdictions. The other states, as far as I am aware, have no such bodies (or if they do, they are not called Administrative Appeals Tribunals)

The problem with assigning state divisions to the decisions of the federal AAT is that, unless a person knows which state in which the decision was handed down, they cannot locate it using AAT in the Court field. Often, a user will know that a decision is from

the AAT, so will enter AAT in this field to limit the search. It seems that now they will not find it unless they know the state and enter that in the Court field (e.g. AAT(WA)), or opt not to use that field in their search. If they opt not to use that field, there are often a large number of results to sift through, especially if the name is a common one, or the case has gone on appeal to the Federal Court. This reduces the effectiveness of the tool and takes up valuable time.

Here is an example:

I am looking for an AAT decision in Quinlivan & CEO of Customs

I enter Quinlivan, and AAT in the Court field

I get 3 results, none of which is the one I want. Many users will give up at this point and assume it is not on Casebase

If I persevere and enter Quinlivan, and nothing in the Court field, I get 10 results, number 6 of which is the one I want. The Court field says AAT(WA).

I also wish to point out that some of the AAT decisions are being cited incorrectly in the title field. AAT decisions should be cited as RE: Party A & Party B (or Party A & Party B, RE). Often they appear as Party A v Party B, which is incorrect. Citing a decision correctly enables a user to quickly determine whether it is an AAT decision or a Federal Court decision (or other court) between the same parties.

I hope that these problems will be rectified quickly so that we can again have confidence in our search results from Casebase.

Thank you in anticipation,

Shelley Campbell

Librarian

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Library

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And a very quick response from Pink Ribbon

Dear Shelley,

Thank you for your recent email

I have had a long conversation with Mark Robinson a Sydney Barrister who specialises in administrative law and has recently published a book on the subject. He finds the addition of the registry very useful and does not believe it should be changed

What we propose to do is to adjust the program so that when you type AAT in the courts field ALL the AAT's together with extensions, i.e. states will appear. Also, we will go through the database and amend all the casenames with a "v" in them

I hope this satisfies your concerns and once again I thank you for bringing these issues to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding the above.

Regards

Debra Fallon (Director)



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