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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 strive to 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?

Returning students will quickly notice that we've moved a lot around on our second floor. If you can't find something, ask at the Circulation Desk!

- Our main collection now has a lot of space to grow; you can find most books with call numbers KF6687 through ZA999 in Aisles 201 through 216.
- We've added our "Congressional Documents" collection (which had been on the shelves in the Microfiche Room) to Aisles 217-218.
- Our state materials section has been trimmed. With the increasing ability to find state statutes online, we've removed most of our print statutory sets, keeping four of our five regional states (Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia) upstairs along with DC. (Virginia's statutory compilations are shelved downstairs.)

Other News

- Our school year student access hours are Monday through Friday, 6 am to midnight; Saturday, 9 am to midnight; and Sunday, 12 pm to midnight. (Our hours can be found at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Hours.html> 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.
- Our first exception to our schedule is on Labor Day (Monday, September 3). We'll offer card access from 5 pm to midnight, but the Library's Circulation Desk will be closed all day. The prior weekend hours remain unchanged.
- The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI to those in the know) offers over 900 free tutorials on many legal topics. You can always use the DVDs that we have at the Circulation Desk (1Ls: you got yours during Orientation), or you can register online by going to <http://www.cali.org/> and using ASL's registration code which is **[not in online version!]** (and it is case-sensitive). Once you've registered, you keep the account all three years of law school. These online lessons work on Windows, Linux, Macs, and even tablets (iPads and Androids). If you don't mind squinting, you could even run them on your Internet-enabled phones!
- We've updated our Student User Guide for the new academic year. To read a copy, find it on our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Publications.html>. We also have a few printed copies which can be found at the "Information Station" across from the Circulation Desk.
- Our IT department has finished replacing the old student computers upstairs and in the Seminar Room. All computers should have modern versions of Microsoft Office (including Word and PowerPoint) as well as Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- Be sure to check the standard bulletin boards (near the two copy areas and in the Library Seminar Room) for the hours for our Lexis and Westlaw student representatives, which hadn't been set as of press time.
- Westlaw has announced it will end its free printing program for law students next summer (2013). While this is great for the environment, it may require some retraining on your part! If you need assistance saving documents to a thumb drive, check at the Reference Desk for assistance. (Interestingly, Lexis has not made any similar announcement.)

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