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# MUSELETTER

Newsletter of the William Taylor Muse Law Library

## Darla Haney Joins Library Staff

Darla A. Haney recently joined the Law Library staff as a Reference and Research Services Librarian. She is working in the library on a part-time, temporary basis while the library searches for a permanent replacement for Allen Moye. Allen recently left the UR Law Library to join the staff at the George Mason University School of Law Library.

Darla holds the Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.A. in Journalism from Georgia State University. She has worked in libraries or library-related positions since 1987. Darla was the branch librarian for Long, Aldridge, and Norman in Atlanta, GA, for 4 years, managed the library for another law firm in Atlanta for two years, and most recently was the director of library services for Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts in New York City.

Darla works at the reference desk Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and in the reference office from 12:30-1:00 p.m. Please stop by, say hello and join the library staff in welcoming Darla.

### REMINDER

**DRINKS PERMITTED IN THE LIBRARY  
IN SPILLPROOF CONTAINERS ONLY**

## Brownbag Research Seminars

The library staff will be offering the following research seminars this semester in Room 102 from 12:00 - 12:45. Please bring your lunch and a drink. The library will provide dessert!

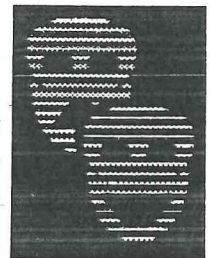


February 18th - Environmental Law  
March 4th - Litigation Support  
March 18th - Legislative History  
April 1st - Summer Associate Research  
April 15th - Federal Tax

## Acting for Attorneys

by Ann Bucci, Cataloging Assistant

What do *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *A Soldier's Story*, *Philadelphia*, *Law and Order*, *The Practice* and *L.A. Law* all have in



common? Okay, besides having good-looking actors as leads? That's right! Spellbinding closing arguments and cross-examinations that have the jury and the audience mesmerized. Other than having David Kelly write your closing argument and Denzel Washington deliver it, have you wondered how effective you will be during a jury trial, appellate argument or deposition?

If so, you might be interested in checking out a new CLE class (Acting for Attorneys) that is being offered in March by the University of



Richmond School of Continuing Studies. Built on the idea that the courtroom is the ultimate drama, course participants will learn ways to apply basic acting techniques during oral presentations. The course will begin with physical and vocal warm-ups that are designed to increase performance during high-pressure litigation. Next, the class will learn how vocal inflection, character development and theater games can be used to create dynamic presentations. Learn how to get noticed!

The class is being taught by me and Amy Berlin. We both have many years of acting and improvisation experience as well as law degrees. You may also catch us in Henrico County Theater's Festival of One-Acts February 12-15 and 19-22.

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## Internet Site of the Month

by Darla Haney, Reference/Research  
Services Librarian

The Code of Virginia is now available on the Web at <http://leg1.state.va.us/000/src.htm>. Users have the option of searching the site using familiar connectors like "and," "or," "and not" and "not". An asterisk(\*) can be used as a wild card - like the ! on Westlaw or Lexis/Nexis. Searching for "judici\*" will find statutes with the words judiciary, judicial, judicious or judicator. Make sure you look over the link to "search examples". You can also browse the table of contents. It's not as sophisticated as Westlaw or Lexis, but then again, it's free, and it's a good site to know about, especially for students who are about to enter the workforce, where money matters.

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## Student Library Advisory Committee

The members of the Student Library Advisory Committee are John Corbally, Shannon Kroeger, Everett Lupton, Teddy Midkiff, Anne Sterling, and Heather Stevenson. They were appointed at the beginning of the year by SBA President Wendell Taylor. The group recently selected Everett Lupton as Chair of the committee.

The committee met for the first time on February 9 with Timothy Coggins, Director of the Law Library and Joyce Manna Janto, Deputy Director. They discussed a variety of issues, including: an update about the library vacancies; the 1L computer selection process and update; reactions to the change in the food policy; photocopiers; library hours; and printing in the computer lab.

The committee also wants everyone to know that the student computer assistants will be posting tips to the noticeboard once a week. They will address Word Perfect, Windows, P-mail, the Internet and other computer-related issues. The suggestions will be posted under "Answers to Computer Questions" on the main noticeboard.

Please contact the committee members with any issues you would like to raise concerning the library.

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## Reminder: February Bar Exam Takers

If you have a carrel in the Law Library assigned to you while you are preparing to take the Virginia Bar Exam, please remember that you must empty your carrel and return the carrel key to Deborah Barlett in the Library Administrative Office (L17) before leaving to take the bar exam. You must contact Mrs. Barlett at 289-8225 if you wish to make other arrangements.

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