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Time Base Puts Daily Legislation Online – Aunty Abha's Adopts New Name

Time Base Pty Ltd (incorporating Aunty Abha's Electronic Publishing) recently announced a new online strategy, which includes the daily update of consolidated legislation on the Internet. The new service will commence at the end of November 1998

At the same time the company announced it has changed its trading name to Time Base from Aunty Abha's Electronic Publishing, adopting the name of its parent company, Time Base Pty Ltd.

Each day, updated consolidated Commonwealth legislation will be posted at the Time Base Internet site. If an amendment has been passed, that fact will be immediately noted at the site. Then, the instant the Act or Regulation has been updated, the full consolidated legislation will be posted.

In the near future, the Time Base site will also include weekly updates of the New South Wales legislation, and by early 1999 all five jurisdictions will be available on the website. Currency and amendment information will be available, as will other value added features such as numerical lists of all legislation. The site will also include the Federal Cases product.

The online Internet service is free to all customers who subscribe to ten CD-ROM updates per year. Additionally, anyone can access the site to get currency and amendment information free.

Every product previously published under the Aunty Abha's name will continue to be published by Time

Base. The only change will be the name of the company and the increasing number of products available. There is no change of ownership.

Time Base is a 100% Australian owned and operated company, and is currently using a Commonwealth Government R&D grant to develop the electronic publishing technology of the future.

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CaseBase Joining Butterworths Research CD-ROM

As from 1 October 1998 Butterworths has taken over responsibility for *Casebase* customer service. As most are aware, Butterworths and Pink Ribbon formed a strategic alliance in 1996 to sell *Casebase* under licence on the Butterworths Research CD-ROM and Butterworths Online. After 11 years in legal publishing, Debra Fallon and Paul Hannah from Pink Ribbon Publishing have decided to move on and *Casebase* will be joining the Butterworths range. We wish Debra and Paul all the best in their future endeavours and thank them most sincerely for *Casebase*!

Butterworths Australia and Folio 4

Folio 4.2 is the latest version of Folio Views. It has many new features and improvements on Folio 3.x, the version currently being used by most publishers in Australia. The most significant new features include faster searching, a customisable interface, the introduction of a hit list, and the ability to easily search beyond the 'record' structure on which Folio Views is based.

Why then has it not yet been implemented in Australia?

The first reason is a peculiarity of the Australian legal environment – the number of Mac computers in use. There are a significant number of legal organisations in Australia which use Macs. Folio at first was not going to even bring out a Mac version because there is simply no demand in the USA. After we applied a great deal of pressure on them, Folio agreed to create a Mac version of Views 4.2. This Mac version has only recently been released.

The second reason for not rushing in to upgrade our users to Folio Views 4.2 is that it looks and works quite significantly differently to the existing version. We have been planning very carefully how to go about upgrading our users from version 3 to version 4 with the absolute minimum of disruption. We know how much our users rely on access to our publications and take this issue of a major upgrade very, very seriously. To this end we have been undertaking extensive

internal testing and have made contact with our competitor publishers to ensure that nothing we do will conflict with the way they implement Folio 4.

The transition to Folio 4 will of necessity be a slow, careful process which we will undertake in close consultation with users – and so it will be many months yet before our users see Folio 4 on their desktops.

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Law Library Collection Development Policies

This site is a collective effort by law librarians in many countries around the world to create a virtual compilation of collection development policy documents for law libraries, and a bibliography of models, standards, and guides for creating law library collection development policies. It is a project of the Acquisitions Committee Technical Services Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. The site will eventually include policies from a range of law libraries: private, court, academic, public, prison and other. Collection development policies for special types of legal material, such as government documents, and special formats such as electronic, are also included. Email Rob Richards, University of Colorado Law Library, rrichard@stripe.colorado.edu, if you would like to contribute your library's policy or bibliographic sources on law library collection development policies. There is no Australian content as yet!

**Law Library Collection Development Policies:
Policy Documents and Resources**
<http://www.colorado.edu/Law/lawlib/ts/aall/policies.htm>

BigEar and InSITE

The Cornell Law Library and Law School provide a number of Internet current awareness services worth noting.

BigEar is a service of the Cornell Law School. BigEar listens to a variety of law-related mailing lists and newsgroups. From each, it selects messages which contain references to Internet documents, and constructs a convenient cumulative listing which shows the title of the document, a link to it, and a link to the message "announcing" it on the mailing list. At the end of each week, the old listing is archived and a new one started. It thus offers one view of what's new on the Internet for lawyers.

At the moment, BigEar listens to:

LAWSRC-L, including postings from the Virtual Law Library submissions robot
NET-LAWYERS
TEKNOIDS
LAW-LIB
LEGAL-WEBMASTERS
INT-LAW

BigEar: Current Legal Resources on the Net
<http://barratry.law.cornell.edu:5123/notify/buzz.html>

InSITE, is a current awareness service of Cornell Law Library. InSITE highlights selected law-related web sites in two ways: as an annotated publication issued electronically and in print, and as a keyword-searchable database. The law librarians at Cornell evaluate potentially useful web sites, select the most valuable ones, and provide commentary and subject access to them. This information can be accessed by searchable database and a list of Current and Archived Issues on the Cornell Law Library web site, and via email subscription. Send the following request to listproc@cornell.edu "Subscribe InSITE-L [YourFirstName] [YourLastName]".

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<http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/lawlibrary/>

Preserving Digital Information

Preserving digital information is one of the great challenges facing librarians and archivists. There are numerous issues that must be addressed, from technical details to organisational structures. In this article Kranch focuses primarily on the technical details, by putting forward the idea of encapsulating digital content in a 'tablet' that contains all the hardware and software required to use it. Such tablets would, presumably, prevent the need to migrate the information forward into new systems that replace the ones used to create the information in the first place. Although the idea has some merit, one could just as easily consider the information to be 'entombed' as well as preserved, since presumably it would not be accessible to any future systems that add capabilities to the manipulation of digital information. Nonetheless, we are too early in the digital preservation game to throw out any ideas too hastily. At this point every idea should receive serious and thoughtful consideration.

Kranch, Douglas A. "Beyond Migration: Preserving Electronic Documents with Digital Tablets." *Information Technology & Libraries* 17(3) September 1998 pp 138-148

ABA Law Firm Technology Survey

The American Bar Association Legal Technology Resource Center has recently released its 1998 *Small Law Firm Technology Survey* and *Large Law Firm Technology Survey*. The topics surveyed include hardware (e.g. remote use), software (e.g. litigation support), Internet and online services, CD-ROM, legal research, training and support, and purchasing (current and planned). A brief overview of the surveys and report purchase options are available on the web site.

ABA Legal Technology Resource Center
<http://www.abanet.org/tech/ltrc/home.html>

Immigration Service on CD-ROM

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs' internal-decision making database is now available on CD-ROM from LBC. The *Immigration Service* provides all relevant migration and citizenship legislation, the Migration Series Instructions as issued by the Department, the Procedures Advice Manual 3, Government Gazette notices relating to migration, as well as significant decisions handed down from the High Court and Federal Court. Earlier versions of the migration law and policy are also available. It is planned to add electronic forms to the Service in the near future.

The annual subscription rate for a single user licence and the archive disc of earlier versions of migration law and policy is \$1,750.00. Contact LBC Information Services for further details.

Australian Institute of Criminology Library Catalogue on the Web

The Australian Institute of Criminology J V Barry Library recently launched its Library catalogue on the Institute's web site. The J V Barry Library has a comprehensive collection of Australian criminology and criminal justice resources. The collection comprises approximately 25,000 books and 1,400 serial titles, comprising journals, magazines, annual reports and other report series. There are also separate reference and statistical collections.

The Institute's web site also contains a wealth of other information including media releases, the Institute's annual reports, details of the Institute's publications, a directory of criminal justice libraries in Australia and New Zealand, and a directory of crime and criminal justice researchers in Australia.

Australian Institute of Criminology
<http://www.aic.gov.au>

A Useful Bookplate

A sixteenth-century book curse discovered at the monastery of San Pedro in Barcelona:

"For him that Stealeth a Book from this Library, let it change into a Serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck with Palsy, and all his Members blasted. Let him languish in Pain crying aloud for Mercy, let there be no Surcease to his Agony till he sink to Dissolution. Let Bookworms gnaw his Entrails in token of the Worm that dieth not. When at last he goeth to his final Punishment, let the flames of Hell consume him for ever and aye."