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With ProCon.org's best year ever behind us, schools back in session, and the new year going full steam ahead, I wanted to give you some updates on our latest research. Five of our newest highlights are provided below with links to more data.

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Sincerely,
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1. **Medical Marijuana:** [13 Legal Medical Marijuana States](#)

Our chart of laws, fees, and possession limits now includes details about whether each state with legal medical marijuana accepts other states' registry ID cards, whether registration is mandatory or voluntary, and what information is provided by each state on sources for obtaining medical marijuana.

On Jan. 11, 2010, a bill legalizing medical marijuana in New Jersey passed the State Assembly by a vote of 48-14, and then passed the State Senate by a vote of 25-13. Governor Jon Corzine has said he will sign the bill into law before leaving office on Jan. 19. New Jersey would become the 14th state to legalize medical marijuana.

2. [Survey for Teachers and Librarians](#)

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3. **Euthanasia:** [Montana Supreme Court rules 4-3 to allow physician-assisted suicide.](#)

In *Baxter v. State of Montana*, the Montana Supreme Court affirmed that physician-assisted suicide is not "against public policy." The court declined to rule on the larger question of whether physician-assisted suicide is a right guaranteed under Montana's Constitution. Montana, Washington, and Oregon are the only three US states that permit the practice.

4. **Sports and Drugs:** [History of Performance Enhancing Drugs in Sports](#)

Floyd Mayweather, Jr., and Manny Pacquiao, two of the world's top boxers, each walk away from \$25 million in a disagreement over drug testing procedures; former professional baseball player Mark McGwire admits to taking steroids on and off for nearly a decade during his career.

5. Felon Voting: [State Felon Voting Laws](#)

On Jan. 5, 2010, the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 in *Farrakhan v. Gregoire* that Washington's felon disenfranchisement law violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

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