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Welcome New and Returning Students

The library and technology 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 needs and questions. Our goal is make certain that you receive the assistance in the library and technology areas to help you complete successfully your classroom and other law school related projects. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Before I introduce you to the staff, let me mention several new developments from this summer.

- New Online Catalog: Check out the library catalog. Dynix is gone and has been replaced with the Endeavor Voyager product, a much easier to use system.
- Reference & Computer Assistance: Note that we now have separate desks for computer assistance and reference assistance. The Computer Help Desk is nearer the Computer Lab. The Reference Desk is now on the same side of the room as the Circulation Desk.
- Special Collections & Reference Offices: The old reference office has been turned into a special collections facility. New offices for reference librarians are located near the Circulation Desk and the photocopiers.
- Printers in Computer Lab: We have added an additional newer, faster speed printer to the Computer Lab. The new printer, Stevens, is similar to Ginsburg and O'Connor, which can print 18 pages per minute and hold 1,100 sheets of paper each. We hope to be able to replace the Rehnquist printer next summer.
- Study Rooms: Take a look at the group study rooms in the basement. They have been re-carpeted and painted and also have new tables and chairs. We've added prints on the wall as well. You should enjoy studying and meeting in a group in these new rooms. Groups receive preference for the use of the rooms, but an individual student can use a room if there is no group conflict.
- Overhead Data Projectors: We added overhead data projectors to two more classrooms (205 & 206) this summer.
- Wireless network technology: The Moot Court Room is equipped with wireless network technology. If you want to take advantage of the wireless technology, check out a wireless card at the Circulation Desk. You can use the wireless network in the Atrium area, and the connection extends to the plaza at the front of the Law School.
Muse
Library
Facts

In 1928 the Law Library expanded its collection to 7,500 volumes to meet ABA accreditation standards. Today, the collection has over 300,000 volumes.

Look for an announcement about a Fall celebration of that milestone.

Staff

Very soon in your law school career you will need help with research and technology. The library’s Reference/Research Services Librarians, Gail Zwirner and John Barden, are available to help you with both traditional and electronic legal research questions. Other librarians, Paul Birch, Timothy Coggins, Joyce Manna Janto, Sally Wambold, and James Wirrell, assist with reference and research assistance as well and handle other responsibilities, including teaching in the first year Lawyering Skills program.

The Circulation Desk staff will help you with reserve materials, checking out library materials, photocopier questions, location of materials, and other related issues. James Wirrell is the library’s Circulation/Reference Services Librarian. He oversees the operations of the Circulation Desk, supervises the student assistants at the desk, provides reference assistance, and teaches in the first year Lawyering Skills program. W. Lois Brown, Circulation Assistant, can assist you with your circulation, reserve, and other issues. We hope to add another Circulation Assistant by the end of August. Paul Birch is the library’s Computer Services Librarian. He works at the Reference Desk and provides technology assistance to faculty who are incorporating technology into the classroom. Kimberly Wiseman, Computer Services Assistant, is responsible for training and supervision of the Computer Help Desk operations. She also troubleshoots hardware and software problems, solves many problems herself, but refers other problems to Paul and others. Alison Merner, the library’s Network Administrator, manages the Law School’s servers and network. Law and some undergraduate students staff the Computer Help Desk. They, along with the permanent staff, are happy to help you with software and hardware questions and/or problems.

The library’s Technical Services division organizes the collection to guarantee that you can find what you need for your courses and research. The staff orders library materials, catalogs and classifies the new materials, and handles many other related duties, including the distribution of newspapers and magazines, the shelving of library materials, binding, and looseleaf filing. Technical Services staff includes Sally Wambold, Technical Services Librarian; Janette Alsworth, Library Associate; Timothy Edwards and Bob Weertman, Library Assistants. John Bric, a part-time Library Assistant, is responsible for filing. There are two vacancies among our technical services staff, one full-time and one part-time position. Staff at the Circulation and Reference Desks will direct you to the offices of Technical Services personnel.

Administrative staff of the library are Timothy L. Coggins, Director & Associate Professor of Law, Joyce Manna Janto, Deputy Director, and Deborah Barlett, Administrative Assistant. Coggins directs and teaches in the first year Lawyering Skills program; Janto also teaches in the Lawyering Skills program and teaches Professional Responsibility during summer school.

If you have any questions about library policies, including hours, operations, and laptop requirements, or any suggestions and recommendations, do not hesitate to contact any of us.

Enjoy the coming year. Welcome again!

Timothy L. Coggins
Director & Associate Professor of Law
FROM APHRODITE TO QUARKS:
APPLYING FOR JUDICIAL CLERKSHPIS

A recent ABC News broadcast featured a 6th Circuit judge, Danny Boggs, who has served successfully as a "phone a friend" to two of his law clerks on the popular game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Not only does Judge Boggs have a personal interest in general knowledge trivia, but he also gives a test to the applicants for his coveted clerkships.

Judge Boggs said that the test helps him find more interesting clerks, but apparently also helps the clerks too. Three have made it to the "hot seat." Here are some of the questions:

1. What does the Herfindahl-Hirschman index measure?
2. Distinguish Roy M. Cohn from Roy G. Biv.
3. Name three quarks.
4. What capital of a European country is the farthest north? South?
5. Who was Atahualpa?
6. What was Cinque?
7. Who was Matthew Brady?
8. Name two Shakespeare plays that begin with "King."
10. Who is Eudora Welty?

The full list of 71 questions is available at http://www.abcnews.com. In the search box type "Boggs."

Career Services can offer strategies for seeking a clerkship, and the Fall is the time to get started. Consult Beverly Boone for more information.

The Museletter Editor has witnessed Judge Boggs' eccentricities first-hand. His first non-bench judicial activity after his appointment in 1986 was performing the marriage ceremony of Gail Zwirner and Paul Feine. Gail's husband worked with Judge Boggs at the Federal Power Commission and then the Department of Energy when Danny was Deputy Secretary.
Recent Faculty Publications

Asizah al-Hibri
RELIGION IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE: LIVING WITH OUR DEEPEST DIFFERENCES (Norton 2001) (with Jean Elshitan and Charles Haynes)

Hamilton Bryson
VIRGINIA LAWBOOKS: ESSAYS AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES (American Philosophical Society 2000)

John Douglass
Fatal Attraction: The Uneasy Courtship of Brady and Plea Bargaining, 50 EMORY L.J. 437 (2001)

Mary Heen

Ann Hodges


Arbitration of Statutory Claims in the Unionized Workplace is Bargaining with the Union Required?, 16 OHIO ST. J. ON DISP. RESOL. (2001)

ONE-L Online Legal Research and Bluebook Training (Required)
Sign up at the Reference Desk for one of each of the three training sessions — Westlaw, Lexis, and Bluebook.

Weeks of August 27, September 3, September 10

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