NAVIGATING THE NEW TOWN SQUARE

CULTIVATING COMPETENCY IN BASIC ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH

Virtual MCLE Event   Wednesday, October 13, 2021   12:00PM – 1:00PM PT

1 hour participatory California MCLE credit

Bill Gates once said, "The Internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow." For attorneys and for all individuals, our lives, professionally and privately have expanded through the global power of the internet. The vast amount of information available and the many different platforms to obtain that information grow daily and have grown exponentially over the last 25 years. This information and technology impacts the way attorneys practice law. It also brings forth more issues and new laws that your clients may face. The many ways technology can aid attorneys in locating the best and most on point statutes, caselaw, secondary materials and all relevant materials can be overwhelming. The comments to the model rules of professional conduct governing attorneys state that to maintain competency a lawyer should keep abreast…[of] the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology. The goal of this course is to assist attorneys in navigating online legal research so they feel more confident and competent when researching subjects important to their work.

After completing the course you will be able to:
• Find out methods for conducting research with different full citations, and names of statutes.
• Gain an understanding of how online platforms have been enhanced to predict what you're looking for.
• Ascertain the multiple ways to filter your searches before and after searching for specific terms.
• Discover different search term approaches: natural language and terms and connectors.
• Realize the many different ways you can analyze your search results list.
• Understand citator services in which cases and statutes can be validated.
• Organize and save items found conducting online legal research.

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