Explore the real world in real time: Making legal news on JURIST

2008 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference

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Explore how the real-time legal research and ready reference techniques now employed by many law librarians are elaborated and applied every day to legal news production on JURIST (jurist.law.pitt.edu), the Webby-winning legal news service headquartered at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. JURIST publisher and editor-in-chief Professor Bernard Hibbitts and a member of JURIST's law student staff will discuss the challenges of covering appropriate national and international legal developments as they happen, researching and contextualizing them with reliable primary and secondary sources under intense real-time pressure, writing them up in an Internet-friendly manner as members of virtual editorial teams, and delivering them over user-friendly publishing software to a worldwide audience on the Web—all while maintaining essential quality control. They will demonstrate how law librarians interested in working with Internet based resources on a small or large scale can provide quality real-time research content online to domestic and worldwide audiences via blogware, RSS and other delivery systems.

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