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Hi Jordan and Randi -

Very pleased to meet you! Professor Bridy asked me to put together some pointers for you if you want to start reading early. I sent a few of my pamphlets to her Moscow address, so those should be waiting for you as well.

The core resources are the letters back and forth between me and the various state officials. I've posted the state codes for several states. Only a few (Idaho, Georgia, Mississippi, and DC) have sent me letters. In addition, we're pressing the State of Delaware on the issue of their purported jail sentence for copying the corporate code without permission.

Note that I'm going to give you *way* more pointers in this email than you're going to want to read. Don't feel you need to necessarily read everything. :)

Finally, I'm always on email. Don't hesitate to ask me questions!

Best regards,

Carl

The first resources are on my system. The thing to pay attention to are the letters back and forth.

1. All the state codes are on my system and on the Internet Archive (where they are much easier to read)
<https://archive.org/details/govlaw>

2. Delaware
<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/de/>

3. District of Columbia
<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/dc/>

4. Georgia
<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ga/>

5. Idaho
<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/id/>

6. Mississippi
<https://law.resource.org/pub/us/code/ms/>

The other resources you might find useful from my system are some speeches and testimony I've given on the general subject of "Edicts of Government":

1. Congressional Testimony

<https://public.resource.org/edicts/>

2. My international manifesto about why the law must be available.

<https://law.resource.org/pub/12tables.html>

3. We had a similar tussle with Oregon a few years back. The paper trail might be useful for you. The legislature unanimously voted to waive enforcement of any copyright assertions. What's particularly impressive about that is a Lewis & Clark law student then took the Oregon Revised Statutes and made a much, much better version. The pamphlet I published goes over some of the legal background (there is one of those in the mail for you)

<https://public.resource.org/oregon.gov/>

http://www.oregonlaws.org/oregon_revised_statutes (compare to the official site!!)

https://public.resource.org/oregon.gov/3revolutions_pamphlet.pdf or

https://archive.org/stream/ThreeRevolutionsInAmericanLaw_284/3revolutions_pamphlet#page/n0/mode/2up

<http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/infolaw/2008/04/16/can-states-copyright-their-statutes/>

4. If you want some more background about promulgation of the law in Roman times, this is a lecture I delivered at Harvard:

https://archive.org/stream/org_public_resource_tables/tables_pamphlet#page/n3/mode/2up

In terms of external resources, there are two people I'd start with:

1. Erika Wayne is Deputy Law Librarian at Stanford and headed the "National Inventory of Legal Materials" effort which looked at copyright assertions on state resources. The AALL took that over from her and sort of screwed it, so I'd start with Erika.

<https://aallwash.wordpress.com/2012/12/12/update-on-the-national-inventory-of-legal-materials/>

<http://www.aallnet.org/Documents/Government-Relations/2011-2012-Preliminary-Analysis-of-AALLs-State-Legal-Inventories.pdf>

Erica is Erika Wayne <evwayne@stanford.edu>

2. Peter Martin is the founder of Cornell's LII and the former Dean of Cornell Law School. He's a leading expert on citation.

<https://legalinformatics.wordpress.com/tag/copyright-in-statutes/>

Peter Martin <peter-martin@lawschool.cornell.edu>

Finally, you may find some of the journal articles useful. A couple at random (I'd search on SSRN for the topic or use Hein or Google Scholar):

<http://slr.oxfordjournals.org/content/27/3/185.extract>

<http://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/uclalr36&div=29&id=&page=>

(Anything by Craig Joyce is wonderful ... especially this history of *Wheaton v. Peters*:

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=801226

