

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

March 1, 2006

Volume 9 Number 8

## What's New in the Library?

- The Library will have modified hours during Spring Break.

	<b>Circulation Desk</b>	<b>Card Access</b>
Saturday, March 11	9 am – 6 pm (regular)	9 am – midnight (regular)
Sunday, March 12	<i>CLOSED</i>	<b>NO ACCESS</b>
Monday, March 13	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Tuesday, March 14	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Wednesday, March 15	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Thursday, March 16	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Friday, March 17	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Saturday, March 18	<i>CLOSED</i>	<b>NO ACCESS</b>
Sunday, March 19	9 am – 10 pm (regular)	9 am – midnight (regular)

- After Spring Break, be looking for our student survey, where you get a chance to tell us what you think about the Library facility and services. This anonymous survey will be placed in your student mailboxes; we'll collect them in a box at the Circulation Desk.
- Due to the recent heavy rains and our leaky ceilings, we have moved a few books around to prevent them from becoming sappy messes. One major series is the Kentucky Reports, which we now have temporarily in our Reserve collection. If you are sure the books you need used to be in a certain spot, ask us at the Circulation Desk if we've sheltered them from the (next) storm!
- Thanks goes out to LexisNexis, which has donated a new Dell computer for electronic research. The new machine is upstairs next to the elevator, and replaces the older machine that they donated several years ago. We are expecting a new LexisNexis laser printer which will replace the current one in the downstairs printing area.
- Please note that the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be held in the Library on Wednesdays and Saturdays. They will usually be in the Library Seminar Room, but may be located in the Microfiche Room during electronic training sessions.

## Other News

- March, which in many places is better known as "mud season," also tends to bring out the sports nuts, as college basketball's "March Madness" takes hold of much of the country. Although most of us are past our playing days, law students interested in athletics can pursue a career in sports law. Our March display case will highlight some of materials we have on this topic.
- Many of you have used the CALI CDs or online lessons by now. But have you found CALI's new resource Classcaster? It offers a collection of blogs – periodic postings – from law professors on various topics. Some of these also include audio you can download to your computer or portable music player (like an iPod). Check it out at <http://www.classcaster.org/>

(And, if you haven't found out about CALI yet, we have CDs available at the Circulation Desk for a three-day checkout, or you can go online at <http://www.cali.org/> and register using our code which is **[not in online version!]** – but that is case-sensitive, so watch the upper- and lower-case letters!)

- There's a "hired lawyer" story that recently got a lot of press. Apparently, a young female attorney turned down a job offer by e-mail the weekend before she was to start work. She wrote, "After careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that the pay you are offering would neither fulfill me nor support the lifestyle I am living...." The employer wrote back, suggested her e-mail was "immatur[e]" and "quite unprofessional," and stated that he was disappointed because he had relied on her acceptance to prepare her office space.

But then things started turning nasty. The young woman responded: "A real lawyer would have put the contract in writing and not exercised any such reliance until he did so." The employer – William Korman, a former Suffolk County (MA) prosecutor and a member of the bar for 10 years – replied, "Thank you for the refresher course on contracts. This is not a bar exam question." He then strongly hinted that her attitude might not impress other members of the "small legal community."

Her response? Three words: "bla bla bla."

Amazingly, this is not an urban legend, as both Korman and Dianna Abdala, who was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 2005, have confirmed the general gist of this story. Abdala has reported Korman to the professional conduct board for forwarding her e-mails to others. Korman claims these e-mails were "non-privileged" and not from a client.

Moral of the story: Be careful what you write in e-mails! And always try to act professional, even when you think nobody else is looking. [The *Boston Globe* seems to have been the first to carry this story.]