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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 recently expanded staffed 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 improve your law school experience. Our suggestion box is upstairs in the copy area (for anonymous suggestions), or you can pass along your ideas to a Library staff member.

Who's New In The Library?

Ethan Atwood joins us as our new Reference Librarian. Ethan is a recent graduate of the University of Oklahoma's School of Information Science, receiving an M.L.I.S. degree in May of 2008. In 2006, he received a J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law and in September of that year was admitted to practice before the Arkansas Bar. Ethan also holds a B.A. in History from the Fulbright College at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Ethan will have regular shifts at the Reference Desk, along with our other professional librarians. We also have "drop in" hours, so if the Reference Desk isn't staffed, feel free to poke your head into one of our offices.

For short biographies of other Library staff members, check out our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>

What's New in the Library?

- During the summer, we worked on several projects to make more space in the Library. Here are some of the biggest changes:
 - The Appalachian Collection is now in Range 101, which is the wall behind Becky's office.
 - The two general legal encyclopedias (*American Jurisprudence 2d* and *Corpus Juris Secundum*) are now located on the wall by the elevator on the first floor. *Words and Phrases*, though, has moved upstairs after the Decennial and General Digests.
 - *American Law Reports* (ALRs) have been moved upstairs, in between the federal reporters and the regional reporters.
 - The predecessor sets to the ALRs – provided to us by another law library – are also filed upstairs, just before the ALR sets.
- Our access hours remain the same as last year. With a valid ASL ID, students have access to the Library Monday through Friday, 6 am to midnight, and Saturday and Sunday, 9 am to midnight. Our Reference Desk hours will begin very soon, and we'll post those hours on the Library bulletin boards and on our web site.
- First year students got a brand-new copy of the 2008-2009 Student User Guide during Orientation; returning students can download one from our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php>) or pick up a copy at the Circulation Desk.
- Returning students will remember the popularity of the CALI CDs. This year, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) has produced DVDs, which will run on Windows and Mac computers. We'll be stuffing mailboxes with these DVDs during the first week of classes. You can also run the newest version of these legal tutorials by signing up online if you know the ASL access code, which is **[not in online version!]** (you only need to register once).
- During the first few weeks of law school, 1Ls must struggle with the ideas behind jurisprudence: how do judges make decisions? A recent law review article divided judicial decisionmaking into "intuitive" and "deliberative," and found a sample group of Florida judges tended to lean more towards an intuitive approach, which may not always be correct. The study – found at 93 Cornell Law Review 1 (2007) – offered these three questions:
 - A bat and a ball cost \$1.10 total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?
 - If it takes five machines five minutes to make five widgets, how long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets?
 - In a lake, there's a patch of lily pads. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half of the lake?