

# ASL Library News

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

- On Tuesday, November 25, starting at 9:30 am and continuing, the Library staff will offer cookies and apple cider for everyone. Please come by the Library and enjoy some goodies with us before you leave for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- We have received another shipment of material from National Law Resources. Federal Practice and Procedure (better known as Wright and Miller), Shepard's West Virginia Citations, and Federal Reporter 3d are now available in the Library.
- We are now receiving *The Bristol Herald Courier*, a regional daily paper and *The Virginia Mountaineer*, the local weekly paper. These are located downstairs in the Stacks area with the other Current Awareness items.
- We purchased the Sirsi System, an online library system several months ago. The staff has undergone some training on the system with more to follow in January. The file server has arrived and is being setup this week. We will be working over the next few months to automate the Library by putting records and barcodes for the items in the collection and adding patron information in the system. This will enable us to have an online public access catalog for searching and locating the items in the collection.

## Assistant Professor Kintzer

Stop by and talk to Professor Kintzer about law school, working for a two-attorney law firm, or pick a place (she's probably lived there). Or maybe compare your favorites to hers:

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| Favorite Color:                                  | Green                                     |
| Favorite Group:                                  | Nirvana (Butthole Surfers a close second) |
| Favorite Reading Material:                       | True Crime                                |
| Favorite Justice:<br>(of the U.S. Supreme Court) | Brennan                                   |

Favorite Food: Chinese

Favorite Thing about Grundy: Friendliest People in the World

Favorite Card: ACLU

She also has some good advice about time management, studying, how to write a law school exam, and being a law student.

## How to Decode Citations

“Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e” is a lousy cite. It comes from one of your Civil Procedure cases. Lousy because it does not give you enough information to find the version of the code (United States Code) section the defendant was accused of violating. Is it the language of the section found in the 1982 edition of the United States Code or perhaps the language of the 1976 Edition with the 1978 supplement. Also, it does not give you enough information to pull the public law. What this cite does tell me is the following:

“Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964” taken in parts means, (1) “Civil Rights Act of 1964” is either the name or the popular name of the act, i.e. the public law. (2) “1964” is likely the year it was passed, and (3) “Title VII” is a title within the public law. To find the citation of the original act and its amendments you could go to the popular names table in the last volume of the United States Code Annotated indices.

“42 U.S.C. § 2000e” taken in parts means, (1) U.S.C. is the abbreviation for the United States Code, (2) “42” is the title of the code in which the section can be found, and (3) “§ 2000e” is the section of the code. The date of the version of the code section is determined by the date when the cause of action arose.

## Computer News

The computers in the library will be “cleaned” over the winter break. Favorites and documents will be removed. Please copy down any Internet sites you want to remember and copy onto a disk any documents, saved to the hard drive, you want to access in the future.

**Good Luck on Your Exams!**

**Happy Holidays**