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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LAW LIBRARY

November 16 is Student Worker Appreciation Day

The Law Library depends on a small army of student workers to help provide the services its patrons depend upon, and for the first time this year the Library staff is throwing a party to say “thanks!”

On Thursday, November 16 the Library will celebrate Student Worker Appreciation Day to express our gratitude for the hard work and long hours contributed by our student workers. We will treat student employees to coffee and doughnuts in the morning, pizza at lunch, and snacks during the afternoon. And both full-time Library staff and student employees can wear one of the two badges designed by Reference Librarian Fran Norton. (Be sure to ask the staff members what they mean!) Meanwhile, we’d like to take this opportunity to introduce the library community to our student employees.

There are four students who work at the Computer Help Desk. It is Leslie Grove, Hashai Papneja, Ben Phillips and Daniel Spratlen who answer the Help Desk phone when our computers crash or we can’t get that program to work, and they help keep the Law School’s network up and running smoothly. These are the people, too, who save the day when we can’t get the printers to print, and install the new computers and monitors when the old ones just get too old.

Another group is the filers. Bradley Campbell, Matthew Jones, Eun Lee, Mary Lou Lester and Tanya Vlahinic keep a mountain of library filing under control *and* keep us up-to-date with supplements to statutes, regulations and cases. Anyone who has ever wrestled with looseleaf service binders (or who has, like your Editor, inadvertently destroyed his law firm’s CCH Standard Federal Tax Reporter) can understand how much we value these students’ hard work!

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Our shelvers are the folks who put back on the shelves all those books lawyers – and future lawyers – use. We all know how much time that saves us, and we can thank for that Nick Adams, Parker Hudson, Deleigh Pearce, David Wilhelm. Paige Nelson helps us check in scores of United Nations documents and provide current awareness services. Aubrey Fleming assists bookkeeper Joan Logan in keeping all these books and periodicals paid for, and Tamera Jordan is the friendly face we see in the morning at Circulation Desk.

And then there are the law students. Fifteen of them keep the desk open late at night and for long hours on the weekends – times when we otherwise could not

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afford to stay open. Besides, if it weren't for "our" law students, how would the staff keep up with the law school gossip? We are particularly proud to recognize for their service Gina Alsdorf, Jen Auer, Sondra Bell, Denise Billingsley, Lajuana Childs, Brent Cochran, Renee Little, Roxanne Russell, Kendra Smith, Paige Spivey, Sebastian Suma, Russell Thomas, Susan Wallis, Geneva Weaver, and Temika Williams.

Take a moment on the 16th to tell these valued employees how much you appreciate their efforts!

HeinOnline - Full Image Access and Search for Historical Law Journals *Wendy Moore, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian*



There is a new database available on the Law Library Home Page -- HeinOnline. A service for libraries that provides access to law journal collections while protecting the original works, HeinOnline's ultimate goal is to convert all back issues of indexed legal journals into a searchable electronic format that would allow space savings and preservation of brittle materials while greatly improving accessibility. The initial focus of this service has been on Retrospective Legal Journals from twenty-five of the most prominent legal journals (many pre-1925). For a list of titles and volumes currently covered, click on "Journal Titles" on the HeinOnline Home Page.

You can browse the HeinOnline database by Journal Title, Author, Article Title, Author/Title Search, Text Search, or input a standard Bluebook citation. There is also an electronic table of contents for each volume that allows one to quickly move throughout a volume or an issue. HeinOnline is "full image" (unlike Lexis or Westlaw), so you retrieve an image of the actual article as it appeared when first published (including page numbers, italics, etc.), making searching, copying, and citing from HeinOnline equivalent to the paper copy.

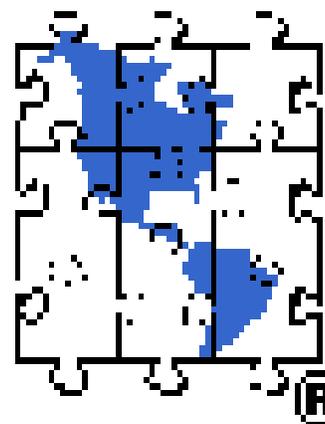
The development of HeinOnline is a collaborative project of the William S. Hein Co., Inc., Cornell Information Technologies and the Cornell University Law Library. After extensive research of other digital library projects, Hein created a system that is specifically tailored for the law library community, not only to meet the needs of the law library, but also to accommodate the unique requirements of the legal literature contents of this digital library.

Please give HeinOnline a try -- the full text searching is a very useful feature and it saves our original print copies from the damage they get from use and photocopying. If you have any questions, just ask at the Reference Desk.

InterAm Database

Anne Burnett, Reference/Foreign and International Law Librarian

Researching trade in the Americas? Looking for an English translation of a commercial code from a Latin American country? The InterAm database, hosted by the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade, may prove helpful (point your browser to <http://www.natlaw.com> or follow the link from the Law Library's home page and ask a reference librarian to log you in to the database). InterAm provides the full-text of over 10,000 laws, decrees and regulations promulgated by countries in the western hemisphere, with an emphasis on trade and commercial laws. Although some of the resources are still available only in the original language, many have been translated into English and additional translations are available for a discounted fee. The site also provides:



- *articles on trade law and related topics
- *English-Spanish lists of key legal terminology
- *contact information for trade-related law firms in Latin America.

InterAm's free database of treaties, available without subscription or password (and therefore accessible from home), provides the full text of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in both Spanish and English, materials related to NAFTA, MERCOSUR (the Southern Cone free trade agreements), various Latin American treaties and free trade agreements, some international treaties (EEC, GATT, Uruguay Round), environmental treaties, and intellectual property treaties. Access the treaties portion of the InterAm database at <http://www.natlaw.com/treaties.htm>.

Book Review: *Law School Confidential*

Fran Norton, Reference Librarian

If you are reading this now, you may be a first year student who still hasn't made significant progress on your outlines. If that is the case (and even if it isn't), please continue reading.

Law School Confidential begins with a lot of useful information for those folks who are just at the point of thinking about going to law school. The *second* part of the book is appropriately entitled "The First Year, They Scare you to Death." It contains insights on briefing cases, study groups, commercial outlines, and getting along with fellow law students. One chapter provides an overview of the first-year curriculum, while another chapter describes the unspoken code of law school etiquette.

Chapter Ten gives important advice for students facing their first law school exams. This advice is tailored to the level of preparedness of each student: the section heading for the prepared student is "I've missed a couple of classes, a couple of reading assignments, and I'm two weeks or less behind in outlining for each class." The section heading for the *unprepared* student is "I've fallen way behind in my outlining—what do I do?" The last section heading is "Panic button."

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The next chapters provide practical advice for the second semester, from a chart for evaluating one's first semester performance and grades to tips for how to approach recruiting season. The books also offers advice on choosing classes.

For upper level students, advice abounds on alternate legal careers, judicial clerkships, choosing law firms and coping with the summer associate experience. It even has a 24-point Salary Comparison Chart. And, as always, the law firm "horror stories" are entertaining.

Robert H. Miller, the author of *Law School Confidential*, is a recent graduate of Pennsylvania Law School. He has assembled a group of successful recent graduates and added their perspectives to his own, and the result is a work which paints a big picture while including all of the little details of a law school experience. Chapters proceed chronologically, and have descriptive and entertaining titles. The book is an easy read, yet it conveys valuable information. The only thing missing is an index!

Library Hours



Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday

Saturday - Sunday

7:30 a.m. - Midnight

8:00 a.m. - Midnight

Fall Semester:

through November 13

November 14 - 20

November 21 - 22

November 23 (Thanksgiving Day)

November 24 - December 10

December 11

Regular Hours

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Closing Hour: 1:00 a.m.

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

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

Interim Period: December 12, 2000 - January 9, 2001

Tuesday - Friday, December 12 - 15

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

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

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Monday - Thursday, December 18 - 22

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

December 23, 2000 - January 1, 2001

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(Christmas & New Year's Holidays)

Tuesday - Friday, January 2 - 5

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

Saturday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 7

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Monday - Tuesday, January 8 - 9

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

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