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## Legal Web Site of the Week

**I**t's a big wide world out there on the Web. Too big, in fact, for any researcher of legal or other information to comprehend, and too full of supposed "facts" that are of dubious value or outright false. But there's obviously a huge amount of useful, hard-to-find, and even unique information out there as well. How to sort it all out? A cottage industry is developing of people who advise searchers on how to use these resources. For readers of this newspaper, I recommend The Virtual Chase, a site run (in her spare time) by Genie Tyburski, the law librarian at Philadelphia's Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll. It's at [www.virtualchase.com](http://www.virtualchase.com). Want to know the differences among all the people-finder sites on the

Web? Where to find what you need about publicly held companies? What keyboard character in a site's name may be a clue that the site's content is amateurish? It's here, and it's further proof that far from becoming obsolete, law librarians are becoming more and more indispensable in the age of cyberspace.

—Jonathan Groner

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HAVE A QUESTION?

I regret that I cannot respond to every of the questions I receive. I simply do not have the time. However, requests for research present potential conflicts of interest. If you require the expertise of a legal researcher, contact your local law school, law association, or nearby law library, or the American Association of Law Libraries or Special Libraries Association, Legal Division.

CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION

I visit and review all sites before including links to them. Still, it's important to understand that I do not control these sources. Please use these evaluation tools to determine the quality of information at Internet sites.

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