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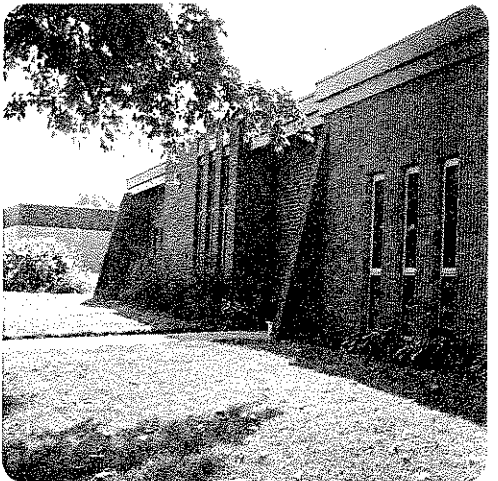
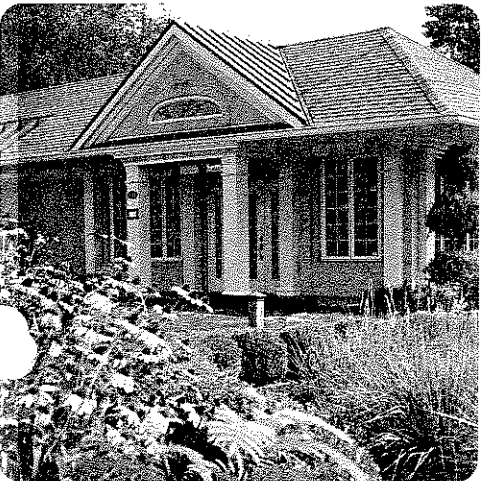
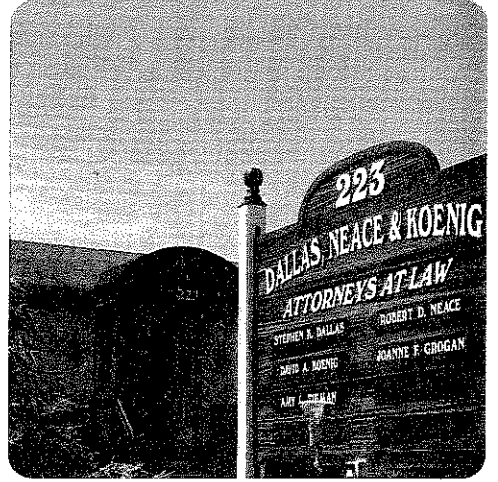
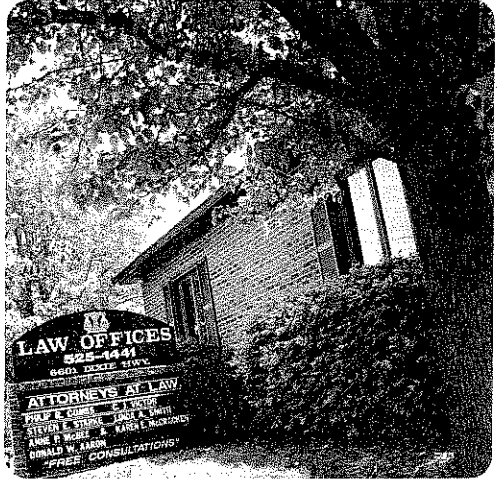
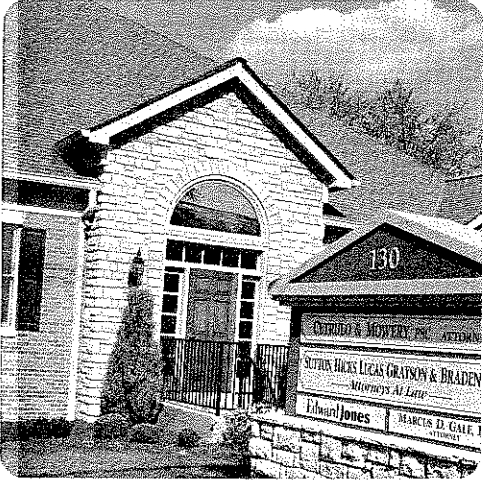
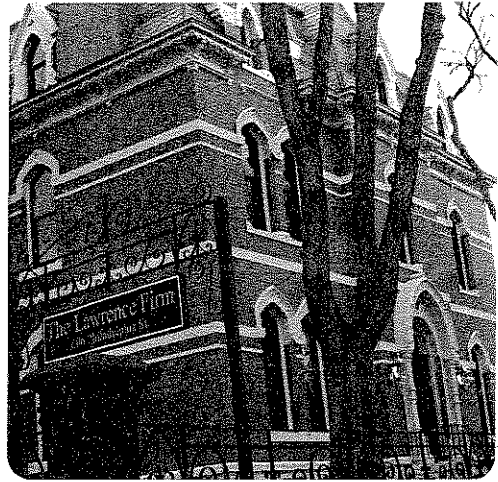
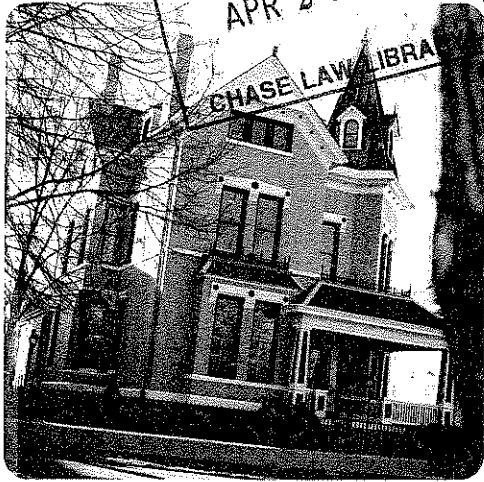
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# FOLLOWING THE 2006 KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The next Regular Session of the Kentucky Legislature will begin on Tuesday January 3rd, 2006. This column will feature informational sources to help you keep track of the 2006 Regular Session, including information on how to track legislation, find information on various legislative committees, and track voting information of your legislature.

The first and best place to start looking for information on the upcoming session is the web site for the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) found at: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/home.htm>. For those unfamiliar with the LRC you should know that the LRC provides the following services to the legislature:

- committee staffing
- bill drafting
- oversight of the state budget and educational reform
- production of educational materials
- maintenance of a reference library and Internet site
- preparation and printing of research reports, informational bulletins and a legislative newspaper.

As such the LRC maintains a web site with information on the entire legislative process.

The following web pages provide you with information on bills, committees, hearings, etc of the upcoming session:

Bills and Bill Tracking: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislat/legislat.htm> (For those familiar with the legislative newspaper "Legislative Record" this is the online equivalency). From this web site you can view the full text of bills and also track legislation as it moves through the legislature. The legislature also offers a free email alert system called "Bill Watch." This service allows users to choose bills on topics they wish to monitor. Whenever anything happens to the bill an email alert is sent out notifying the user of the action taken on their bill. To sign up for this service please visit <http://kentucky.gov/services/billwatch/>

Committee Information: If you want to find information on when a committee is going to discuss a bill or hold a hearing you can monitor the "Weekly Legislative Calendar" available at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/emailcal.htm>. Information on committees and their make up including links to a committee's web page can be accessed via [http://www.lrc.ky.gov/org\\_adm/committe/comminfo\\_split\\_05RS.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/org_adm/committe/comminfo_split_05RS.htm).

News on the Legislative Session: There are a few venues that will help you keep track of the news worthy events during the upcoming legislative session. The LRC provides citizens with the opportunity to sign up for eNews. This service has been developed as a way to distribute news material to Kentucky's media outlets in a timely manner, although anyone can sign up for this free service. To subscribe to the service visit the following web site <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/listserv.htm>. KET provides online video coverage of the Kentucky General Assembly as a public service to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

During legislative sessions, Senate and House chambers and committee meetings are streamed live. Please visit their web site for more information <http://www.ket.org/legislature/>

Kentucky newspapers are good sources of information on the goings on at the legislature.

The Kentucky Post - <http://news.kypost.com>

The Lexington-Herald Leader - <http://www.kentucky.com/mld/kentucky/>

The Courier-Journal - <http://www.courier-journal.com/>

The Internet provides plenty of other sources of information on the political process from both sides of the political spectrum. One site worthy of note is Kentuckyvotes.org (<http://kentuckyvotes.org>). This website sponsored by the Bluegrass Institute, a non-partisan organization, (<http://www.bipps.org/>) is a one stop shop for news on the legislative session, checking your legislator's voting record, staying updated by email as bills move through the legislature, and plenty of analysis and commentary on the politics of the day.

The Internet has made keeping track of the upcoming 2006 Regular Session of the Kentucky Legislature a snap. But if you want help navigating through all these sources please don't hesitate to contact the law library at 859-572-6484 for additional help.

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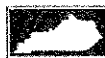
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