Leadership is getting people to work for you when they are not obligated.

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Check out the "annual legal blogs awards" and update your reading list. The awards list the best news sources in the fields of law practice management, legal technology, trial practice, and other legal fields.

1.) ABA Journal Legal News For Now - The 2011 ABA Journal Blawg 100
http://www.abajournal.com/blawg100

The ABA Journal combed the Internet and solicited reader input to select the best 100 legal blogs on the Internet. The editors’ selection process was aided by the feature called "Blawg Amici." Readers were asked to weigh in on their top picks and make a case for their favorites in 500 characters or less. The picks are organized into subject categories and include a summary of the blogs’ uses. The voting ended on Dec. 30, 2011, and the popular vote category winners will be posted in early January. All the "blawgs," even those that didn't make the top 100, are cataloged in the ABA Blawg Directory located at http://www.abajournal.com/blawgs/.

2.) Dennis Kennedy’s 2011 "Blawggie Awards – The Top Eight Blogs

Dennis Kennedy is a leader in the application of technology to the practice of law. His annual "Blawggie Awards" are not a popularity-driven contest, but the selections are made by the attorney. The author states the selection criteria is blogs that "offer consistently useful content, a generous and helpful approach, and a combination of commitment, personality and talent, with an emphasis on good writing." The author provides a description of each pick along with historical information. It takes a few minutes to review each entry.

Here are the eight different blog categories:
1. Best Overall Law-Related Blog
2. Best Practice-Specific Legal Blog
3. Best Law Practice Management Blog
4. Best Legal Blog Category – Law Librarian Blogs
5. The "Kennedy-Mighell Report” Best Legal Podcast
6. The "Sherry Fowler" Best Writing on a Blawg Award
7. Best Law Professor Blog
8. The "DennisKennedyBlog” - Best Legal Technology Blog

3.) Local Blogs

I added two favorite blogs for local news:

Kentucky Law Review - by Michael Stevens, Kentucky Personal Injury and Trial Lawyer
http://www.kentuckylawblog.com/

Hamilton County Law Library Blog – Cincinnati
http://www.hamilton-co.org/cinlawlib/blog/default.asp

Happy Hunting!