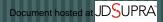
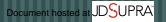
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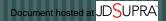
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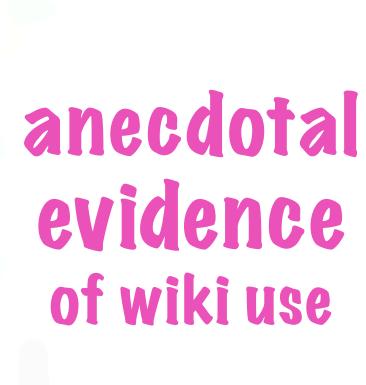
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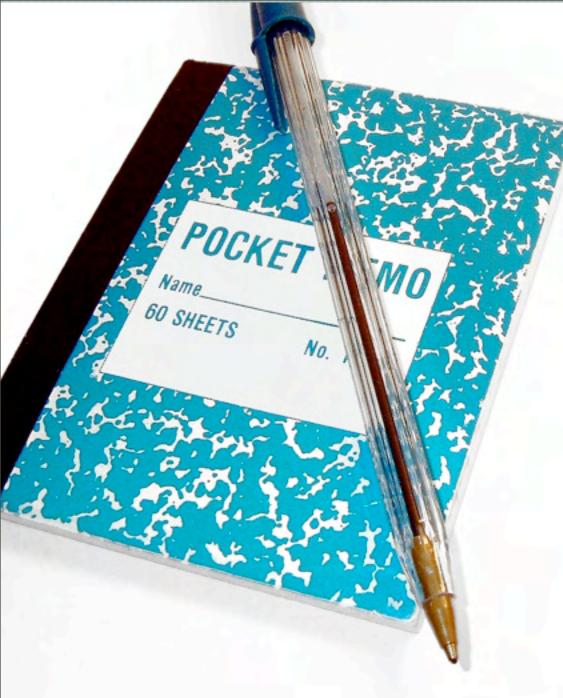


"...Aren't all major law firms with mature document management systems (DMSs) 'wikified' to the max already? If everyone in the firm has online access to the 'Smith file' or the 'Jones file' and can edit documents, view calendars or other lists of information, access research memos, and post comments, isn't this 'wiki' personified?"

But are lawyers & firms all the same?





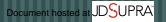


Mid-size Canadian firm



Mid-size Canadian firm:

"I have had quite a bit of success introducing wikis here"



Mid-size Canadian firm:

we are now piloting a wiki style platform"



Mid-size Canadian firm:

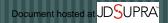
will replace our intranet and the current model of centralized publishing through Dream Weaver"



wiki platform added to existing intranet system



"we have decided not to have one central wiki"



"'granularity' is our mantra"



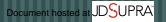
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Rosen Law - specializes in divorce in Raleigh http://www.rosen.com



Rosen Law:

Replacing Lotus Notes with PBWiki



Rosen Law

wiki will contain "everything from contracts to contacts"



Rosen Law:

will start moving case files to it next year"



Rosen Law:

from \$25,000 per year for Lotus Notes

to \$600 per year for PBWiki

Critical Success Factors



according to POUG COMPLIUS of Goodwin Procter LLP

- * "there needs to be a reason to go to the wiki site"
 - information needs to be handled better here than elsewhere

* "you need more than one person dedicated to using it as the communication/collaboration tool."

* Avoid the "empty wiki syndrome." -

"An empty wiki is like an empty nightclub."

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Wex is an ambitious effort to construct a collaboratively-created, public-access law dictionary and encyclopedia. It is sponsored and hosted by the <u>Legal Information</u>
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An Excise Tax is a tax on a specific item, belonging to a special class of items.

The classes of items are frequently specialty or luxury items.

Some everyday examples:

A Federal excise tax is levied on motor fuel consumed during highway use; gasoline and diesel fuel exclusively consumed during off-road farming activities are not taxed. By statute, the fuel tax proceeds must be used for Federal highway projects.

An excise tax is levied on tobacco products, at the State level.

An excise tax is levied on alcohol products, at the State level.

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agency: an overview

Agency law is concerned with any "principal"-"agent" relationship; a relationship in which one person has legal authority to act for another. Such relationships arise from explicit appointment, or by implication. The relationships generally associated with agency law include guardian-ward, executor or administrator-decedent, and employer-employee.

The law of agency is based on the Latin maxim "Qui facit per alium, facit per se," which means "he who acts through another is deemed in law to do it himself." Agency, in its legal sense, nearly always relates to commercial or contractual dealings.

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The text of the Constitution of the United States of America is as follows:

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We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



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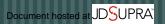
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