

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- We will have more limited hours on Labor Day, September 6. The Circulation Desk will only be open from 2 pm to 6 pm; card access will be limited to 2 pm to midnight. Our card access for the weekend remains the same (9 am to midnight on Saturday, 1 pm to midnight on Sunday), as does our staffed hours (9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, 1 pm to 10 pm on Sunday).
- The Library offers several tutorials throughout the school year, and this semester's classes begin in September. Our "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic Assisted Learning) series provides refreshers on legal research topics. On Monday, September 20, we'll discuss how to find treatises by using our online catalog. On Monday, September 27, we'll learn how to find other secondary sources, like encyclopedia articles and ALR annotations. Stop by the Reference Desk at 2:30 pm on those days for a short review; classes usually run less than 15 minutes. You can view the semester's schedule at <http://www.asl.edu/library/classes.aspx>
- One new resource the Library subscribes to is the former "Audio Case Files." It now has a new name (Courtroom Video Connect), but still offers the audio component, which you have access to. You can download some famous cases in MP3 format for your portable music player (like an iPod) or your compatible car stereo. Go to our Electronic Databases page ( <http://www.asl.edu/library/databases.aspx> ) and click on the link for "Audio Case Files." Once there, click on the "Have an account? Sign in" green box at the bottom of the page. At the next page, find the line near the bottom that says "To create a new account, click here." Then choose ASL in the drop-down list and create an account using your ASL e-mail address. You'll then have access to over 1,750 important legal opinions read aloud.

### Fall 2010 Student Representative Schedule(s)

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<b>Monday</b>	8:00 am – 9:00 am; 10:15 am – 11:00 am	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	9:00 am – 10:00 am; 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am – 10:00 am	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00 am – 10:00 am	12 noon – 3:00 pm	8:00 am – 9:00 am; 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00 am – 9:00 am; 10:15 am – 11:00 am	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	12 noon – 2:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am – 10:00 am	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	9:00 am – 11:00 am

*If these posted times are not convenient for you, check with one of these student reps to make an appointment at an alternate time.*

## Other News

- Now that your law school classes are starting to become "routine," here's a way to test yourself to make sure you're learning the key topics: Sign up for the over 800 CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) tutorials at <http://www.cali.org/> (you'll need the authorization code of **[not in online version]**). If you have a slow Internet connection at home, you can check out (for three days) a copy of the DVD from the Circulation Desk with all the lessons (yes, it even works on Macs!).
- If your weekend plans fall apart at the last minute, don't forget that the ASL Library has a few legally-themed movies on Reserve, including classics like *To Kill A Mockingbird* and *The Paper Chase*. To see what's available, go to the Library's catalog at <http://catalog.asl.edu/ftlists> and choose "Legal Movies Series." These DVDs check out for three days.
- We run this suggestion periodically, but it doesn't seem like too many people are acting on it. If you own a thumb drive (also known as a flash drive or USB key), do yourself a favor and write your name on it! Alternatively, create a text file called "IF FOUND" and put your name or e-mail address or even cell phone number inside the text file. We find about a dozen left-behind drives each month, and while most have been happily reunited with their owners, there are always a few that remain anonymous. If you need help doing this, check with Chris.
- In mid-August, the Ninth Circuit struck down the "Stolen Valor Act" which prohibited false claims (in writing or verbally) about the receipt of military decorations or medals (18 U.S.C. §704(b)). The court used a great "slippery slope" argument: if Congress can outlaw this type of false claim,  
then there would be no constitutional bar to criminalize lying about one's height, weight, age, or financial status on Match.com or Facebook, or falsely representing to one's mother that one does not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, is a virgin, or has not exceeded the speed limit while driving on the freeway.  
*U.S. v. Alvarez*, 2010 WL 3222192 (9th Cir. Aug 17, 2010). Mr. Alvarez had allegedly claimed that he had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor; he also claimed to be a member of the Detroit Red Wings hockey team, and was secretly married to a Mexican starlet. Several veterans' organizations have announced that they hope to appeal this decision.

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