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## What's New in the Library?

- Here comes Spring Break! Please remember that we'll have more limited hours while classes are not in session. We'll be closed completely on Sunday, March 3. For the week of Spring Break (March 4-8), our Circulation/Reserve Desk will be open from 9 am to 5 pm, but card access runs from 8 am to 9 pm. Then we'll be closed completely on Saturday, March 9. Our regular hours begin again on Sunday, March 10 (Circulation/Reserve Desk: 1 pm to 9 pm; card access: noon to midnight).
- Our Easter Sunday hours (March 31) will remain the same as normal – the Circulation/Reserve Desk will be open from 1 pm to 9 pm, and card access will run from noon to midnight. (Our official schedule had originally noted we'd have more limited hours.)
- Exams are just around the corner, so this is when study materials fly off the shelves. If you're waiting for someone to return an item you need, use that time to check out the over 900 CALI lessons – which are constantly being updated – from the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. In the last month, there were two new negotiable instruments lessons, plus one on professionalism and another on judicial review. If you signed up for CALI earlier in the year, your username and password stays the same throughout your law school career. But if you have yet to sign up, you'll need to go to <http://www.cali.org/> and use the authorization code [**not in online version!**] [which is case-sensitive]. If you're Internet-deprived at your house or apartment, you can check out a CALI DVD with almost all the lessons from the Circulation/Reserve Desk.
- While we're always eager to promote CALI, sometimes studying just needs to be done with a book in front of you. Don't forget about the many study guide series in print, like Examples and Explanations, Understanding, Mastering, and Friedman's Practice. Our newest editions can be checked out for two hours from the Circulation/Reserve Desk, but older editions (which check out for two weeks) might be found on the first or second floor, depending on the topic.
- Due to some extra space we've gained in that area, we're slightly rearranging the "Virginia Room" on the first floor where we keep all of our Virginia materials. If you can't find your favorite resource, stop by the Reference Desk and we'll point you in the right direction.

## Other News

- It's that time of year to change clocks again. Your Spring Break is one hour shorter this year, as we'll "spring ahead" on Sunday, March 10. Card access to the Library will not be impacted.
- Most people go to the movies to forget about their day jobs. But when a lawyer recently went to see *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, he couldn't resist analyzing the contract that the protagonist was expected to read and understand. (For those who don't know, though, this was the first of three planned movies, so if you don't want any spoilers, don't read the article.) An abbreviated version of his analysis appears at <http://www.wired.com/underwire/2013/01/hobbit-contract-legal-analysis/>

Two related items:

- The author of the *Wired* article has been writing for several years about superheroes (mostly Marvel and DC Comics characters) and how various laws might apply to them or their powers. Check out the *Law and the Multiverse* blog at <http://lawandthemultiverse.com/> if you're a fan of comic books. (Fans of the animated TV cartoons may be lost, as most discussions relate to comic book storylines.) Also, the quite lengthy *Hobbit* analysis can be read in full at <http://lawandthemultiverse.com/category/movies/hobbit>
  - If you watched *The Hobbit* and can't tell one dwarf from another (even with all those crazy beards), bring this with you next December when the second movie is released: <http://lotrproject.com/cheatsheet/>
- Speaking of movies, the recent *Lincoln* film (the Spielberg one, not the vampire hunting one) prodded two medical school colleagues to look more closely at the Thirteenth Amendment, which banned slavery in the United States. While the Amendment was ratified by the proper number of states in 1865, several states would later choose to ratify it symbolically. Mississippi took most of the steps in 1995 but some paperwork didn't get sent to the right office and so the ratification was never officially recognized. The two men, after watching *Lincoln*, found this discrepancy after researching slavery, and notified the Mississippi Secretary of State, who then quickly filed the appropriate paperwork. For a bit more detail, see <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2013/02/mississippi-officially-abolishes-slavery-ratifies-13th-amendment/>

Some news outlets covering this story made the erroneous claim that now all 50 states had ratified the Thirteenth Amendment, but there are 14 states that have not done so (although the Amendment applies in all 50 states). No Amendment has been ratified by all 50 states; there are two Amendments that have been adopted by 48 of the 50 states: the Nineteenth Amendment (right of women to vote) and the Twentieth Amendment (sets the dates of congressional and presidential terms).

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