

***Modular and Open  
LII Core Course Materials:  
How to Test, Get, Use Them***

***Available for a Wide Range of Courses -- E.g., Administrative Law (APA), Civil Procedure or Evidence (Federal Rules), Commercial Law (U.C.C.) and Numerous Others (see attached list of 1996-97 titles) --***

**• Core Course Materials Designed To Be Used With Either Print or Electronic Casebooks**

Since 1993 the Legal Information Institute (LII) of Cornell Law School has published electronic editions of core materials for important law school courses (e.g., the UCC, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Evidence, the GATT, Administrative Procedure Act). Published as Folio VIEWS infobases with extensive cross linking (to definitions, cross referenced sections, comments) these course modules or digital statutory supplements have been:

- 1) ordered and used by individual law students in lieu of print versions of these course materials,
- 2) licensed for LAN installation by law schools and law firms;
- 3) distributed to all students in law school sections working with electronic materials, generally;
- 4) used as the foundation for more comprehensive course materials prepared by other law teachers.

In the past the LII materials have been available only on diskette and in a single format, Folio VIEWS. They had to be ordered from and shipped by the LII. This year the LII is offering updated versions of these "high-end" electronic materials in multiple formats. All can be purchased and downloaded directly via the Internet.

**• Not Tied to a Particular Software Platform or Pattern of Use**

As in years past all LII course materials have been prepared in Folio VIEWS format. However, for those -- faculty or students -- who simply want to pull these rules or codes into a word-processing environment in order to print or to cut and paste portions into notes, most titles are also available as ".rtf" word-processing files. These will work equally well with WordPerfect or MS Word. The LII had hoped to be able to offer versions in the PREMISE format of the West Publishing Company, as well. Unfortunately, West has not agreed to our distributing PREMISE data files on comparable terms.

***How to Get, How to Explore***

**• Available Directly Via the Internet or Under Site License**

All versions of all titles can be ordered and downloaded from the LII's secure server:

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/ordering/order-top.html>

By eliminating the costs associated with ordering and shipping diskettes this new system allows a dramatically reduced price. The price is further reduced for those who do not require software. Since U.S. law students and law faculty already have or have ready access to full featured versions of the Folio VIEWS software from LEXIS-NEXIS as part of the "office" suite, the LII is offering the "infobase" files without software for a flat license fee of \$5 per title. (The same price applies to the word-processing version.)

On the other hand, as a licensed Folio publisher, the LII is able to bundle a version of Folio's hypertext and full-text search software with these titles -- one that will allow annotation, highlighting, and bookmarks (Folio VIP 3.01) although not infobase creation. Individuals who do not have VIEWS can download this software along with "infobase" files for a small additional fee covering the LII's royalty obligation to Folio.

In addition, as before the LII is offering school network licenses of the full list and bulk licenses of individual titles for students enrolled in a particular course.

- **Review Copies**

The LII's Folio Infobase Webserver allows anyone interested in these materials to explore their content and much of the functionality of the hypertext versions directly on the Net before ordering. There is also a sampler that can be downloaded and tested without charge.

To inspect the full set of titles, download the sampler, and access the new ordering and downloading system, the place to begin is

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/disk96.html>

Any law teacher who would prefer to have the LII send a personal examination copy of one of the LII titles on diskette should contact Ms. Linda Majeroni (see below).

### ***A Highly Flexible Resource for Teachers and Students -- Diverse Ways LII Core Materials Can Be Used***

- **As a Print Source for 1 or 100**

The LII disk-based materials have been designed to provide a cost-effective source of print whether in VIEWS or RTF format. Both individual and institutional licensees are encouraged to print a title's contents in whole or part. Individual students using the U.C.C. or Federal Rules of Civil Procedure can print assigned provisions for in class reference (together with their annotations on them). An institutional license allows creation of print supplements from all LII publications to be duplicated for distribution within the school.

- **As an Optional Alternative to a Print Supplement**

Since the LII disk publications are licensed at a price that is more than competitive with commercial print offerings, a simple and quite common approach is to give students in a course like Administrative Law or Copyright or Evidence a choice between the two. Students who have laptops or are already familiar with the VIEWS software or are already doing their ultimate course notes on a computer can, under this approach, use the LII materials while others in the class continue to work with print. To the teacher, assigning particular sections for the next class and subsequently leading discussion of them, which students are working with electronic and which with print-based text can be irrelevant.

- **As a Substitute for a Print Supplement**

In some schools whole cohorts of students are beginning to work with electronic course materials. In such an environment, the LII core materials offer a natural place to start. For a long list of law school courses, they provide core documents. They do not displace the casebook or other materials to which the teacher may be committed even as they provide students using computers with high-end electronic versions of rules or statutes central to the course.

- **As a Hypertext Reference Available to Faculty-Student Exchange**

Installed in a local area network or on student hard drives, the LII materials are ready to receive links from student or faculty outlines and notes. All sections and subsections carry names derived from standard citation norms so that creating a link from the syllabus, a set of explanatory notes, or summary of the day's class to the relevant portion of an LII disk publication is a simple operation. The teacher who distributes very few course materials electronically, as little as the course outline, can take advantage of this capability. Teachers who are beginning more ambitious electronic course material projects can build them on a foundation of LII primary materials.

- **As a Source for In Class Textual Analysis (Both Spontaneous and Planned)**

Those who teach code courses spend significant class time focusing on specific words, phrases, or sections. In classrooms outfitted for computer display, the LII publications offer an attractive alternative to directing the entire class to find the text in question at their seat or even to using transparencies and an overhead projector. Where the classroom is not equipped for real time access and display of key passages, the LII disks can be used by the teacher to prepare large print transparencies in advance of class.

- **As a Foundation Layer on Which Additional Electronic Course Materials Can be Built**

Faculty members experimenting with preparation of electronic course materials of their own in areas where core documents are available from the LII can simply add their own course modules, incorporating the LII publications wherever appropriate by linking to them.

### ***Finding Out More or Ordering***

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## ***LII Disk-Based Publications for 96-97***

### **First Year**

Constitutional Law  
U.S. Constitution  
Contracts  
The Allegheny College Case (by Bruce Markell, Indiana U.)  
U.C.C. - Articles 1 & 2  
Civil Procedure  
The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure  
Legal Research / Legal Writing  
An Introduction to Basic Legal Citation (by Peter Martin, Cornell)

### **Second and Third Year**

Administrative Law  
The U.S. Administrative Procedure Act, plus Related Statutes and Selected Cases  
Civil Rights  
Civil Rights Statutes of the U.S.  
Commercial Law  
The Uniform Commercial Code  
Evidence  
The Federal Rules of Evidence  
Intellectual Property  
Intellectual Property Statutes (Copyright, Patent, Lanham)  
U.S. Copyright Act, Berne Convention, and Selected Cases  
U.S. Patent Act and Selected Cases  
Lanham Act and Selected Cases  
International Trade  
GATT  
Legal Ethics  
Rules of Conduct Governing Lawyers and Judges  
(including the rules for Cal., D.C., N.Y., Texas)  
Securities / Corporations  
Federal Securities Statutes