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## Web Site Provides Research On Children's Issues

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**T**exas judges and attorneys now have access to extensive research on issues concerning children through Texas Lawyers for Children, which provides comprehensive, online legal research and collaboration tools.

The TLC Web site is endorsed by the Texas Court Improvement Project, the State Bar Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Texas Children's Justice Act Project.

"It's a powerful tool for cases involving children," remarks UT law professor John Sampson.

The Web site, located at [www.TexasLawyersforChildren.org](http://www.TexasLawyersforChildren.org), provides hundreds of case summaries that are linked to the full text of the cases, a brief bank, more than 200 legal forms (downloadable in Word format for easy editing), articles, manuals, medical and psychological information, practice tips, a conference calendar, links to Texas statutes, and much more.

Information is organized so subscribers can select a particular topic to find exactly the point of law needed without having to wade through irrelevant information. "I found in minutes what could have taken hours. It's an enormously valuable asset," says Shane Phelps, a Brazos County prosecutor.

New developments in the law are

posted online quickly, including Sampson & Tindall's Legislative Update from the 79th Legislative Session, and Senate Bill 6 in its final form.

The TLC website also offers "Colleague Connection," a private e-mail networking list that allows subscribing attorneys to e-mail questions, ideas or suggestions to other subscribers. A separate Colleague Connection e-mail network for subscribing judges is expected to be launched in the near future.

Launched in May 2004, the TLC Web site is used by hundreds of judges and attorneys in Texas, and materials are gathered from practitioners statewide, with assistance from TLC's advisory committee, which includes professionals in the fields of law, medicine and psychology.

The TLC Web site is a project of Texas Loves Children Inc., a Dallas-based non-profit organization that provides resources and CLE programs on child abuse and neglect issues to judges and attorneys. The Web site is funded by the Texas Children's Justice Act Project, a federal grant administered by the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

For more information or to subscribe online, visit [www.TexasLawyersforChildren.org](http://www.TexasLawyersforChildren.org) or call TLC at (214) 219-5TLC (5852).JMN

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