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A SAD PARTING

We regret to announce the death of Sandra Spiers, Library Assistant for Technical Services. Sandra died suddenly on December 23, 1983. Although Sandra's work did not involve much public contact, those students, faculty and staff who knew her found her to be unfailingly good-humored and helpful. She will be missed by her friends in the law school and especially by those of us here in the library.

STAFF CHANGES

Mary Beth Stewardson, the library's secretary for the last two years, resigned effective December 16, 1983. She is moving on to the firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox and Allen in downtown Richmond. We are sorry to see her leave and we suspect the students who relied on her typing skills will also be devastated at her departure! The Museletter won't seem the same without her.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Brenda Sturman to the position of library secretary. Having worked in Personnel since last June, Brenda is not new to the University. She is, however, new to the law school community, and we hope you will join us in making her feel welcome.

THANK YOU

A little note of thanks for an outstanding job completed by such a small force during the Holiday. Each and every one of the following students completed many long and hard hours of filing, sorting mail, answering the phone, etc. They have made your return a much more pleasant experience.

Thanks to Amy, Rob, Elizabeth, Bettijo, and Kathleen.

FRONTIER OF COMPUTERIZED LEGAL RESEARCH

Recently the 1980 Louisville, Kentucky Code of Ordinances has become available in full text on LEXIS.

Either Library: STATES file: MUNILW or
 Library: KY file: LOUVIL

This is not a hot item in Richmond, but may portend great things in the future for other city or state codes.

LEXIS LIBRARIES

This begins a series dealing with the contents of the "libraries" on LEXIS. Our typical LEXIS researcher uses only the GENFED or STATES libraries, usually searching for court opinions. There is quite a bit more on LEXIS than the normal run of federal and state case materials. These added sources are the area where LEXIS is experiencing its greatest growth. This series will point out some of this lesser used material available on LEXIS.

Here are a few things to keep in mind while using these lists:

Time Span - There is no uniform beginning date for materials on LEXIS. Each file will have a different starting date. Completeness depends on many factors including demand for the service and the fierce competition with WESTLAW. Throughout this series, the time span of coverage will be noted. Time is an important consideration in planning research using LEXIS. Even if you use LEXIS exclusively for your current research, for older materials you will of necessity have to rely on the traditional law book sources.

Editing - LEXIS consists of unedited full-text of opinions. The company emphasizes this as its major selling point. There is one type of editing available in the federal area. In the specialized LEXIS federal libraries, only court decisions pertinent to that one area of the law are included. Thus if you want to search "due process in tax cases" you should avoid GENFED and use the FEDTAX library. This is a cheaper and more efficient use of your on-line time. Fewer cases to search through equals speedier searching.

Library and File - To make the LEXIS database more economical to search, it is partitioned into major segments, or libraries. Each library is then divided into subsegments, called files. To do any search on LEXIS, you must select both a library and a file.

LEXIS is changeable. New items are added without notice. Old items are expanded. Sometimes names of files change. LEXIS informs you of changes or new materials on-line by highlighting the library or file that is new. This list is up-to-date as of December, 1983.

PART I - FEDERAL MATERIALS ON LEXIS

A. THE FEDERAL COURTS

1. U. S. SUPREME COURT

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>BEGINNING DATE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
GENFED	SUP	1925	full text U.S. Reports
		[SPECIALIZED FILES]	
FED TAX	SUP	1913*	Sup.Ct. tax cases only
FEDSEC	COURTS	1936	securities cases only
TRADE	SUP	1890*	trade & antitrust
PATCOP	SUP	1850*	patents, trademarks & copyrights
FEDCOM	COURTS	1936	communications cases
LABOR	COURTS	1925	labor & NLRB cases
BKRTCY	COURTS	1925	bankruptcy cases
PUBCON	SUP	1925	government contracts

2. U. S. COURTS OF APPEALS

GENFED	CIR	1938	full text of all Courts of Appeals cases
		[SPECIALIZED FILES]	
FEDTAX	CIR	1938	tax cases only
FEDSEC	COURTS	1935*	securities cases only
TRADE	CIR	1938	trade & antitrust
PATCOP	CIR	1938	patents, trademarks & copyrights
FEDCOM	COURTS	1929*	communications cases
LABOR	COURTS	1938	labor & NLRB cases
BKRTCY	COURTS	1938	bankruptcy cases
PUBCON	CIR	1938	government contracts

3. U. S. DISTRICT COURTS

GENFED	DIST	1948	all published District Court cases
		[SPECIALIZED FILES]	
FEDTAX	DIST	1948	tax cases only
FEDSEC	COURTS	1934*	securities cases only
TRADE	DIST	1950	trade and antitrust
PATCOP	DIST	1948	patents, trademarks & copyrights
FEDCOM	COURTS	1948	communications cases
LABOR	COURTS	1948	labor & NLRB cases
BKRTCY	COURTS	1948	bankruptcy cases
PUBCON	DIST	1948	government contracts

*coverage begins before general starting dte for complete GENFED files.

4. U. S. COURT OF CLAIMS (before 10/82) and
U. S. CLAIMS COURT (since 10/82)

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>BEGINNING DATE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
GENFED	CTCL	1960	all decisions
		[SPECIALIZED]	
FEDTAX	CTCL	1942*	tax cases only
PATCOP	CTCL	1960	patent, trademark and copyright
PUBCON	CTCL	1960	government contracts

5. U. S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT
(began 10/82)

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>BEGINNING DATE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
GENFED	FEDCIR	1982	all Fed. Cir. cases
		[SPECIALIZED FILES]	
FEDTAX	FEDCIR	1982	tax cases only
PATCOP	FEDCIR	1982	patent, trademark and copyright
PUBCON	FEDCIR	1982	government contracts

6. U. S. COURT OF CUSTOMS & PATENT APPEALS
(became part of Fed. Cir. 10/82)

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>BEGINNING DATE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
PATCOP	CCPA	1952-1982	patent and trademark cases only

7. U. S. BANKRUPTCY COURTS

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>BEGINNING DATE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
BKRTCY	BNKDEC	1979	full text of pub- lished Bankruptcy Court Decisions

B. U. S. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

1. BOARDS OF CONTRACT APPEALS (BCA)

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>BEGINNING DATE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
PUBCON	AGRI	3/68	Dept. of Agriculture
	ARMSER	1/65	Armed Services
	CORPS	1/65	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
	DOE	3/78	Dept. of Energy
	GSA	4/65	General Services Administration
	HUD	12/74	Dept. of Housing and Urban Devlpmt.
	INTER	3/65	Dept. of Interior
	LABOR	7/73	Dept. of Labor
	NASA	2/65	NASA

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>BEGINNING DATES</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
	POSTAL	2/66	U.S. Postal Service
	DOT	10/67	Dept. Transportation
	VA	2/65	Veteran's Admin.
PUBCON	BOARDS	(combines all of above into one file)	
	2. <u>BOARD OF TAX APPEALS (BTA)</u>		
FEDTAX	BTA	1924-1942	
	3. <u>COMMODITIES FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (CFTC)</u>		
FEDSEC	CFTC	1976	
	4. <u>COMPTROLLER GENERAL DECISIONS (CG)</u>		
GENFED	COMGEN	1960	
PUBCON	COMGEN	1960	
	5. <u>FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC 2d)</u>		
FEDCOM	FCC	39 FCC - 42 FCC; & 1 FCC 2d - date	note: does not contain advance sheet cases
	6. <u>FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION DECISIONS (FERC)</u>		
ENERGY	FERC	1977	
	7. <u>FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION DECISIONS (FTC)</u>		
TRADE	FTC	1950	
	8. <u>NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD DECISION (NLRB)</u>		
LABOR	NLRB	1972	
	9. <u>NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION ISSUANCES (NRC)</u>		
ENERGY	NRC	1975	
	10. <u>SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION DECISIONS (SEC)</u>		
FEDSEC	SEC	1933	marked "selected"
	11. <u>U. S. TAX COURT (TC and TCM)</u>		
FEDTAX	TC	1942	tax court reports
FEDTAX	TCM	1942	TC memorandum decisions
	12. <u>TRADEMARK TRIAL & APPEALS BOARD DECISIONS</u>		
PATCOP	TTAB	Jan. 1982	

C. U. S. CODE AND REGULATION MATERIALS

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>FILE</u>	<u>CONTENTS</u>
	1. <u>U. S. Code</u>	U. S. Code, all titles enacted through 12/31/72, and the codified versions of Public Laws 93-1 through 98-____ (Laws of a general and permanent nature enacted through - date)
GENFED	CODE	
	2. <u>REGULATION: CFR & FEDERAL REGISTER</u>	
GENFED	FEDREG	7/1/80 - date full text of <u>Federal Register</u>
GENFED	CFR	(current year) full text of <u>CFR</u>
GENFED	CFR81	full text of two prior
GENFED	CFR82	years of CFR.
	3. <u>CFR SECTIONS - individual agency responsibilities</u>	
TRADE	CFR	16 CFR
PATCOP	CFR	37 CFR
FEDCOM	CFR	47 CFR
LABOR	CFR	20 CFR & 29 CFR
PUBCON	CFR	41 CFR
ENERGY	CFR	10,18,20 CFR
		(tax and securities considered next issue)

D. MISCELLANEOUS FILES

	1. <u>U. S. SUPREME COURT BRIEFS</u>	
GENFED	BRIEFS	filings for all argued cases beginning October term 1979.
	2. <u>WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS</u>	
GENFED	PRESDC	1/81 to date
	3. <u>FEDERAL RESERVE BANK MATERIALS</u>	
FEDSEC	FREGS	Federal Reserve Regulations X, G, T and U.
FEDSEC	FEDRB	1/80 to date <u>Federal Reserve Bulletin</u> in full text.

(TO BE CONTINUED: NEXT ISSUE WILL EMPHASIZE FEDTAX and FEDSEC - the two most complete LEXIS libraries)