Federal and State Case Law Research Database Selected as 2014 AALL New Product Award Winner


The two companies announced a partnership last summer that combined their collective legal research library materials. Fastcase and HeinOnline subscribers received access to both legal publishers’ databases, expanding their access to federal and state case law information, legal journals and historical statutory materials.

AALL’s New Product Award honors new commercial information products that enhance or improve existing law library services or procedures—or innovative products that improve access to legal information, the legal research process or procedures for the technical processing of library materials.

Products must have been in the library-related marketplace for two years or less or have been reintroduced in a new format with substantial changes. Nominated products may include computer hardware and/or software; educational or bibliographic material; or other products and devices that aid or improve library workflow, research or intellectual access.

"The HeinOnline team was thrilled to hear we had been chosen as a 2014 AALL Best New Product Award recipient," said Kevin M. Marmion, William S. Hein & Co., Inc. president. "Over the years, we've tailored our products to support the work information professionals are doing; our legal research libraries and research tools are no exception, and we look forward to a continued strong relationship with our publishing partner, Fastcase."

"This is a great honor for both companies," said Edward J. Walters, Fastcase CEO. "HeinOnline and Fastcase have complementary strengths, and now because of this partnership, both services are more powerful than ever. For subscribers to both services, this is a case where 1+1=3."

HeinOnline’s searchable, image-based format (http://home.heinonline.org/) offers nearly 100 million pages of legal history, including more than 1,800 law-related periodicals; Congressional Record volumes; the United Nations and League of Nations Treaty Series and the Federal Register, dating back to 1936.

Fastcase (http://www.fastcase.com/), which has more than 500,000 subscribers, utilizes patented software to rank the best cases first and enable results to be re-sorted. Fastcase’s libraries include primary law from all 50 states; cases, statutes, regulations, court rules and constitutions; and Supreme Court decisions, starting with 1 U.S. 1.
The New Product Award recipients will be recognized at AALL’s upcoming 107th Annual Meeting & Conference, which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from July 12-15, 2014.

For more information about the New Product Award, visit http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Member-Resources/AALLawards/award-best.html. For more information about AALL and the upcoming Annual Meeting & Conference, please visit AALLNET.org.

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