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## *Podcasting Basics*

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Podcasting is a means of distributing informational content in audio form over the Internet. A version of this bibliography was originally prepared for the October 18-21, 2006, professional development seminar of the Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section, National Conference of State Legislatures.

**"A Beginner's Guide to Podcasting" / Greg Schwartz, SirsiDynix Institute.** A two-part series of 60-minute podcasts. Supplemental material in .pdf format is available. [www.sirsidynixinstitute.com/archive.php](http://www.sirsidynixinstitute.com/archive.php)

- Part 1: "A Consumer's Guide," May 17, 2006.
- Part 2: "A Creator's Guide," May 24, 2006.

**"The Conference Report: A Podcast of Trends from America's State Legislatures" / National Conference of State Legislatures, 2006.** [www.ncsl.org/programs/press/podcastCR.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/press/podcastCR.htm)

***Hands-On Guide to Video Blogging and Podcasting* / Lionel Felix. 2006. (028.2/F33)** Designed "... to be a very practical, balanced presentation of the technical aspects of video blogging and podcasting."—Page xix

***Legal Education Podcasting Project* / CALI: The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. [2006].** In December 2005, ten faculty volunteers were requested; the project had an overwhelming response of 50 faculty participants. [www2.cali.org/index.php?fuseaction=help.faq&topicid=0000000010](http://www2.cali.org/index.php?fuseaction=help.faq&topicid=0000000010)

**"Links to State Legislators' Blogs and Legislatures with Podcasts and RSS Feeds" / National Conference of State Legislatures, Updated September 25, 2006.** [www.ncsl.org/programs/lis/nalit/blogs.htm](http://www.ncsl.org/programs/lis/nalit/blogs.htm)

**"Podcasting @ University of Wisconsin-Madison" / University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Information Technology, 2005.** <http://engage.doit.wisc.edu/podcasting>

***Podcasting Basics* / Laura Kunkel, editor; written by Steve Miller, Chief, Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau. [2006]. (028.2/W7)** A four-page handout to accompany presentations about the LRB podcasting project.

***Podcasting Legal Guide: Rules for the Revolution* / Creative Commons. 2006. (028.2/C86)** Provides "... a general roadmap of some of the legal issues specific to podcasting [and] ... covers only U.S.-based legal questions."—Page vii  
[http://wiki.creativecommons.org/Podcasting\\_Legal\\_Guide](http://wiki.creativecommons.org/Podcasting_Legal_Guide)

**"Podcasts from the U.S. Government" / U.S. Office of Citizen Services and Communications.** Arranged under eight broad subjects, this site presents "official information and services from the U.S. government." [www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Reference\\_Shelf/Libraries/Podcasts.shtml](http://www.firstgov.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/Libraries/Podcasts.shtml)

**"Producing a Punchy Podcast" / William Wyatt, *State Legislatures*, September 2006, p.22-23. (328.11/N214/2006/v.32/no.8)** "Podcasting can be a creative, convenient way to get your message out."

**"RSS: Making the Internet Subscribeable" / Bonnie Shucha, *Wisconsin Lawyer*, August 2006, p.14-17. (341.14/W75/2006/v.79/no.8)** [www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Wisconsin\\_Lawyer&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=59688](http://www.wisbar.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Wisconsin_Lawyer&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=59688)

**"XML Explained: Questions and Answers About XML" / Jennifer Kyrnin, *About.com*.** RSS files, also known as newsfeeds, are a standard way of publishing meta information about content. RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is an XML (Extensible Markup Language) format.  
<http://webdesign.about.com/library/weekly/aa050498.htm>

### Related Web Sites

[www.c-span.org/podcast](http://www.c-span.org/podcast) – C-Span program podcasts.

[www.podcast.net](http://www.podcast.net) – "Podcast.net: The Podcast Directory." Use this site to locate podcasts which are sorted under 18 subjects; site includes a search engine and browse options.

[www.podcastingnews.com](http://www.podcastingnews.com) – This site includes directories, news, articles, gear and equipment reviews, top rated podcasts, 100 most recent podcasts, and much more.

[www.podcastusermagazine.com](http://www.podcastusermagazine.com) – The "... online magazine for anyone interested in listening [to] or creating podcasts."

[www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/podcasts](http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lrb/podcasts) – Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, "LRB Podcasts." The LRB has been producing podcasts since March 2005. The podcasts appearing on this Web page are arranged under six broad subjects.

[www.wpr.org](http://www.wpr.org) – Wisconsin Public Radio, "Wcast" site.

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