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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** Exam hours began on November 29. The Library continues to offer extended access hours until 2 am (instead of midnight) through the exam period. Of course, you need a valid student ID to remain in the Library after 5 pm. The extended access ends on Friday, December 11.
- During Winter Break, the Library will have more limited hours. Although we will be closed to the public, students can use the Library Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, except on ASL-designated holidays (December 23-25 and December 31-January 1). There will be no "after-hours" access during the break. We begin our regular school hours again on Sunday, January 3.

Becky

Glenna

Beth

Good luck on finals

Kandi

Charlie

and

Michelle

Chris

Happy Holidays!

Teresa

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Tiffany

Ethan

from the Library staff

Reference Notes

by Ethan Atwood, Reference Librarian

While you're studying for finals, you might want to take a quick look at those CALI lessons again. In case you forgot your password, here's a quick tip to run the lessons straight from the CALI DVD. When you insert the DVD, don't click on any of the options in the initial pop-up screen. Instead, go to My Computer, right-click on the DVD icon, and select either "Open" or "Explore." Then click on the web page entitled "Start Lessons" and select "Start the CALI lessons here." You can then go through the lessons on your computer without worrying about logging into your account!

Other News

- Along with CALI DVDs, we have several study guides for exams on Reserve. Those include West's Hornbooks and Nutshells, the Lexis Understanding series, Examples and Explanations, and a newer set known as the Mastering series. We also now have a new set called "Friedman's Practice Series." This set takes a topic and gives both essay and multiple-choice questions – and then gives answers. This set isn't the best for learning the material, but is great when you're testing yourself on your mastery of the subject. We only have a few subjects (Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence) now, but we'll be buying more as they're published. These Reserve books check out for two hours.
- If you have overdue books or fines to pay, please be sure to take care of those before the exam period begins. Please pay at the Circulation Desk Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, so you have one less thing to worry about during vacation!
- The Judicial Conference of the United States proposed quite a few federal rules changes which will take effect on December 1. Most of the rule changes this year involve changing how time is computed; the rules will now count all days (even holidays and weekends) but will often extend many filing deadlines to account for this change. (Congress agreed, and passed a few of these as Public Law 111-16.) Other substantive provisions include codifying rules for an "indicative ruling" for a motion that occurs in a district court while an appeal is pending, clarifying rules on the seizure of electronically-stored information, and revising some of the rules on forfeiture notices. If you would like to read any of these new rules, or want a more thorough explanation of them, check out the Judicial Conference's web page at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/supct0309.html>
- A legal fight that's been brewing for quite a while is whether law firms need to follow the Federal Trade Commission's rules for identity theft. The Red Flags Rule requires businesses – specifically "creditors" and "financial institutions" – to create and maintain identity theft prevention programs, including writing policies that identify certain patterns or documents that could be indicative of identity theft. After a few delays, the Red Flags Rule is in further limbo due to a district court ruling in DC that the rule does not apply to attorneys (the FTC is expected to appeal). Even if attorneys are not required to follow the rules, having a policy in your office on dealing with private client records is definitely a good business practice. For information about the FTC's rule, see the recent press release delaying enforcement until June 2010: <http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2009/10/redflags.shtm>
For ideas about implementing a plan in your (future) office, see <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/redflagsrule/resources.shtm>