

UGA AMICUS BRIEFS

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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LAW LIBRARY

BETH HOLMES IS NEW LIBRARIAN



The Law Library has a new Catalog Librarian! After Carol Ramsey announced her retirement last year, the Library conducted a nationwide search for a catalog librarian to fill her post, and we are so pleased to have lured Beth Holmes from Massachusetts to Athens.

Beth had a fascinating youth, living with her family in Dublin, in the London suburbs and in Brussels all before she was 14. Then her family returned to the United States and she went to high school in Baltimore. At Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, Beth took a B.A. in history and minored in German.

After her marriage to husband Jim, Beth lived in several states as the couple was posted to various naval bases. Beth used this time to finish her education, earning a masters degree in history at William & Mary and, in 1992, her Masters of Library Science at the University of Rhode Island. She was hired as the Technical Services Librarian at the Rhode Island State Library, where she enjoyed working so near to politics and the Rhode Island legislature. That job was followed by a stint as the cataloger in the law library at Roger Williams University. Later, when Jim left the Navy to attend the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts, Beth moved to her most recent position in charge of copy cataloging and database management at the Harvard Law School Library.

Beth's favorite hobby is singing, and her love for it is apparent as she describes her experience with Boston's Chorus pro Musica. Along with traditional choral works, the group has also performed some more unusual compositions, and Beth is particularly proud of the group's recording of the Chinese-language *Yellow River Cantata*. During her time with the Chorus Beth participated in joint performances with the Boston Ballet and the Boston Philharmonic, and she is looking forward to getting involved with a chorus in this area.

In addition to her singing, Beth loves to read – mostly fiction, especially English mysteries, and particularly the books of Rosamunde Pilcher. She has always liked dogs, and has had their pug Maggie since 1994. The Holmeses are busy moving into their new house now, but their main 'free-time' activity these days is daughter Emma, an impossibly cute eighteen-month-old.

We are happy to welcome Beth, Jim and Emma to Athens!

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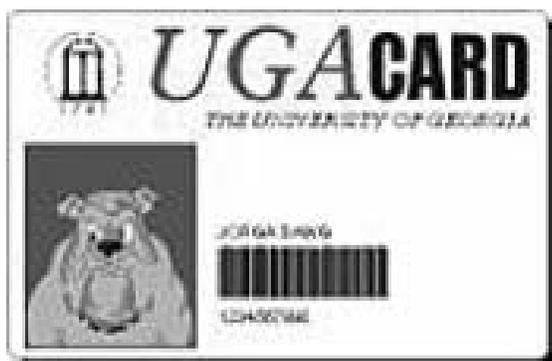
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LAW LIBRARY MOVES TO UGACARD FOR COPYING AND PRINTING

by Sally Curtis AsKew and Carol Watson, Reference Librarians

Signs are up all over the Law Library announcing that copiers and printers will be converted after spring semester to use the UGACard. The staff is excited about this conversion as it will make printing and copying more convenient for students both inside and outside the Law School. Your UGACard can be used to copy in the Main Library and at the Tate Center and to print from most campus labs. Furthermore, you can use the card to go to the movies at the Tate Center, play video games at the Tate Center Game Room or get a quick snack in the Bulldog Room.



The University is expanding the use of the UGACard all across campus. In May, all washers and dryers in UGA housing will be converted to the UGACard. Future plans include conversion of campus vending machines. To find out more about campus use of the UGACard, visit the website at <http://www.uga.edu/ugacard/>.

USE IT OR LOSE IT! Please don't add more value to your current Law Library copy card than you will use before the end of the semester. Because we won't be able to read your old card in the new readers, the

Library will not be able to refund any value left on your card after installation.

Beginning this summer, two of the copiers in the Law Library Copy Room will accept bills and coins. You may add value to your UGACard using either of those machines, or any others on campus with both a card reader and a coin/bill box attachment. At the Tate Center cashier's desk, you may also use a check or credit card to add value to your card.

The Library Staff is excited about improving our copy and print services. Using the UGACard in the copiers and printers in the Law Library will make copying and printing easier for everyone, and it will no longer be necessary to buy a separate card to copy at other University libraries. This project, by the way, is partially funded by the student technology fee and is just one aspect of the new and improved technology planned for the Law Library.

CORRECTION

In the February issue of Amicus Briefs we incorrectly stated that the Law Library's holdings had grown from 133,000 volumes in 1968 to over 480,000 titles currently. In fact, the Library now owns over 480,000 *volumes*, representing just over 125,000 *titles*. We regret the error.

ESCORTS FOR LATE-NIGHT STUDIERS

As we near the end of the semester, more and more students will be spending their evenings with us here in the Law Library. And beginning April 20, the Library will be open until 1:00 a.m. most nights, so people will be leaving the Library very late in the evening. We want to remind everyone to be aware that there are escort services for students leaving the Library after dark. Phi Alpha Delta continues to provide escorts to the Graduate Parking Lot every half hour between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m., and students leaving later than that are encouraged to call 542-2000 for the Campus Police Escort Van Service.

OFF-CAMPUS ACCESS TO LAW SCHOOL DATABASES

Students, faculty and staff can now access from home a number of databases which were formerly restricted to law-school computers. Using the same username and password as the online student/staff directory, you can now access the law school mailroom, the law school exams collection and the following Law Library resources:

- *Legaltrac* — a legal periodicals index
- *Congressional Universe* -- congressional documents
- *Hein Online* -- full-text legal periodicals
- *IndexMaster* -- indexes and tables of contents from over 70 publishers
- *Oxford Journals Online* -- full text of eight legal periodicals

Links to the mailroom, law school exams and library databases are available from the student web page at: <http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/students/index.html>. If you need password assistance, contact the Help Desk at 542-0895 or the Law Library Reference Desk at 542-6591.

STATE MATERIALS SHIFTED IN ANNEX

by Maureen Cahill, Reference Librarian

State codes and reporters now populate the shelves on Annex 2 in a new arrangement. The official code and reporter(s) for each state reside together in the new scheme. In the old order, all the codes lived side by side; and the reporters occupied the remaining shelves together.

We have removed several specialty reporters to the basement, and emptied the confusing array of shelves along the back wall. During the summer, we hope to remove the shelving from the back wall altogether.

AND YOU THOUGHT SUBJECT HEADINGS WERE BORING . . .

by Elizabeth Geesey Holmes, *Catalog Librarian*

Here at the Law Library we assign subject headings from the Library of Congress Subject Heading scheme to our online catalog records. These subject headings are not static, but ever changing, evolving and multiplying.

First, to keep you up to date, here are some new subject headings of interest for the law community:

- Gambling and crime
- Gambling on river boats
- Non-monogamous relationships
- Right to housing
- Disappeared persons' spouses
- Interethnic adoption – Law and legislation
- Internet abduction
- Internet pornography
- Lethal injection
- Racial profiling in law enforcement

Second, to remind you that there is life outside the law – how about these new subject headings:

- Animal massage therapists
- Sports massage
- Television addiction
- Underground dance music
- Weedless gardening (we can only dream!)
- Leg exercises
- Minimal architecture (not to be confused with...)
- Sustainable architecture
- Seances
- (And last, but not least...) Uninhabited combat aerial vehicles

Lastly, to reflect the change in usage which occurred many years ago, the Library of Congress finally updated all of their subject headings containing the term *Afro-Americans*. This out-of-date term has been replaced by *African Americans*. (For example the subject heading *Afro-American lawyers* was changed to *African American lawyers*.) The library's online catalog Gavel has also recently been brought up to date so this is the term to use when searching for material on African Americans.

CCH PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Among the online resources the Law Library offers are two comprehensive sites from Commerce Clearing House (CCH), the publisher of tax and business law materials. Each makes a wealth of information available in a one-stop-shopping sort of way, and they are easy to reach from the Library homepage. Best of all, they make accessible material which can be hard for non-specialists to find.

CCH Internet Tax Research Network

This network compiles the many CCH tax publications into one vast database, divided into the three categories *Federal*, *State* and *Financial & Estate*. Here are the familiar CCH titles: primary sources such as the Internal Revenue Code, the regulations, cases and IRS rulings; current features and report letters; and the CCH Explanations and Analysis publications (the *Standard Federal Income Tax Reporter*, for example). A valuable feature is the category *Federal Tax Archives*, which allows quick searching of historical versions of the Internal Revenue Code, available for each year back to 1978.



Even for those of us trained to use the old paper versions of these publications, the online databases can be surprisingly quick. The main advantage, of course, is the ability to search through many databases at once, rather than lugging armfuls of books back to the desk. Too, the databases permit browsing, so that IRS regulations, for instance, can be read sequentially without having to run a new query for each section.

CCH Internet Business Research Network

This database is more varied in content, covering a range of business law topics: Securities, Banking, Trade Regulation, Government Contracts, Telecommunications, Information Technology, Federal Energy Guidelines, Transportation Law, Capital Changes, and Products Liability. While for each topic there are fewer materials than in tax, they cover the same kinds of ground: statutes, cases and regulations; pertinent updates and news; and the respective Topical Reports.



Navigating

While, like all databases, the CCH sites reward experience, they are intuitive and easy to master. Just click the link on the Library's homepage; at the login page, you don't need a password — simply click on the gold *Enter* link and wait for the menu to appear. Select, from the tabs near the top of the page, the "library" you want to search, such as *Telecommunications*. Once you click on one of the tabs, a screen will appear with numerous databases representing the various publications which are familiar to readers of CCH paper publications.

Once you find the publication you want, you can browse it or retrieve a particular citation; the Citation Search is an easy fill-in-the-blank window for finding information by section number, case name or citation, or even CCH paragraph

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number. You can keyword search in one or many databases, but remember: the search only covers the database(s) you check in the window (or you can “select all” of an entire category of databases). Or if you prefer, the *Search Options* function allows searching, not by subject matter, but by selected courts or types of material.

The CCH Internet Research Networks subscriptions require that they be used only on computers in the law school network, but next time you need that hard-to-find proposed reg, come to school and get it on CCH!



Library Hours

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - Midnight

Saturday - Sunday

8:00 a.m. - Midnight

SPRING SEMESTER:

Through April 19

Regular Hours

April 20 - May 13

Regular Opening Hours

Closing Hours 1:00 a.m.

May 14

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

INTERIM PERIOD: May 15 - 20, 2001

Tuesday - Friday, May 15 - 18

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 (GRADUATION)

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 20

CLOSED

SUMMER SCHOOL: Hours through June 30, 2001

Monday - Thursday

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND: Friday - Monday, May 25 - 28

Friday, May 25

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 26

CLOSED

Sunday, May 27

CLOSED

Monday, May 28

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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