

Now that the MLAW Case Summaries database has gone live in the Eighth Judicial District Family Court (the NVSCT also has access), I've been asked to explain just what the judges have access to. Additionally, I invite those who have written useful materials to make sure lawyers and judges can see and use them.

We have largely completed inserting all primary authority in the MLAW database (details below). We are now inserting secondary authority, and are seeking from you the most salient CLE materials (and similar articles) on family law topics published in the last ten years or so, so that everyone doing research with the program will have the benefit of the best secondary/persuasive authority available, as well.

Adding your best CLE materials to the MLAW database is a great way of making sure your materials will be seen and relied upon by those doing family law research, writing, and arguments, since the database is completely searchable by any key word or combination of "include" and "do not include" search parameters. The contributing author will get credit for the material at the beginning of each article, and if you like that can include your bio and contact information. Anyone who does not know about the database and how it is used can get details at <http://willicklawgroup.com/marshall-law-mlaw-case-summaries/>.

MLAW Case Summaries now has over 3,100 entries, including the full text of every opinion summarized in the Page/Marren List of Notable Cases, plus summaries of those cases (which are being checked, refined, and edited), plus every family law opinion issued in the 8 years since that list was last updated. New cases (and summaries of those cases) are added as they are issued. The database contains every case cited in the Nevada Family Law Practice Manual, and will soon include every opinion ever issued in Nevada in other subjects even touching on a family law issue. Additionally, it contains all relevant rule sets (DCR, EDCR, WDCR, NRCR, SCR, etc.) and relevant portions of the NRS, plus ethics materials including the Bounds of Advocacy.

But it is not just a family law version of Westlaw or Fastcase; there is also a lot of unique Nevada family law content not findable anywhere else, and users do not have to wade through irrelevant material to get it. By consent of the Family Law Section, the full text of every single article that has ever appeared in the Nevada Family Law Report (NFLR) is being added to the search engine soon, on top of a significant number of other "secondary" authority discussing Nevada family law that is already there (lots of CLEs, articles, all my legal notes, etc.), all of which is searchable by any combination of key words. We are now adding the CLE materials from the 5-part LACSN "basics of family law" seminars last year, plus about 35 other CLE articles of varying length and technical complexity. The idea is to have every bit of material that any Nevada family law practitioner would want to reference in a brief or argument, all in one place.

If you have written such materials, and it was printed somewhere *other* than the NFLR, you can make sure it too will be found by lawyers and judges, by sending it to me to add to the database. We are able to read pretty much any machine-readable files. Of course, you should have the copyright to any materials sent for review; most CLE presenters, including the State Bar, reserve to authors the right to use, post, and republish their own materials. If you have any questions or concerns, please send me a note or call to discuss it before submitting your materials for review. Materials accepted will be included without editing, and as a thank you, any new subscriber contributing a CLE article will get the "Ely discount" of \$25 for initial sign-ups for both MLAW programs.

If anyone has a suggestion for inclusion of ***other*** secondary authority, I'd appreciate hearing the idea.

Thanks! I look forward to hearing from those with materials they would like others to be able to find, see, cite, and use, with the aim of elevating the level of practice State-wide.