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Welcome!

Welcome – or welcome back – to the ASL Library. The Library is designed to complement the Law School's educational program. Our expanded staffing hours allow us to help you find the materials you need in our collection. 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 reasonable way possible.

Take the time to walk around and look at what the Library has to offer. We have a solid Virginia law collection and a growing collection of regional legal materials, as well as general reference materials. We continue to purchase 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).

What's New in the Library?

- We've made a few changes over the summer, so some returning students might be a little lost in the Library for the next few weeks. Here's a quick summary of some of the changes. As always, you can ask questions at the Circulation Desk.
 - Our Periodicals section now has room to grow! We spent most of the summer rearranging all of the bound law reviews and journals. The newest issues of law reviews remain in Reserve; the bound volumes are in the compact shelving (the movable shelving).
 - We've shifted almost all of the books upstairs too. The federal and regional reporters have a little more space in between each other; the state codes have been pushed back a little (now they're closer to the "Classroom Building" side of the Library).

Who's New In The Library?

We are pleased to announce that Rebecca ("Becky") Belcher has been promoted to Circulation Manager. She will now be responsible for hiring and scheduling student workers, keeping our materials up-to-date, and running overdue notices, among other duties. For short biographies of other Library staff members, check out our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>

Other News

- There are a few changes to the Library's schedule for the upcoming year. The Reserve Desk will be open on Sundays, 1 pm – 9 pm; Mondays through Thursdays, 8 am – 10 pm; Fridays, 8 am – 5 pm; and Saturdays, 1 pm – 6 pm. Students will still have access to the Library with a valid ID card from 6 am to midnight, Sunday through Thursday; and 6 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday.
- Our brand-new Student User Guide has been updated for the 2003-2004 school year. First year students got a copy during Orientation; others can download one from our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/pubs.htm>) or pick up a copy at the Circulation Desk.
- We will be hiring new student employees to work in the Library. Work-study students will receive preference. Submit a resume to Becky Belcher at the Circulation Desk and she'll be in contact with you soon!
- Our big Fall Semester 2003 project is to convert our integrated library system. We are currently using SIRSI Unicorn; we will be moving to a system by Innovative Interfaces, Inc (known as "Illi" and pronounced "Triple Eye"). We'll be offering lessons on using the new online catalog when it's up and running.
- Second and third year students: We will be posting student Westlaw and LexisNexis representative hours on the Library bulletin boards soon. Your passwords remain the same; if you have forgotten your Westlaw or LexisNexis password, stop by the Circulation Desk. We'll be starting refresher courses in September; watch this newsletter (we'll also post signs at the Circulation Desk) for updates.
- Speaking of Westlaw: Our long-time Westlaw rep, Foster Blair, has been reassigned to the Washington, DC, area. Lori Chester will be filling the shoes of Foster (no word yet on whether she'll wear bow ties!); she should be running some classes for us in September and throughout the academic year.

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