Brief Description

Providing Core Legal Materials To Law Students (via Folio Views) and to the World (via the Internet)

The Legal Information Institute of Cornell Law School (LII) publishes statutes, codes, and similar core materials that lie at the center of law school instruction in numerous fields. Prof. Peter W. Martin, Co-Director of the Legal Information Institute, Cornell Law School, will both present the educational advantages of such electronic course materials and discuss ways of securing entry for non-traditional media into academic institutions still heavily committed to print.

Martin will also describe the Institute's Internet publishing activities. The LII uses the Internet both as a distribution path for FOLIO infobases and as a hypertext publication venue in its own right. For Internet publication, the Institute converts FOLIO infobases to the World Wide Web hypertext standard, HTML. Professor Martin's presentation will explore the synergies possible in dual disk and Internet publication, and the difficulties.

Brief Bio

Peter W. Martin is the Jane M.G. Foster Professor of Law at Cornell Law School where he has been a member of the faculty since 1971 and was dean from 1980 to 1988. He is the author of an electronic treatise, Martin on Social Security Law, released on LEXIS in November 1990 and soon to be published on CD-ROM by Clark Boardman Callaghan, an electronic reference work, Basic Legal Citation (hypertext 1993), and an electronic article on the history of legal information technology, first published on the Internet this January by GNN Magazine, as well as numerous print works. His most recent journal articles have dealt with the implications of computer technology for legal research and law libraries.

Professor Martin is a past president of the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction and immediate past chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section of Law and Computers. His electronic treatise work was supported in part by the National Center for Automated Information Research (NCAIR), which awarded him the center's first Dixon Senior Research Fellowship in 1988. In 1992 with support from NCAIR and others, he (and Thomas R. Bruce) established a Legal Information Institute at Cornell which both publishes legal materials on disk and maintains Internet servers (both Gopher and World Wide Web) focusing on and distributing legal material.