Letter from Ed Edmonds

The beginning of the fall 2009 semester marks another benchmark in the physical transformation of the Notre Dame Law School facility. This will be the only complete academic year without dedicated library study and research space and with just one-quarter of our print collection onsite. For first year students, this will mark some changes in the way that we teach legal research. We continue to strive to balance our teaching of various methods of online access to legal information with locating and using traditional print materials. We survey our students annually to monitor what law firms expect in research methods by summer law clerks, and we use this information to guide our efforts to best teach students in the research practices that they will need after graduation.

Recently, a number of writers have explored the changing nature of the marketplace. LexisNexis and Westlaw continue to post substantial profits, but clients are increasing less willing to allow firms to directly charge for the use of these two databases.

An article in the August 24 edition of the Wall Street Journal also outlined significant shifts away from hourly billing by many corporate clients of major law firms. While the growth of freely available legal information and commercial alternatives to the big two is growing, LexisNexis and Westlaw still form the foundation of legal research for most attorneys and law firms.

The staff of the Kresge Law Library is committed to providing the best in legal information service, and we welcome our new and returning faculty and students to this vibrant and thriving Law School.

-Ed Edmonds
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Despite the construction and dust at the north end of the building, please know that we are still here to help. Do not hesitate to ask any of us for assistance with your library and technology needs. If you need research assistance, please visit the research librarians on the first floor of the Eck Hall of Law (in the suite immediately to the right of the main entrance to the building). For technology needs, be sure to stop by Eric McCartney’s office on the second floor (Room 2140, immediately adjacent to the computer lab). Most other library questions (where to find books, check books or other materials out, or request interlibrary loans, for example) can be addressed to the staff at the Circulation Desk, located through the double doors on the north end of the student commons. Again, a warm welcome to the new academic year from the library faculty and staff!

- Law Library News editorial staff

Check out the new catalog!

You may have already noticed the new tab on the law library’s online catalog labeled “CatalogPlus beta.” If you are wondering what this is, give it a try! Clicking on this tab will take you to a search page where you are given the option to search all libraries on campus and selected area libraries with a single search. (In the old catalog you had to perform separate searches for the law library and other campus libraries.) CatalogPlus is a “next generation library catalog” offering a more user-friendly interface for searching, including easy options for narrowing your results (for example, you may choose to limit a results list by material type, publication date, availability, language, and more!). Additionally, it offers new features for storing and organizing materials such as the ability to tag items or save them to your “e-shelf.” You may also save your search queries and even create an alert for a saved query, which will re-run the query.

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Student Employment in the Law Library

Each academic year, 40-50 graduate and undergraduate students work in positions throughout the law library, and an additional 10-20 work during the summer. If you are interested in part-time work in the law library, these descriptions highlight the jobs available in each department, including whether or not the departments are currently hiring. Most of the hiring for the 2009-2010 academic year has already completed, but sometimes positions become available during the school year, so if you are interested be sure to get in contact with the person listed, and they can keep your application on file.

**ACCESS SERVICES**

*Position:* Library Assistant  
*Hours:* usually 10-12 hrs/week  
*Number of positions:* 12-14  
*Currently available positions:* 1 opening (law student only) on Saturday evenings until midnight

Access Services employs student assistants to perform various activities at the Circulation Desk of the Law Library which generally operates 7 days a week during the academic year. Work hours vary and can range from as early as 8:00 a.m. until the library closes at midnight. Most student workers are undergraduates, however law students in their second- or third-year often hold positions during evening hours. General student duties include assisting patrons in locating materials, utilizing the online catalog to check in/out materials, managing course reserves, maintaining shelving and document deliveries, and assisting full-time staff with Interlibrary Loan and special projects as assigned.  

*For more information, contact:* Carmela Kinslow, Head of Access Services  
A-255Y Biolchini Hall  
Phone: 574-631-5990  
E-mail: ckinslow@nd.edu

**RESEARCH SERVICES**

*Position:* Research Assistant  
*Hours:* 10 hrs/week  
*Number of positions:* 2  
*Currently available positions:* I  

RAs assist the research librarians in responding to faculty research requests. This position provides an excellent opportunity for RAs to review and expand their legal research skills through the use of LexisNexis, Westlaw, and many other legal and non-legal databases and resources. The nature (e.g., locating information about current events or cases, legislative history research, historical and biographical research, surveying state laws and/or administrative regulations on a particular issue, etc.) and duration of RAs’ projects (e.g., several hours to several weeks) vary extensively depending on faculty interests and information needs. However, the RA position itself is limited to 10 hours per week and is only open to second- and third-year law students. There is currently one opening for a Research Services Department RA. If you are interested in this position, or have further questions, please see Dwight King.  

*For more information, contact:* Dwight King, Head of Research Services  
I 112 Eck Hall of Law  
Phone: 574-631-5993  
E-mail: Dwight.B.King.1@nd.edu

**TECHNICAL SERVICES**

*Position:* Library Assistant  
*Hours:* usually between 5-12 hrs/week  
*Number of positions:* 8-10  
*Currently available positions:* 0  

Shifts for student assistants working in Technical Services are available only between 8-5 on weekdays, but shift scheduling is very flexible within these hours. Students typically work between 2-5 hours per shift, anywhere between one and five days per week. Tasks in this department are extremely detail-oriented, including filing of looseleafing, pocket parts, and microfiche, database maintenance, shelving, and labeling and processing of books and other materials.  

*For more information, contact:* Barb Ritty, Cataloging Coordinator  
A-IH6 Biolchini Hall  
Phone: 574-631-5995  
E-mail: britty@nd.edu

**TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

*Position:* Computer Lab Assistant  
*Hours:* 5-12 weekly  
*Number of positions:* 8  
*Currently available positions:* 0

Computer lab assistants provide computer support to computer lab users and fellow assistants, troubleshoot 8 PC workstations and 1 Apple Macintosh computer, maintain basic functioning of the printers, and assist the technology staff as necessary including video recording. Experience with Microsoft Word, Windows XP and Vista or Macintosh Operating Systems and strong organizational skills, customer friendly attitude, and commitment to the position are expected. Shifts accommodate student class schedules and are available between 6:00-11:00p.m. Sundays, 9:00am-11:00pm Monday-Thursdays, and 9:00am-6:00pm Fridays.  

*For more information, contact:* Eric McCartney, Student Computing Manager  
2140 Eck Hall of Law  
Phone: 574-631-9793  
E-mail: mccartney@nd.edu

*Position:* AV Assistant  
*Hours:* varies  

*For more information, contact:* Scott Hengert, Audio-Visual Technician  
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E-mail: Scott.M.Hengert.1@nd.edu
Off the Shelf ... A review of selected law library resources

Encyclopedic Alternatives to Wikipedia

Do you use Wikipedia? I’ll bet you do! I use it all the time! However, despite my fondness for Wikipedia, it’s not something that I feel comfortable citing for academic or legal purposes. As Wikipedia’s own About page indicates, “Wikipedia is written collaboratively by volunteers from all around the world. Anyone with internet access can make changes to Wikipedia articles. Visitors do not need specialized qualifications to contribute.” This is not to say that people without “specialized qualifications” cannot make valuable contributions to Wikipedia. However, as the Researching with Wikipedia article indicates, it is important to be aware that “Wikipedia’s most dramatic weaknesses are closely associated with its greatest strengths. Wikipedia’s radical openness means that any given article may be, at any given moment, in a bad state: for example, it could be in the middle of a large edit or it could have been recently vandalized.”

In addition to the potential for Wikipedia to taint your research with inaccurate information, Wikipedia’s easily modifiable nature has far-reaching implications for the legal field. As Cass Sunstein has commented, “I love Wikipedia, but I don't think it is yet time to cite it in judicial decisions…if judges use Wikipedia you might introduce opportunistic editing which may influence the outcome of cases.” Prof. Sunstein’s concerns have been echoed in recent scholarly and practice-oriented articles. Happily, all three authors believe that Wikipedia makes a great starting point for research (especially for obscure subjects or pop-culture related issues), so they’re not saying that you should avoid Wikipedia entirely, just that you should use it responsibly. In other words, you should always take care to verify the information you find in Wikipedia before relying on it. Additionally, you should realize that, “in general, the greatest value of a Wikipedia article can be found in its collection of relevant references to other sources.”

But what if you don’t find references to other sources in a Wikipedia article? Or maybe you’re only interested in using authoritative encyclopedic sources? Where should you start your research then? Don’t forget that there are many encyclopedias other than Wikipedia! In addition to general encyclopedias like the Encyclopedia Britannica, there are a lot of specialized encyclopedias out there, too. These specialized encyclopedias can help you with topical research in areas like religion, engineering, sociology, environmental science and more! Even better, these encyclopedias are all accessible online via Hesburgh Libraries’ electronic Reference Shelf. For a select list of encyclopedias click here, for a complete list click here.

-Chris O’Byrne

Selected Specialized Encyclopedias

**Religion:** New Catholic Encyclopedia (2d ed.); Encyclopedia Judaica; Encyclopedia of Islam

**Engineering:** Comprehensive Composite Materials; Encyclopedia of Biomedical Engineering; Encyclopedia of Smart Materials

**Sociology:** Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco: Learning About Addictive Behavior; Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice; Encyclopedia of Homelessness

**Environmental Science:** Encyclopedia of Coastal Issues; Encyclopedia of Global Environmental Change; Encyclopedia of Global Warming and Climate Change

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3. Murley, supra note 2, at 596.

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automatically and send you periodic updates on the results via e-mail. Another new feature in CatalogPlus is the integration of an option to search for your term through Google or Google Books to find additional resources without having to re-type your keywords.

CatalogPlus is the result of a collaboration between Kresge Law Library, Hesburgh Library, and other local academic libraries. Librarians at these institutions are happy to receive your feedback on how the CatalogPlus interface may be improved to best suit your needs. If you have any comments or suggestions, please use the “Feedback” form available through a link on the top right of the CatalogPlus page.
Movies Available for Free 3-Day Checkout!

If you are like most law students, you have probably learned to accept guilt as an inherent feature of relaxation. Consequently, it’s often all too easy to avoid watching movies when you could be studying instead. Still… wouldn’t it be great if you could justify taking the time to watch a bunch of movies this semester? Well you can!

The trick is to realize that there actually are tangible benefits associated with academic distractions as “frivolous [as the] consideration of popular culture.”

In sum, “[S]tudents usually think that they are using the collection for recreational purposes. However, as their minds are permeated with law, they can’t help analyzing the films in light of what they are learning in their classes.”

The truth of this statement appears to be self evident. However, after a 10-16 hour day with your casebooks, the idea of “unwinding” with classic films like To Kill a Mockingbird or Witness for the Prosecution may seem a like a bit much. That’s ok!

In fact, there is a good precedent for aversion to the idea of watching a “serious” legal drama after a long day. When it comes to “law-related movies,” no less authority than Chief Judge Alex Kozinski (United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit) enthusiastically rates Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome higher than either of the aforementioned legal classics.

If Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome is good enough for Judge Kozinski, then there is no reason that one of the action (e.g., Blind Justice), children’s (e.g., The Mighty Ducks), comedy (e.g., Best in Show), drama (e.g., Snow Falling on Cedars), historical (e.g., Gideon’s Trumpet), horror (e.g., Silence of the Lambs), mystery (e.g., The Usual Suspects), science fiction (e.g., GATTACA), or “trashy” (e.g., Wild Things) movies available at Kresge should not be good enough for you!

[T]here actually are tangible benefits associated with academic distractions as “frivolous [as the] consideration of popular culture.”

Furthermore, Judge Kozinski is not alone. Highly regarded legal scholars like Lawrence Friedman also realize that movies which are not serious courtroom dramas add something to our understanding of the legal profession.

Throughout your career you will interact with many members of the lay public whose conception of the legal profession is entirely based on popular culture.

Consequently, taking the time to explore the various ways in which popular films portray lawyers is not only entertaining, but also keeps you in touch with what most people think lawyers are (or should be) like.

The movies in our collection also include films that focus on important historical figures (e.g., Gandhi), religion (e.g., The Passion of the Christ), and both civil (e.g., Mississippi Burning) and human rights issues (e.g., The Killing Fields).

So, next time you feel like a study break, why not check out one of the many “law related” and “popular” movies available to you free of charge at the Kresge Library? A full list of titles is available here and a print guide is located at the Circulation Desk.

If you can think of other “law-related” or “popular” films to add to our collection (including Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome), we hope that you will share your recommendations with us. To suggest a movie for inclusion in the library’s collection please use this form.

-Chris O’Byrne

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2. Id. at 112.
Photos from the Construction Zone

AT LEFT: Scaffolding in the Main Reading Room.

BELOW: The entry arches in the Main Reading Room; notice that the stairway that used to be here is now cemented over.

AT RIGHT: New pipes.

BELOW: The stairwell down to the library stacks has been opened to allow more light.

BELOW: The old Student Commons area, with a newly-leveled floor.

All photos are courtesy of Ed Edmonds.
A Day on the Hill

The last time law librarians converged upon Washington, D.C. for the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Librarians (AALL) was in 1999. This meeting marked the first time the “Day on the Hill” legislative advocacy training was offered, and the first time AALL members went to Capitol Hill to lobby their representatives on behalf of issues important to law libraries. Clearly, it was high time for another influx of law librarian lobbyists. Despite oppressive July heat and humidity, more than eighty AALL members joined forces to converge upon the Hill the Friday prior to the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting. This year’s Indiana delegation consisted of Sally Holterhoff, Reference Librarian & Associate Professor at Valparaiso University School of Law and a Past President of the AALL, and Beth Given, who works in the Technical Services department here at Notre Dame Law Library. Prior to arriving in Washington, D.C., meetings were arranged with staff members in the offices of Senator Lugar, Senator Bayh, and Representative Visclosky (IN-1st District).

The 2009 “Day on the Hill” began with a morning of legislative advocacy training with speaker, lobbyist, and “advocacy guru” Stephanie Vance of Advocacy Associates, LLC. Director Mary Alice Baish and Communications Assistant Emily Feldman of the AALL Government Relations Office discussed the AALL’s legislative agenda, presenting policy briefs on issues such as net neutrality, free access to PACER, Section 215 (the so-called “library” provision) of the USA PATRIOT ACT, and current Senate Resolution 118, a bill which seeks to provide the public with no-fee electronic access to Congressional Research Service reports. After the morning of training and policy briefs, Sally and Beth headed to Capitol Hill for their meetings.

At Senator Lugar’s office they met with Legislative Assistant Joe O’Donnell to encourage the senator to press Chairman Schumer to bring S.Res.118 to consideration in the Senate Rules and Administration Committee. Senator Lugar is a co-sponsor of this bill, which O’Donnell said he considered a “no-brainer.”

In Senator Bayh’s office they met with another aide to discuss Bayh’s support of public access issues, and the possibility for him to co-sponsor a bill on network neutrality, a topic which has support from President Obama but which has not yet found a champion in the Senate.

Their final meeting was scheduled to be with an aide for Representative Pete Visclosky, but the Congressman himself ended up joining. Visclosky is a 1973 graduate of Notre Dame Law School, and had an office filled with Fighting Irish memorabilia. He was extremely receptive to many of the issues they discussed, especially professing his support for the Whistleblower Protection Enhancements Act of 2009, a topic on which his wife has worked. At the close of their meeting he asked after the Notre Dame Law School, and expressed interest in visiting, especially once the renovation has been completed.

-Beth Given

Legislative Update

Shortly before the August recess, the House passed the William Orton Law Library Improvement and Modernization Act (H.R. 2728) by a vote of 383-44 to increase funding for the Law Library of Congress. This bill also designates the Law Library of Congress as the National Law Library.

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009 (S. 372) with additional protections. Reps. Edward Markey (D-MA-7) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA-14) introduced a bill (H.R. 3458) in support of network neutrality.
Library Profile: Sandra Klein

Sandra Klein received her undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with minors in history and sociology, followed by a Master’s degree in Education in the area of Career Counseling. Sandra is a compassionate person with great concern for those in need, and her academic interests have played important roles in her decision making processes throughout life.

After completing her first Masters degree, Sandra’s introduction to library science began as a result of a civil service test that placed her in a staff position at the University of Illinois at U-C Main Library’s circulation desk. Within the first year, Sandra knew she wanted to be a librarian and she began library school the following year. Shortly thereafter, she was hired by the Law Library in the Technical Services department. Over time her position titles included Foreign & International Law Clerk and Assistant Cataloger. After earning her second Masters degree, a Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) in 1988, her first professional position was as a Serials/Reference Librarian at the law library.

In 1995, Sandra applied for a Human Resources Librarian position at Western Carolina University in North Carolina which combined her interest in human resources and career counseling with her MSLIS degree. Sandra held that position for three years.

In the fall of 1997, the Notre Dame Kresge Law Library advertised for a Librarian with a background in both serials and cataloging. Having a great interest in serials and in returning to the Midwest, Sandra applied and was offered the position, which she began in March of 1998. That was eleven years ago and Sandra has been here ever since.

When the Associate Librarian Janis Johnston left the law library in 1999, collection development duties were added to Sandra’s existent responsibilities for acquisitions, serials, and staff supervision. All of these responsibilities define her current position in Tech Services today as the Acquisitions and Collection Development Librarian. Sandra reviews all the promotional literature, publisher lists, faculty purchase suggestions, and other sources for potential purchases that fall within the Kresge Law Library’s Collection Development policy.

Sandra has a great sense of humor, and a quick wit. This is a sterling quality of hers that brings levity to any conversation she engages in, leaving the listener with laughter, a smile, and a shake of the head. Sandra shares that if she could meet someone from the past it would be her paternal great grandmother, who came to the United States from Eastern Europe sometime between World War I and World War II to escape persecution. Her great grandmother, who died when Sandra was two years old, was “known to be a very good and loving person who genuinely cared about people, and I wish I had known her.” These qualities are Sandra’s most cherished values that she holds dear within herself.

When asked, “What are you most proud of?” Sandra mentioned her marriage of 25 years (by next year) to her husband Greg, and her involvement with animal welfare efforts. Sandra has worked with animal shelters to find homes for animals in need and has participated in spay/neuter programs to reduce the feral cat population in this community. Cats are her most cherished animal and she has shared her life with many of them over the years.

One of Sandra’s favorite pastimes is reading. She likes all types of fiction—especially American, Russian and European, as well as science fiction and fantasy.

Sandra has three siblings: one brother and two sisters. Her mother worked for AT&T until Sandra, their second child, was born. Her father was a computer programmer for United Airlines. As a child she was able to fly to many places around the country for family vacations, including Alabama and New Jersey (to visit family), and California. Disneyland is filled with favorite childhood memories.

Sandra’s family is very important to her. With great feeling, Sandra shared that if she could meet someone from the past it would be her paternal great grandmother, who came to the United States from Eastern Europe sometime between World War I and World War II to escape persecution. Her great grandmother, who died when Sandra was two years old, was “known to be a very good and loving person who genuinely cared about people, and I wish I had known her.” These qualities are Sandra’s most cherished values that she holds dear within herself.

“...If you grow up surrounded by humor, you grow up thinking that is normal. A quick barb or witty remark is an invitation to engage!”

-Susan Hamilton
Recipe Box

Tomato Pie Recipe

*Shared by Susan Good*

**Ingredients**
- Flour, for dusting work surface
- 1 (9-inch) ready-made refrigerated rolled pie crust
- 2 large yellow tomatoes, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 1 red tomato, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 8 ounces mozzarella, sliced
- 1/4 cup chiffonade basil leaves
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- Extra-virgin olive oil

**Directions**
Preheat your oven to 375°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Sprinkle flour on a work surface. Roll out pie dough to form a 10-inch circle and place on baking sheet. Overlap and alternate the different tomatoes and mozzarella slices in the center of the dough, leaving a 3-inch border. Scatter the basil leaves on top. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and red pepper flakes. Fold the uncovered edges of the dough inward over the filling to create a pleated crust. Brush edges and top of pie with olive oil. Place in the oven and bake for 35 minutes. Remove from the oven to a cutting board. Slice and serve.

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**Schedule of Events**

Home football games:
- vs. Nevada: September 5
- vs. Michigan State: September 19
- vs. Washington: October 3
- vs. USC: October 17
- vs. Boston College: October 24

Fall Break: October 17-25

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**Library Birthdays**

- Janet Rose: October 10
- Amy Shirk: October 24
- Sandra Klein: October 28
- Chris O’Byrne: October 29
The primary mission of the law library is to provide services and to acquire and organize legal information in support of the research and curricular goals of the Law School. It also supports the legal research requirements of the University community and provides legal information to appropriate members of the local community.

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Unsolicited contributions are encouraged! All contributions are subject to editorial review. The deadlines for submissions are Feb 15, April 15, June 15, Aug 15, Oct 15, and Dec 15. Please note that most articles should be fewer than 500 words.

Send contributions, questions, or comments to Beth Given (given1@nd.edu).

Library Hours

Fall semester hours:
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

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Saturday, Oct 17 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 18 CLOSED
Mon-Fri, Oct 19-23 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct 24 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 25 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.