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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Virginia General Assembly adjourned on Saturday, February 27. Under Va. Const. art. V, § 6, bills passed by the General Assembly must be submitted to the Governor who may sign the bill, return it to the house of origination with his objections and/or recommendations, or do nothing (in which case the bill becomes law without his signature). The General Assembly reconvenes "on the sixth Wednesday after adjournment", Va. Const. art. IV, § 6, to reconsider bills returned by the Governor, and may pass the bill notwithstanding the Governor's objections or amend the bill in accordance with the Governor's recommendations, Va. Const. art. V, § 6. Reconvened sessions last up to three days unless extended for no longer than seven additional days, Va. Const. art. IV, § 6.

Unless otherwise noted, bills passed and signed during a regular session of the General Assembly become effective on July 1.

A list of Virginia legislative materials available in our Library follows. Materials are shelved on the main floor on I-67.

Senate and House of Delegates Bills. Bills for the current session are maintained on the main floor. Bills for the previous session are shelved in compact shelving B - 58.

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Senate and House of Delegates Calendars. Includes committee hearing schedules and voting records.

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Legislative Information System (LIS).

Fee-based online bill tracking during General Assembly Session provided by the Division of Legislative Automated Systems. Law faculty and students may request a search from a reference librarian.

Cumulative Index of Bills, Joint Resolutions, Resolutions, and Documents.

Index also includes a patron status report, a committee status report, a numerical listing of legislation, and other General Assembly information.

KFV/2410/F56

Summary of the Regular... Legislative Session of the Virginia Assembly.

Summary of general legislation introduced during the General Assembly. Published following each regular session. Arranged by subject and includes the bill number and sponsor's name.

KFV/2415/S86

Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia.

Chronological compilation of the bills passed during a regular or special session of the General Assembly.

KFV/2425/A213 (Also available on the top floor)

Digest of Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia.

Overview, by Virginia Code section, of legislation adopted during the regular session.
KFV/2435.1/V56

Senate Journal and House Journal.

Daily proceedings of the Senate and House of Delegates during the legislative session.
KFV/2418B and KFV/2418

House and Senate Documents.

Annual publication of studies authorized by the General Assembly to examine and report on matters of concern to the Commonwealth.
KFV/2418C

Topical Studies by the General Assembly of Virginia During the Period ...

Index of studies authorized by the General Assembly to examine and report on matters of concern to the Commonwealth.
KFV/2420/T66

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**MEET THE NEW
REFERENCE/CATALOGUING LIBRARIAN**

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In the January issue of Law Library Briefs, "From the Editor's Desk" announced that a new librarian, Haibin Hu of Illinois, was joining the Library staff in mid February. Well, Haibin is here. If you are curious about this new fellow, here is a bit of information about him.

Originally from China, Haibin came to study at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the Summer of 1986 after receiving a LL.B from Beijing University, China. While at the University of Illinois, he (worked hard and) earned a LL.M and a M.S. in library and

information science. He is currently working on a doctor's degree in educational policy under the supervision of his advisors in Champaign. During his "tenure" at Illinois, Haibin served as both teaching and research assistants for faculty members; worked as a library assistant; interned at the ACLU in New York; researched for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and had other odd jobs (e.g., waiting tables at restaurants). To some people, all this education and work experience may not appear relevant to libraries at first glance, but the combination will, Haibin believes, serve him well in helping Library patrons. As for specialization, Haibin is familiar with the areas of the law of international trade and business transactions, public international law, and comparative legal studies.

Haibin's job title is Reference/Cataloging Librarian, so he will split himself between reference services and cataloging. While cataloging, Haibin will work in the Technical Services Department. When providing reference assistance, Haibin can be found in the former photocopy room which housed the Sharp and Ricoh copiers. (He regrets any inconvenience caused patrons by the removal of those copiers from his office while recognizing the benefit of added reference help).

In terms of personal interests, Haibin enjoys reading, watching television, going to the movies, swimming, fishing, and traveling. He also likes meeting people and making new friends. Does he enjoy drinking coffee and beer? You bet!

By now you should have an idea of this new fellow at the Library. Haibin is still training for his job and is inexperienced (so spare him those really difficult questions, at least at the very beginning; he suggests you save difficult questions for those librarians who have been around for a while and are more experienced). In any case, Haibin's reference hours are 1:00

p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. And he is looking forward to serving you -- students, faculty, and the public in general.

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PERIODICAL ISSUES RECEIVED NOW DISPLAY IN LION

LION now shows bound copies and the most recent issue received for many of the Law Library's periodicals. If you are looking for that important law review, try searching LION first.

When you see a prompt that says:

"ENTER 'H' FOR HOLDINGS display"

key in H then press <enter>.

A screen display will indicate the bound volumes which are located on the top floor in the periodical stacks, as well as the current issues received which are located in the reference area. Issues being processed for binding do not appear in LION, but information is available at the circulation desk in the binder labeled "Bindery Information".

Please check with the Circulation Attendants whenever you cannot locate an issue or volume. They may be able to locate the issue you need. If not, you may request the article you require through interlibrary loan. ...SW

BITS & BYTES

LEXIS & WESTLAW News. Many of you are preparing to spend the summer experiencing real life in the law. Your plans may be to clerk for a law firm or a judge. You may be planning to work for a public service agency or a

government office. Whatever your summer plans include, arrive on your first day of work prepared to meet the challenge. Take a LEXIS and WESTLAW refresher course now!

The MWLL Computer Services is offering LEXIS FastTrack and WESTLAW Summer Associate Training classes during the months of March and April. If you intend to clerk for an organization that participates in either of these programs, you will receive a letter from your recruiting partner requesting that you attend training. However, the classes are not limited to those planning to clerk. If you plan to enroll in Independent Legal Writing, work as a research assistant for a faculty member, or would just like to learn some advanced search techniques, you are also encouraged to attend these sessions.

The WESTLAW Summer Associate Training offers a refresher on basic searching as well as advanced searching and an introduction to WIN: "WESTLAW is Natural" search mode. Training sessions will take place on March 16 and March 23 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Sessions will be live demonstrations in the Moot Court Room. After each session, the WESTLAW Representative will be available for hands-on training in the CALR Training Center on the top floor of the Law Library. WESTLAW also plans to offer a special session the last week of March for students planning to work as judicial clerks this summer. Notice of this training will be placed in those students' hanging files.

The LEXIS Fast Track program offers advanced training designed to prepare the law student for online research in the corporate environment, including cost-effective search techniques and database pricing. The LEXIS program will consist of hands-on sessions in the CALR Learning Center. Fast Track sessions are scheduled for April 7, 8, and 9. LEXIS will also offer special sessions on Jurisoft Products

on Saturday April 10. Jurisoft produces citation checking and document preparation software.

If you wish to attend one of these sessions please sign up in the CALR Sign-up book at the circulation desk. If you have questions about any of these programs please see Mary Grace Hune in the Reference Department or one of the student LEXIS/WESTLAW representatives.

CD-ROMS on Trial. The Law Library has several CD-ROM databases on trial subscriptions through the end of the semester. The databases include bibliographic, abstract, and full-text services produced by The H.W. Wilson Co., Information Access Company, Commerce Clearing House, and Congressional Information Service.

From H.W. Wilson we have Social Science Index, Index to Legal Periodicals, Readers' Guide Abstracts, and Wilson Business Abstracts. These databases provide bibliographic information from various magazine and journal literature. As you can tell from their titles, several services also include abstracts of the articles to help the researcher determine relevancy.

Commerce Clearing House has contributed the CCH Access Tax Information Service on CD-ROM. This service includes the full text of tax court opinions, Internal Revenue Service Documents, and the text of the CCH Standard Tax Reporter looseleaf service.

Information Access Company has provided the General Periodicals Index (Academic Version) and the new search software for Legal Trac. While the General Periodicals Index contains some indexing to popular magazine literature, as does the Readers' Guide Abstracts, the Academic version has a more scholarly focus.

We are also using the CIS Masterfile on CD courtesy of Congressional Information Service. This database provides computerized indexing to congressional publications that comprise the legislative history of federal legislation back to 1970. It is basically a CD-ROM version to the CIS Index and Abstracts to Congressional Publications. After retrieving the citation and document number from the CD-ROM database, the researcher can then retrieve the text of the document from the Library's CIS microfiche collection.

Access to these databases is through the two computers with CD-ROM readers located by the windows in the Reference Room. General instructions for searching each system are located next to the computers. Please remember to use these CD-ROM products in your research and record your experiences, observations, likes, dislikes, etc. in the notebooks located next to each computer. If you have any questions about any of the CD-ROM databases please see Mary Grace Hune in the Reference Department. ...MGH

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