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Director's Message



As Spring 2022 continues, we are preparing for a major library renovation this summer. Construction takes a lot of work, especially when it happens while classes continue. I encourage everybody to check out the latest design ideas for the renovation, and please stop by to test chairs for new spaces. Coming this Fall, we'll have a new reading room, additional group study rooms, and a wide variety of seating. We encourage all input. Check out the [**Building Renovation Updates**](#) page for ongoing details, and look for blog posts marked "[**LIBRARY RENOVATION**](#)" for ongoing news.

Roger V. Skalbeck

Associate Dean for Library and Information Services

Library News



ACH and students celebrate Sunshine Week (photo by W. Thompson, Mar. 18, 2022).

What a month! March saw some big events at the Library—Sunshine Week programs, renovation announcements, Women's History Month, and the release of our 2022 Prepare to Practice series. As you are probably still recovering from Spring Break or just starting to buckle down on bar prep, you might have missed some of our goings-on. Let's catch you up on the news.

Library Renovations: We Want Your Feedback!

The Library is committed to hearing your voices during our big change up. We will be transforming the space into a reading room with expanded seating areas and more options. We want your feedback on our changes! Click [here](#) to offer your opinion on the **reading room concept art**, and click [here](#) to rate our **sample of chair options**.

Bar Exam Application Explained

Find a breakdown of what you need to apply for the bar exam, and a few tips and tricks to make the application process easier.

Featured Resources



Can I Use My Lexis/Westlaw/Bloomberg Password at My Summer Job?

Good question. Find out here.



Prepare to Practice series

Excited about your summer placement? Worried about the kind of work you will be asked to do? Well, the library has just the program for you! Beginning Friday, March 25th when all 1Ls and 2Ls log in to Blackboard they will see a new Board – Prepare to Practice 2022.



Dive into Women's History Month with these titles from Hein!

Explore HeinOnline's database, [Women and the Law \(Peggy\)](#) complete with [this LibGuide](#) to help you navigate the collection.

Materials Update



We added **37** new books to our collection this month. Browse the Law Library's latest resources on our [updated materials list](#).

Looking for an e-book? We added **27** new e-book titles this month. Check out our [updated e-book list](#).

Things to Consider



The Truth is Out There—Just Ask! with John Greenewald

By Alex Clay Hutchings

This week the Law Library kicked off Sunshine Week—the national celebration of freedom of information and government transparency—with an out-of-this-world guest speaker. John Greenewald, owner of **The Black Vault Archive**, spoke to students about his life-long pursuit of the truth about UFOs and government cover-ups. Mr. Greenewald has submitted over 10,000 FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests to dozens of federal agencies, and has collected over 3 million declassified documents relating to UFOs and the government's knowledge of unexplained phenomena. **Continue reading...**

Student Services Corner



Lessons from the Colorado Rockies

By Benjamin Payne (1L)

Waking up at 5 AM sucks. It sucks a lot more when you're 7,000 feet above sea level and it's about six degrees outside. This is what two 1L's realized when we embarked on a week-long hiking trip in Colorado. Over the course of five days, we would summit five mountains, hike approximately 30 miles, and make connections that would last a lifetime. [**Continue reading...**](#)

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

The Facepalm

Legal News to Make You 🙄



Is romance dead? Call me old-fashioned, but I feel the dating scene has changed a bit since my day. Roses and chocolates have been replaced by emoji-laden texts and Tinder swipes. But for those sentimentalists who say romance is still alive and well, let's take a look at some headlines.

From Texas, Brandon Vezmar recently **sued his date for texting during a movie**. After Vezmar repeatedly complained about her phone usage, Crystal Cruz simply walked out of the movie and left him to finish *Guardians of the Galaxy 2* by himself. He sought damages to the tune of \$17.31, the price of the movie ticket. Now, that may seem petty to you or me, but to Vezmar it was a "threat to civilized society" (seriously, *his words*).

Next, we have a Tinder-nightmare-turned-lawsuit out of Canada. **Emily Mackinnon allegedly broke a verbal contract** with her law student date when she decided call off a date because of the gentleman's overwhelming stench. After being served with papers, Mackinnon—a TikTok influencer—took to social media to shred her reeking Romeo, only to be again served with a cease-and-desist notice. But don't worry, it didn't stop her from roasting her stinky suitor even further.

Lastly, we ask if it's not always a bad thing to involve the courts in a breakup. **Keith King successfully sued the man who wrecked his marriage** under the common law claims of criminal conversion (a.k.a. adultery) and alienation of affection (a.k.a. marital fracture). These causes of action are only available in a handful of states, but if you are lucky enough to be in North Carolina when your marriage falls apart, you can be awarded compensation for it. Maybe our \$17.31 movie ticket suit seems a bit trifling, but King's award? *\$8.8 million*. Sometimes suing your ex can be about a bit more than the principle of the thing.

Facepalm achieved.

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QUESTIONS?

Have a questions about Muse Law Library resources, events, or other goings-on? Want to share your ideas with us? Email Alex Clay Hutchings, Research & Student Services Librarian, at ahutchings@richmond.edu.

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