

Chat room transcript of the 6 November 2009 BlogTalkRadio show, The Law Librarian, "Interview with Carl Malamud."

*** (00:23:45):Welcome to the Richard Leiter Chat Room.

weblawlib says to (00:46:29):

Greetings. Just getting settled in for the show.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (00:47:31):

Good afternoon everyone.

weblawlib says to Richard Leiter (private) (00:49:48):

should I be hearing you on the call now? It's silent but still connected.

MKM says to (00:51:40):

Test

MKM says to (00:52:17):

Great - my chat works this time! Good afternoon.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (00:52:35):

Glad it's working MKM!

MKM says to (00:55:12):

MKM is Margie Maes.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:00:42):

Hi everyone, the show is ready to start. Thank you for joining the show.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:03:58):

We're brainstorming an extra show each month, let us know what you think.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:04:29):

testing, testing

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:05:36):

<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-hiltzik28-2009sep28,0,3104293.column>

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:05:38):

gonna try to live-tweet this. <http://twitter.com/montserratlj>

weblawlib says to (01:07:07):

<http://public.resource.org/law.gov/>

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:08:56):

hello lyo...

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:09:01):

and everyone else...

weblawlib says to (01:09:18):

Wash. Post article on web-friendly Federal Register:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/04/AR2009100402533.](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/04/AR2009100402533.html)

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Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:09:30):

how many folks here are listening to the radio show AND surfing FB at teh same time?

just curious...

Sarah Glassmeyer says to (01:10:01):

Not surfing FB, but refressing FriendFeed and Gchatting.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:10:04):

Isn't that mutlitasking? I've got many tabs open.

Kama Siegel says to (01:10:41):

Gchatting and looking at my Reader

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:11:50):

Hi DK-P! Just Twittering and listening...:-)

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:11:51):

yeah, i've got a whole mess of tabs open. just finished writing a recommendation, am looking at a product we may purchase, and also working on a bibliography. as well as trying to answer emails. it's a good thing i'm not driving!

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:11:53):

<http://resource.org/law.gov/>

Sarah Glassmeyer says to (01:13:13):

Harvard? Yale? Standford? Any stops in middle America?

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:13:16):

is it just me? or is it hard to hear the program?

merleslyhoff says to (01:13:19):

Seems to be a slight sound problem. Have to turn volume WAY up to hear Rich and then Karl is blasting on the speakers.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:13:23):

Wondering who at Stanford law library is the point person for Law.gov convenoring?

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:13:56):

Lyo: I bet Erica would know...if she isn't the actual point person...

weblawlib says to (01:14:00):

Stanford listed as "Robert Crown Law Library"

Melissa Bernstein says to (01:14:12):

Agreee with merleslyhoff as to sound issue.

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:14:35):

yeah, merle's called it right...the sound is kind of a hassle. good thing i'm in my office...

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:14:37):

weblawlib - yes, so that's why I want to know the name of the persona at the law library - director?

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:14:58):

We're using a conference phone in the radio booth, still working on the sound issue with each show.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:15:05):

Terry Martin's named. Why not the Stanford law ibrary convenor?

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:15:22):

DK-P - I'll ask Erica.

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:15:39):

thanks for the info, marcia! i'm sure sound will get better

MitchLawLib says to (01:16:08):

I'm listening with headphones, and the sound is good, but not great.

MitchLawLib says to (01:16:51):

I too am listening and surfing a bit, looking at public.resource.org.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:17:09):

I've been told that the director of Standford is the convenor: Paul Lomio

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:17:13):

So GPO and NARA aren't players in digital archiving primary legal materials?

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:17:51):

Thanks, Marcia! I had just pulled the print AALL directory to find Erica's email...:-) Paul Lomio! Okay, thanks!

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:18:06):

roger raises a great questions...are students 'turned off' by "strangers" on their library's facebook page? i personally don't think so. we've got plenty of followers on our library's FB site, but they generally don't interact with each other...

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:18:13):

I'm using the print directory too, go figure.

Susanna Leers says to (01:18:15):

I hope he talks about PACER.

Sarah Glassmeyer says to (01:18:42):

It would never had occurred to me to look at the print directory. I would have gone to the lib webpage.

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:18:51):

i personally think that while an FB page is kind of a good thing for a library to develop, i don't think it's something we can expect a LOT from...maybe just another way to keep students aware of what we're doing...

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:18:55):

MDB: :-) It's hard to ditch old habits. I have to think about it...:-) But it's right up there visible on my office shelf!

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:19:33):

incorporating the tv screens? that's kind of cool...

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:19:37):

SG: I didn't want to leave this page and open up another window. Inertia...:-)

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:19:40):

We use FB but have a better following with Twitter /schmidlibrary

Susanna Leers says to (01:19:51):

I toss mine as soon as it comes in. They should make it optional.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:19:58):

Use tabs in Firefox!

Dennis Kim-Prieto says to (01:20:01):

i confess...i'm not sure i get the twitter. over the FB i mean...

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:20:22):

MDB: I'm using IE. I should fire up Firefox for this.

Susanna Leers says to (01:20:26):

Or Google Chrome!

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:20:50):

I have no scientific reason why we have better following on Twitter, could be we hid candy and give hints via tweets!

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:21:01):

SL: Or Google Chrome...:-) Found out print directory IS optional. You have to opt out on your member page or something.

Kama Siegel says to (01:21:09):

Susanna (and others) -- you can opt out of getting the print directory on the "settings" of your AALL membership page.

Christine Sellers says to (01:21:20):

Where would the funds come from?

MitchLawLib says to (01:21:31):

That's nice to know, Lyo. Now I wish my state bar (FL) had the same option.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:22:01):

Is Carl Malamud answering my GPO/NARA questin now?

Susanna Leers says to (01:23:11):

Richard needs to speak closer to whatever mike he's using. Carl comes in loud and clear.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:23:20):

\$ question right now!

MitchLawLib says to (01:23:21):

I agree, SL.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:23:22):

MDB: I'm guessing it's because us Twitter folks are used to e-attending these talks/chats.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:24:01):

MDB: Okay, I'll wait...:-) (re my question)

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:24:43):

MDB: Are you on Twitter?

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:25:29):

Lyo: no personally but professionally .

Christine Sellers says to (01:25:32):

How would you authenticate xml?

MitchLawLib says to (01:26:08):

Can't digital signatures be used with XML? Is there the equivalent of a stream cipher for authentication?

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:26:09):

I like PDF, and XML, and digital signature as desiderata.

weblawlib says to (01:26:17):

Christine, you don't authenticate the Federal Register XML, but you can easily point back to an official version in PDF, which they can do now

weblawlib says to (01:26:49):

Look at a site like <http://www.FedThread.org>

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:27:16):

MDB: Okay, so you can see what happens. We're used to getting notices of e-conference, workshops, lectures, seminars, and attending and having chat features.

Llike every day...:-)

weblawlib says to (01:27:18):

They publish the federal register in a very interesting way & always link back to the official version.

John Joergensen says to (01:27:25):

You can make a digital signature for anything. And then, you can keep the original available for comparison. You can always read it.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:27:35):

Thanks for the link, I tagged it for later.

MitchLawLib says to (01:27:42):

FedThread is *very cool*. Thanks for the link!

weblawlib says to (01:27:59):

See also: <http://www.govpulse.us>

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:28:05):

Lyo: I get notice via gmail calendar :)

Christine Sellers says to (01:28:36):

Just because you CAN link doesn't mean someone will. For example, OpenCongress doesn't link back to Thomas, which is the official version (GovTrack does)

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:28:37):

I haven't heard of Fedthread. Not sure GovPulse either. Thanks, weblawlib!

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:29:09):

I agree with Lyo, using my delicious tags today.

Christine Sellers says to (01:29:41):

Wouldn't the whole point is to have it be an official version? Rather than link back to an official version?

MitchLawLib says to (01:31:00):

My to-do list has as an item "Learn something new today." I guess it's going to get multiple checkmarks today!

weblawlib says to (01:31:01):

Christine, yes, but... sites that can roll their own data and add additional layers to the content should have to link back to the official, at least for my own peace of mind.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:31:08):

One concern that I have from a processing and usage view point is that I don't want the Federal Register to just be an integrated resource. The individual issue distinguishable online must exist.

MitchLawLib says to (01:31:17):

"Have to," weblawlib?

MitchLawLib says to (01:31:38):

And is a citation sufficient?

weblawlib says to (01:31:49):

well, "have to" is maybe too strong. best practice suggests that it's a good idea.

MitchLawLib says to (01:31:56):

Oh, I agree about that!

weblawlib says to (01:32:25):

A citation is sufficient, but that's why the Federal Register is in a sense "easier" than other types of data (citation is set when published)

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:33:12):

I have a sense that time is important. Can we be losing primary legal materials in digital format?

MitchLawLib says to (01:33:15):

Good point--it doesn't have to be codified to be useful and citeable.

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:33:18):

Ooh, my question!

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:34:33):

Okay, makes sense to have special focus on just law.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:35:23):

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_source

Christine Sellers says to (01:35:33):

Who do you envision running this?

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:35:51):

Anyone in the chatroom have a question via a phone call?

John Shafer says to (01:36:06):

Could the speaker comment on the efforts of states to limit access to statutory materials through copyright?

MitchLawLib says to (01:36:35):

I have an idea--hire Westis as a contractor to run law.gov! (Just kidding.)

Jeff Buckley says to (01:36:55):

Would Lexis and Westlaw be on board with this - or would they just see it as competition?

John Shafer says to (01:37:24):

"I have an idea--hire Westis as a contractor to run law.gov! (Just kidding.)" they would do it if they could turn a profit.

weblawlib says to (01:37:51):

link to Sarah Glassmeyer's citation / index system just mentioned:

<http://sarahglassmeyer.com/?p=230>

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:37:53):

Checking in digital issues. If they don't look like the original print, what to do?

Melissa Bernstein says to (01:38:03):

Have we discussed security at all? Can't help but wonder about hacking and what havoc some tech savvy web users can wreak...

merleslyhoff says to (01:38:50):

Is Gov Relations Committee or another AALL entity looking into the issues raised?

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:38:57):

I'm passing all your questions to Rich, they're in the queue.

MitchLawLib says to (01:40:18):

Sarah's post is also on Henderson Valley Eggs.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:40:53):

<http://hendersonvalleyeggs.com/>

weblawlib says to (01:41:28):

I'm no spring chicken, so I forget about the eggs from time to time.

MitchLawLib says to (01:41:52):

That's why I'm squawking about it.

MitchLawLib says to (01:42:03):

Grin.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:42:45):

Security is next I believe, if Rich can read my notes correctly!

Kama Siegel says to (01:43:09):

Oregon holla!

weblawlib says to (01:43:31):

<https://www.oregonlaws.org/>

Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:44:00):

<https://www.oregonlaws.org/> oh you beat me to it!
Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:45:16):
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheaton_v._Peters
MitchLawLib says to (01:45:45):
He does pretty well for a non-lawyer/database geek.
Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:46:38):
<http://public.resource.org/people/>
Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:46:41):
States contracting with a commercial publisher to publisher their public domain materials can't assert copyright - Wheaton v. Peters
Jeff Buckley says to (01:47:02):
Veeck (5th Cir.) is another case on this.
Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:51:02):
Workshop info out later this year or early January.
Jeff Buckley says to (01:53:03):
Are the courts complying with the e-government act of 2002?
MitchLawLib says to (01:54:20):
Is this the time to develop a country-wide vendor-neutral citation format, or does the system that's mentioned in the Bluebook work well enough?
MitchLawLib says to (01:54:41):
p. 88 of the 18th ed.
John Joergensen says to (01:55:22):
Here's a question: If there are a variety of copies of material out there from respectable sources, AND the original is always available for comparison, is authentication, or even 'officialness' really that big an issue? Kind of like how 'libraries' work
Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:55:22):
Hey Brian!
weblawlib says to (01:55:37):
Related links: <http://www.slaw.ca/2009/11/01/berring-canlii-and-kobe-beef/>
Marcia Dority Baker says to (01:55:53):
<http://www.slaw.ca/2009/11/03/free-law-kerfuffle/>
Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:56:03):
Bob Berring needs to get on Twitter! :-)
MitchLawLib says to (01:56:07):
LOL.
Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:57:28):
Wait, PACER doesn't cost that much. There's only one password though.
John Joergensen says to (01:57:30):
Question for Carl: if gov't is doing reliable authentic bulk availability, what is the barrier to entry cost of any interested and able 3rd party to become a publisher?
John Joergensen says to (01:58:13):
PACER is really expensive if you want to do the kind of bulk downloads Carl wants.
Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (01:58:37):
JJ: Ah, thanks. I see.
MitchLawLib says to (01:59:06):
That's a nice analogy.

weblawlib says to (01:59:09):

John, to me, calculating the cost of entry involves hosting and data costs, coders, etc. -- not much infrastructure, but still not insignificant for doing a good job for a long time (to me)

John Joergensen says to (01:59:11):

Ilj Welcome :)

John Joergensen says to (02:01:03):

@weblawlib: Yes. But hosting, at an academic library, is actually pretty cheap. For the rest, compare it to the cost of building shelf space!

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:01:57):

A server is so much cheaper than a physical addition to the library - and easier to get!

weblawlib says to (02:02:07):

'tis true. If you build it at Rutgers, I'll gladly visit (virtually) from here in DC

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:02:46):

<http://www.archives.gov/about/laws/egov-act-section-207.html>

Tom Boone says to (02:04:03):

But when you're talking about getting buy in from a law school's IT dept, the barriers to entry aren't necessarily monetary in nature.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:04:11):

<http://freegovinfo.info/node/2223>

John Joergensen says to (02:04:45):

<http://lawlibrary.rutgers.edu/search.shtml> NJ court decisions. [/oal/search.shtml](#) NJ admin law decisions. [/fed/search.shtml](#) NJ fed dist. court. [/njleg/index.shtml](#) NJ session laws. [/ethics/search.shtml](#) ethics advisory decisions.

weblawlib says to (02:05:01):

Tom, under the age-old mantra "time is money", it is monetary in a sense.

Tom Boone says to (02:05:40):

@weblawlib the barriers here aren't time or money. it's an institutional skepticism.

weblawlib says to (02:05:42):

Time spent on one of these projects is time not spent on something else. Also, many projects involve ongoing time commitments

MitchLawLib says to (02:06:28):

What an excellent interview and chat!

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:06:45):

"we can fail and still learn from that" Carl Malamud

John Joergensen says to (02:06:57):

Thanks Carl and Richard!

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (02:07:10):

Thanks, everyone! It was very interesting and informative!

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:07:13):

<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/LIPA/>

MitchLawLib says to (02:07:16):

Yes, thanks!

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:07:52):

The transcript of the show will be available later for review.

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:08:28):

Yes we scan

weblawlib says to (02:09:28):

<http://www.govtrack.us/>

Marcia Dority Baker says to (02:10:05):

Thank you everyone.

Jeff Buckley says to (02:10:10):

Thank you!

weblawlib says to (02:10:31):

Thanks all. Roger, over and out

Lyo Louis-Jacques says to (02:10:53):

Bye everyone, thanks, Carl, Roger, Margie, Richard!