

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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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.

## What's New In The Library?

We've done a bit of rearranging in our Periodicals section (the area with the moveable shelving). Now *all* of our printed volumes – bound and unbound (ie, paperback) – can be found in alphabetical order on those shelves. Previously, our newest unbound journals were located in Reserve. If you have trouble finding a volume you need, check at the Circulation Desk.

You might also notice the new catalog computer at the Circulation Desk. In an effort to "go green," we're replacing our old paper-based lists. Now you'll be able to see a number of our featured collections, including the faculty reserve list, plus the Appalachian list and a few others. If you run into problems, be sure to ask for help at the Circulation Desk.

## Other News

- Our school year 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'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 (including several new ones on environmental law, plus an introduction to Kentucky legal research). Students with a fast Internet connection can go to <http://www.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).
- The newest edition (2010-2011) of the Student User Guide can be downloaded from our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.aspx>). We also have a few printed copies which can be found at the "Information Station" across from the Circulation Desk.
- We've also started using the rotating literature rack located near the Reference Desk. There are dozens of research guides hidden inside: some from us, and some from our electronic vendors. Feel free to spin the rack and find some helpful information! (But please don't spin it too hard, as it's an older model.)
- Most of our students will practice law in a traditional field, like family law or criminal defense. But if you're asking yourself "What else can I do with a law degree?" you might want to check out the law practice of Belin McCormick in Des Moines, Iowa. One of the partner's interests is mixed martial arts. So he's created a blog to talk about many of the legal issues that arise in the fast-growing sport. Check it out at <http://www.mixedmartialartslawblog.com/> (He also does intellectual property, among other things, which we'd suspect pays for most of the bills.)
- We all can get a bit rambling when we get nervous, but we're still trying to figure out a recent order decided by the U.S. Court of International Trade. Judge Thomas Aquilino was a bit peeved by the lower court's inability to properly weigh an element in a case now on appeal – again – to him. His opinion is most notable because the 538-word order is a single sentence. Periods only appear in citations. If you'd like to read it, look for *Mittal Steel Point Lisas Ltd. v. U.S.*, 2010 WL 1221758, No. 02-0076 (C.I.T. Mar. 29, 2010).

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