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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. 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 find the materials you need in our collection.

Take the time to walk around and look at what the Library has to offer. We have a solid Virginia law collection and a strong collection of regional legal materials and general reference materials. We continue to purchase books that cover the topics that you will learn in school, including several study guide series on Reserve. Our print collection is enhanced by our microfiche holdings, as well as electronic databases that you have access to (see our web site, at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>). Of course, we also provide training on all these resources, with class-like tutorials and with one-on-one reviews with our professional librarians.

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?

Elise Looney joins us as our new Circulation Assistant. Elise was born and raised in Buchanan County. She attended Kentucky Christian University where she received a B.S. in Middle Grades Education and Religious Studies in 2009.

If you'd like to know more about our other Library staff members, we have job titles and short biographies listed on our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>

What's New in the Library?

- As a reminder, our access hours are Monday through Friday, 6 am to midnight; Saturday, 9 am to midnight; and Sunday, 1 pm to midnight. (Our hours can be found at <http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm> but we'll post modifications to the main Library page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>). When we begin our Reference Desk hours, we'll post notices on the Library bulletin boards.
- We worked on a few big projects this summer, but returning students will likely notice two of them. We've rearranged a good chunk of the first floor collection, moving things around to make room for newer books. And we've revamped our online catalog, which now can be found at <http://catalog.asl.edu> (or just follow the "Library Catalog" link on our web page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/> to get there). Please ask one of us if you're feeling disoriented!
- The newest edition (2009-2010) of the Student User Guide can be downloaded from our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php>). We also have printed up a few copies which can be found at the Circulation Desk.
- We'll be passing out CALI DVDs to all students later this week (1Ls: you got yours during Orientation). If you're not familiar with the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, you should be: they provide over 800 free tutorials on legal topics. Students with a fast Internet connection can go to <http://www2.cali.org/> and run the tutorials online, if registered with ASL's access code, which is **[not in online version]** (you only need to register once).
- Over the summer, the Judicial Conference of the United States voted to revise the Code of Conduct for United States Judges (it's the biggest revision of those precepts in over fifteen years). A basic summary of the updates can be found in an earlier press release at http://www.uscourts.gov/Press_Releases/2009/0309JudicialConf.cfm
- It's been a long time coming, but the Federal Trade Commission will be disallowing many types of prerecorded phone calls beginning September 1, 2009. One year ago, the agency promulgated regulations that prohibited most automated sales calls unless the seller has a signed, written agreement with you (the old "established business relationship" is now no longer enough for certain calls). Sadly, this won't end all of the "robocalls," as this only applies to those groups regulated by the FTC – which doesn't include politicians, non-profit groups, or organizations providing informational calls (like the reminders from your dentist about your upcoming cleaning). For a press release about the changes (there's also a link to the final rule), see <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2008/08/tsr.shtm>

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