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Section Spotlight Digital Media and Free Expression

Does digital media push the limits of first amendment, free expression rights? The latest issue of Insights on Law & Society explores the effects of digital media on free expression around the world. The inspiration was the energizing use of digital media in supporting the democratic and revolutionary antiauthoritarian movements known as the Arab Spring. Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Tara Sonenshine, noted that "Media freedom is the moral equivalent of oxygen...the key pillar of building civil societies." Yet digital media challenges notions of many legal traditions dealing with everything from intellectual property to free expression to the right to assemble. Read more from the Spring 2012 Insights issue.

Featured Articles

Resourceful Pre-Law Programs

Succeeding in law school requires perspiration, preparation and perseverance. The Council on Legal Education
Opportunity has programs for students that plan

Spotlight Your LawDay 2012 Program

Law Day programs were offered in 39 states. Spotlight the contribution, hard work and success of your Law Day 2012 program.

Submit for an Outstanding Law Day Activity Award.

Civic Engagement 2.0

The American
Democracy
Project and The
Democracy
Commitment
Annual Meeting
focuses on "Civic
Engagement 2.0:
Re-Imaging.
Strengthening

Every Student a Citizen Meetings

Educating youth about the responsibilities and rewards of active citizenship and arming them with the resources to be impactful participants, is just what Every Student

to attend law school in 2012 and 2013.

Deadline is June 29. 2012!

and Deepening Our Civic Work." a Citizen curriculum strives to do.

In the News

Education Development Center, Inc. - Law and **Justice Launch**

June 28, 2012 marks the national launch of the Law and Justice Program first piloted in California area high schools. Curriculum includes two courses: Foundations in Law and Foundations in Criminal Justice.

Are the Economics of **Legal Education Broken?**

How does one make law school affordable? Some argue that the cost of a law degree is now vastly out of proportion to the economic opportunities obtained by the majority of graduates.

The Nation's Report Card – Do Teacher Training Science in Action, Hands On and Interactive

On June 19, 2012, students have the opportunity to perform investigations, draw valid conclusions and explain outcomes; all of which translate into critical life skills.

Programs Lack Oversight?

Many states have instituted rigorous teacher evaluations. So what is the most effective professional development for teachers? Is there really an answer?

Educational Resources

- Global Youth Justice
- Insights: Role of Courts in Our Constitutional Democracy
- ABA Division for Public Education
- State Court Accessibility Resources
- American Bar Association

A Glimpse Ahead

Preview Issue 8 Release – U.S. Supreme Court Session Roundup

The U.S. Supreme Court session this year was historic and heard controversial cases that gained wide spread interest and media coverage. *Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases* Issue 8 is a synopsis of the cases heard before the court this session and includes an analysis of the rulings in each case. *Preview* subscribers, Issue 8 will hit your mailbox in July!

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