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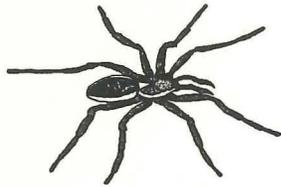


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MUSELETTER

Newsletter of the William Taylor Muse Law Library



University of Richmond

T.C. Williams School of Law



Welcome Back!

DAVID KEATS HEADS TO NEW YORK



David L. Keats, Computer Services Assistant, announced recently that he was resigning his position with the Law Library to return to his native New York. In New York David will begin working with a record company and hopes to pursue more actively his music career. David says that members of his Richmond-based band will follow him to New York within a couple of months.

David's last day with the Law Library was January 16, 1998. Dave joined the Law Library staff in July, 1996 as a part-time employee with primary responsibilities for training faculty, staff, and students to use software and Windows '95. Dave's position became a full-time position in the Spring of 1997. He quickly became a very valuable member of the Law Library staff and was consulted regularly and

frequently by students, faculty, and staff about both software and hardware issues.

Prior to his work with the University of Richmond Law Library Dave worked as a computer software trainer. He instructed corporate clients in multiple applications and operating systems, including Windows '95 and Windows NT. He also conducted seminars in Microsoft products at regional technology events. David was recognized for outstanding performance through client evaluations.

The Law School and Library staffs wish Dave much success in his new endeavors in New York.

FAREWELL, ALLEN

Joyce Manna Janto, Deputy Director of the Law Library

I have known, and worked with, Allen Moyer for almost ten years. I first came to know Allen when he worked for the Law Library at the Circulation Desk, while a law student. Allen quickly became recognized by all of us as



a superior student assistant. Unlike most student assistants, Allen saw his time at the desk as more than a way to make a few bucks. He had a genuine desire to learn library procedures and protocol. He also made several excellent suggestions to improving the workflow in the Circ area. We came to rely on Allen as an "unofficial" student supervisor. If there was a Saturday when no librarian could work, we would say, "that's OK, after all, Allen will be here." It was common for us to comment as graduation drew near that we wished we had a position to offer Allen, as we felt he would make an excellent librarian.

Shortly after his graduation, we did have a temporary position to offer Allen. I would be out for 8 weeks at the beginning of the Fall semester for maternity leave. This left the Library terribly shorthanded. In those days, we taught first-year legal research in the beginning of October. Allen joined the staff with a one semester appointment as a reference librarian. During that time Allen participated in a full range of activities, teaching legal research to first-year students, providing reference service to faculty and students, and preparing subject bibliographies. Allen was so impressive in his performance that then Dean Harbaugh was able to extend Allen's appointment through the second semester.

We did not lose touch with Allen after he left the Library as a full-time employee. We continued to use Allen as an adjunct professor in the first-year Lawyering Skills curriculum to teach Legal Research. He

not only taught in the program, but also helped to develop the library component of the Law Skills course.

Several years later, we were all extremely pleased when, after a national search, we were able to offer Allen a full-time position as a Reference/Research Services Librarian. Allen is an outstanding librarian. He has made a unique contribution to the development of the Law Library. None of us in the Library were surprised when Allen's merit was recognized, and he was offered the job of Associate Director for Public Services at George Mason University Law School Library.

We will all miss Allen as he leaves us for George Mason. He has been a good friend and a good colleague for many years. But we congratulate him on his new position and wish him well as he goes on to face new challenges.

NEW FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

The library changed its policy regarding food in the library last semester. Now students and other users may consume

"snack-type" foods in the library. "Snack-type" foods are foods that are totally consumable such as the packaged items purchased at vending machines (chips, cookies, candy bars, etc.), but not foods that leave cores,

peels, and other items that must be discarded and that will smell. Apples, oranges, and other fruits that are peeled, sectioned, or otherwise prepared at home and placed in closed containers are fine. However, pizza, soup, sandwiches, and other foods that are considered more substantial than just snacks are not permitted.

The beverage policy for students and other library users remains unchanged. Drinks are permitted in the library as long as they are in spill-proof containers. The library staff will ask you to remove drinks that are in non-acceptable containers.

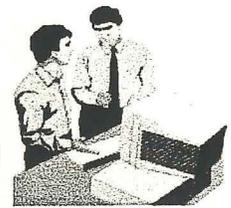


The library staff asks that you be considerate of others in your area of the library when you are eating. Many people are disturbed by the crackling sound of cellophane bags and other packaging. Also, please remove all foods from your carrels at night or when you leave the library. Food remaining in carrels attracts insects that can damage library books and furniture.

Neither food nor drink is permitted in the library's computer lab.

The staff hopes that this policy change will make using the library more enjoyable and convenient for you.

COMPUTER BITS & BYTES...



Considering buying a home computer? Take a look at this website first....

Guide to Buying a Home Computer:

<http://www.css.msu.edu/pc-guide.html>

Want to learn a little bit more about Windows 95 ?

Try, this ..

Guide to Windows 95: beginner/intermediate users:

<http://www.css.msu.edu/Windows95/>

LIBRARY HOURS

Regular Hours

Monday - Thursday
7:30A.M.-12 Midnight

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

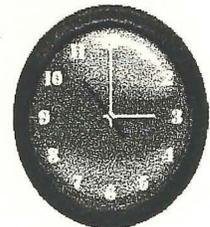
Saturday
9:00 A.M.-9P.M.

Sunday
10:00 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Spring Break

Fri. March 6
7:30-6:00P.M.

Sat. March 7/ Sun. March 8
CLOSED



Mon. March 9 & Tues. March 10
7:30 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.

Wed. March 11
7:30 A.M.-8:00P.M.

Thurs. March 12 & Fri. Mar. 13
7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Sat. March 14
1:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.

Exam Schedule

Mon. April 27-Fri. May 1
7:30 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Saturday May 2
9:00 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Sunday May 3
10:00 A.M. - 12 Midnight

Mon. May 4-Thurs. May 7
7:30 A.M - 12 Midnight

Friday May 8.
7:30 A.M. - 6 P.M.

An article on **Foreign and International law on the Internet** written by our very own Brandon Quarles, Reference/Research Services Librarian, and published in the Fall, 1997 *MUSELETTER*, was recently cited in an issue of *Law Librarians Bulletin Board*, Vol 9, Number 4, p. 3 [Dec.15, 1997]

Below is a reprint of a review Brandon recently wrote for the *Southeastern Law Librarian Newsletter* [Vol.23 Num.1,Winter, 1998 p.7] on alternative careers for lawyers.

BOOK REVIEW

Arron, Deborah L. What Can You Do With a Law Degree? A

Lawyer's Guide to Career Alternatives Inside, Outside & Around the Law. Seattle: Niche Press, 1997.

Billables. Downsizing. The adversarial system. Long hours. Exposure to malpractice claims. A substantial decrease in civility among practitioners. The "jealous mistress".

A combination of these and other factors have left some lawyers yearning to leave the profession. Arron explains that dissatisfied lawyers (and law students) should not feel locked into practicing law for the next 30 or 40 years before enjoying their lives. A law degree equips one with many "transferable skills" that lead to unlimited career opportunities. This book contains a number of self-assessment and other exercises to help lawyers identify their skills, interests and values in order to obtain the job/career that they really want. It also provides practical advice regarding interviews, resumes, cover letters, networking, and more.

Throughout the book, Arron addresses a wide variety of issues that often face lawyers who wish to leave the profession, including: resistance to change; making the transition financially and emotionally; dealing with friends and family members who second-guess the decision to pursue another career; and convincing potential employers that they are really committed to the position. The book is well indexed and also contains six appendices.

Among the appendices are briefly-annotated bibliographies of

resources to help lawyers deal with change and supplemental self-assessment resources. The bibliographies include contact information, names of programs and associations, URLs for websites, and more.

Two of the appendices list and/or describe over 700 positions that people with law degrees have secured in approximately 25 broad fields, including: arts and entertainment; education; government; information science; publishing; and technology. They also list print and online resources to help in researching the positions.

This book is a tremendous resource for law students who aren't certain whether they really want to practice law and for lawyers for whom the practice of law has not turned out to be everything they thought it would be. Highly recommended.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SIGNS

Sally Wambold, Technical Services Librarian



In the Law Library there are signs posted to help users. The most obvious of these signs are the range signs that tell what call numbers are shelved in a particular range. These are invaluable time savers.

Less obvious are the book surrogates, better known as book dummies. They are blocks of cardboard, usually black, with information telling where a book is shelved. These book dummies are placed where a person might logically look for a book, when the book is actually shelved elsewhere. Again, these are designed to save time.

The Law Library staff is constantly seeking to improve access to the collection. Signs are one of the ways we do this. Your suggestions for better ways to help find materials are always welcome.

Words of Wisdom.....

"Strange when you come to think of it, that of all the countless folk who have lived before our time on this planet not one is known in history or in legend as having died of laughter."

Sir Max Beerbohm
(1872-1956)
English essayist, critic and caricaturist.

Need more humor in your life? Here are some suggested readings from our collection:

It takes two judges to try a cow: and other strange legal twists., Eric Chodak and Barry Seltzer.(Scarborough,Ont. Prism Pub., c1993.)
K183 .C46 1993

Legally correct fairy tales.
David Fisher.[New York: Warner Books, c1996.]
PN6231.L4 F57 1996

Skid marks :common jokes about lawyers .
Michael Rafferty, ed. [Bollinas, Calif.:Shelter Pub., c1988.]
N6231.L4 F57 1996

Trials & tribulations : appealing legal humor : a collection
Daniel R. White, ed.[Highland Park, NJ : [New York]:Catbird Press ; Indp. Pub. Group. [distributor], c1989.
K184.T74 1989

More legal fictions : a series of cases from Shakespeare, reported by A. Laurence Polak & illustrated by Diana Pullinger, Holmes Beach, FL : Wm. W. Gaunt, 1995).
K183.P642 1995

Loony laws : that you never knew you were breaking.

Robert Wayne Pelton.[New York : Walker and Company, 1990.]
PN6321.L4 P4 1990

The official rules for lawyers, politicians-- and everyone they torment /compiled by] Paul Dickson.[New York : Walker]
K184.036 1996

Juris-jocular : an anthology of modern American legal humor / compiled by Ronald L. Brown.
[Littleton, CO : F.B. Rothman
PN 6231.L4 1988

29 reasons not to go to law school /
by Ralph Warner, Toni Ihara & Barbara Kate Repa ; illustrated by Mari Stein.
Berkeley : Nolo Press, 1994
KF297.Z9 W33 1994

The young lawyer's jungle book : a survival guide /
Thane Josef Messinger.
[Honolulu, Hawaii : The Fine Print Press, 1996]
KF297.Z9 M48 1996

Explaining the inexplicable : the Rodent's guide to lawyers /
by the Rodent.
[New York : Pocket Books, 1995].
K184 .R63 1995

My first year as a lawyer :real-world stories from America's lawyers / Mark Simenhoff, ed..
[New York : Walker and Co.1994.]
K184 .M9 1994

Editor's Farewell & Thanks

This is my last issue as editor of the *Museletter*. I am leaving UR at the end of January to take a position at George Mason University in Northern Virginia. The *Museletter* serves an important function for the law school community. In addition to being a reliable resource for communications from the library, I hope it has been informative and entertaining.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to "resurrect" the library's newsletter and thank every student, faculty and staff member for their support and encouragement.

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