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What's New in the Library?

- We'll be hosting the annual 1L Lexis and Westlaw training in the Library Seminar Room at the end of October. Lexis will be running training classes throughout the day on Tuesday, October 27, and Wednesday, October 28. Westlaw will follow, with classes on Thursday, October 29, and Friday, October 30.
- We keep finding abandoned thumb drives (also known as "flash drives") in random places around the Library. If you've misplaced yours, check at the Circulation Desk (it might help if you knew the color, the brand name, or the drive space size, as we've been collecting quite a few of these and they're all starting to look the same). One proactive step you might want to take is to put your name on the drive – either using a permanent pen, or by placing it in a file on the drive named "readme" or "if found" (if your operating system allows it, you might even try to make the first character an underscore (_) so that this file appears first on the drive).
- You've probably noticed that the Virginia area (the section on your right just before you walk into the Library Seminar Room) is stuffed with notebooks and other important-looking materials. We're trying to clean that area out so that only the most recent volumes of particular titles are there. But we're keeping the older volumes too; they'll be in our Archives section, which is on the left after you pass by the downstairs printers. We apologize in advance for being a bit loud as we move those materials, but those binders don't often cooperate when they're put on our book carts. If you have trouble finding something, please be sure to let us know.

Reference Notes

by Ethan Atwood, Reference Librarian

We're continuing our short "Get REAL!" tutorials in the Library. Last month we focused on secondary sources and this month we'll be looking at primary sources. On Tuesday, October 6th, we'll demonstrate how to find statutory materials. Then, on Tuesday, October 13th, we'll look at how to use case law digests. Finally, on Tuesday, October 20th, we'll complete the "Get REAL!" series with a demonstration of how to update primary source research, with a special focus on Shepardizing in print. A complete schedule of all the "Get REAL!" sessions is available at <http://www.asl.edu/library/classes.php>. If you're interested, just stop by the Library's Reference Desk on Tuesdays at 4:45 pm.

Other News

- October is always an exciting month for Supreme Court fans, as the beginning of their new Term always begins on the First Monday of October (which this year is October 5). Joining the Supremes this year is Sonia Sotomayor, who is the 111th justice to serve on the High Court. The docket this year includes a number of interesting cases, like these we found notable:
 - In a dispute between two states over water rights to the Catawba River, when those states sue each other under the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction powers, are non-state parties allowed to intervene? *South Carolina v. North Carolina*, 138 Orig.
 - After a suspect demands an attorney, does *Edwards v. Arizona*, 451 U.S. 477 (1981), prohibit interrogation for the same alleged crime even after a two-and-a-half year break in the investigation? *Maryland v. Shatzer*, 08-680
 - In a case too late for Michael Vick, is 18 U.S.C. 48's prohibition against depictions of animal cruelty (dog fighting, in this particular case) a violation of free speech? *U.S. v. Stevens*, 08-769
 - For two different (and not yet consolidated) cases, is it cruel and unusual punishment to sentence juveniles to life without parole? *Graham v. Florida*, 08-7412; *Sullivan v. Florida*, 08-7621
 - While prosecutors have almost unlimited immunity for their decisions, does that immunity extend when the prosecutor allegedly coerced false testimony, which was later used at trial? *Pottawattamie County v. McGhee*, 08-1065

Follow these and other cases in the print *U.S. Law Week* (which we keep at Reserve), or the electronic version we subscribe to through BNA Core (see our Electronic Databases page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/databases.php>). Another good source for briefs and commentary about these cases can be found at the ABA's Preview page at <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/>

- The United States isn't the only country that has its Supreme Court kick off a new term in October. The brand-new Supreme Court for the United Kingdom will also begin when the House of Lords transfers judicial powers to it on October 1 when they begin sitting at Middlesex Guildhall near Parliament. In England, they don't make changes lightly: the House of Lords has been hearing cases as a court for over six hundred years! But it's not quite a clean break – all current Law Lords have been moved out of the House into the Supreme Court chambers (and they're now unable to sit as members of the House). The Court will have 12 justices, with the leader being known as the President. In one drastic departure from their colleagues "across the pond," almost all of the UK Supreme Court proceedings will be filmed, with some broadcast live. For more information about the new court, check out their web site at <http://www.supremecourt.gov.uk/index.html>

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