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What's New in the Library?

- The Library's "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic Assisted Learning) training classes continue through February. These short refresher courses are helpful reminders about the legal research process: finding cases, finding statutes, finding law review articles, and finding updates using citators. Stop by the Reference Desk on Wednesday afternoons at 4:15 (schedules are posted around the Library and on our web site).
- Both Lexis and Westlaw will be stopping by in February to run their popular certification classes. These sessions will give you more experience using the two online legal databases, and teach you the tips and tricks you may need during your externship and your future practice. Although these schedules are tentative, we expect Lexis the week of February 11, and Westlaw the week of February 18. We'll have signup sheets at the Circulation Desk as soon as the times and dates are confirmed.
- The Library runs a survey every two years, asking students to grade us on our services and our facility. We'll be placing these in your mailbox in mid-February. Then while you're all off-campus on some beautiful sunny beach, we'll spend our Spring Break tallying the results and reporting back in a future newsletter.
- We've gotten a few e-mailed requests for the CALI authorization code recently, so as a general reminder to those who haven't found it: the code for the almost 700 tutorials on all types of legal topics is **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive). If your Internet connection is slow, though, stop by the Circulation Desk for a three-day checkout of a CALI CD.

Spring 2008 Student Representative Schedules

	LexisNexis	Westlaw	
	Heather Cawthron (2L) hcawthron09@asl.edu	Nate Colburn (2L) ncolburn219@aol.com	Ryan Nuzzo (3L) RyanLNuzzo@gmail.com
Monday	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	10:00 am – 11:30 am	10:00 am – 12 noon
Tuesday	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	9:00 am – 11:00 am	2:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Wednesday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	9:00 am – 12 noon; 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday	12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>
Friday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	9:00 am – 10:00 am	<i>no scheduled hours</i>

Other News

- Virginia residents don't have to worry about "Super Tuesday" on February 5 (the date during the election cycle which had the largest number of primaries and caucuses). The Virginia primaries will be held a week later, on February 12.

If you were wondering: lawyers are fairly well represented in the current crop of candidates (as of press time). On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton got her JD at Yale, John Edwards got his JD at UNC Chapel Hill, and Barack Obama got his JD at Harvard. The Republicans have Rudy Guiliani with his JD from NYU and Mitt Romney with his JD from Harvard. Interestingly, *USA Today* noted that the proportion of US presidents who were lawyers fell from 76 percent in the 19th century to 39 percent in the 20th century.

- Another excuse gets thrown out of court – "I got stuck in traffic." Toshiba America had fourteen days to file an appeal. The lawyer handling the case wound up passing off the motion to a courier at 3:14 pm on the last day of the filing period – knowing that the filing deadline was at 4 pm. The courier encountered "unusually heavy traffic" – and a train – in Santa Ana, California, and got to the courthouse just after the place had closed. The court had no sympathy: "These circumstances, however regrettable, do not meet the standard for 'excusable neglect.' ... [T]he entirely foreseeable obstacle of traffic in Southern California in the late afternoon ... cannot justify an enlargement of time," especially when "the reason for delay in this case was entirely foreseeable and avoidable." More information about the case, including the opinion, can be found on the *Wall Street Journal's* web site at <http://tinyurl.com/2mxh4m>
- Excuse us while we pat ourselves on the back: This is the 100th issue of the ASL Library News. The first issue, published on Halloween 1997, introduced the "What's New In The Library" front page, and also included a professor's biography, computer tips, and research help. Over the years we've tried to make the newsletter informative and helpful to our readers (and we couldn't resist running a silly article every once in a while, either). We ran a survey in 2002 to gauge whether we should switch to an electronic newsletter, and the results were evenly split. So since then we've been slowly trying to do both, by printing a monthly newsletter, and by posting more "up-to-date" information on our web site. We're interested in your comments, though: what would you like to see in the newsletter or as a blog post? Send an e-mail to Chris (or drop off a message in our suggestion box upstairs) and we'll see what we can do!

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