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9750 Words on Elena Kagan
More than you ever wanted to know

Tom Goldstein | Saturday, May 08, 2010 1:00 am

Below, we discuss the most significant aspects of Elena Kagan's experience and writings as they relate to the Supreme Court. We also consider various criticisms that have been raised against Kagan, including with respect to her views on the military (supposedly too liberal) and executive power (supposedly too conservative), as well as the prospect that she will be required to recuse from a substantial number of cases early in her tenure on the Court. We separately discuss the specific votes she likely will receive for and against her confirmation. Each separate section below is identified by its author(s).

Our goal is to provide information for the public to make its own judgments, and we also offer opinions on certain claims made about her. We do not discuss the reasons I think the President is most likely to appoint her, which are discussed in earlier posts. But in general, here are the highlights:

Kagan is universally regarded as extremely smart, having risen to two of the most prestigious positions in all of law: dean of Harvard Law School and Solicitor General.

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Announcement of Nominee to Replace US Supreme Court Justice Stevens Appears Imminent
May 7th, 2010
by Chris Byers

It appears that President Obama is very close to nominating a replacement for Justice Stevens of the United States Supreme Court. The ninety-year-old Justice will end his career at the finish of the current court term, this July, and there is speculation that a nominee will be announced this coming week. As expected, the route to choosing the next Justice remains highly politicized; Republicans and Democrats alike seek to influence the process for an outcome aligned with their respective ideological preferences.

In simple terms, on the scale of liberal to conservative, left to right, Justice Stevens

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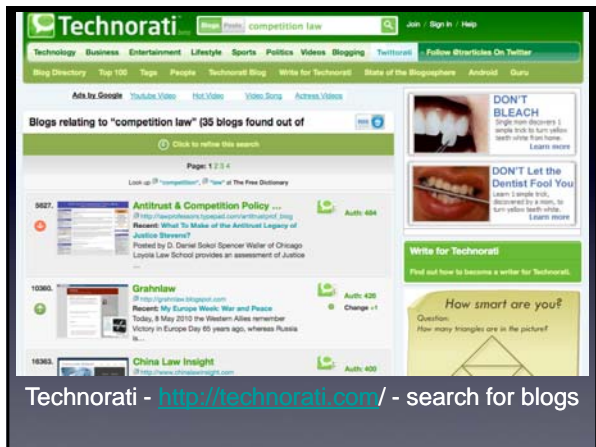
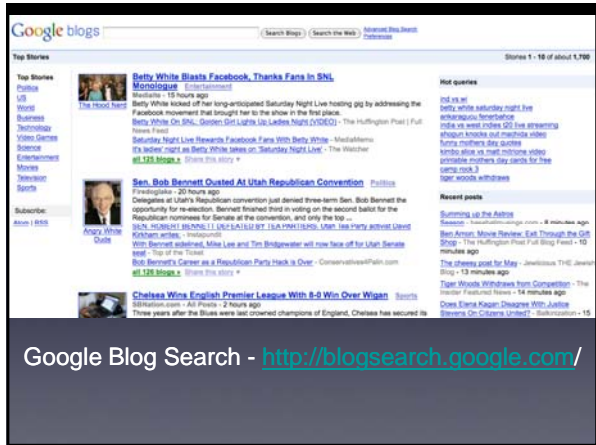
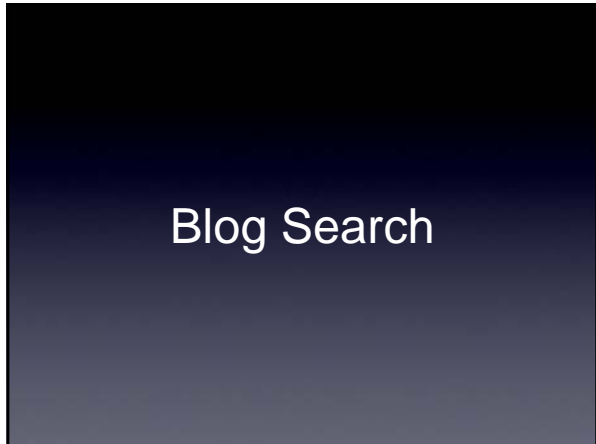
Law Blog Directories

The screenshot shows the 'Canadian Law Blogs List' page from the Vancouver Law Librarian Blog. The page features a navigation bar with 'CANADIAN LAW BLOGS LIST', 'ABOUT', and 'RSS FEED'. The main content area is titled 'Canadian Law Blogs' and includes a 'Last Updated: April 26, 2010' notice. A list of blogs is provided, such as 'Bleed.ca (Various Contributors)', 'The Canadian Probate Law Blog (Michelle Cooper)', and 'LexBlog'. There are also sections for '2009 CLAWBIES', 'FEATURED STEM CLIENTS' (highlighting 'clio'), and 'LAW BLOGS BY CATEGORY' (listing Academic, Law Student, Practice Management, Legal Marketing, and Research & Law Library blogs). A 'LAW BLOG DIRECTORIES' section is also present.

Canadian Law Blogs List - <http://www.lawblogs.ca/>

The screenshot shows the 'Blawg Directory' page on the ABA Journal website. At the top, there is a banner for 'ABA JOURNAL Law News Now' with a '19% MORE' promotion. The page title is 'Blawg Directory' and it includes a description: 'A comprehensive directory of continually updated law blogs. If you don't see your blawg listed, click here to apply for inclusion within the directory.' Below this, there are filters for 'MAN', 'BY TOPIC', 'AUTHOR TYPE', 'REGION', and 'LAW SCHOOL'. A featured entry for 'LawyersAndSettlements.com Blog' is shown, along with a 'BlawgWhisperer' section.

ABA Journal Blawg Directory - <http://www.abajournal.com/blawgs/>



Legal Tweets

The screenshot shows the LexTweet website interface. At the top, it says "LEXTWEET" and "A SERVICE OF LEXIPOL". Below that, it says "Follow legal community members who use Twitter to discuss the law and much more." There are navigation tabs for "Community Tweets", "Community Members", "LexBlog Network", and "What is LexTweet?". The "RECENT ACTIVITY" section shows several tweets from users like @ericfletcher, @jshere, and @Ovidipus. On the right, there are testimonials and a "JOIN LEXTWEET!" button.

LexTweet - <http://www.lextweet.com/>

This screenshot shows the "LEGAL PROFESSIONALS WHO TWITTER" section of the LexTweet website. It features a grid of profile cards for various legal professionals, each with a name, profile picture, and a brief description of their role or firm. The names include @mccoylaw, @davidlawling, @nancywhitfield, @clarklawfirm, @landmarklaw, @emmettslaw, @karenqhl, @openrightgroup, @owenslawfirm, @johnsonlaw, @pattersonlaw, and @hesslaw. The interface also includes navigation tabs and a search bar.

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Legal OnRamp - <http://legalonramp.com> - materials for in-house counsel

The screenshot shows the martindale.com homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Find Lawyers & Firms, Legal Library, Products & Services, Professional Resources, Career Center, and News & Events. Below this is a search bar for people and a 'Find Lawyers & Firms' section. The 'Find Lawyers & Firms' section includes a search form with fields for 'Search For: People', 'City', 'State/Province', and 'Country'. There are also links for 'Advanced Search' and 'Watch List'.

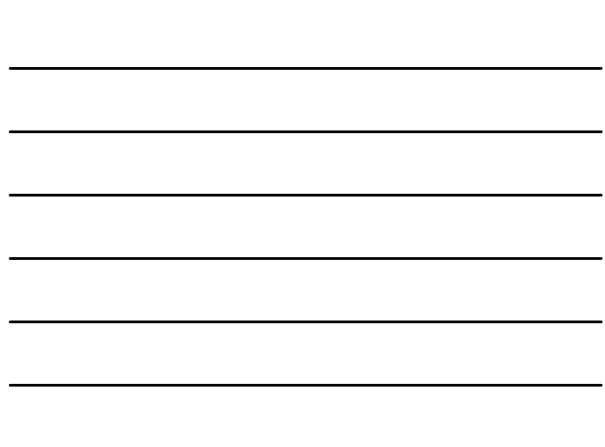
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The screenshot shows the 'Insurance' page on martindale.com. The main content is an article titled 'Insurance' with a sub-header 'There is neither a universally accepted definition or concept of "insurance" nor an exclusive concept or definition that can be permissively applied in insurance law. But at its core, insurance law involves the sharing of risk. Insurance law encompasses questions of coverage, claims litigation, and compliance with governmental regulation. Insurance companies have always been regulated primarily by the states. In 1984, the Supreme Court determined that the federal government pursuant to the Commerce Clause could regulate insurance companies, to the extent that their business was interstate. In 1995, Congress passed the McCarran-Ferguson Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1011 et seq., which established that the business of insurance would continue to be regulated by the states. Under the McCarran-Ferguson Act, a federal law not specifically regulating the business of insurance cannot preempt a state law enacted for that purpose. The Sherman Act, the Clayton Act, and the Federal Trade Commission Act apply to the insurance business where state regulations are absent. Each state has a department of insurance, chosen by a number of different names, which promulgates the regulations for insurance law and insurance companies doing business in that state. These regulations govern nearly every aspect of the insurance business, from rate setting and claims procedures to claims adjustment and advertising.

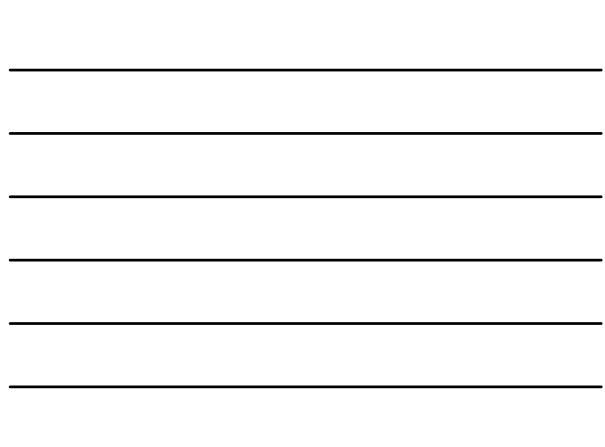
Below the article, there are sections for 'Insurance Podcasts (1993)', 'Find Lawyers...', 'Find Law Firms...', and 'Counsel to Counsel Alerts'.

martindale.com - Practice Area Resource Centers



The screenshot shows the 'CIC Best Practice Forums' page on martindale.com. The main content is a video of Daniel J. Homick, VP Sales and Marketing at Homick & Mappley, Inc. The video is titled 'Daniel J. Homick, American Consulting & Mapping Inc. CIC Summit Atlanta | Oct. 7-8, 2009'. Below the video, there is text about the forums and a 'Key Learnings From Past Forums' section.

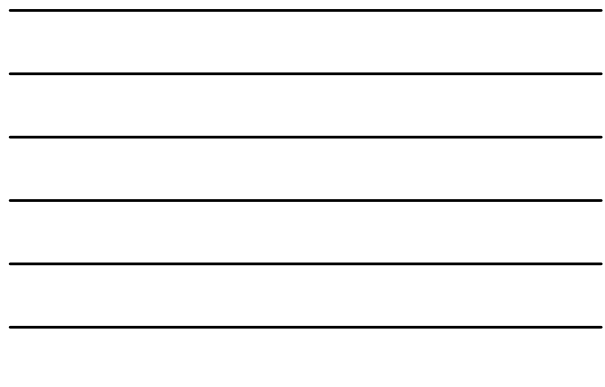
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