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Director's Message

Spring Break is almost here! We hope everybody can take this time to relax, renew, and maybe catch up on reading. Spring brings change to the weather and will bring change to the law library. We're sad to bid farewell to Mason Ramsey, but we wish him well in his new pursuits. Change is also coming with renovations this summer, and we continue to add new books and resources.

Enjoy the time in March away from the classroom. We'll be here when you return, with the places and publications you need to succeed.

-Dean Skalbeck

Library News

**Construction has come to the law school!** If you are already tiring of the dulcet sounds of jackhammering while studying or the sweet smell of tar and solder drifting through your classrooms, you are not alone. You may be feeling some extra anxiety about the uncertainty of the construction schedule and wondering how it will impact your studying or bar prep. We want to assure you that we will keep you informed
as best we can with the information we have. You will find our most recent updates on the MuseNews Blog under the tag "Library Renovation." Just remember that we are building toward a better law school. In the words of Adrienne Clarkson, "Each of us is carving a stone, erecting a column, or cutting a piece of stained glass in the construction of something much bigger than ourselves." For now, let's catch up on the news.

**Saying Farewell to Mason Ramsey**

Mason Ramsey's last day as our Technology Services Specialist at the University of Richmond School of Law is March 9, 2022. Join us in wishing him well in his new career!

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**Featured Resources**

**HOW TO : Easily locate and jump to specific topics in a Panopto lecture recording**

Have you ever wanted to skip to the part of the class recording where your professor talked about a specific term or topic? There's a really easy way to do that!

**Want to sharpen your legal writing?**

In this episode of the ABA's Modern Law Library Podcast, Judge Robert E. Bacharach of the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals dives into the science of psycholinguists to teach lawyers and judges about how written words persuade an audience.
Materials Update

We added 87 new books to our collection this month, including 17 titles in the Tax Management portfolio series. You can also search taxation topics on the Tax Management Portfolios Collection online. Browse the Law Library’s latest resources on our updated materials list.


Things to Consider
Black History Month—A Celebration
By Alex Clay Hutchings

February is Black History Month, and the Muse Law Library is proud to present our celebration of Black achievement in the law. Here you will find the full collection of the 47 slides exhibited throughout the Library this month, each one documenting a different Black trailblazer or icon. The people featured here all displayed resounding courage and perseverance as they struggled against injustices and abuses at the hands of an oppressive, bigoted system. You will find lawyers and judges, writers and artists, and civil rights activists all connected by the common thread of a dedication to racial justice. Continue reading...

Student Services Corner
Student Selfie Contest Winners!

So this is how you study!

Congratulations to all our Student Selfie Contest winners! Check out the hilarious ways our students multitask while studying. Grand Prize goes to Abigail Scanga Blackburn (above), who will receive a $50 Amazon Gift Card. And a big thanks to our distinguished panel of professors who judged your submissions: Profs. Janice Craft, Carl Tobias, Hank Chambers,
Danielle Stokes, Ashley Dobbs, and Jack Preis.

All entrants will also receive Lexis points!

Second Prize: Jesse Cooper - $30 Amazon Gift Card

Third Prize: Kaylee Johnson - $20 Amazon Gift Card
Runner-Up: Becca Lovelace - $10 Amazon Gift Card
All prizes provided by LexisNexis.

The Facepalm
Legal News to Make You 🙄
Welcome to the brave new world of the Zoom Courtroom! Sure, the pandemic has been staggeringly stressful, but it has provided more than a few chuckles as we wrestle with our new work-from-home tech. Here are just a few examples of law + Zoom = disaster.

The ultra-viral "lawyer cat" tops this list. Texas attorney Rod Ponton zoomed into a civil forfeiture hearing as usual, except for one tiny detail—he was unaware that his kids had set up a kitten Zoom filter. Watch in mortifying horror as Ponton-the-Cat struggles to remove the filter before a very unimpressed judge, imploring that he, indeed, is "NOT a cat."

Next in the cavalcade of legal cringe is the Florida man (of course) who showed up to his virtual divorce hearing shirtless and in a bathing suit. In an email response to this guy's very contrite lawyer, the judge in the case said, "I am aware that some clients, especially those under stress in family law cases, simply do not hear or register the instructions. Of course, given Mr. [deleted]'s attire (swim trunks, bare chest, and – I can't remember which – either flip flops or bare feet) and location (beach), I'm not sure I would classify him as terribly stressed...."

But it's not just clients who have abandoned formal attire (or any attire) in Florida. Judge Dennis Bailey of the 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida issued an open letter to attorneys appearing before his bench with a simple message—dress appropriately! "One male lawyer appeared shirtless and one female attorney appeared still in bed, still under the covers," he wrote. "And putting on a beach cover-up won’t cover up you’re poolside in a bathing suit. So, please, if you don’t mind, let’s treat court hearings as court hearings, whether Zooming
or not.”

Multiple facepalms achieved.

If you are a student who wants to have your voice heard and be published in MuseNews, contact Alex Clay Hutchings, Student Services Librarian.