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**Law Library Alerts: Bridge the Gap**

Are you prepared for your upcoming employment or internship? Starting a new job or internship can be intimidating, but these Bridge the Gap sessions will help you be prepared, be professional, and access the resources you'll need to succeed in the workplace. Whether you're starting a summer internship after your first year of law school or graduating and moving to full-time employment, Bridge the Gap will familiarize you with the many considerations that go into your work: everything from efficient research and keeping up-to-date on legal issues to professionalism and working within the legal community.

**All sessions will take place from 12:00-12:50 in Room L30. Lunch will be provided for registered attendees--sign up for any or all of these sessions at the Law Library Reference Desk!**

- **Monday, March 30th** – Judicial Clerkships, with Virginia Supreme Court Senior Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy
- **Tuesday, March 31st** – FastCase and Practice Materials
- **Wednesday, April 1st** – Westlaw in the Workplace
- **Monday, April 6th** – Advanced Databases & Dockets
- **Wednesday, April 8th** – LexisNexis in the Workplace
- **Monday, April 13th** – Professionalism in the Legal Workplace, with Recruitment Coordinator Sarah Hallock of Williams Mullen
- **Tuesday, April 14th** – Research Strategies & Alerts
- **Wednesday, April 15th** – Student Employment Panel

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**Gail Zwirner, Head of Access Services, to Retire After a Career Spanning 42 Years**

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**Spring Break 2015 Library Hours**

During Spring Break, the library will have modified hours:

- **Spring Break (March 6 – March 15, 2015)**
  - Friday, March 6: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - Sat., March 7 & Sun., March 8: CLOSED
  - Mon., March 9 – Friday, March 13: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, March 14: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, March 15: Resume regular hours
Gail Zwirner, Head of Access Services in the Law Library, will retire on April 3, 2015. Ms. Zwirner has provided exemplary reference and research assistance to the Law School's faculty, students, and other users since 1998, when she joined the Law Library as a reference and research services librarian. She was promoted to a new position as head of access services, where she combined supervision and management of the circulation desk, reserves, interlibrary borrowing and lending and other duties to her role as a reference librarian and teacher. Since she joined the Law Library, Ms. Zwirner has taught legal research in the first-year curriculum.

Ms. Zwirner began her career as a librarian for law firms specializing in energy transportation. That role took her all over the country from Washington to Alaska, Florida, Kansas, and Pennsylvania before returning to D.C. An opportunity to join Hunton & Williams as a librarian brought her, along with her late husband who also worked in the energy business, to Richmond. After 25 years as a librarian in several law firms, Ms. Zwirner decided that it was time to join the academic law library world.

Professionally, Ms. Zwirner’s service is extensive. She served as President of the Virginia Association of Law Libraries, on the board of the Richmond Public Library, and as a member of numerous library association committees. She developed and manages a relationship between law librarians and the editor of *Virginia Lawyer* to publish at least one article about legal research or related topic in every issue of *Virginia Lawyer*. She played an instrumental role in the creation of the *Virginia Administrative Code* when she worked with attorneys, law librarians and others to persuade the General Assembly that Virginia needed a codified version of its administrative rules and regulations. Ms. Zwirner’s knowledge of Virginia primary and secondary law publications is unsurpassed. She serves as the general editor of Virginia CLE’s *Guide to Legal Research in Virginia*, the most comprehensive resource published about Virginia legal research, and she authored several chapters in the most recent edition at that research guide.

Associate Dean for Library and Information Services Timothy L. Coggins stated recently, “Ms. Zwirner’s retirement leaves a real void at the Law Library. She’s been phenomenal, serving as an important advisor, mentor, and friend to faculty, students, librarians and others here and making so many valuable contributions to the Law Library and its users over the years. We will miss her tremendously.”

After retirement, Ms. Zwirner will continue, not surprisingly, to serve libraries and their users. She’s a member of the Richmond Public Library Board and will become Chair of that Board in July 2015.

Best wishes, Gail, from all of us at the Law School and the Law Library.