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Scenario: In the wake of the Boston Marathon bombing, a law student is interested in researching the legal implications PRISM and the NSA’s secret order to obtain Verizon cell phone records.

Search: “Cell phone” /s privacy

Results: Search results include Course Handbooks, such as Fourteenth Annual Institute on Privacy and Data Security Law, Communications Law in the Digital Age, and Ethics in Social Media.

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Jim Dempsey – Center for Democracy & Technology, Jeffrey Neuburger – Proskauer, Richard Raysman – Holland & Knight
Scenario: Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act was declared unconstitutional in the landmark Supreme Court case, *United States v. Windsor*, in June 2013. Prior to *Windsor*, Section 3 had disallowed the recognition of same-sex marriage by the federal government for any purpose, including insurance benefits, social security benefits, immigration, bankruptcy, and filing joint tax returns. An estate attorney would like to better understand the tax implications of this reversal for her clients in same-sex marriages.

Search: (DOMA or Windsor) /p tax

Results: Search results include program Transcripts from our seminar, “ERISA: The Evolving World 2013,” as well as our program, “Supreme Court Review”; Course Handbooks, such as 44th Annual Estate Planning Institute, Elder Law Institute, and Employment Discrimination Law & Litigation 2012; Treatises, such as Stocker and Rikoon on Drawing Wills and Trusts and IRS Practice & Procedure Deskbook; and a form providing instructions on how to disburse estate taxes in the event that federal law does not recognize a same-sex marriage.

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Discover PLUS Research Topics – Patent Trolls

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Scenario: Following the White House’s recent announcement that it will take Executive actions to counter the influence of “patent trolls,” or Patent Assertion Entities (PAEs), a researcher would like to better understand patent trolls and their impact on patent litigation.

Search: (“patent troll!” or “Patent Assertion Entities” or PAE) /10 litigation.

Results: Search results include Course Handbooks and Answer Books, such as Intellectual Property Law Institute and Intellectual Property Law Answer Book 2013, and PLI program Transcripts, such as “IP-Driven M&A” and “IP Issues in Business Transactions”.

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Scenario: The JOBS (Jump Start Our Business Startups) Act, which was signed into law by the Obama administration in April, 2012, aims to stimulate small business growth by easing some securities regulations that may discourage the funding of startups. One of the said regulations reversed by the JOBS Act is a prohibition against the general solicitation of, and advertising for private placements wherein securities have been purchased by accredited investors. A student would like to research who or what constitutes such an investor.

Search: “JOBS Act” /’s advertising /’s “private placements”

Results: Search results include Course Handbooks, such as Securities Offerings 2013, and First Annual Institute on Corporate and Securities Law in Hong Kong; Treatises, such as Hedge Fund Regulation and Initial Public Offerings, and program Transcripts from our “Private Placements and Other Financing Alternatives 2013” seminar, among others.

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Discover PLUS Research Topics – Public Performance Rights

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Scenario: Following the Supreme Court's recent ruling against Aereo, an online streaming video service, a researcher would like to understand the impact the ruling may have on future public performance rights cases.

Search: Aereo /10 "public! perform!"

Results: Search results include Course Handbooks and Answer Books such as Broadband and Cable Industry Law 2014 and Telecommunications Law Answer Book 2015, and PLI program Transcripts, such as “Technotainment’ 2014” and “Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement 2014”.

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