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Web 2.0: New Tools for Doing and Teaching Legal Research

Program wiki: <http://library.kentlaw.edu/dginsberg/pmwiki/pmwiki.php>

What is Web 2.0?

“A perceived second-generation of Web based communities and hosted services that facilitate collaboration and sharing between users.” (Wikipedia)

New Sources of Content - User Generated

- **Blog** - Web page that has short, frequent posts made to it; Short for web log; **Blawg** - law related blog
 - *Feedster* (<http://www.feedster.com/>) & *Google Blog Search* (<http://blogsearch.google.com/>) - blog search engines
 - *Blawg* (<http://www.blawg.com/>) - law blog directory
 - Online Law Journal Companions (http://sentencing.typepad.com/sentencing_law_and_policy/2006/10/yet_another_not.html)
 - *Bloggership: How Blogs Are Transforming Legal Scholarship* conference webcasts (<http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/home/bloggership>)
 - *Sentencing Law & Policy Blog* - Douglas A. Berman (<http://sentencing.typepad.com>)
 - *The Confrontation Blog* - Richard D. Friedman (<http://confrontationright.blogspot.com>)
 - *WisBlawg* - Bonnie Shucha (<http://law.wisc.edu/blogs/wisblawg/>)
- **Podcast** - Audio blog; combination of “iPod” + “broadcast”; **Blawgcast/Plawdcast** - law related podcast; **Vlog/Vidcast/Vodcast** - Video podcast
 - *Podscope* (<http://www.podscope.com/>) - search engine
 - *Blawgs.fm* (<http://blawgsfm.justia.com>) - law podcast directory
- **Wiki** - A website which allows users to add and edit content collectively
 - *Wikipedia* (<http://www.wikipedia.org/>)
 - *Wex* (<http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/>) - from Cornell; only selected authors may contribute
 - “Legal Wikis Are Bound to Wow You” (<http://tinyurl.com/39pyyl>) - Wikis for e-publishing
- **Scholarship Repository** - Website devoted to the promotion of scholarship in which authors post their academic papers. Subscriptions may be available alerting interested readers to new scholarship.
 - *Social Science Research Network* (SSRN) (<http://www.ssrn.com/>)
 - *Legal Scholarship Network* (LSN) (<http://www.ssrn.com/lsn/index.html>)
 - Institutional Repositories
 - *NELLCO Legal Scholarship Repository* (<http://lsr.nellco.org/index.html>)
 - *SelectedWorks* from BePress (<http://works.bepress.com/>) - for creating faculty publications pages
 - “The Scholarly Communication Crisis” (<http://www.bepress.com/crisis.html>)
- **Other Content Sharing Sites**
 - *Del.icio.us* (<http://del.icio.us/>) - A social bookmarking web service for storing, sharing, and discovering web bookmarks
 - *Flickr* (<http://flickr.com/>) - A digital photo sharing website in which photos are tagged to allow searchers to easily find images
 - *Scribd* (<http://www.scribd.com/>) - A site for sharing documents; “YouTube for text”
 - *YouTube* (<http://www.youtube.com/>) - A popular free video sharing website which lets users upload, view, and share video clips
 - “The YouTube Defense” (<http://www.slate.com/id/2162780/>) - Khaled el-Masri case

New Ways of Delivering Information

- **RSS** - A format for distributing, or syndicating, Web content, including blogs, podcasts, news, and more; subscribers receive content as soon as it is published; content can be remixed and republished elsewhere
 - *TVC's RSS Feeds for Law* (http://www.virtualchase.com/topics/rss_law.shtml)
 - *Current Law Journal Content* (<http://lawlib.wlu.edu/CLJC/index.aspx>) - from Washington and Lee Law School; search and subscribe to current law journal tables of contents

New Social Networking & Communication Tools

- **Instant Messaging (IM)** - A form of immediate, electronic text communication between two or more users who are all online simultaneously. Parties must all have IM accounts and connect through IM service.
 - *Meebo* (<http://www.meebo.com/>) - An in-browser instant messaging program; no software download required
 - *Trillian* (<http://www.ceruleanstudios.com/>) - Software for monitoring multiple IM accounts
- **Live Chat** - A form of immediate, electronic text communication which involves caller using a chat box on a Web site and responder using IM or a commercial chat service. No account or special software required of caller.
 - *MeeboMe* (<http://www.meebome.com/>) - Free, flash-based chat widget that users can place on a website; responder answers through *Meebo*
 - *Plugoo* (<http://www.plugoo.com/>) - Free, flash-based chat widget that users can place on a website; responder can answer through any IM service
- **Micro-Blog** - Service that allows users to send and receive short messages via the Web, instant messaging software, or with mobile phones. "What are you doing" messages are routed among networks of friends.
 - *Twitter* (<http://twitter.com/>)
 - *Jaiku* (<http://jaiku.com/>) -
- **Social Networking Sites** - Software specifically focused on the building and verifying of online social community. Users create a profile for themselves which is linked to their network of "friends"
 - *MySpace* (<http://www.myspace.com/>) - general
 - *FaceBook* (<http://www.facebook.com/>) - schools
 - *Linked In* (<http://www.linkedin.com/>) - professionals
 - *Lawbby* (<http://www.lawbby.com/>) - lawyers
 - *Laywer Link* (<http://www.lawyer-link.com/>) - lawyers
 - "The Fourth Amendment and Privacy Issues on the 'New' Internet: Facebook.com and MySpace.com" *SIU Law Journal*, Fall 2006 (<http://tinyurl.com/2axuku>)
- **Virtual World** - A computer-based simulated environment intended for its users to inhabit and interact via avatars
 - *SecondLife* -
 - *CyberOne* (<http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/cyberone/>) - Course website for Harvard's Law in the Court of Public Opinion taught in *SecondLife*
 - *Fizzy's Second Life* (<http://fizzysecondlife.blogspot.com/>)- Blog from Seattle University property law course at that looks at property concepts within *Second Life*
 - *Nova Southeastern University Law Library in Second Life* (<http://www.nova.edu/cwis/pubaffairs/sharkbytes/2007/jan31/lawlibrary.html>)
 - *There* (<http://www.there.com/>)
 - *State of Play Academy* (<http://www.stateofplayacademy.com/>) - A virtual space for conversations about law and technology from New York Law School