

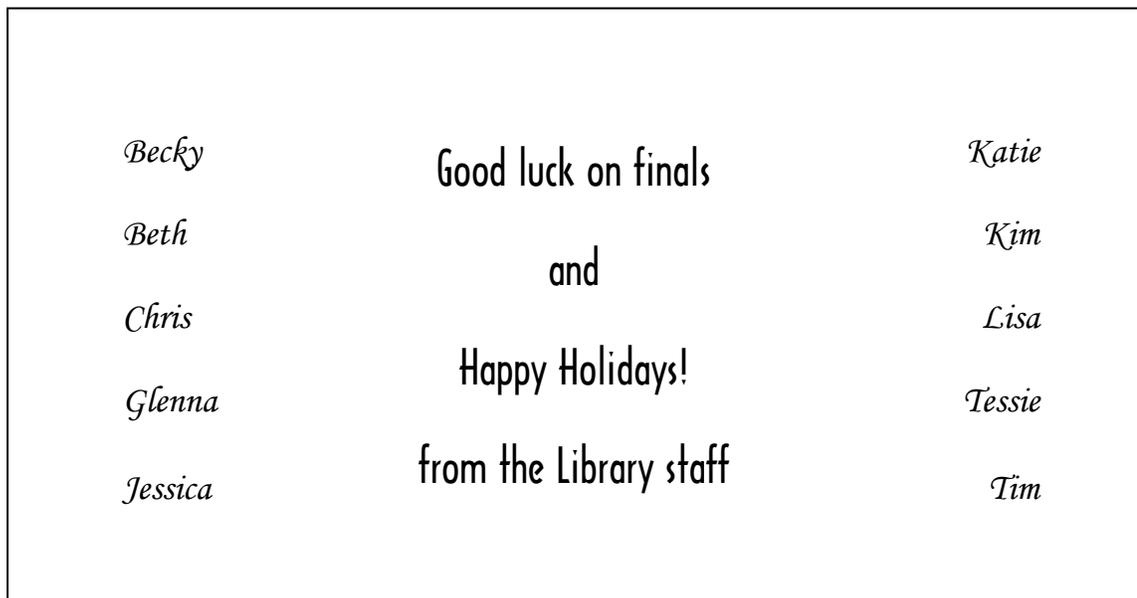
ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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What's New in the Library?

- **December Hours:** During finals, all students with a valid ASL ID card will be able to access the Library 24 hours a day. We will continue our normal staffed hours until Friday, December 12. For a detailed description of the hours we are staffed during Winter Break, check out our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm> or pick up one of our handouts at the Circulation Desk.



- Have you lost something in the Library? Stop by the Circulation Desk before Friday, December 12, to claim anything in our "lost and found" or some charitable organization will get a bunch of early Christmas presents!
- If you're a fan of the CALI [Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction] web site, there will be some big changes at the beginning of the new year! You will be required to register with your e-mail address and a password of your choice. This will allow access to over 300 lessons in 29 legal topics, which should review or reinforce material covered in your law school classes. To register, go to <http://www.cali.org/> and follow the link entitled "Not a registered user yet?" You will need to know the secret student access code: **[not available in online version]**. Of course, if you want all of the lessons, you might consider checking out one of the CALI CD-ROMs at the Circulation Desk.

Other News

- We're planning on doing a little remodeling in the Library over Winter Break. Some areas will be repainted. We're slightly altering the layout of the Microfiche Room. We may also be shifting ("moving") some parts of our collection to make room for new acquisitions. If you plan on using the Library during this period, let us know so that we won't inconvenience your research needs.
- If you've been wishing for an MP3 player for Christmas, we've got an idea for a complementary present. Who wouldn't want to listen to the Supreme Court justices arguing a famous case? Start downloading from the OYEZ project, sponsored by Northwestern University. Their goal is to digitize all of the audiotaping done in the High Court, which began in 1955. Many famous cases – including recent ones like *Bush v. Gore* and the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act cases (which we wrote about in September's newsletter) – are available at <http://www.oyez.org/oyez/frontpage> (for fun, also be sure to check out "Oyez Baseball" too!).
- We're always on the lookout for legal cases with that little bit of humor injected into them. Recently, rap star Eminem managed to get attached to a case partially penned in rhyme. In one of his songs ("Brain Damage"), he identifies a former school bully by name, stating, "He banged my head against the urinal until he broke my nose / Soaked my clothes in blood, grabbed me and choked my throat." The alleged bully sued Eminem for defamation. Macomb County (Michigan) Circuit Court Judge Deborah Servitto wanted to "convey the Court's opinion to fans of rap," and thus wrote:

The Court must always balance the rights
Of a defendant and one placed in a false light
If the plaintiff presents no question of fact
To dismiss is the only acceptable act

Bailey also admitted he was a bully in youth
Which makes what [Eminem] said substantial truth
This doctrine is a defense well known
And renders Bailey's case substantially blown

It is therefore this Court's ultimate position
That Eminem is entitled to summary disposition.

Sadly, the case (Bailey v. Mathers aka Eminem Slim Shady, 2001-3606-NO) is not yet on Westlaw or LexisNexis. It has been reprinted at <http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/emjudge1.html> (the rap begins on page 13).

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