

ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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Welcome!

Welcome – or welcome back – to the ASL Library. The Library was designed to complement the Law School's educational program. We offer 24-hour access to virtually our entire collection for our students, faculty, and staff. We provide a clean and secure area to study and to do research. We have very dedicated staff members who will try to help you in every way possible.

Take the time to walk around and look at what the Library has to offer. We have a small but growing collection of regional legal materials, as well as general reference materials. We are purchasing books that cover the topics that you will learn in school. Our print collection is enhanced by our microfiche holdings, as well as some electronic databases that you have access to (see our web site, at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>).

Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions as to how we can make your stay at our Law School more comfortable. Our suggestion box is upstairs, tucked away in the copy area (for those who want to leave anonymous suggestions).

Who's New in the Library?

Tim Chinaris is the new Director of the Law Library. He previously worked at Florida Coastal School of Law, The Florida Bar, and the Dallas firm of Godwin and Carlton. Professor Chinaris has taught courses in legal ethics and professional responsibility, and has written and spoken widely on those subjects. He is currently moving his wife and two children to Grundy from Jacksonville, Florida, and hopes to be working in his ASL office sometime around the middle of September.

Rebecca Belcher is our new Circulation Assistant. She is a native of Buchanan County, and received her A.A.S. in Accounting and A.A.S. in Management from Southwest Virginia Community College. She is married and has two sons. She was previously employed by Miners and Merchants Bank in the bookkeeping department.

Lisa Blackwell has been promoted to Acquisitions Librarian. She now works in the Technical Services area, and will be assisting us in keeping our collection up-to-date (among other duties).

What's Happening in the Library?

by Glenna Owens, Technical Services Librarian

Over the summer, the Library staff and student workers have been busy with the following projects:

- Barcoded some of the reporters upstairs (an ongoing project)
- Added 650 new volumes on legal history from Hudson House to our collection
- Shifted (moved) and filed the microfiche collection (again!), including session laws for all fifty states and territories and past bar examinations from almost all of the states (a few don't release their prior exams)
- Added almost all of our microfiche holdings to SIRSI
- Shifted most of the materials on the first floor
- Checked our collection to ensure that all of our materials are being updated regularly (an ongoing project)

A big "thank you" goes out to each and every person involved. Without the hard work and persistence of these individuals, we would never have accomplished as much as we have.

Other News

- New network news: We have switched servers over the summer, so Brian has had to reset everyone's passwords. Before you try to print, check with the Circulation Desk so that we can help you log on to our network!
- ASL has instituted a fee for printing. Students are allowed five hundred "free" printed pages per school year (that's 250 per semester). Any pages printed over that amount will be assessed a seven cents per page fee. Check with Alicia in the President's Office if you have questions.
- To second and third year students: We have slightly revised the Student User Guide. Along with the updates to personnel listings and our calendar, we have added a section on the new printing fee (see above), a brief discussion of our study rooms, and instructions to open the compact (moveable) shelving. If you would like an updated guide, go online to view the changes at <http://www.asl.edu/library/pubs.htm> or ask for a guide at the Circulation Desk.
- Don't forget about some of the "secret stuff" that we have in Reserve. Hiding behind that door behind the Circulation Desk is our collection of hornbooks and nutshells, the "Cliffs' Notes" for law school. Ask for them by subject or by name. You will need your ASL ID to check out this material for the two-hour lending time.