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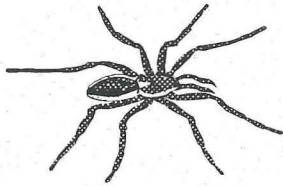


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MUSELETTER

Newsletter of the William Taylor Muse Law Library

University of Richmond

T.C. Williams School of Law

Law Library Welcomes the Class of 2000!

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

Timothy L. Coggins, Director of the Law Library/Associate Professor of Law

The Law Library staff and I welcome all new and returning law students to the Muse Law Library. We are excited about the coming year and the opportunities to assist you with your legal research and computer questions and needs. Our goal is to provide you with the library services and the computer support that you need to complete your classroom and other law school related projects. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Your first encounter with the library staff likely will be either a need for research/reference assistance or for checking out library materials. The library's Reference and Research Services Librarians, **Allen Moye** and **Brandon Quarles**, are available to help you with both traditional and computer-assisted legal research questions. Allen and Brandon share office L12 and can be reached at 287-6555 and 289-8727 respectively. The Reference Desk telephone number is 289-8685. Other librarians assist at the

Reference Desk as well. Librarians also teach the legal research component of the first-year Lawyering Skills course.

The Circulation Desk staff will help you with reserve materials, checking out library materials, photocopier questions, location of materials, and other related questions. **Nancy Martin**, Circulation Supervisor, can be reached at 289-8217, and **Tim Edwards**, Library Assistant/Circulation, can be contacted at 289-8931. **Jean Hamilton** and **Doug Chapman** handle the library's looseleaf filing. Student assistants also assist Nancy and Tim at the Circulation Desk.

Many of you will need computer help and advice. The Computer Support Services staff includes **Paul Birch**, Computer Services/Reference Librarian, **David Keats**, Computer Support Services Trainer, and **Leighton Fuller**, Network Administrator. They are happy to help you with your computer and network issues. You may contact Paul in room L11 and at 289-8222, David in room L9 and at 287-6687, and Leighton in room L9 also and at 287-6403.

The library's Technical Services staff organizes the library collection to guarantee that you can find what

you need for your courses and research. The staff orders library materials, catalogs new materials, and handles many other related duties, including the receipt and distribution of newspapers and magazines. Technical Services staff includes **Sally Wambold**, Technical Services Librarian, **Janette Alsworth**, Library Associate/Acquisitions, **Betty Cliborne**, Library Assistant/Serials, **Leah Viar**, Library Assistant/Collection Management, **Bob Weertman**, Library Assistant/Cataloging, and our newest addition to the technical services staff **Ann Bucci**, part-time cataloging assistant. Staff at the Circulation or Reference Desk will direct you to the offices of Technical Services personnel.

The administrative staff of the library includes **Timothy Coggins**, Director and Associate Professor, **Joyce Manna Janto**, Deputy Director, and **Deborah Barlett**, Administrative Secretary. Tim's office number is L18, and his telephone number is 289-8218.

Joyce can be reached at 289-8223 or in room L15. Deb's telephone number is 289-8225; her office number is L17.

Please contact any library staff member if you need help or if you have questions and/or suggestions. Good luck for a very successful year!

MORE CHANGES IN COMPUTER LAB

All of the pentium processors in the Computer Lab have been upgraded to a Windows95 environment. The latest versions of Lexis-Nexis (4.2), Westlaw (Westmate 6.3 with Keycite) and Netscape Navigator have been added.

Please note that you can no longer save to the hard drive on any of the computers in the lab. Centurion software has been installed which reformats the drive after each use.

NEW FACES AT THE COMPUTER HELP DESK.

The friendly, smiling faces you are likely to run into at the computer assistance desk probably belong to David Falcon, John Jung, Rick Scott or Nicholas Blanchenay. These four gentlemen join Ahn Nguyen in providing student assistance at the Computer Services Help Desk. Computer Services staff are available at the end of the Reference/Computer Services desk nearest the computer lab, Monday-Friday, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., plus some week-end hours.

FALL SEMESTER COMPUTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

All training sessions will be held in room 114 unless otherwise noted. Training will take place between 12

Noon & 1:00 p.m each Thursday. Should you require additional training, please contact Dave Keats at 287-6687 or by e-mail at keats@uofrlaw.richmond.edu

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TOPIC</u> |
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| September 4 | Pegasus Mail |
| September 11 | WordPerfect |
| September 18 | Pegasus Mail |
| September 25 | Using the Internet |
| October 2 | Windows 95 |
| October 9 | WordPerfect |
| October 16 | Pegasus Mail |
| October 23 | Using the Internet |
| October 30 | Windows 95 |
| November 6 | WordPerfect |
| November 13 | Pegasus Mail |
| November 20 | Using the Internet |
| December 4 | Exam Taking and Your Laptop |

FALL BROWN BAG SESSIONS

In September, the law library will begin sponsoring monthly lunchtime research sessions. The first sessions set for the week of the 8th through the 12th will be geared toward First-year students and focus on the layout and holdings of the library. The sessions will last about thirty minutes, beginning at either 12:00 Noon, 12:30, or 1:00 P.M. Please sign up for your preferred time on the sign up sheet at the Reference Desk.

Additional sessions and topics will be announced on the Noticeboard.

FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ON THE INTERNET

Brandon D. Quarles,
Reference/Research Services
Librarian

A lawyer from rural Virginia recently stopped by the reference office. He was just beginning to work on a fascinating capital murder case that included an interesting variety of factual and legal issues. The most challenging aspect of the case was that it would be governed by the criminal laws and procedures of Trinidad and Tobago, about which the attorney knew next to nothing. He was starting his research from scratch and wanted to know how and where to begin.

Some of the most difficult questions patrons pose involve issues of foreign and international law. This difficulty is compounded by the fact that many of us work in libraries where the foreign law collection is less than comprehensive. While I can occasionally direct the patron who has a foreign law question to sources that we own, I have found over the past year or so that I can almost always find more complete information on the Internet. This is precisely what I did for this attorney and, while we were unable to locate as much as he would have liked, he was overjoyed with what we were able to find.

Several of my favorite foreign and international websites are listed below. They represent a very small sampling of what is

available on the Internet, and many other sites may be reached by following links from the listed sites.

Foreign and International Law (University of Chicago)

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/LibInfo/Law/intl.html>

Links include: Constitutions and Constitutional Courts; Comparative Law; Laws of Foreign Countries; Treaties; U.S. Foreign Affairs; European Union; Council of Europe; United Nations; Other International Organizations; War Crimes; Human Rights; International Trade; Intellectual Property; and International Law Journals

Foreign and International Law (Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington)

<http://www.law.indiana.edu/law/v-lib/non-us.html>

An alphabetical list of links that is fully searchable

Foreign and International Law Web (Washburn University)

<http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/forint/forintmain.html>

Includes: Foreign Law by Geographical Region (Africa, America, Asia, Europe, and Pacific); International Law by Topic (Constitutions, Criminal Law, Economic Resources, Environmental Laws, Genealogy, Human Rights, Intellectual Property, International Treaties, Public International Law, Tax Law, and Trading Law); Journals; International Organizations; Law Firms; and Listserv Archives

Foreign and International Law (Willamette University)

<http://www.willamette.edu/~slwis/forint.htm>

Links include: International Organizations; Treaties and Other International Agreements; Human

Rights; Foreign Relations; Foreign Constitutions and Constitutional Courts; Foreign Law and Government Sites; and Foreign and International Study Abroad

Guide to Law Online: Nations of the World (Library of Congress)

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/glin/nation.html>

An annotated list of links to the law of jurisdictions around the world

Legal Information Institute, Cornell University: Legal Material - By Source

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/source.html>

Links: Constitutions of the World; Decisions of the International Court of Justice; National Law Material (North America, South America, Australia and New Zealand, Asia, Europe, Middle East, and Africa); International Trade Law Materials; United Nations Materials; International Treaties; Treaties Dealing with the Environment; and more

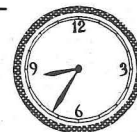
The U.S. House of Representatives Internet Law Library

<http://law.house.gov/52.htm>

Contains links to laws and treaties of other nations

Web addresses and the contents of web pages frequently change, and new sites are added on a daily basis. The usual warnings apply regarding the accuracy and currency of the information contained on the Web. However, legal transactions increasingly involve many nations and many different sets of laws, and the sites listed above often provide a good starting point in the research process. They also are useful when there is little or nothing available at your library or through commercial databases.

LIBRARY HOURS



Regular Hours

Mon - Thur

7:30 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Fri. 7:30 A.M. - 9 P.M.

Sat. 9:00 A.M. - 9 P.M.

Sun. 10:00 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Fall Break

To be announced. Remember to check the notice board.

Thanksgiving Holiday

Tue., November 25

7:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Wed., November 26

7:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Thurs., November 27

CLOSED

Fri., November 28

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Sat., November 29

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Exam Schedule

Fri., Dec. 5

7:30 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Sat., Dec. 6

9:00 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Sun., Dec. 7

10:00 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Mon - Thur . Dec. 8-11/15-18

7:30 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Fri., Dec. 19

7:30 A.M. - 6 P.M.

RESEARCH GUIDES

The Reference/Research Services department has designed a series of simple guides to help answer some basic research questions.

Check the oak display near the Reference Desk for the following and other handouts as they become available.

* GUIDE #1
DIRECTORIES OF
LAWYERS, LAW FIRMS,
COURTS & JUDGES

* GUIDE #2
BOOKS ON THE LAW
SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

*GUIDE #3
LOCATING LEGAL
PERIODICAL ARTICLES

* GUIDE #4
INTERPRETING CASE
CITATIONS

* GUIDE #5
FEDERAL REGISTER/CFR

* GUIDE #6
U.S. SUPREME COURT

* GUIDE #7
LOCATING U.S. TREATIES

* GUIDE #8
UNIFORM LAWS/ MODEL
ACTS

* GUIDE #9
VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE
CODE

* GUIDE #10
OPINIONS OF VIRGINIA
ATTORNEY GENERAL

* GUIDE #11
FEDERAL STATUTORY
MATERIALS

* GUIDE #12
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ON THE
WWW

* GUIDE #13
FEDERAL AND STATE COURT
OPINIONS ON THE WWW.

* GUIDE #14
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
PROCESS

* GUIDE #15
CALL NUMBER GUIDE

* GUIDE #16
SEARCHING THE ON-LINE
PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG

* GUIDE #17
POPULAR VIDEOS

* GUIDE #18
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE
HISTORY

* GUIDE #19
FEDERAL TAX RESEARCH

* GUIDE #20
FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL
LAW ON THE WWW

* GUIDE #21
FEDERAL TAX: LEGISLATIVE
HISTORY SOURCES

WORDS OF WISDOM...

The law is the witness and external deposit of our moral life. Its history is the history of the moral development of the race.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.,
Supreme Court Justice
January 8, 1897

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Point your browser to:

<http://law.richmond.edu/library/muselink.htm>

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