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Welcome or Welcome Back

Make Yourself at Home

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Director of the Law Library

On behalf of the library staff, I would like to welcome both you first-year students and you returning law school veterans. We hope each of you had a successful summer and is ready to get into, or back into, the law school groove. As usual, we've made some changes in the library while you've been away. Among other things, you'll find some new, very comfortable, informal seating, and quite a few new electronic resources--about which you can read elsewhere in this newsletter.

As you know by now, the construction is going to make this academic year more trying than usual. The resulting new space will make the inconvenience worthwhile in the end, but, meanwhile, daily life in the law school will be a bit more difficult. If you have ideas about how we in the library might help ameliorate this year's unusual conditions, please talk to me, or anyone else on the library staff, about them.

This leads me into my usual discussion of how we rely heavily on you to maintain an appropriate atmosphere in the library. The law library works well as a place to study, research, and relax in large part because you, as a small community, take responsibility for helping us maintain a comfortable, informal, but professional, atmosphere. You

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New Online Databases Available

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Electronic Services Librarian

Our law library has been fortunate to receive additional funding through recent legislative appropriations. We have used some of this funding to increase our access to electronic resources. Our legal databases webpage, available from www.uwyo.edu/lawlib/databases.asp, lists all of our databases and now includes these new titles.

BNA's looseleaf titles are quite extensive, and with our summer negotiations we can now read and search in 23 different titles. This collection includes the heavily used **Tax Management Portfolio** series. The library still maintains many of these titles in print, but electronic access is of benefit when needing to conduct a search.

Aspen treatise titles are now searchable via Loislaw. We ordered select titles in the spring and supplemented the collection this summer. We now have electronic treatise titles in Business Practice; Drunk Driving; Employment Discrimination; Employment Law; Estate Planning; Family Law; Internet & E-Commerce; Limited Liability Companies; Personal Injury; and Real Estate.

While our students, faculty, and staff have individual passwords for Westlaw, our public patrons have only had access to Keycite. We have upgraded to a *Westlaw Patron Access* program which provides primary law and select secondary sources to the public from the three computers in the reference area. You may use this version of Westlaw when clerking for attorneys. Share this information with your local attorney employers and friends; free Westlaw at the library!

In addition to database packages, we are purchasing specific electronic journal titles as well. Two recent purchases include *Carbon & Climate Law Review* and *ClimateWire*. These titles are linked from LegalFerret, available from http://lawferret.uwyo.edu/. Search by journal title or type in a keyword and "electronic" as a Boolean search to locate online titles in our catalog.

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have a sense of ownership that we like and encourage. Visitors always note, among other things, how students feel comfortable customizing their carrels with many personal effects and that the library has no security system. My response is that trust and enlightened self-interest can be an extremely effective security system.

Robert Nozick in <u>State</u>, <u>Anarchy</u>, <u>and Utopia</u> claims only a "minimal state" is morally defensible. Whatever the truth of that, we in the library certainly prefer the "minimal bureaucracy" we operate. Lao Tzu supposedly wrote: "When weights and measures were invented, people learned to steal by weights and measures." We too would rather depend much more on your common sense and common courtesy than written rules to keep the library operating effectively. So, again, I welcome you to your home away from home and encourage you to help us maintain it and to keep improving it.



ABA Selects 25 Greatest Legal Movies / UW College of Law Top 25 Picks

Debora Person

Administrative Law Librarian

Voted the 25 greatest legal movies of all time by lawyers teaching film or connected to the film industry, items from this list and many more law-related movies and shows are available for check-out from our library. Law students, name your own legal movie favorites at http://www.uwyo.edu/lawlib/ to become eligible for a \$10 Blockbuster gift card. The survey will close Friday, September 5th. If your favorites are not already part of our collection, we will purchase them.

- 1. To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)
- 2. 12 Angry Men (1957)
- 3. My Cousin Vinny (1992)
- 4. Anatomy of a Murder (1959)
- 5. Inherit the Wind (1960)
- 6. Witness for the Prosecution (1957)
- 7. Breaker Morant (1980)
- 8. Philadelphia (1993)
- 9. Erin Brockovich (2000)
- 10. The Verdict (1982)
- 11. Presumed Innocent (1990)
- 12. Judgment at Nuremberg (1961)
- 13. A Man for All Seasons (1966)
- 14. A Few Good Men (1992)
- 15. Chicago (2002)
- 16. Kramer vs. Kramer (1979)
- 17. The Paper Chase (1973)
- 18. Reversal of Fortune (1990)
- 19. Compulsion (1959)
- 20. And Justice for All (1979)
- 21. In the Name of the Father (1993)
- 22. A Civil Action (1998)
- 23. Young Mr. Lincoln (1939)
- 24. Amistad (1997)
- 25. Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

Miscellaneous Notes

Library Elevator Under Repair

University Maintenance will be servicing the library elevator over the next several weeks. This is the only elevator in the building that goes to the basement, though access is still available through the three stairwells. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please talk with a circulation desk attendant if you need materials from the basement that you are unable to retrieve.

Library Group Study Room Availability

The library has five conference rooms for group study. These rooms are reserved through the library's circulation desk for up to two hours per group, to be renewed if the room is available. Access to these rooms may be affected while our classrooms are under construction as some will be used for regular class meetings

Library Materials

Please remember to check out library materials that you are using. This helps us maintain some awareness of the use of the collection and reduces staff time spent tracking down missing items.

IT News

Edward Havugimana

Computer Support Specialist

-Printers and Print Quota Increase Utility:

All student printers are still in the same locations: Two on the first floor (Room 122 and 145) and two on the second floor (Room 242B).

For information about printer installation guide, please visit the related webpage at

http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/lawlib/tech/printing.asp

At the beginning of each semester, each student is given an amount of money (from your technology fee) for printing, but some law students exhaust it before the end of the semester. If that happens to you, you can add money online. Just go to http://microlab.uwyo.edu/printquota.htm and follow the instructions. The amount added must be between \$3 and \$50.

-Software available:

The UW offers to students, faculty and staff free anti-virus software (Trend Micro PC-Cillin), MS Office (2003 & 2007 & 2008 for Macs) and other goodies. So before you purchase any software, check

<u>http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/SOFTWARE/</u> to be sure the software you need, or its equivalent, is not available to you for free.

-Data safety:

I want again to call our attention on the importance of having a backup. We all work on our PCs or laptops and save our files on that computer hard drive. We should keep a copy of those important files (such as class notes, papers, research projects, etc.) on a flash drive or our H: network drive at least once a week. Backing up your data is actually more useful than protecting the computer against viruses or break-ins.

-Wireless:

Uwyo and UWguest are still available from anywhere in the Law building. Uwyo is the better option since it is secure. The Library webpage has more information about wireless settings, printers, laptops and software.

And if you have any technology question, stop by room 139 to discuss it with Edward.

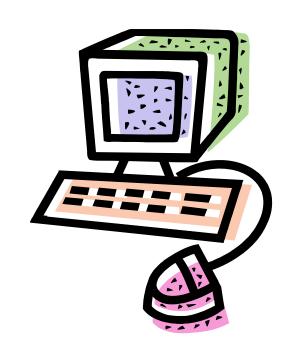
Top this list off with the Armed Conflict Database, Hein Online's Subject Compilations of State Laws and Oxford Reports on International Law, and there are plenty of new resources to explore.

Accessing Electronic Titles in LegalFerret

When you think of our library catalog, think of it as a linkable means into Hein Online, Lexis, Westlaw, and others. Rather than spending time clicking your way through different database directories, start your search in LegalFerret. If you find a match, deep linking technology will take you straight into the treatise, CLE, legislative history, or document you are seeking. Have a password ready for Lexis and Westlaw, as you will be asked for one during the process.

Ouestions and Comments

Should you have questions about electronic resources, drop by the reference office to speak with a librarian. We welcome your comments as well!



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