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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 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?

We now have a large bulletin board for posting information about school (and community) events in the side entryway. Please remember to remove any notices after the event has ended so that others will have room to post their event details!

Last semester, we received a suggestion in our suggestion box that we should provide a shredder. Shredders are a little loud to be left in the copy areas (and they frequently jam), so we've compromised: we're now keeping one behind the Circulation Desk. We'll wheel it out to you for you to shred your documents yourself, or you can hand your stuff over to us and we'll do it for you.

Over the summer, our Information Services staff made a small upgrade to our wi-fi service. They've also changed the password. If you missed the e-mail, stop by the Circulation/Reserve Desk and we'll let you in on the secret. If you've gotten a new computer, or if you need more assistance, feel free to swing by the IS office on the lower level of the Classroom Building.

Other News

- If you're planning ahead, our normal school year student access hours will generally be Monday through Friday, 6 am to midnight; Saturday, 9 am to midnight; and Sunday, 12 pm to midnight. (Our hours can always be found at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Hours.html> but we'll post modifications due to holidays on 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.
- Since we don't publish a separate September issue, we'll alert you to our first change of hours. The Library will have shorter hours for Labor Day (Monday, September 7). We'll offer card access from noon to midnight, but the Library's Circulation/Reserve Desk will be closed all day. The prior weekend hours remain unchanged.
- Start the academic year by signing up for a CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Learning Instruction) account. Doing so gets you access to over a thousand tutorials for all law school subjects. Head over to <http://www.cali.org> and type in ASL's authorization code, which is **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive). Stop by the Reference Desk for assistance if you have trouble. (1Ls: You signed up – or you *should* have signed up – during Orientation. 2Ls/3Ls: If you created an account before, you should use that one; you should not create a new account each year.)
- 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/Reserve Desk. Also in print there – and online – are a Library hours handout, and copies of the self-guided Library tour.
- We don't have our Lexis and Westlaw student representatives' "office hours" yet, but when we get them, we'll post them on the standard bulletin boards (near the two copy areas and in the Library Seminar Room).
- If you've lost your ID card over the summer, please stop by the Circulation/Reserve Desk. There is a \$5 (cash or check) fee for the replacement card.
- For the "They had to start somewhere" files: The Oyez Project (<http://www.oyez.org>) has been compiling the audio recordings of every oral argument before the Supreme Court. Their archive includes hundreds of famous cases. The bloggers at Concurring Opinions found Richard Nixon's only oral argument before the Supremes, which can be found on the page for *Time, Inc. v Hill* at http://www.oyez.org/cases/1960-1969/1965/1965_22

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