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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Library suggestion box and bulletin board have been moved from the reference area to a wall beside the circulation desk. Suggestion forms are located beside the bulletin board. There is a section on the form which students may use to suggest books, journals and videos we should consider adding to the collection. We will place responses to appropriate suggestions on the bulletin board within 48 hours.

Please continue to report facility problems to the circulation staff -- i.e. lights out, water fountain leaks or the like. This allows us to immediately contact the College's Facilities Management Department to request a service call. ...MR

FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

In honor of the beginning of the Supreme Court Term, match the Justices with their first jobs out of law school. (Answers on page 6.)

1. assistant attorney general, Missouri Attorney General's Office
 2. associate, Orr and Reno (New Hampshire)
 3. associate, Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges (San Francisco)
 4. attorney, Jones, Day, Reavis, and Poque (Cleveland)
 5. deputy county attorney, San Mateo County
 6. law clerk to Judge Edmund Palmieri (New York)
 7. law clerk to Justice Robert H. Jackson
 8. law clerk to Justice Wiley B. Rutledge
 9. law clerk to Judge John B. Sanborn (St. Paul)
- a. Harry Andrew Blackmun
 - b. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 - c. Anthony McLeod Kennedy
 - d. Sandra Day O'Connor
 - e. William Hubbs Rehnquist
 - f. Antonin Scalia
 - g. David H. Souter
 - h. John Paul Stevens
 - i. Clarence Thomas

SOURCES: Elder Witt, Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the U.S. Supreme Court (2d ed. 1990); U.S. Supreme Court Bulletin; Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Long Career Has Been Spent Overcoming the Odds, Wall Street J., June 15, 1993, at A6.

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THE REFERENCE SHELF

Virginia Statistical Abstract

REF/HA686/V57/1992-93

- National Priorities List Hazardous Waste Sites in Virginia: 1991
- Ten Largest Banks or Banking Organizations in Virginia: 1990
- Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education in United States, Virginia, and Surrounding States: 1988
- Employment by Industry for Virginia's Counties and Cities: Second Quarter, 1990
- Population Projections for Virginia's Counties and Cities: 1990-2030
- Medicare Enrollment for Persons Ages 65 and Over in Virginia's Counties and Cities: 1982 and 1988
- Expenditures by Travelers in Virginia's Counties and Cities: 1988
- Divorces in Virginia's Counties and Cities: 1980-1989
- Retail Sales Summary Statistics for Virginia's Counties, Cities, and Towns: 1987

All of the information listed above can be found in individual tables in the Virginia Statistical Abstract. This biennial publication furnishes detailed statistical information on a wide variety of subjects related to Virginia and its counties and cities. In addition, many of the tables compare Virginia information to that of the United States as a whole and to that of surrounding states.

Statistical information is used in a variety of ways in the legal profession. Statistics can substantiate or refute a legal claim. They can add validity and strength to your argument or devastate your opponent's point. Statistics presented in tables and graphs can convey complex or difficult information in an easily understood format. Comparisons of statistical data presented in charts and tables can prove

valuable, too, in litigation as well as in scholarly research.

The Virginia Statistical Abstract is divided into 23 sections, ranging from agriculture to wholesale and retail trade. Each section begins with an introduction that mentions the major sources of statistics for that particular topic. For example, the section entitled Courts and Law Enforcement identifies the FBI and the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics as the main compilers of statistical data in this area.

Within each individual section, tables are arranged by subject matter and then by level of geographic detail. Explanatory notes follow many tables. And most importantly, a reference to the source of the data is provided, which can prove invaluable for further research.

The Virginia Statistical Abstract is published by the Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia. Part of the Center's mission is to provide statistics on Virginia and analyze trends. In addition to the Abstract, the Center maintains an electronic bulletin board, which offers additional statistical information. It is not yet available on the Internet so users will be billed for any long distance charges. The bulletin board's telephone number is (804) 924-4102.

So, if your research involves Virginia and statistics could prove advantageous, consult the Virginia Statistical Abstract. This one-volume book may provide the information you need to win your case or enhance your paper or article.

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TREATY RESEARCH AT A GLANCE

International legal research often involves the search for treaties, conventions, protocols, and other similar documents (e.g. declarations). This article gives a brief description of some

basic sources available in our library you can use to find treaty information.

I. Sample Questions

Questions in treaty research are varied. For example: What are the Hamburg Rules of 1978? Where can I locate the text of the North American Free Trade Agreement? How do I find out whether the U.S. has signed the Convention on Chemical Weapons of 1993? Has the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer of 1985, to which the U.S. is a party, come into force? And what countries are parties to this Convention?

II. Sources

A variety of sources in our library can help answer questions such as those raised above.

1. Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Relations

(Reference/JX1977/O8213/1990)

This source annotates thousands of treaties and agreements, and provides full texts of selected documents. Treaties are entered by title alphabetically, which facilitates the process of searching. For example, to find a synopsis of the Hamburg Rules, 1978, look it up by title. As a quick reference, this encyclopedia is very handy. However, citations to the text of all treaties annotated are not provided, so this source may not help locate the text of a treaty.

2. United States Treaties and Other International Agreements (U.S.T)

(Basement/JX236/1950)

Treaties and Other International Acts Series (T.I.A.S)

(Basement/JX236/1950; also on microfiche)

These two official publications of the U.S. government report the text of treaties and agreements to which the U.S. is a party. As an example, the text of the U.S.-Japan Consular Convention and Protocol of 1963 appears in U.S.T. under its T.I.A.S. number.

To locate the text of a specific treaty in these two sets, a citation to U.S.T or T.I.A.S is necessary. If you do not have a citation, you may use the United States Treaty Index to find one. Like other government publications, both sources are behind publication schedule. For texts of current U.S. treaties, a commercial product, Hein's United States Treaties and Other International Agreements: Current Microfiche Service offers a good alternative.

3. Department of State Dispatch / Department of State Bulletin

(Current issues in Reference; back issues in 2nd floor Bound Journals section).

Both are government publications. The Dispatch (issued weekly) replaces the Bulletin (a monthly issue), which was discontinued in December 1989. These sources report recent events and developments in the U.S. foreign relations, including policy statements, treaty negotiations, treaty ratification and status information, and the texts of selected documents. For example, an issue of the Dispatch reports the signing of the Convention on Chemical Weapons of 1993 and provides a chronology of events leading to the signing. To locate treaty information in these two publications effectively, you need a treaty name, a party's name, a subject or a date.

4. A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force 1992 Edition.

(Basement/JX236.5/T7/1992)

This List is very useful to check for the location and status of a treaty to which the U.S. is a party. For example, use this source to determine whether and when the Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer of 1985, to which the U.S. is a party, came into force. The status information of a specific treaty can be searched in this list by subject matter, date of signing, U.S.T. or T.I.A.S. citation, or other data (e.g., the other party or parties to the treaty in question).

5. International Legal Materials (ILM)
(Current issues in Reference; back issues in 2nd floor Bound Journals section)

This wonderful bimonthly journal, among other things, reproduces important international treaties, agreements, and conventions, and also provides status information regarding selected treaties. For instance, the text of the North American Free Trade Agreement is reprinted in this source. This journal is current and extremely useful for locating texts of hard-to-find treaties and documents. The November issue of each volume of I.L.M carries an annual table of contents and an annual index, which can be use to locate treaty information if you don't have a citation to this publication.

6. Multilateral Treaties: Index and Current Status (Basement/ JX171/M79 and JX171/M79/Suppl.9th)

This index lists the name of a treaty, location, date of signing, parties, and current status. This is very handy for locating those multilateral treaties to which the U.S. is not necessarily a party. For example, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of 1950 can be identified in this index, with information about the countries which were initial signatories, how many countries are parties to the convention, when it entered into force and its subject matter.

III. Going Online

LEXIS/NEXIS and WESTLAW contain a fair amount of treaty information. On LEXIS/NEXIS, its INTLAW Library has several Files which include treaty information. ILM (International Legal Materials), DSTATE (Department of State Bulletin & Dispatch), and BDIEL (Basic Documents of International Economic Law) are only a few examples. On WESTLAW, its NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), IEL (International Economic Law Documents), and other databases also have treaty information. For more online sources on treaties, check LEXIS/NEXIS and WESTLAW database listings.

IV. When You Have Tried Without Success
Admittedly, treaty research can be frustrating, and you may not always succeed despite considerable efforts. The sources presented above represent only the tip of an iceberg of what is available at our library. If searching these sources does not lead to the information needed, don't give up; instead, ask a reference librarian for help. ...HH

BITS AND BYTES

Additional Terminals. Many of you may not know the extent of our stash of computer terminals. For those who haven't explored every nook and cranny of the Law Library, I would like to point out where you may find additional LEXIS, WESTLAW, and multipurpose computer terminals.

LEXIS Terminals:

Typing Rooms F, G, H, I

WESTLAW Terminals:

Typing Rooms A, B, C, D

PCs connected to student network:

Typing Rooms P, Q, R, S

If you find that the Computer Lab or the CALR Learning Center terminals are all in use, remember our other "stash" of terminals.

New William and Mary Info Gopher Available. Affectionately referred to as WAMI, William & Mary Info Gopher is the combination of an electronic campus bulletin board and a connection via the Internet to remote databases and information systems all over the world. The service utilizes software (Gopher) developed by the University of Minnesota that organizes Internet resources into menus. Gopher menus contain both directories to information and actual documents. Using WAMI you can --

- check William & Mary course registrations
- search the William & Mary campus directory
- search library catalogs located all over the world
- connect to other campus bulletin board systems and government information systems

A handout on accessing WAMI is available in the MWLL Computer Lab and will be distributed to all faculty members. If you have questions about WAMI please call Mary Grace Hune at ext. 1-3256.

WordPerfect Classes. MWLL Computer Services has scheduled the following classes for October:

- Introduction to Computers
- Introduction to Word Processing on WordPerfect
- Job Searching with WordPerfect
- Electronic Mail Using PMail

Each class will be offered at various times. A detailed schedule with a description of course content is posted in the MWLL Computer Lab and at the Library Circulation Desk. If you are interested in attending a class, please sign up for a time in the Computer Services Signup book at the Circulation Desk.

Electronic Mail from Home. Home access versions of Procomm Plus 2.01 and PMail software is now available for faculty and students. The home access version Procomm software allows you to access LION and WAMI from home. With the PMail software you can access and manage your electronic mail from home. If you would like to obtain copies of the home access software, please bring a formatted diskette to the MWLL Computer Lab when a student consultant is on duty. ...MGH

THE PUSHER MAN

Don't be an online junkie! In private practice accessing LEXIS or WESTLAW will cost, on average, about \$4.50 per minute. Although the databases appear to be free of charge to the end user -- our LEXIS and WESTLAW contracts give law students and faculty unlimited online use for a set fee -- they are not. If you get into the habit of going online to retrieve information that's available in the Library in paper format (e.g., cases, statutes, and journal articles), going cold turkey when you enter private practice -- when your boss tells you that you must use the books -- will be difficult. Use the databases, but use them wisely. ...JH

WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE, CIRCA 1859

Recently the Law Library hired a law student, Jennifer Hoh, who has a library degree from UT Austin with an expertise in preservation administration, to evaluate and catalog our rare book collection. From time to time we will highlight interesting items Jennifer discovers in our rare book collection.

The city of Williamsburg, in which the College is located, has a population of nearly two thousand, and has long been celebrated for the elegant hospitality of its inhabitants, making it a most agreeable residence for the student. Of late, the town and the adjacent country have been much improved. Timber has been cleared away, and a better system of cultivation introduced; and the result has been a decided improvement in the healthiness of the locality. Few places in the State can boast a more salubrious climate than this during the College session. Diseases peculiar to the low country, prevail only in the months of August and September; and of late years these have been very mild in their character, and easily controlled by medicines.

From October to July, while the College is in session, these diseases are never contracted. The winter climate is delightful: the cold being moderated by the large bodies of salt-water in the vicinity; while it is too far distant from the ocean to be much affected by storms. The heat of summer is neutralized by the same means; so that, in the hottest weather, the thermometer ranges from three to five degrees lower than that of Richmond.

Students from the upper country need be under no apprehension from the effect of the climate; while to those predisposed to pulmonary complaints it would be decidedly beneficial. During the present century only six deaths have occurred among the students of the College; and two of these were from drowning.

FROM: A Catalogue of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, From its Foundation to the Present Time, 1859.

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INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Faculty and students are encouraged to use our interlibrary loan services to borrow materials not owned by the Law or Swem Libraries or those materials missing from the collection. Here are a number of valuable hints to facilitate your use of our ILL services.

1. Check the LION computer to see whether Law or Swem has the material you require. If not, please make use of our interlibrary loan service.
2. Stop by the circulation desk and ask for an ILL form.
3. Fill in the form as completely and legibly as possible. The more comprehensive the information, the easier it will be to find the material requested. The name of a publisher is particularly helpful.

4. Pay specific attention to the section regarding possible charges for periodical articles.
5. Only request fax delivery if it is really essential. Should a fax be obtained from an out-of-state library, a charge may be incurred.
6. Be sure to include a current telephone number.

It will be my pleasure to serve you and to do everything possible to ensure timely and inexpensive delivery of the information you require. ...JP

ANSWERS TO FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

ANSWERS:

1(i); 2(g); 3(c); 4(f); 5(d); 6(b); 7(e); 8(h); 9(a)

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