In law practice, legal newsletters provide timely and concise analysis of legal developments. The most commonly-used newsletters are from BNA: http://law.richmond.edu/library/BNA.html (owned by Bloomberg Law) and Law360 http://www.law360.com (owned by LexisNexis). These newsletters provide details such as docket numbers, court filings and cross-indexing practicing lawyers rely on.

Following are example ideas for tracking the law using industry-leading newsletters available to all members of the law school community. Off campus, you need to use our VPN to access these sources.

Spotting Emerging Issues: Circuit Splits

Source: U.S. Law Week from BNA
A circuit split occurs when two or more federal circuit courts of appeals issue conflicting rulings on the same topic. The existence of a circuit split is a factor the Supreme Court considers when deciding whether to review a case.

On the website for BNA’s U.S. Law Week, there is a monthly circuit split list, which features the topic, case source and issue description of each split. U.S Law Week is itself a widely-used newsletter for tracking constitutional and appellate law topics across many subject areas.

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<td>Kaiser v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (64 U.S.L.W. 295, 9/8/15)</td>
<td>May law firms be sanctioned under 28 U.S.C. 1927, which authorizes an award of attorneys' fees and expenses against an attorney who &quot;multiplies the proceedings in an case unreasonably and vexatiously?&quot; The Ninth Circuit joined the Sixth and Seventh circuits in holding that Section 1927 can be invoked only against individual lawyers. The Second, Third and Eleventh circuits disagree.</td>
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Tracking Topics: One Headline at a Time

Source: Law360 and BNA Newsletters
Law360 and BNA provide daily and weekly email newsletters in specific subject areas that provide the top news and up-to-the-minute analysis. They both highlight law firms involved in cited matters and typically provide direct links to court filings or related documents.

Each service covers more than four dozen topics, so whether you want to practice in patents, pensions or private equity, there is probably a newsletter for you.

In addition to email, Law360 provides updates via Twitter and RSS, as well as a plugin for Chrome.

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Finding Law Firm News and Cases

Source: Law360 and BNA Newsletters
It can be extremely valuable to know what cases a law firm is working on and where they are actively involved. Discover up-to-the-minute details in an advanced search of Law360. The law firm information provides the greatest depth for larger firms like Hunton & Williams, but it also features smaller practices, government agencies and companies.

Tip: If you are about to interview with a mid-to-large sized firm, check Law360 to see if they’ve been mentioned recently.

Tracking Hot Topics and all Branches of Government

Source: BNA Newsletters
In many of their publication libraries, BNA publishes a summary of recent activities in all three branches of government. Found under the heading “Practice Tools” there are regularly-updated watch lists.

In addition to this, many newsletters include a section of Hot Topics, where you can find a summary of news items in subject areas where there can be many news items.

Detailed Indexes and Niche Concepts

Source: Law360 and BNA Newsletters
Detailed indexes that often include very specific subject terms are a feature of the newsletters many expert practitioners use. These make newsletter summaries easier to scan, and they provide a way to track developments in specific subject areas over time.

Here are some niche subject examples:

- Chemical Regulation Reporter includes 19 stories on “nanomaterials” since May.
- Securities Regulation & Law Report includes 14 stories on “data breaches” since May.
- Criminal Law Reporter includes 22 stories on “sentencing enhancement” since May.

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