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Finding Good Blogs
Blogs are good sources for streamlined information and news:

- Law Professor Blogs: http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/
- Justia Blawg Search: http://blawgsearch.justia.com/

What is RSS?
RSS stands for “Rich Site Summary” or “Real Simple Syndication”. Many websites now feature special pages with RSS information called “RSS feeds.” Instead of visiting dozens of news, weblogs, and other sites, you can use RSS feeds to bring updated information from those sites to you.

- RSS in Plain English: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0klgLsSxGsU
  Start here! A useful and simple explanation of RSS from CommonCraft.
  This site gives more technical details.
  Written for law librarians, but includes information about many useful legal and government RSS feeds; compares two popular RSS applications.

RSS Readers
Applications which organize and display RSS feeds:

- Bloglines: http://www.bloglines.com
  A popular online reader.
- Google Reader: http://www.google.com/reader
  A good solution if you already have a Gmail account.
- NewsGator: http://www.newsgator.com
  Also offers iPhone, email, and desktop applications.

Government RSS Feeds
Track opinions, changes to the U.S. Code, and more:

- GovTrack: http://www.govtrack.us
  Track the U.S. Congress.
  Organizes RSS feeds from federal government websites.
- Supreme Court Decisions: http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/subscribe.html
• 7th Circuit Opinions: http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/ca7_rss.htm

• Federal District Courts: http://cases.justia.com/federal/district-courts/
  Can create customized searches.

• US Code: http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/

• Federal Regulations: http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/help/fdms-rss/eRulesRSS.xml

Customizing RSS
Create your own searches and receive updates when new items are available:

  Create customized searches from law review and law journal TOCs.

• Westlaw Watch: http://watch.westlaw.com
  Create an RSS feed from a Westlaw search.

• Google Alerts: http://www.google.com/alerts
  Create an RSS feed from a Google search.

Other Tools

  Subscribe to journals on specific legal subjects. You will receive an email when the journal is updated.

• Twitter: http://twitter.com
  Instantly track news and experts.
  ○ News organizations: http://twitter.pbwiki.com/News+Services
  ○ Legal professionals: http://legalbirds.justia.com
  ○ Legal news: http://scoop.jdsupra.com/2008/10/articles/another-category/legal-news-feeds-on-twitter/

Law schools now use Twitter to announce events and other news:
How Law Schools are Using Twitter: http://socialmedialawstudent.com/twitter/how-law-schools-are-using-twitter/