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The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet, Third Edition By Carole A. Levitt and Mark E. Rosch

CHICAGO, January 11, 2007 – With an estimated 170 million host computers connected to the World Wide Web providing 2-3 billion content pages, finding the facts you need can be a daunting challenge. Sometimes the information is buried deep in a site or hidden on pages cluttered with links or distracting, flashing ads. Search engines help, but can be time-consuming, and when used improperly are a hit-or-miss proposition. Often the most useful sites are found through recommendations—not by browsing.

The American Bar Association Section of Law Practice Management announces the publication of *The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet, Third Edition*, by Mark E. Rosch and Carole A. Levitt, two nationally acclaimed Internet research trainers. Written especially for legal professionals, this newly revised and expanded edition is a complete hands-on guide to the best sites, secrets and shortcuts for conducting efficient research on the Web.

The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding describes the difference between legal research and fact finding, and demonstrates the distinction between the “visible” and “invisible” Web and how to find information on each. The authors explain the nuances of search engines to guide readers to formulate strategies for locating information, and share real-world stories of how Internet data has benefited legal professionals.

User-friendly for legal professionals, the book contains an icon system so readers can immediately identify free sites, free-with-registration sites, and pay sites; practical tips and advice on using specific sites; and alerts to quirks or hard-to-find Web content. In addition, the book has an easy-to-use topical structure, organized the way lawyers think, starting with the best sites first.

Included is a CD-ROM containing all the links listed in the book, indexed in multiple ways to simplify Web navigation. Also provided are valuable checklists, including a source credibility checklist, a handy methodology checklist and more.

Hundreds of Web sites are cited, useful for investigations, depositions and trial presentations. Also offered is a free subscription to an e-mail newsletter designed to update readers on the Web sites in the book, and keep them posted on the latest helpful online resources.

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