

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- Take note, 3Ls: the Library is beginning to collect old editions of state bar examinations for your use. If you would like to see what sort of questions have been asked on prior exams, ask for copies at the Circulation Desk. Right now, we have Tennessee and North Carolina. We will soon be getting Virginia, West Virginia, and Georgia, and by spring we should have all 50 states. We also have information about the Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE), both of which are required in all of the local jurisdictions (Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia).
- Second year students: you have more than a year before you need to start worrying about the bar exam questions. In the meantime, you can review the requirements for taking the bar exams. On Reserve, we have the bar admissions requirements and rules for almost all of the states (we should have the remaining few by spring), and copies of the actual applications for North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, with the other states' forms coming soon. For a quick summary of bar admission requirements, look at the National Conference of Bar Examiners' charts in Reference at KF 302 .Z95 C66 1999.
- Lest we forget our first year class: the bar exam is too far away for you to worry about right now; instead, you should be concentrating on passing law school exams. Remember that hornbooks and nutshells, two sets of helpful study aids, are on two-hour reserve at the Circulation Desk. We also have barcharts (two- or four-page summaries of important doctrines of law) and audiocassettes for all 1L classes (and many 2L and 3L classes as well), all on reserve.
- At press time, the Library is planning to upgrade our online catalog (SIRSI) during December. While we update the system, you may experience some delay in using the catalog. There may also be a small slow-down at the Circulation Desk. We hope that our update of SIRSI will go smoothly and that no one will be inconvenienced by the process. If you have questions, please ask a library staff member.
- Holiday Library hours are posted on the Internet (<http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm>) and are available at the Circulation Desk. Students, faculty, and staff will still have 24-hour access during our shorter winter hours.

## Other Library News

- As you use the Library at all hours during the exam period, you can be glad that you're not at Harvard.....

Both Miss Perry and Miss Martin were refused admission to the Harvard Law School [in the mid-1870s], the reason privately assigned being that it was not considered practicable to admit young men and women to the Law Library at the same time, and it was not fair to admit to the Law School without giving the privileges of the Library. I believe the authorities have not yet found any way to get around or over this mountain of difficulty.

Tom Woxland, Yet Another Good Reason Why Women Can't Be Lawyers, 11(1/2) Legal Reference Services Quarterly 209 (1991) (quoting Martin, Admission of Women to the Bar, 1 Chicago Law Times 76, 83 (1885)).

- When you're not in the Library, one lawyer has suggested watching Judge Judy, whom she says "dispenses justice and cogently elucidates principles of law that many a ponderous legal commentator has inflated and entangled." For the whole essay, look up Isabel Kaldenbach, Judy Lays Down the Law, ABA Journal, November 1999, at 128. We have the most recent ABA Journal in Reserve (where we hide all the unbound periodicals), as well as all of the other unbound ABA-published journals, including Student Lawyer. If you would like to read or skim any of these magazines, ask at the Circulation Desk.

**Best of luck on finals  
and  
happy holidays!**

**from the Library staff**