

Archiving the LLMC-Digital database:

Below is an excerpt from an email message sent by Jerry Dupont, Executive Director of the Law Library Microform Consortium, to Robert Oakley, Chair of the LIPA Executive Committee, and others, in late 2005.

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As you probably know, to this date LLMC has not handled any e-journals per se; i.e. born digital material; and there are no immediate plans for LLMC to enter that field. However, we are creating electronic copies of print journals (some of which may subsequently disappear in their print manifestation), and I suppose it is to these electronic records that Bob refers.

Our electronic backfile is maintained by LLMC on its in-house computers and their back ups. In addition, all of our electronic records are maintained by our partner, the University of Michigan, on its main servers and on a mirror site. Finally, it is planned that within the reasonably near future (2006 or 2007), LLMC will establish a mirror site for the Michigan servers in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

In addition to digital storage, all data digitally captured from original print sources by LLMC is written to independent-laboratory-certified silver-halide archival-quality microfiche, which is being stored in the Harvard Depository.

We think that the above provisions meet the spirit, perhaps even the letter, of the requirements for a trusted third party repository as recommended by ARL.

Let me know if you need any additional info.

Best wishes,

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