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Title of Invention: Meta-Legal Searches

Technology ID: Pending

Non-Confidential Description: ITTC and the School of Law at the University of Kansas have developed a powerful online search tool for legal researchers. Meta-Legal Searches to simultaneously mine various legal databases for cases, statutes and literature citations.

Applications: Version 2.0 searches six databases: PreCYdent, which contains U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals cases; PLoL (Public Library of Law), which includes those cases plus cases from all 50 states since 1997 and other law, codes and regulations; kscourts, which searches state cases; Legalbitstream, for its capacity to search both tax cases and Internal Revenue Service rulings; and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission filings Web site. Meta-Legal Searches then parses and integrates the hits, sorting them in reverse chronological order. For each result, the case name, its date, a synopsis and a link to the relevant citation are given.

Benefits: A user-friendly “one-stop shop,” http://metalegalsearches.ittc.ku.edu, for legal research permits not only lawyers, but everyone free access to crucial legal documents.

Patent Status: Not patented

License: Negotiable

Confidential Disclosure Agreement: KU is willing to enter into a Confidential Disclosure Agreement for the purpose of negotiating a License Agreement. If you are interested in learning details of this invention, please contact:

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