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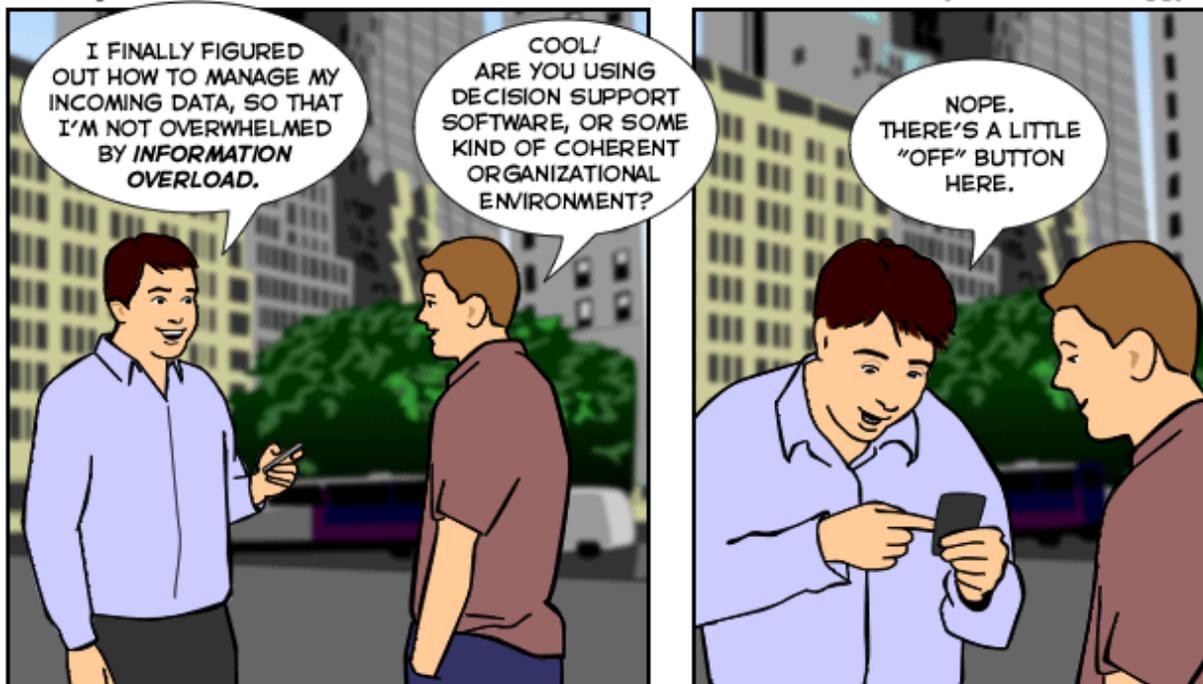
A conversation about finding law news in the 21st century, with David Freund, Ryan Hudson, Meg Martin, and Paige Nichols.

According to the Association of College and Research Libraries, “information literacy” is “the set of skills needed to find, retrieve, analyze, and use information.” Knowing what information we need, how to get it, how to evaluate it, and how to use it is essential to modern law practice. As the vast majority of our research of law and legal trends has migrated online, how do we efficiently sort through an excess of available information?

One approach is to rely on content curators in the form of blogs, alerts, social media, and podcasts. We will recommend sources in each of these categories. Of course, the internet is a constantly changing landscape, and so we offer these sources with the caveat that they may fall out of favor at any time, and there will be better (or at least different) sources tomorrow.

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## Listen Up!

### What is a podcast?

“Podcast” = iPod + broadcast. A podcast is a digital audio program that you can listen to at any time from your computer or cellphone or other digital device (tablet, iPod, Apple Watch, etc.). Many radio programs are available in podcast form, but most podcasts are produced as podcasts (in other words, *not* originally produced for radio or other format).

Podcasts generally range from 10-15 minutes to over an hour. The vast majority of podcasts (including all those recommended below) are free to listen to. Many include advertisements (or “a word from our sponsors”).



“I think I know why you’re hearing voices -  
it’s called a podcast.”

### How do I listen to a podcast?

You can **download** a podcast from the internet or **stream** a podcast from the internet.

If you download the podcast, then you will have a copy of it on your device and can listen to it later even without an internet connection. The downside is that downloading podcasts takes up storage space.

If you stream the podcast, you will need a reliable internet connection for the duration of the program.

### **Where do I go online or on my device to listen to a podcast?**

You can listen **from the podcast's own website**. Go to the website, look for shows or episodes or archives, and find the "listen" or "download" button. Click on the button. This is the easiest way to listen from your computer at your desk.

You can listen on your phone or other mobile device using a **podcatcher app**. This is an app that will allow you to subscribe to and organize your favorite podcasts.

Free podcatcher apps include Stitcher Radio, Google Play Music (probably already on your Android device), and Apple Podcasts (probably already on your iPhone).

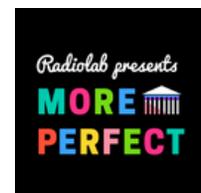
Recommended apps for purchase include Pocket Casts (\$4) and Overcast (\$5). These apps have more features and fewer bugs than free podcatchers, and you may find them easier to use.

### **Suggested Law-Related (and a few other) Podcasts** (descriptions are each show's own)



A program about the law, and the nine Supreme Court justices who interpret it for the rest of America. Hosted by Slate's legal correspondent Dahlia Lithwick.

*More Perfect* dives into the rarefied world of the Supreme Court to explain how cases deliberated inside hallowed halls affect lives far away from the bench.





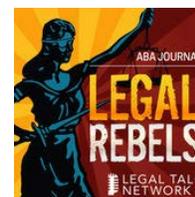
Oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States, presented by Oyez, a multimedia judicial archive at the Illinois Tech Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Every episode, legal expert Andrew and comic relief Thomas will tackle a popular legal topic and give you all the tools you need to understand the issue and win every argument you have on Facebook, with your Uncle Frank, or wherever someone is wrong on the Internet. It's law. It's politics. It's fun. We don't tell you what to think, we just set up the Opening Arguments.



Brought to you by Monnat & Spurrier, Chartered, and hosted by Paige Nichols, Just in Case is a podcast of criminal-law cases just in from the United States Supreme Court, the Tenth Circuit, and the Kansas Appellate Courts. Look for new episodes on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month.

The ABA Journal Legal Rebels Podcast features men and women who are remaking the legal profession and highlights the pioneers who are changing the way law is practiced and setting the standards that will guide the profession in the future.



Thinking Like A Lawyer is a podcast featuring Above the Law's Elie Mystal and Joe Patrice. Each episode, the hosts will take a topic experienced and enjoyed by regular people, and shine it through the prism of a legal framework. This will either reveal an awesome rainbow of thought, or a disorienting kaleidoscope of issues. Either way, it should be fun.

Serial is a podcast from the creators of This American Life, hosted by Sarah Koenig. Serial unfolds one story—a true story—over the course of a whole season. The show follows the plot and characters wherever they lead, through many surprising twists and turns. Sarah won't know what happens at the end of the story until she gets there, not long before you get there with her.





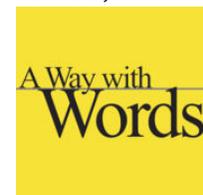
J. Craig Williams and Robert Ambrogi are top law bloggers that together host Lawyer2Lawyer. They bring us their (sometimes opposing!) views on a variety of hot legal topics from literally across the country.

Listen to lectures by—and discussions with—the University of Chicago Law School’s eminent faculty, as well as some very special guests.



Ever find yourself in a conversation about race and identity where you just get . . . stuck? Code Switch can help. We’re all journalists of color, and this isn’t just the work we do. It’s the lives we lead. Sometimes, we’ll make you laugh. Other times, you’ll get uncomfortable. But we’ll always be unflinchingly honest and empathetic. Come mix it up with us.

A Way with Words is a fun and funny public radio show about words, language, and how we use them. Hundreds of thousands of language-lovers around the world tune in each week to hear author Martha Barnette and dictionary editor Grant Barrett take calls about slang, grammar, English usage, old sayings, word origins, regional dialects, family expressions, and speaking and writing well. The program is a fresh look at the pleasures and delights of language and linguistics, words and speech, writing and reading.



Memory is not fixed. It is an imaginative act. Nothing stays the same, why should memory? Drawing on history, science, literature, personal stories, and fiction, Terence Mickey sets out to understand how dependent we are on memory to understand our lives.

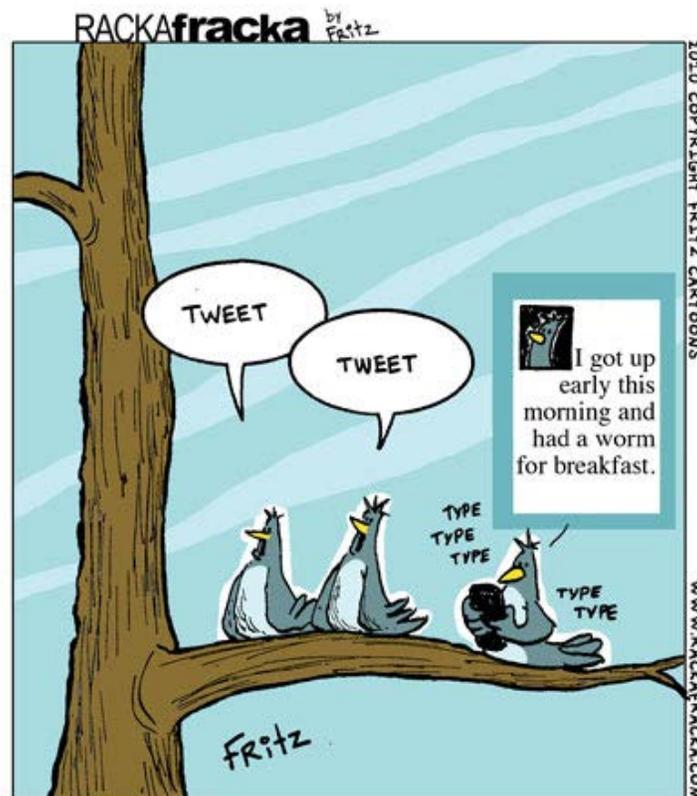
Readings and conversation with The New Yorker’s poetry editor, Paul Muldoon.



## Interesting Twitter Feeds

- [Legalbirds.justia.com](http://Legalbirds.justia.com) – lists legal professionals on Twitter and groups them by subject matter.
- Bryan A Garner @BryanAGarner <https://twitter.com/BryanAGarner> Legal writing tips.
- SCOTUSblog @Scotus Blog <https://twitter.com/SCOTUSblog> SCOTUSblog is widely regarded as the top source for Supreme Court coverage, and their Twitter account is hilariously sarcastic.
- Reuters Legal <https://twitter.com/ReutersLegal> A dedicated legal news feed.
- ABA Journal @ABAJournal <https://twitter.com/ABAJournal> It's the ABA Journal!
- Bloomberg Law @BloombergLaw <https://twitter.com/BloombergLaw> Another great legal news service. Their videos on odd legal topics, like Judge Learned Hand's folk song or legal facial hair are especially well done.
- Justice Don Willett of the Texas Supreme Court @JusticeWillett <https://twitter.com/JusticeWillett> It's rare to find a member of the judicial bench on social media. Justice Willett of Texas' highest court not only tweets a lot about the constitution, but also posts funny stock photos more often than not.
- Richard Susskind @RichardSusskind <https://twitter.com/richardsusskind> Susskind is a U.K. based tech lawyer who also serves as the IT adviser to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, with tweets at the intersection of computers and the inner circle of U.K. law. Focuses on the future of law.
- Greg Siskind of Siskind Susser PC @GSiskind <https://twitter.com/gsiskind> Siskind is a Twitter authority on all things immigration law, with analysis of key issues, commentary on international immigration policy and links to vital news articles.

- Dan Canon of Clay Daniel Walton Adams PLC @DanCanon <https://twitter.com/danacan> Civil rights attorney Canon served as counsel in the Kentucky same-sex marriage suit before the U.S. Supreme Court and posts tweets that range from hilarious to insightful.
- Nicole Black @NikiBlack <https://twitter.com/nikiblack> An attorney from upstate New York, Black posts links to interesting articles about legal technology.
- Lisa Solomon @LisaSolomon <https://twitter.com/lisasolomon> An attorney who offers legal research and writing services for other lawyers, Solomon's tweets offer an interesting perspective on how legal documents are written.
- Corporette @Corporette <https://twitter.com/corporette> A fashion and lifestyle blog for female lawyers, bankers, MBAs, and other professionals.



## Blogroll

- Kansas Federal Public Defender Blog  
<http://kansasfpd.blogspot.com/>
- Defender Services Office Training Division  
<https://www.fd.org/>
- The Sentencing Resource Counsel Project  
<http://www.src-project.org/>
- The Tenth Circuit Blog  
<http://circuit10.blogspot.com/>
- Sentencing Law and Policy  
<http://sentencing.typepad.com/>
- SCOTUSblog  
<http://www.scotusblog.com/>
- Tenth Circuit Today's Opinions  
<http://www.ca10.uscourts.gov/clerk/opinions/daily>
- District of Kansas recent opinions  
<https://ecf.ksd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/Opinions.pl?currentYear,null,null,null,toolbar=yes,null,null,null,toolbar=yes>
- The Washington Post, The Watch  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-watch/?utm\\_term=.8606a9d8f34e](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-watch/?utm_term=.8606a9d8f34e)
- How Appealing  
<http://howappealing.abovethelaw.com/>
- The Marshall Project  
<https://www.themarshallproject.org/#.LSt5KH1n4>

- Fourth Amendment  
<http://fourthamendment.com/>
- Ars Technica  
<http://arstechnica.com/>
- Wired  
<https://www.wired.com/>
- Electronic Frontier Foundation  
<https://www.eff.org/>
- Crim Prof Blog  
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