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Welcome to the Marshall-Wythe Law Library



From your director ...

Welcome to the Marshall-Wythe Law Library. I encourage you to use our collections—both print and digital—and the expertise of our service-oriented staff.

The Law Library is not only a place for study and research, but also a place to relax and escape from the occasional pressures of law. Savor a cup of coffee, a bagel, and a bottle of juice from the coffee bar in the library foyer. Feel free to take refreshments into the library, and enjoy them while you're reading class assignments, *Rolling Stone*, or the *New York Times*.

Whether you want to study a recent court decision, surf the web, or read a newspaper, popular magazine, or the latest Grisham novel, the Law Library has what you need. It's your library—use it, and enjoy.

Jim Heller

The Marshall-Wythe Law Library renovation, scheduled to be completed in 2007. The 30,000-square-foot addition will house additional wired tables and carrels, a new rare book room, and increased study space. The new Law Library is designed to encourage learning, study, and a sense of community in an open, energizing, and state-of-the-art facility.

Facilities and Access

Computers and Networks

Two computer labs provide access to a wide range of computer applications including word processing, presentation, spreadsheet, e-mail, and web software. Additional computers throughout the library provide access to the library catalog, e-mail and the Internet.

You can connect a laptop computer to the school network at a wired carrel and in all study rooms. In addition, wireless access to the network is possible throughout the building.

The library offers both PC and Mac platforms for student use.

Building Access

Law students using their W&M ID card may access the law school building and Law Library 24 hours a day.

Work Space

The Law Library offers ample space to facilitate study and research, including seating at tables, in carrels, and in study rooms. Carrels may be reserved for long-term research projects.

Library Lockers

Storage lockers are located on the main and second floors. Students may reserve a locker by the semester by registering at the circulation desk on the first day of class.

Services

Research and Instruction Services

With the help of our librarians, you will learn the research skills needed during your law school years. Early on, we will show you how to locate basic legal resources to enrich your coursework. Later, through the Legal Skills program, we will work with you in small groups to teach research skills lawyers use in practice.

The reference librarians teach advanced and specialized research courses to prepare second and third year students for the complex assignments found in law practice. We also provide customized research instruction for members of law journals, faculty research assistants, summer clerks, and any student who needs specialized instruction.

Circulation and Reserve

Students check out books using their W&M ID card. Books usually are checked out for 30 days. Reserve materials can be taken out for 4 hours and videos can be kept 24 hours.

Course Materials and Study Aids

Course materials are available on the handout distribution shelves, on reserve at the circulation desk, or on our website. These include syllabi, photocopies of class readings, video recordings, and copies of past exams. Lists of course materials on reserve are found in LION or in the reserve notebook kept at the circulation desk. Many faculty members put course materials on the web, which are available through our homepage. We also keep study aids for law school courses on reserve.

Photocopying

The library maintains several photocopiers, each of which accepts copy cards. Cards may be purchased at the circulation desk.

Interlibrary Loan Services

The Law Library offers Interlibrary Loan services to the Law School community. You can use this service to borrow materials not available at the Law Library.



Collections

Research Collection

The Law Library owns a wide array of legal materials in print, digital, video and other formats. Most electronic materials are provided through the Internet, enabling you to access these resources 24 hours a day from any computer. Students can link to electronic resources from the Law Library's web page.

Our extensive treatise collection covers all areas of law, with particular strengths in constitutional law, jurisprudence, public and private international law, legal history, and taxation. As a selective federal government depository, we offer a broad range of government publications.

In addition, law students have access to the main university (Swem) library and its collections and databases.

Rare Book Collection

The Rare Book Room is filled with some of the most important legal literature of the past 500 years. Special collections include the practicing law library of a local nineteenth century attorney, an inscribed family Bible owned by Chief Justice John Marshall, and a partial replication of editions listed in Thomas Jefferson's personal library. The Rare Book Room is available for special tours and scholarly research.

Our Website-Your Information Gateway

The Law Library website is your gateway to everything electronic that can help you with your studies and research.

Not only will you find links to our online catalog (see below), legal databases, and exam prep software, but you can also access past professors' exams, use our topical research guides and begin your career search.

Check out the Law Library's homepage at <http://www.wm.edu/law/lawlibrary>.

LION: The W&M Online Catalog

The online catalog is the key to finding materials owned by all of the libraries at William and Mary.

LION contains information about the Law Library's books and journals, audio and video recordings, and government publications. It also includes links to full-text documents found on the Internet.

Access LION from any of the computer terminals located throughout the library, from our computer



At Home in Your Law Library

The Law Library is much more than just three floors full of books. It's a great place to pick up a legal thriller or check your e-mail before heading home.

Grab a bagel and a magazine and enjoy them in one of our comfy chairs by the picture window. Or check out a movie from our popular video collection, which covers everything from *Absence of Malice* to *Witness for the Prosecution*. And don't forget our popular book collection—books like *A Civil Action* and *M is for Malice*.

Did somebody mention food? Watch the Law Library's homepage and bulletin boards for announcements about Ice Cream Socials and other culinary events, as well as our annual March Madness Free Throw Tournament to benefit the W&M Bone Marrow Drive.

On the Web...

Marshall-Wythe Law Library
<http://www.wm.edu/law/lawlibrary>

Law School
<http://www.wm.edu/law>

Swem Library
<http://swem.wm.edu>

Proxy Setup
Access databases from off-campus with W&M login
<http://www.swem.wm.edu/Services/Proxy/index.html>

LexisNexis
<http://lawschool.lexis.com/>

Westlaw
<http://lawschool.westlaw.com/>

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Our Mission

The Marshall-Wythe Law Library is dedicated to providing access to law and law-related resources and a wide range of services to support the law school curriculum and programs, promoting the advancement of legal scholarship, and fulfilling the information needs of library users.

Round-the-Clock Access

Students and faculty may access the library 24 hours a day. If you need reference assistance or to check out materials, please come by during the following hours:

FALL AND SPRING

Circulation

Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Reference

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SUMMERS AND INTERIMS

Circulation

Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Reference

Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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