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Director's Message



As the semester continues, we look ahead to Spring Break with a chance to relax, reflect and possibly re-read some class materials. If you're interested in access to justice and are on campus that week, consider attending the Elevating Justice Institute. We're making it free for law students. **Contact me** for details. In this newsletter, we've got updates on exam study spaces, new books and contributions from a fellow law student.

Enjoy Spring Break... once it's officially here.

Roger V. Skalbeck
Associate Dean for Library and Information
Services

Library News



Early Spring daffodil on campus (photo by Michael Dickerson, Feb. 23, 2023)

Ah, February: the month of romance. We at the library hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day with your special someone. As the good Dr. Seuss once said, "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." Are you single? Maybe you just aren't in the mood for love sonnets from the Cat in the Hat? For those whose relationship status is more *table for one, drinks for two*, we are here for you, too. The library offers quiet study spaces to curl up solo with your favorite casebook. So go ahead and crack open up that half-off Whitman's Sampler you got in the CVS discount bin and enjoy the alone time—you aren't *single*, you're *self-partnered*. You've got to take your midterms alone anyway, right? Let's catch you up on the library news.

Featured Resources



[Spring 2023 Exam Seating and Study Spaces](#)

We created maps to show the planned configuration for Spring 2023 exams. Browse floor plan images here.

[Elevating Justice Institute - Access to Justice Workshop March 9, 2023](#)

The Richmond Law Library is hosting a hands-on workshop focused on Access to Justice on Thursday, March 9th. We're offering free attendance for a limited number of law students. All other participants can attend for a small fee to cover food and related event costs. Click here for registration information.



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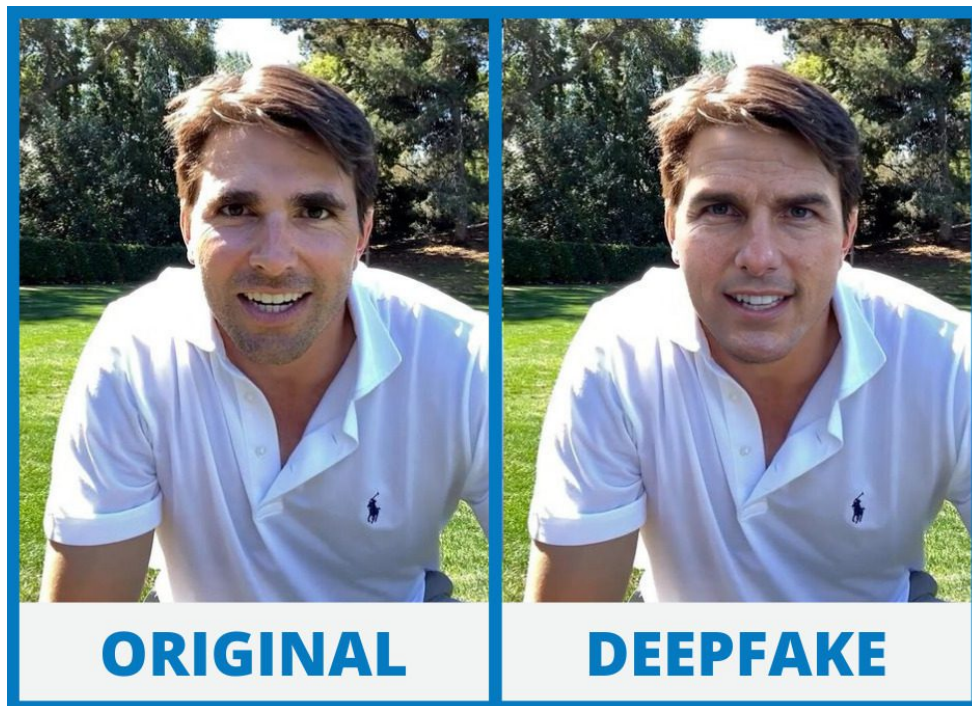
Materials Update



We added **39** new titles to our collection this month. Browse the Law Library's latest resources on our [updated materials list](#).

Looking for an e-book? We added **33** new e-book titles this month. Check out our [updated e-book list](#).

Things to Consider



What Are Deepfakes and How Are They Changing the Way We Look at Content?

by Savannah Throneberry (1L)

The term 'deepfake' refers to someone's face or body being digitally altered,

without that person's consent, with the intention of causing harm to their reputation. For example, the [image of Tom Cruise](#) above right is a still from an AI-generated deepfake video using the source material on the left. That is NOT actually Tom Cruise. Deepfakes are often in the context of digitally editing someone into a pornographic photo or video, greatly damaging their reputation.

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Student Services Corner

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Take a photo of yourself reading your favorite casebook/textbook/Bluebook and send it to ahutchings@richmond.edu.

The funniest, craziest, zaniest, ridiculous-est selfie wins Apple AirPods! Go nuts!
Submissions Due March 13

Selfie Contest Grand Prize: Apple AirPods!

The stakes have been raised!

Thanks to LexisNexis, the GRAND PRIZE WINNER of the 2nd Annual ["Show Us How You Study" Selfie Contest](#)

will receive a set of **Apple AirPods**. 🤖

All entrants will also receive 350 free Lexis points.

To enter, **send me** a photo of you reading your favorite casebook/textbook/Bluebook. The photos will be judged by members of the faculty and staff, and the funniest, zaniest, wackiest, most ridiculous-est selfie wins. *Show us how YOU study!* All entries are due March 13!

Check out **last year's winners** for inspiration!



Sunshine Week Celebration

During the week of March 13–17, the Law Library hosts its annual programming for **Sunshine Week**, the national celebration of freedom of information and transparency in government. This year, the Library will host two speakers, a Sunshine-themed Lexis training, and a party. For every event attended, each student will receive a raffle ticket. **Grand Prize: Amazon Kindle!**

March 13 | Noon – 1pm Moot Court

The Truth Is Out There – Just Ask! with featured speaker John Greenwald

Wondering about those UFOs the US has been shooting down lately? You can find out! Meet John Greenwald, a research who has submitted over 10,000 FOIA requests about UFOs and other government secrets.

March 14 | Noon – 1pm Moot Court

Open Government at the Department of Justice with featured speaker Bobak Talebian, Director of the Office of Information Policy

Join the Director of the Department of Justice Office of Information Policy (OIP) for a fascinating look at how the

federal government complies with and promotes the Freedom of Information Act.

March 16 | Noon – 1pm Room 310

Lexis Training for Sunshine Week with Courtney McMullan of LexisNexis

March 17 | Noon – 1pm Law Library, 2nd Floor Entry

Sunshine Week Party

Drop in for cake, FOIA trivia, and the Sunshine Week raffle (sponsored by LexisNexis). Participants do not need to be present to win raffle.

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 🙄



"Tick-tock on the clock, but the party don't stop," to quote the Bard (and by "Bard," I, *of course*, mean Ke\$ha).¹ It's time for another Facepalm!

How about we start with the greatest bender had at someone else's expense since Fyre Festival. California attorney and amateur Kardashian impersonator [Sara King is accused of scamming \\$10.3 million](#) from her client, off-shore lending company LDR International Ltd. LDR claims King duped them out of 97 loans by saying the funds were going to high-rolling third-party borrowers. Instead, King was using the millions to fund her extravagant lifestyle. She moved into the Wynn Las Vegas Resort for 6 months and partied, binged, and gambled "24/7." Once this scheme came tumbling down, as schemes do, King's husband filed for divorce, claiming he was as much a victim of theft and humiliation as anyone else. He has since fled to Morocco (the obvious thing for a *victim* to do). According to a Wynn Resort spokesman, King is no longer allowed on casino property (she doesn't have any more money, *ya dig?*). Since

her downfall, King has submitted some heartbreaking evidence to the court in the form of screenshots of her current bank balance—\$11.98. Personally, I'm thinking of starting a GoFundMe on her behalf.

Next we turn to some fiery litigation involving the **Fireball whiskey brand**. If you were never hospitalized during Pledge Week as an undergrad, then you may never have tried Fireball whiskey. Imagine stuffing a sack of Swedish Fish full of Red Hots and dissolving them all in lighter fluid, and you're close to a shot of Fireball. Apparently, Fireball's producer, The Sazerac Company, was less than forthright in their marketing of Fireball Cinnamon 3.4oz bottles. They failed to mention that, despite a nearly identical label and taste to their large-size, the mini bottles contain no whiskey whatsoever. They are, in fact tiny "malt beverages" with "Natural Whisky & Other Flavors." Clearly, this misleading label tricked many whiskey connoisseurs who would never stoop to the classless inelegance of malt liquor when they expected the genteel sophistication of Fireball.

Lastly, like any good party, let's end it with a buzzkill. DC resident Josefa Ippolito-Shepherd has filed suit against her neighbor for **assaulting her in her home with the skunky smell of marijuana**. Apparently, the neighbor has a medicinal marijuana card, but the dankness is constantly wafting into Ippolito-Shepherd's apartment, which she describes as a "public nuisance." Just a few years ago, Ippolito-Shepherd could have simply narked and had the neighbor arrested. But now, according to the DC Council Chair (to whom, among many others, she complained), the only thing to be done would be to "undo the legalization of marijuana" (good luck with that). As the case moves to trial, the neighbors have engaged in some blazing verbal exchanges and accusations of lying, with the judge having to intervene repeatedly. "I understand emotions are high," she said. The judge! The judge said that!! Seriously!!

And with that, it's time for our Facepalm party to end, and our Facepalm hangover to begin.

Footnote:

1. After asking a Gen Z student, I was assured your generation would still know who Ke\$ha is.

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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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