

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- As of press time, we're in the early stages of planning Lexis and Westlaw training visits for mid-semester. We hope to offer an assortment of classes for both 1Ls and for 2Ls/3Ls. Please check back at the Circulation Desk in the first week of October for times and dates (we'll also send an e-mail to alert you).
- OK: hands up – who had heard of the word "benchslap" before now? That's just one of over 7500 new words included in the new *Black's Law Dictionary (10th Edition)*. ("Benchslap" is a judge's sharp rebuke, apparently.) Along with other peculiar words (like the not-really-recognized "influenza defense" for a young criminal arguing he or she cannot be held responsible for criminal acts due to growing up in a wealthy environment), there are a lot of Latin phrases, plus some modern helpful hints (like the "Twombly test" from 2007's *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*). If you're interested in looking through this new dictionary, we have ours sitting in the Dictionary Stand on the first floor. (There are a few other copies hanging out in the Library; ask at the Circulation Desk if you can't find one.)

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MON	The Lexis representatives will be offering "table tips" in the Powers Student Center (the basement of the Classroom Building) at the following times: Monday, Tuesday: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm Wednesday: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Thursday, Friday: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm			12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
TUE				1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
WED				<i>no scheduled hours</i>
THU				12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
FRI				<i>no scheduled hours</i>

If these listed times aren't convenient, please e-mail a representative to set up a personal consultation at a different time. (This schedule is subject to change.)

## Other News

- The first Monday in October is an unofficial holiday in many law schools in the United States – it marks the first day of a new term for the Supreme Court. After a summer break, the Supremes will be ready to tackle the big issues of the day. The High Court tends to pick some really thorny issues later in the year, but here are a few we know they'll be hearing soon after the term officially begins on October 6:
  - Can an agency substantially revise a prior interpretation without going through the normal notice-and-comment rulemaking procedure? (*Perez v. Mortg. Bankers Ass'n*, 13-1041, and *Nickols v. Mortg. Bankers Ass'n*, 13-1052)
  - When a state agency is operated by market participants who are elected by other market participants, is it a "private actor" under federal antitrust laws? (*N.C. State Bd. of Dental Exam'rs v. FTC*, 13-534)
  - In a long-running dispute, did Nebraska violate a compact apportioning the Republican River, and if so, what relief is appropriate? (*Kansas v. Nebraska and Colorado*, 126 Orig.)
  - Is a prison regulation prohibiting most facial hair in violation of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act? (*Holt v. Hobbs*, 13-6827)

To find out more about these cases – or others that are constantly being added to the docket – check out 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/>

- If you're in a rules-based course this year – like Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, or Evidence – you might want a copy of the rules all in one place. Don't go looking to Lexis or Westlaw, since they don't make it easy for you to compile just the text of the rules. Instead, check out CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, which hosts several free e-books with all the current rules. (The books are in epub format, which means that most Kindles will struggle with them, but all other book reading software on tablets, phones, and computers can read them.) Check them out at <http://www.cali.org/the-elangdell-bookstore>
- A new survey shows that over half of law firms have to deal with past due accounts of their clients. And in a follow-up question, just over 50% of firms expect to write off debts 90 or more days past due. The scary numbers are from a LexisNexis billing survey, available to view at <http://businessoflawblog.com/2014/08/law-firm-billing-survey/> (We have some books on collecting fees in our main collection at KF316; ask at the Reference Desk if you need help finding them.)

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