

Using Blogs to Enhance IP Research

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Blogs (or blawgs) may be very helpful tools to gauge what is currently happening in the various subsets of intellectual property law; however it is important to evaluate the quality of a blog before consulting it regularly. A few criteria are:

- Currency: when was the last time the blog was updated?
- Authority: who exactly is “behind” the blog? How issues-oriented or “personal” is it?
- Indexing: is there a menu that allows browsing of articles/entries by topic and/or date?
- Searchability: is it possible to type in a few keywords and find relevant articles?

Okay, now for the blogs themselves...they are divided into five categories: (A) General IP Blogs, (B) Patent Blogs, (C) Copyright Blogs, (D) Trademark Blogs, and (E) Cyberlaw/Information Technology Blogs.

A. GENERAL IP BLOGS

1. Bag and Baggage

<http://bgbg.blogspot.com>

2. Contemporary IP, Licensing & Information Law

<http://www.ipinfoblog.com>

3. Copyright

<http://copyright.corante.com>

4. Daily Dose of IP

<http://dailydoseofip.blogspot.com>

5. I/P Updates

<http://ip-updates.blogspot.com>

6. Intellectual Property Watch (Int'l)

www.ip-watch.org

7. IP Law Observer

www.iplawobserver.com

8. IP::JUR (Europe/Int'l)

www.ipjur.com/03.php3

9. IP Biz

<http://ipbiz.blogspot.com>

10. IPcentral

<http://weblog.ipcentral.info>

11. IPKat (UK/Europe)
<http://ipkitten.blogspot.com>

12. Lenz Blog (Int'l)
<http://k.lenz.name/LB>

13. Now, Why Didn't I Think of That? (Canada)
www.gelsing.ca/blog

14. Phosita: An Intellectual Property Law Blog!
www.okpatents.com/phosita

15. Pierce Law IP News Blog
www.ipnewsblog.com

16. CNE IP (Europe)
www.cneintprop.org

B. PATENT BLOGS

1. Anticipate This!

<http://anticipatethis.wordpress.com>

2. GEN-ERIC Patent News

<http://gen-eric.com/patents/index.php>

3. The Invent Blog

www.inventblog.com

4. IPEG (Europe/U.S.)

<http://ipgeek.blogspot.com>

5. Patent Baristas

www.patentbaristas.com

6. Patent Docs

http://patentdocs.typepad.com/patent_docs

7. The Patent Prospector

www.patenthawk.com/blog

8. Patently-O: Patent Law Blog

<http://patentlaw.typepad.com>

9. Peter Zura's 271 Patent Blog

<http://271patent.blogspot.com>

10. Philip Brooks' Patent Infringement Updates

www.infringement.blogs.com

11. Promote the Progress

<http://promotetheprogress.com>

C. COPYRIGHT BLOGS

1. CopyCense

www.copycense.com

2. Creative Commons

<http://creativecommons.org>

3. Digital Copyright Canada

<http://www.digital-copyright.ca/>

4. Freeculture

www.freeculture.org/blog

5. Freedom to Tinker

www.freedom-to-tinker.com

6. The Patry Copyright Blog

<http://williampatry.blogspot.com>

D. TRADEMARK BLOGS

- 1. Likelihood of Confusion**
www.likelihoodofconfusion.com
- 2. The Trademark Blog**
www.schwimmerlegal.com
- 3. The TTABlog**
<http://thettablog.blogspot.com>
- 4. 43(b)log**
<http://tushnet.blogspot.com>

E. CYBERLAW/IT BLOGS

1. B2fxxx

<http://b2fxxx.blogspot.com>

2. Cyberlaw Central

www.cyberlawcentral.com

3. Darknet

www.darknet.com

4. DeepLinks

www.eff.org/deeplinks

5. eLegal Canton (Canada)

www.canton.elegal.ca

6. Gahtan's Technology and Internet Law Blog

www.gahtan.com/techlawblog

7. Groklaw

www.groklaw.net

8. ICANN Blog

<http://blog.lextext.com/blog/icann>

9. InternetCases.com

www.internetcases.com

10. John Palfrey

<http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/palfrey>

11. Lessig Blog

www.lessig.org/blog

12. Madisonian.net

<http://madisonian.net>

13. Politech

www.politechbot.com

14. Privacy and Security Law Blog

www.privsecblog.com

15. Privacy.org

www.privacy.org

16. Public Knowledge

www.publicknowledge.org/articles

17. Silicon Valley Media Law Blog

www.svmedialaw.com

18. Susan Crawford Blog

<http://scrawford.net/blog>

19. Tech Law Prof Blog

http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/tech_law_prof

20. Technollama

<http://technollama.blogspot.com>

21. Technology Law Update

http://brownraysman.typepad.com/technology_law_update/

22. Technology & Marketing Law Blog

<http://blog.ericgoldman.org>

23. The Technology Liberation Front

www.techliberation.com