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What's New in the Library?

- Are your legal research skills a little rusty? Join us for our weekly "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic Assisted Learning) training classes. February has a full schedule of classes meant to remind you how to find what's in the Library, as well as how to find cases, statutes, and law review articles. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, at 4:15 pm in the Library Seminar Room. We're going to put sign-up sheets at the Circulation Desk, so get your name in early!
- You'll notice that we have a new sign by the Library Seminar Room (where the computers are). Since we often have training classes – the "Get REAL!" classes, plus Lexis and Westlaw vendor visits – in that room, we wanted a way to alert users when the room would not be available. Please be courteous to the trainers using the room, and be ready to leave the room before a training class begins.
- We hope to have WordPerfect installed on several Library computers by early February. If you're trying to print a WordPerfect document, check at the Circulation Desk and we'll tell you where you can find the program.
- The spring visits for the Westlaw and Lexis training sessions have not yet been set. Be watching for more chances to get certified! There will also be other training opportunities for research refreshers, job searching, and preparing for "real-world" research. We'll have sign-up sheets at the Circulation Desk.

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Monday	8 am – 12 noon	10:15 am – 12:15 pm; 4:10 pm – 6:10 pm
Tuesday	10 am – 2 pm	8:30 am – 9:30 am; 1 pm – 2 pm; 4 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	10:15 am – 12:15 pm; 4 pm – 6 pm
Thursday	10 am – 2 pm	8:30 am – 9:30 am; 1 pm – 2 pm
Friday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	<i>no scheduled hours</i>

Other News

- If you've been thinking about life after law school, you may feel some apprehension about your knowledge and skills being sufficient in the "real world." Many newly-minted lawyers choose to work with mentors, either within their own firm or through the state bar organization. If you're unsure whether being mentored is right for you, be sure to check out "Got Mentors?" in the December 2006 issue of *Student Lawyer* (which is in Reserve).
- New York has made some changes to their attorney advertising regulations, to take effect on February 1, 2007. The Unified Court System of that state has formulated a way to include "computer-accessed communications," which include "web sites, weblogs, search engines, electronic mail, banner advertisements, pop-up and pop-under advertisements, chat rooms, list servers, instant messaging, or other internet presences" (to be codified at 22 New York Comp. Codes, R. and Regs. 1200.1 (2007), which is often abbreviated NYCRR although that abbreviation is not recognized by the *Bluebook* or *ALWD*). Web sites must be "preserved" at least every 90 days, advertisements contained in a "computer-accessed communication" must be retained for at least a year, and all other advertisements must be retained for at least three years (to be codified at 22 NYCRR 1200.6(k)). One firm in New York is nervous that its use of cartoons will violate the new ban on using "depictions of fictionalized events or scenes" (to be codified at 22 NYCRR 1200.6(c)(4)). For a complete copy of all the changes, see the New York State Bar Association's web page at http://www.nysba.org/Content/ContentGroups/Announcements/lawyer_advertising.htm

Florida had passed some similar changes to its professional advertising regulations, which took effect on January 1, 2007. Included were changes to the pre-filing of television and radio ads (Rule 4-7.7(a)(1)(A)), prohibiting communications that could "confuse" a person (Rule 4-7.2(c)(3)), and requiring out-of-state lawyers who still practice in Florida to follow Florida's advertising rules (Rule 4-7.1(c)). The Florida Supreme Court did not make any changes to Florida's computer-accessed communications, with the Court side-stepping the regulation of Internet advertising by attorneys until after a special committee makes its findings. To read the new Florida rules, see the filing at

<http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/decisions/2006/sc05-2194-Rules.pdf>

The Florida Bar has filed a Motion of Reconsideration to seek clarification on a few of those rule changes; those can be found on this page

<http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/comments/2005/index.shtml>

and scroll down to the SC05-2194 documents.

If you're curious about the rules in your state, peruse your bar association or state supreme court web site, or skim the *ABA/BNA Lawyer's Manual of Professional Conduct* (which is located in Reference).

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