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We are proud to announce that the American Library Association's *Booklist* publication selected ProCon.org as its "[Website of the Week](#)" on Sep. 25, 2011. We greatly appreciate the honor.

We've got some fascinating new research on death row inmates, medical marijuana studies, doping at the Olympics, and more. Read on for details.

### **1. DEATH PENALTY - [Death Row Inmates, 1953-2009](#)**

In 1953, death row had 131 inmates, and 62 of them (47.33%) were executed. In 2009, death row had grown to 3,173 inmates (a 2,322% increase), and 52 of them (1.64%) were executed. The average time on death row more than doubled from 6 years and 2 months in 1984 to 14 years and one month by 2009. The primary reason inmates left death row is because their sentences or convictions were overturned (59.5%) and not because of execution (24.0%). Our new charts detail the number of death row inmates, executions, and average time in prison, as well as the primary reasons for removal from death row.

### **2. MEDICAL MARIJUANA - [73 Peer-Reviewed Studies on Marijuana: Medical Studies Involving Cannabis and Cannabis Extracts, 1990 - 2011](#)**

Peer-reviewed studies are the currency of scientific research, and double-blind human peer-reviewed studies represent the gold standard of that currency. Our chart of 73 studies on medical marijuana shows results from 21 double-blind human peer-reviewed studies, 48 human peer-reviewed studies (not double-blind), and four peer-reviewed animal studies.

### **3. SPORTS AND DRUGS - [Doping Cases at the Olympics, 1968-2010](#)**

Weightlifting is the most doped Olympic sport with 36 violations - 28.4% of all doping cases. Austria has the most Olympic doping violations of any country, followed by Greece, Russia, and the United States. Athens 2004 was the most doped Olympics with 26 reported violations of anti-doping rules. Read more about these and other interesting facts relating to doping at the Olympics.

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