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# Museletter

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## Fall 2008 Regular Hours

Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Midnight

Monday - Thursday

7:30 a.m. - Midnight

Friday

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.



## Changes at the Law Library

By Suzanne B. Corriell

Welcome – or welcome back – to school! The Law Library has made some changes in recent months that we are excited to share with you.

First and foremost, we are thrilled to have two new staff members! **Lori S. Mears** is the new Public Services Assistant. Lori has a B.A. in English from Randolph-Macon College and is beginning an online program to complete an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. **Amy L. O'Connor** began working as the Cataloging Library Associate in July. Amy has a B.A. in History from VCU and is currently working toward an M.L.S. at the University of South Florida. She will complete her Master's in Library Science in December 2008. She has previously worked in the Glen Allen Branch library (public services), VCU Libraries (interlibrary loan), and the John Tyler Community College Library.

You may also notice that we have some beautiful new furniture on the first floor. We have added additional seating in the areas across from the Reference Desk, as well as in the reference hallway. Because of this remodeling, print versions of the U.S. Code are now located before the bathrooms in the reference hallway; the C.F.R. and other materials that were previously on the right-hand side of the hallway are located after the photocopiers.

Because of these upgrades – and some spills that have created permanent stains – we will be enforcing the current policy requiring food and drinks. Beverages are permitted in approved spill-proof containers only. These containers include the Law Library mug given to you at orientation (or similar mugs), bottles with caps, and commercial paper/styrofoam containers with lids. Open cups and cans are not permitted. Please wipe up moisture from cold and hot drinks in order to avoid drink rings on the new library tables. “Snack-type” foods are permitted. These include crackers, chips, pretzels, candy or cold sandwiches that have no odor. Hot foods such as pizza, chicken, subs, hot sandwiches and hamburgers will not be permitted.

Proper disposal of food and drink litter is essential. We realize that accidents do happen – if you spill something, please contact a staff member. We appreciate your cooperation!

Another major change in the reference hallway: the men's room and the women's room have swapped sides. Double-check the door before you enter!



## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

By Timothy L. Coggins

The library and technology staff is excited to be among those who welcome you to the Law School. We look forward to working with you to find the legal and other information resources you need for your studies as well as helping you with your technology needs and questions. The primary goal for us is to make certain that you receive the library and technology assistance that will enable you to successfully complete your classroom and other law school related projects. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Introducing to you the talented group of individuals in the Law Library who will be available to assist you is my pleasure. **Suzanne Corriell** is the Reference and Research Services Librarian; she can assist you with legal research and reference questions. Other librarians, **Paul Birch**, **Timothy Coggins**, **Joyce Manna Janto** and **Gail Zwirner**, are also available to help you with reference and research assistance as well as handling their responsibilities in other areas. **Lori Mears**, Public Services Assistant, provides administrative support to the entire reference team. A reference librarian is available at the library's Reference Desk from 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Monday–Thursday; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Friday; and 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Law librarians also teach in the first year Lawyering Skills program. A tip for you – pay close attention in Legal Research. You'll be happy that you did since what you learn in Legal Research will help you in all your Law School courses and in your practice years after graduation!

The library's Access Services Department staff assists you with reserve materials, checking out library materials, photocopier questions, location of materials and other related issues. **Gail Zwirner**, Head of Access Services, supervises Access Services and the student assistants at the desk and provides reference assistance. **W. Lois Brown**, Circulation Library Associate, will help with your circulation and reserve requests and other issues. You will find either a full-time library staff member or a student assistant at the Circulation Desk at all hours that the library is open.

The library's Computer and Technology Services staff handles your laptop, software, email, network and other technology questions that you might have. **Paul Birch**, Computer Services Librarian, provides technology assistance to faculty who are integrating technology into the classroom and serves as the Law School's web master. **Kimberly Wiseman**, Computer Services Assistant, supervises the Computer Help Desk and Law Library Computer Lab operations, troubleshoots hardware and software problems and trains users about various programs used at the Law School. Law and other students with computer expertise assist Ms. Wiseman at the Computer Help Desk. **Alison Harvey**, the library's Network Administrator, manages the Law School's servers and network, including the wireless network. **Carl Hamm**, Multimedia Technician, handles all audio-visual operations and makes certain that classroom data projectors and other equipment are working efficiently and appropriately.

The library's Technical Services Department maintains the collection in an orderly manner, orders library materials, catalogs and classifies new materials, files new materials and other supplementation and handles many other related duties, including the distribution of newspapers and magazines, the shelving of library materials, binding and loose leaf filing.

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**Sally Wambold** is the Technical Services Librarian, and you're likely to see her at the library's Reference Desk occasionally since she substitutes for other law librarians. Other Technical Services staff includes **Janette Morgan**, Serials & Acquisitions Manager; **Timothy Edwards**, Collection Management Library Associate; **Kathy Salandro**, Serials/Acquisitions Library Associate; and **Amy O'Connor**, Cataloging Library Associate. **John Bric** is a part-time Library Assistant who is responsible for filing the many types of supplementation for legal materials. Undergraduate students assist the library staff with technical services functions.

The Administration of the Law Library consists of **Timothy L. Coggins**, Associate Dean for Library and Information Services & Professor of Law, **Joyce Manna Janto**, Deputy Director, and **Deborah Barlett**, Law Library Operations Manager. The administrative office staff is responsible for overall library operations, including budgets, facilities, personnel, and coordination with other departments at the Law School and the University. If you have any questions about library policies, do not hesitate to ask. In addition to teaching in the first year Lawyering Skills program, Professor Coggins and Professor Janto teach upper level courses – Advanced Legal Research and Professional Responsibility.

The Student Bar Association works closely with the Law Library staff through a Student Library Advisory Committee. In addition to addressing your questions to library staff members, you should feel free to talk with members of the student committee.

If you have any questions and any suggestions or recommendations, please contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Enjoy the coming year. Welcome again!

Timothy L. Coggins  
Associate Dean for Library and Information Services and Professor of Law

### Pop Quiz! Food and Beverage Policy

Beverages are allowed in approved spill-proof containers only. This includes:

- A. Cans
- B. Bottles with caps
- C. Mugs and cups with lids
- D. A, B, and C
- E. B and C, but not A

“Snack-type” foods are permitted. This includes:

- A. Goldfish crackers
- B. Quarter Pounders (with cheese)
- C. Snickers bars
- D. C only
- E. A and C, but not B



(answers can be found on page 4)

**LAW AT THE MOVIES: *SWING VOTE***

By Gail F. Zwirner

Any political junkie should abandon the evening pundit cable news circuit to see *Swing Vote*, where the Federal Election Commission dusts off previously unused regulations to break a tie in a presidential election. In this unlikely situation, a power outage causes the final and tie-breaking vote in a county in New Mexico to go uncounted. Whichever candidate wins New Mexico's five electoral votes will win the election as well. Each candidate has ten days to convince the voter how to cast his ballot.

Kevin Costner plays the role of Bud Johnson, someone who has never voted, but promised his twelve-year-old daughter Molly that he would vote this year. Role model does not come to mind in describing Bud. He's a lousy parent, a drunk, recently fired from his job, and seems uninterested in his privilege to vote.

All roles were perfectly cast. Madeline Carroll debuted in the role of Molly, the daughter who actually served as caregiver to Bud. Expect to see her again. Kelsey Grammer played the Republican incumbent. He relived the pomposity that worked well in his *Fraiser* role. It was tough to get *Easy Rider* out of my head when Dennis Hopper came on the screen as the Democratic candidate, but he cleaned up well. Nathan Lane and Stanley Tucci played the Democratic/Republican campaign managers, respectively. They were both brilliant. A very sad scene was a trip Molly made to find her mother when Bud "called her bluff" for the last time. She went from bad to worse when she found a drug-dependent mother, played by Mare Winningham, who supposedly was close to a big recording deal. The scene was heart-wrenching, but performed exquisitely by both Ms. Carroll and Ms. Winningham.

The leading role in the film was that of the "flip-flopper." Both candidates went out of their way to let Bud hear what he wanted to hear. Actually, we don't have to spend \$9.00 to experience that kind of campaigning in the next couple of months; but if you want a break from *Hardball*, *Swing Vote* is an entertaining diversion.

Pop Quiz Answers: 1.E, 2.E

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