FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

In case you haven’t noticed, early this year Lawyers Cooperative Publishing discontinued ALR 4th and began distributing ALR 5th. The new series incorporates a number of enhancements to assist users.

Research references were expanded to list related or collateral materials for each annotation. Relevant material issued by other publishers is now provided as collateral material. References also include West key number cross-references as well as suggested search strategies to use on LEXIS and WESTLAW. Electronic search queries and West digest key numbers are also available for ALR 4th articles in a paper bound pamphlet which is shelved following ALR 4th, volume 90 (the last volume of the series). Later this year information contained in the paper bound volume will be integrated into the pocket parts of the ALR 4th volumes.

An extensive jurisdictional table of statutes and cases cited in each annotation is extremely beneficial, with full citations provided. All illustrative decisions which in previous series appeared before the annotations have been moved to a reported cases section in back of each ALR 5th volume. References to these illustrative decisions follow the annotation summaries. Last but not least is the latest case service 800 hotline number (provided on the front of each pocket part) which may be used to discover current cases affecting an annotation.

I think you’ll agree that these enhancements will greatly assist in the use of this valuable resource. ...MR

HELPFUL HINTS FOR USING LION

Occasionally, you may see a book in LION with a special status such as ON ORDER, or RECEIVED (but processing is not finished), as well as books which are checked out. When you see that a special status has been assigned to a title on LION, you may request that a HOLD or RECALL be placed on the book.

A HOLD places your name in the queue to be notified when the book is either ready for distribution, or returned by the previous borrower (either at the due date or before). It also prevents the patron from renewing the book.

A RECALL notifies the borrower that the book is needed by someone else and requests that the borrower return the book at an earlier due date with no renewals. Each patron is given a minimum of 12 days to use the book.
If you see a title in LION which you would like to see and which has a special status assigned to it, you may ask the circulation staff to put a HOLD or RECALL on the book for you. Your name will then be added to the queue in LION, and you will be notified that the book is waiting for you at the circulation desk as soon as it is available.

IN BRIEF

Building Lockup Hours During Exams. Beginning Friday, December 4, and extending through the examination period (Sunday, December 20) law students may remain in the building until 2:30 a.m.

Exam period typing carrel usage. There are six typing carrels which students may use for study purposes. A sign-up schedule for these carrels is available at the Circ. Desk. Typing carrels and the two Student Conference/Video Viewing Rooms (rooms 244 & 245) may not be used for taking exams.

New Employee. We are happy to announce the hiring of Stephanie-Jean Graham as the Library’s Audiovisual/Microcomputer Technician. Her office is located in room 250 on the second floor of the Library. Stephanie-Jean coordinates and assists in Library video production/playback activities and microcomputer hardware/software applications.

ID Cards. During the examination period we plan to borrow an ID encoder from the College’s ID Office in order to re-encode ID cards. The circulation staff will be glad to check your card and re-encode it if possible during this period. The encoder will be returned to the College ID Office following exams, so be sure to have your card checked.

THERE’S MORE TO LIFE THAN PENNOYER V. NEFF

Tired of reading the same old casebooks? Sure, they’re good for insomnia. Pull out that two pound property casebook at midnight and you’ll be counting cows (probably barren ones) before you know it. But isn’t there something that I really want to read?

How about Early Stanley Gardner’s Case of the Careless Kitten? Like something a little more realistic? (After all, you are training to be a lawyer). Try Leon Uris’ OB VII. Well let’s not go overboard. Maybe Robert Traver’s Anatomy of a Murder is a good middle-ground. Oh, you’ve seen the movie? Then how about Meyer Levin’s Compulsion? You saw that flick too? Well, aren’t we the film mavin! All right, The Firm hasn’t gone Hollywood, at least not yet, and neither have they made a movie of Frederick Busch’s Closing Arguments.

Oh, you say you’re too busy to go to the public library to check those books out. Hey, ya’ don’t have to. We have a collection of the kind of books real people read right here in the Law Library in our "Popular Books" collection. Oh yeah, it’s located right past the circulation desk on your way into the reference area. No, it’s not a sizeable collection right now, but it’s growing. Just because you’re in law school doesn’t mean you have to give up those things you enjoyed doing a long time (or what seems...
like a long time) ago. Life’s too short to get by on Pennoyer v. Neff alone. Get a life; read some real books. ...JH

BITS & BYTES

CALI. As the panic of exam time hits, students begin scrambling for study aids. One such aid, often overlooked, is the CALI program found in the PC Lab. CALI (Computer Assisted Legal Instruction) contains numerous interactive exercises designed to assist students in understanding and applying the legal principles they learn in their classes. The CALI collection includes exercises on Civil Procedure, Commercial Transactions, Contracts, Criminal Law, Employment Discrimination, Evidence, Federal Courts, Insurance, Labor, Professional Responsibility, Property, Torts, Trial Advocacy, and Wills and Trusts.

To access the CALI exercises, from the PC-Lab Main Menu choose K - Courseware; A - Marshall-Wythe Specific Software; A - CALI. Once you are in the program, you can see a description of any of the programs by first highlighting the name of the program and pressing <Fl>. To access one of the exercises, highlight it on the menu bar and press <Enter>. At this point you can either run the program or copy it to a floppy disk. Yes, you can copy any of the exercises and run them on an IBM compatible computer at home.

If you have any questions about CALI, please see one of the PC Lab consultants during their office hours or Mary Grace Hune in the Reference Department.

MWLL Computer Services Acquires Laptop Computers. Two Zenith MasterSport 286 Laptop computers have been placed on Reserve in the Law Library. Marshall-Wythe students and faculty may check out the computers for up to 24 hours. Each computer has DOS 5.0 and Wordperfect 5.1 installed. A reference manual is located in the pocket of the carrying case, but you can see Mary Grace Hune or Stephanie-Jean Graham if you need assistance.

Please note that each computer is equipped with anti-virus software. If you try to run an infected diskette, an alarm will sound. The system will not let you continue until the infected diskette is cleaned of viruses. Follow the instructions that appear on the screen to clean your diskette and continue with your work. ...MGH

LEGAL QUOTATIONS

"Law. A machine which you go into as a pig and come out of a sausage."

Ambrose Bierce


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