

LII: an update

Numbers

- 9 million hits per week.
- 40,000 user sessions per day.
- 150000+ links to www.law.cornell.edu.
- 25000+ subscribers to current-awareness services.
- *The real measure of our strength is not in numbers, but in connections and collaborators.*

Friends and collaborators: content

- University of Warwick
 - *UK/Western Europe mirror of US code*
- Xinghua University (Beijing)
 - *US Code mirror in PRC (pending/ongoing)*
- New York State Bar Association
 - *Sponsorship of LIIBULLETIN-NY*
 - *Content development contract*
- Harvard Law School Library
 - *Bracton*
 - *Nuremberg: Medical Case*
- ZamLII & KenyaLaw
 - *Former students and advisees bring legal information to Africa*

Friends and collaborators: research

- Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
 - *XML and textual database software/delivery*
- Cornell Digital Library Research Group
 - *Distributed digital-library protocols*
- Harvard, Duke, and Emory Law Schools; Wisconsin State Bar Association
 - *Self-cataloging, metadata, and distributed digital-library/archiving applications*
- 20 world leaders in public distribution of legal information
 - *Summer workshop (July 2000) – leaders from the UK, Australia, South Africa, Canada, Norway, the US Congress, and selected state legislatures and bar associations*
 - *Developing global standards to enable resource location, cross-collection interoperability*

Friends and collaborators: teaching and learning

- Department of Computer Science
 - *15 graduate students engaged in LII projects*
 - *Improved version of US Code*
 - *Visualization of legal-research retrieval results (visual Shepherd's)*
- University of Melbourne
 - *Intensive course in Legal Information Systems as part of LLM course*
- 4 partners in Fall 2000 distance-learning initiative
 - *Seattle, Vermont, Chicago-Kent, Kansas*

Projects: Distance Learning

- Copyright 2000

- 4 participating institutions
- 100+ students
- Taught entirely asynchronously via Web
- *Planned for Spring 2001: Social Security*
- *Planned for Fall 2001: Legal Information Systems*
- *Real Soon Now: unbundling of copyright course for specialized audiences*

Projects: LEDA

- A distributed, discipline-wide electronic archive/digital library of articles, working papers, and other non-book materials built for “self service” publication by authors.
- Suitable for publication of work by bench and bar as well as academics.
- A collaboration between the LII and the Harvard Law School Library, with participation (currently) by Emory, Duke, and (soon) the Wisconsin State Bar Association.

Projects: Strategic plan

- Planning concerns
 - *Limitations of founder time and skill: staff growth*
 - *Succession/staff stability*
 - *Future organizational model*
 - *Financial stability*
- Unique characteristics
 - *Constituencies that extend far beyond those normally associated with the Law School.*
 - *Continual need to prioritize, re-target, evolve, remain agile.*
 - *New forms of interdisciplinary involvement.*