



From the Director's Desk

Once again, the end of the semester is rapidly approaching and a general sense of "busyness" prevails in the Law Library.

For first year students, the next few weeks will be particularly harried. These students are not only facing the uncertainty of final exams for the first time, but are also grappling with the



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library faculty are always willing to lend assistance. Do not hesitate to ask a librarian if there is something about your research exercises that you do not understand.

Teaching you to use legal research tools effectively is an important part of our job and we look forward to assisting you.

basics of legal research.

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While assistance is available at the reference desk during most of the

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Getting to Know You . . .

The faculty publications display case has a new look!

As many of you already know, the display case located just outside the Law Library entrance is dedicated to faculty publications. Last year, the Law Library launched the “Person Behind the Professor” series. Each display features an individual professor or, when practicality dictates, group of faculty members and includes not only publications, but also photos and mementos reflecting the personal interests of the featured faculty member(s).

It is our hope that the items included, whether a family photo or a favorite team jersey, will offer you a glimpse into the amazing diversity of backgrounds and interests of our distinguished faculty.



The wildly popular display featuring Professor Duane (pictured above), a.k.a. “The Jim Duane Shrine”, was recently dismantled. In its place is a display highlighting the accomplishments of John Brown McCarty Professor of Family Law, Lynne Marie Kohm.

Research Appointments, continued.

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hours that the law library is open, an individual research session guarantees that you will have the undivided attention of a member of the law library faculty. Each law librarian has earned both a J.D. and an M.L.S. degree and can offer everything from in-depth instruction on effective use of print and electronic resources to

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advice on developing a sound research strategy.

So, whether you are working on a law review or journal note, a class assignment, or a rigorous writing project, you can take advantage of a librarian’s expertise by setting up an appointment tailored to your specific research needs. Call ext. 4145 for more information!

Legal Research Workshops

Next semester, the Law Library's Research Services Department will be offering a series of hands-on workshops designed to teach law students how to research more effectively.

Topics will range from basic library skills training to legislative history research. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes and will include a review of available resources and tips for developing an effective research strategy. Registration is required and space is limited.



For more information, contact Marie Summerlin Hamm at mariham@regent.edu.

Tentative Schedule of Trainings

Monday Nights, 7–7:45 p.m.

- Basic Library Skills—This workshop will include instruction on effectively using the Online Catalog. Offered Monday, January 27th
- Law Review & Journal Research—Learn how to locate relevant law review and journal articles using both book-based and electronic finding aids. Offered Monday, February 10th
- Legal Encyclopedias & Other Secondary Sources—Dust off book-based research skills cast aside since your 1L year in this refresher session. Sources to be covered include: *American Jurisprudence*, *Corpus Juris Secundum*, *American Law Reports*, and *Words & Phrases*. Offered Monday, February 24th
- Using Digests to Locate Relevant Cases— Participants will walk away from this session with a better understanding of how digests can be used to locate relevant cases. The session will focus on efficient use of the Descriptive Word Index and West's Key Number System. Offered Monday, March 3rd
- How to Shepardize— Understanding how to make sure that a case is still “good law” is an absolute must for every practicing attorney (and law clerk!). This workshop will provide detailed instruction on how to use print Shepard's volumes. Offered Monday, March 17th
- Legislative History Research— Let the experts at the law library lead you through the challenging task of compiling a comprehensive legislative history. Offered Monday, March 31st
- Research Survival Skills for Summer Associates—This session is a must for those who plan to clerk this summer. Learn about non-Westlaw and Lexis research alternatives and get practical tips on how to handle that first complex research assignment. Offered Monday, April 14th

Holiday Hours

November 25-27	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
November 28-29	Closed - Thanksgiving
November 30	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
December 17	8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
December 18 - 20	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
December 21 - 22	CLOSED
December 23	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
December 24 - January 5	CLOSED
January 6 - 8	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
January 9	Normal Operating Schedule

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GOOD NEWS! The Law Library recently received two brand new copy machines! Both copiers have a sheet feeder and a dual-sided copy feature! Even though there seem to be a few problems with the new machines, we're confident that Copy Services will have all of the bugs worked out very soon!

