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What's New in the Library?

- During the first few weeks of October, we'll be having our traditional 1L electronic research training. Lexis training is currently scheduled for the first week of October (October 1-2), and Westlaw will follow the week after (October 8-9). Both Scott Hite and Lynne Rozier will be spending most of their time with Legal Process training, but if you have questions, be sure to stop by between classes. (During other times, try to stump the student representatives during their "office hours" listed below!)
- If you're looking for a little more help in your legal research projects – well, look no further! We run a bunch of short tutorials that review some basic legal research skills. Join us on the following days at 11 am at the Reference Desk:
 - October 15: Finding Treatises
 - October 22: Finding Secondary Sources
 - October 29: Finding Cases

We'll have several more classes offered in November as well.

- Now that the semester is starting to become routine, don't put your study skills on cruise control. Keep up with your classes by running CALI tutorials. Head on over to <http://www.cali.org> and set up your own account (you'll need the ASL-specific authorization code, which is **[not in online version!]** and it is case-sensitive). There are about 500 lessons for first-year classes, and some 650 lessons for the 2Ls and 3Ls. If you're Internet-deprived at your apartment, check out a DVD from the Circulation Desk for three days!

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

Other News

- It's time for another season with the U.S. Supreme Court! Traditionally, the first day of the new term is on the first Monday in October. As always, they'll tackle the tough constitutional cases of the day. Some of the more interesting cases already scheduled for this term include:
 - A challenge to a Florida Supreme Court decision that a drug-sniffing dog's alert is not enough to establish probable cause for a search – which appears to go against U.S. Supreme Court precedent (*Florida v. Harris*, 11-817)
 - A separate dog-sniffing case, determining whether a "sniff test" at the front door of a residence is a Fourth Amendment search requiring probable cause (*Florida v. Jardines*, 11-564)
 - A big affirmative action case which may limit *Grutter v. Bollinger* to just graduate school admissions, or expand it to undergraduate admissions (*Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin*, 11-345)
 - A copyright case determining the limits of the "first sale doctrine," where a student imported cheaper foreign editions of textbooks to sell them on eBay to Americans (*Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons*, 11-697)

If you are interested in any of these cases – or want to see what else the justices will encounter this year – we have a number of great resources available, including the *U.S. Law Week* (in print at the Circulation/Reserve Desk and online in the "BNA Core" database). There's also the Supreme Court's own web site at <http://www.supremecourt.gov/>

(The *U.S. Law Week* always has some wacky information about the prior term too. Supreme Court watchers talk about a divided court, but in over 40% of the cases decided last term the Court had 9-0 votes! The newsletter also noted that although Justice Scalia generally asks the most questions – around 24 per case – Justice Sotomayor asked the first question in almost 30% of argued cases.)

- While we have the Supreme Court on our mind, we'll point out a very handy "Pronouncing Dictionary of the Supreme Court of the United States," presented by Yale Law School. Say your research finds the perfect case on point: *Skaneateles Waterworks Co v. Village of Skaneateles* (184 U.S. 354). How, exactly, would you pronounce that, without making a fool of yourself in front of other lawyers and the judge? The site gives two phonetic pronunciations, plus short audio clips, for some of the more confusing case names (like the "ski-nee-at-ləs" case mentioned here). Check it out at <http://documents.law.yale.edu/pronouncing-dictionary/>

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