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MUSELETTER

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LIBRARY RESPONDS TO STUDENT SURVEY WITH SERIES OF LEGAL RESEARCH/ COMPUTER CLASSES

In response to a recent student survey about library policies, the Reference Librarians and Computer Services Assistant began a series of brownbag refresher courses on various topics. The series started in January and will continue throughout the semester on Wednesdays at Noon in Room 114. You bring your lunch and the library will supply soft drinks and dessert.



The following is the schedule of the remaining classes for the Spring semester. Legal research courses are in standard type; computer related courses are in *italics*:

- February 23:* *WordPerfect advanced formatting*
- March 1: Comparison of citators: Shepard's v. Keycite
- March 15:* *Presentation software*
- March 22: Legislative History
- March 29:* *Spreadsheet applications*
- April 5: Internet legal sites
- April 12:* *Exam preparation*
- April 19:* *Exam preparation*

Reminders will be posted on the doors entering the library. The courses are designed to polish your research and computer skills in specialized areas to prepare you for summer jobs.

Thanks to everyone who responded to the library survey. A complete analysis of comments and plans for implementation of new policies will be distributed soon.

SPRING 2000

Regular Hours

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight
Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Midnight
Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Spring Break

Friday, March 3: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat., March 4 to Sun., March 5: CLOSED
Mon., March 6 to Fri., March 10: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat., March 11: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., March 12: Resume Regular Hours



Celebrate Black History Month

The Library of Congress is promoting it's African-American pamphlet collection, 1824-1909, entitled "From Slavery to Freedom." Point your browser to <http://memory.loc.gov> to explore this vast collection.

Lexis-Nexis v. Westlaw: Core Concepts v. Headnotes

Headnotes have been found exclusively in West's case reporters for well over a century. This digest system, or "outline of the law" also appears in West's online service, Westlaw, to organize case law research and link a researcher from one digest topic and keynumber to another with one click of the mouse. To compete with West's value-added tools, Lexis recently introduced "core concepts." They are described by Lexis as "key legal points of a case drawn directly from the language of the court." The concept designation is linked to enable the researcher to jump directly to the decision language corresponding to the core concept.

"Case Summaries" are another value-added source of Lexis, which provides a concise analysis to help you quickly determine the issues addressed. Summaries are written by Lexis editors in three parts:

- ▶ Procedural posture: describes the case's procedural history — how this case arrived before the court at hand.
- ▶ Overview: Provides a brief review of the court's holding on the legal issues raised.
- ▶ Outcome: Describes the procedural disposition of the case.

Lexis' new enhancements are being released as new cases are added to the system. The schedule for significant releases in case summaries is as follows:

1st Quarter 2000: All caselaw since 9/1/99 (excluding Supreme Court cases which currently retain their *Lawyer's Edition* headnotes) landmark decision in: Federal/State tax cases; Federal/State securities cases; Patent and copyright cases.

2nd Quarter 2000: Landmark decision in: State trademark cases; Federal/State UCC cases; Bankruptcy & immigration cases.

3rd Quarter 2000: Landmark decision in: Federal/State Antitrust & trade regulations cases; Federal/State banking cases.

A student once asked during online computer training, "how do you get beyond this superfluous stuff?" If you are anxious to get to the meat of the decision, and don't appreciate wading through this extra language, Lexis allows you to profile your access to eliminate these new services. Just click on "hide core concepts."

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