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USING WESTLAW AND LEXIS TO FIND LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

by Mitch Counts

New on Westlaw is the National Association for Law Placement’s Directory of Legal Employers. The identifier for this database is NALP-DIR. The Directory is essential for law students looking for a job, as it contains answers to questionnaires by employers that interview at law schools across the United States.

A great wealth of statistical information on law firms and other legal employers is available in the Directory, including primary practice areas, information on minority hiring, the number of law students, both hired and projected hires from each class, summer program information, salaries and hours, campus interview locations, average associate hours worked and billed, percentage of 2L summer associates receiving associate offers, and a complete resume for the applicable firm. Don’t interview without this important information, now available in an online format.

Search Tip: To find complete law firm information where the firm name is known, enter the following: Name(Baker & Daniels) & Indianapolis

New on Lexis is the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory. For well over a century this directory has served as the definitive information source for and about the legal community. First published in 1870, Hubbell’s Legal Directory was a modest publication which served two purposes: (1) to enable attorneys to publish their professional credentials; and (2) to furnish to lawyers, bankers, and all others who may have need of business correspondents away from home, the address of one reliable law firm, one reliable bank, and one reliable real estate office in every city and town in the United States.

More recently, the Directory has proven very useful to law students in their search for legal employment. Its usefulness and flexibility has now been multiplied via online technology. For example, it is no longer necessary to know what city and state a particular lawyer or law firm is located in before using Martindale-Hubbell. By putting in the attorney’s name or firm name, the computer software will take you to the appropriate geographical location. As in the print version, Martindale-Hubbell on Lexis provides the following information on law firms and their partners and associates: nature of practice, complete name and address, biographies on every firm member, and a list of representative clients. Next time you access Lexis, feel the power of Martindale-Hubbell online for yourself.

Search Tip: To obtain a list of firms in a particular city specializing in a particular area of law, enter the following:

LIB: MARHUB FILE: USBIO SEARCH: location (Indianapolis) and practice (Taxation)

TIPS ON USING LEGALTRAC

The LegalTrac CD-ROM-based index, the most exhaustive computer-assisted research system covering legal periodicals, is an incredibly powerful reference tool. It lists titles from scholarly and commercial law-related journals, as well as bar publications and the major legal newspapers published after January, 1980. Like all other automated research systems, however, LegalTrac is not without its quirks and eccentricities. In order to maximize the use of the many features of this database, it is important to remember a few searching hints when performing a thorough survey of relevant literature on your particular topic.

Perhaps the most important fact to bear in mind is that LegalTrac uses standard Library of Congress Subject Headings when indexing periodical titles. While the Library of Congress makes every effort to adopt legal terminology and common usage in preparing its subject headings, lawyers, law students and scholars often
discover a heading does not include materials covered by other standard indexing terms, such as West Topic Names. LegalTrac users should therefore look at the "see also" references that are listed beneath their original subject heading. It is extremely important to go back and check other relevant subject headings in order to locate all articles which have discussed your issue.

LegalTrac users also frequently forget to check all of the subheadings under their subject heading. This omission in the searching process often results in missed scholarly articles. While the subheadings "Evaluation" and "Law and Legislation" would seem on its face as the most logical location for in-depth scholarly analysis of a topic, the titles listed here are almost exclusively drawn from legal newspapers and bar journals. Be sure to also check the subheading "Cases," which refers to casenotes, and "Analysis," which includes lead articles from law school reviews.

While you should always include LegalTrac in your search strategy when you wish to obtain scholarly criticism and commentary, you should also consider consulting the Index to Legal Periodicals and the WILSON-DISC CD-ROM index for a truly complete literature survey. With its emphasis on the scholarly law journals, Index to Legal Periodicals will compliment LegalTrac's legal newspaper/bar publication orientation. If you have any questions about either of these valuable research tools, please contact a reference librarian.

Keith Buckley,
Reference Librarian

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS SUBJECT HEADINGS

The Law Library and the other Indiana University Libraries use the Library of Congress Subject Headings list when cataloging material in the collection. The Library of Congress developed their subject heading list for their own collection, and since the Library of Congress is one of the largest libraries in the world, the subject heading list attempts to be reasonably comprehensive in all areas of knowledge. The result is some truly unusual subject headings that have been a source of amusement to librarians and patrons for years. For example, under legal topics the Library of Congress has established "Last meal before execution," "Lawyers-Costumes," and "Nuclear bomb shelters-Law and legislation." In love and marriage the LC has established "Love-letters," "Lovesickness," "Kissing-Religious aspects," "Courts of love," "Concubinage," "Deathbed marriage," "Beast marriage," and probably the best one of all--"Marriage with deceased wife's sister." When we reach the end of the road and breath our last, the Library is ready with "Judgment Day" instead of "Doomsday." Should you choose to be put in a deep freeze, then look under "Cryonics" rather than "Freezing of human bodies." If the final letter you wrote becomes famous, LC is prepared with "Last letters before death." And depending on where you end up, LC has established "Conditional immortality" and has said to use "Prayers for the dead" rather than "Poor souls in purgatory, Prayers for the."

Animals are a good source of headings, like "Dogs in television," "Titmice," "Frog leg culture," "Newts as pets," "Fat-rumped sheep," "Fermented fish," and "Farm manure in methane production." Finally, politics is a fertile source of interesting subject headings with, for example, "Presidents-United States-Mistresses," and "Communism and sex." And the Library of Congress has truly given us the best statement of all on our elected officials by feeling the need to establish the following subject heading--"Honesty (Washington, D.C.)."

Mike Maben,
Cataloging Librarian

LAW LIBRARY SPRING BREAK
HOURS March 8 - 17

Friday, March 8  7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 9  9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 10  1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Fri., March 11-15  9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 16  9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 17  Resume Regular Hours

THE ACADEMY OF LAW ALUMNI
FELLOWS: A SPECIAL FOCUS

We are all sometimes too preoccupied with our daily routine and immediate concerns to appreciate the significance of the photographs just outside Room 120 in the Law School. These are portraits of members of The Academy of Law Alumni Fellows which was established to identify and honor Indiana University School of Law graduates who have brought distinction to themselves through their personal achievements and their dedication to the highest standards of their profession. This is the first in a series of articles that will focus on individual members of the Academy. It is our hope that these portraits will take on additional significance through the information provided in these articles.

Juanita Kidd Stout

The first African-American woman to be elected to the bench in the U.S., Judge Stout has won national recognition for her innovative administration of juvenile justice as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia from 1959 until her recent retirement. She has earned the respect of local citizens and experts
nationwide for the resolute management of her court and her recognition of the rights of victims as well as the rights of youthful offenders. Although repeatedly threatened with physical harm by gang members she seemed more scandalized by their poor grammar than by their threats. Traditional values learned as a child in Oklahoma may have been the foundation for her reputation as a stern moralist. Her mother's admonition that she "do something useful" has also been her frequent admonition to juvenile offenders.

Harriet Bouslog Sawyer

Since receiving her L.L.B. from I.U. in June of 1935. Ms. Bouslog Sawyer has been a tireless civil rights advocate. She has earned a legendary reputation in the Hawaiian community for her courage and tenacity in defending those who have been unfairly treated. Her successful defense of striking labor union workers during the 1940s resulted in the modification and repeal of Hawaii's laws of riots and unlawful assembly. In addition, the jury system was changed to reflect Hawaii's racial diversity as a direct result of her efforts. Her involvement in a case in which two young Hawaiian men were convicted of murder resulted in legislation repealing capital punishment in Hawaii.

Marianne Mason, Documents Librarian

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Some recent Law Library acquisitions can help shed light on the Gulf War. With publishers scrambling to document the conflict, an uncertain future promises a bombardment of war related publications.


Arranged alphabetically in five geographic areas, this book outlines more than 80 contemporary border and territorial disputes. The Iraq-Kuwait section (pp. 244-247) highlights this dispute from the last days of the Ottoman empire, through the British colonization period, and ends with the Bubiyan Island conflict of the Iran-Iraq war. From this outline, the reader is better able to understand why the Iraqi claims of Kuwait's annexation are based on historical events as well as current economics.


A privately produced journal which uses the same format as the discontinued Department of State Bulletin, this bimonthly title is a succinct source for monitoring the "official line" of U.S. foreign policy.

The September/October issue documents the events of August 1990. Included are the texts of White House statements, executive orders, U.N. resolutions, and other official sources. Also included in this issue is Secretary of State Baker's September 4th statement to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in which he outlines "the Persian Gulf crisis in a global perspective". It was this outline which was later incorporated into the President's address to the joint session of Congress on September 11, 1991.


Always an excellent source for reviewing the text of presidential statements, this particular issue of the Weekly Compilation includes the text of the President's January 16th, 9:01 PM address to the nation to announce that the war had begun.

The Suggestion Box

(Each month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss replies to suggestions received by the Library)

Suggestion: Please get the telephone directories for all of the Big Ten cities, i.e. Ann Arbor, Iowa City, etc.

Response: After checking, we discovered that we do have the telephone directories for 6 of the Big Ten cities - Columbus, Minneapolis, Chicago (including Evanston), Lansing, Lafayette, and, of course, Bloomington. We have now ordered the phone directories for the remaining cities - Ann Arbor, Champagne-Urbana, Iowa City and Madison.

Suggestion: Call numbers. A map on each floor showing which call numbers are where. They did this at the Regenstein Library in Chicago and it was helpful.

Response: We certainly agree with you that a map or location guide posted in the Library would be very helpful. In fact, we did put together a location guide and had it framed and hung in the Library elevator. Unfortunately, it was stolen the first day it was up. We haven't given up though. This summer we are planning a major shift of the Library collection. After that is finished, we will try again with a location guide to help patrons find their way around the Library's collection. Thank you for your suggestion.
STILL TO COME: In addition to these publications, the Library has already begun ordering war related materials. Scheduled for publication sometime in early 1991, and already on order, is the Cambridge University Research Centre for International Law’s *The Kuwait Crisis*, edited by E. Lauterpacht.

Also on order is a video tape of the American Society of International Law Midwest Regional Conference Symposium entitled, *The Iraqi Crisis: Legal and Socio-Economic Dimensions*. Among the members of the panel discussing "The Law of War", is School of Law Professor Mary Ellen O'Connell.

Dick Vaughan,
Acquisitions Librarian

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**EUROPEAN LAW ON LEXIS/NEXIS**

Lexis has begun to add European law sources to its databases during the past several months. Although these same sources are available in print and cd-rom formats as well, their availability on Lexis should be good news to those already familiar with Lexis searching techniques.

The European materials are scattered throughout several different "libraries" and "files." Most important is the "Eucom" library, which includes two case law files, "Cases" and "Comdec." Cases includes all decisions of the European Court of Justice, as well as cases decided in British courts that involve the application of European law. It also includes decisions of the European Court of Human Rights since 1960. Comdec includes decisions of the European Commission relating to competition since 1972.

The Nexis library contains a complementary file called "Intnews." This file includes close to one hundred publications that feature articles about European developments. Publications include popular news magazines, trade publications, news wires, etc.

Other European materials may be added to Lexis in the future. In particular, European legislation in the form of EC directives and regulations is already available to law firms, and may become available to educational institutions. In the meantime, this material is accessible to the IU-Bloomington community through JUSTIS, the Law Library’s cd-rom collection of European documents.

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**WORKING THE HALLS**

Happy Birthday to You!!

Professor Joe Hoffmann on March 1st;
President Tom Ehrlich on the 4th;
Professor John Baker and Kris Nielsen-Mantz in the Community Legal Clinic on the 15th;
Career Services Director, Mary Kay Rothert, on the 21st;
Linda Rich, in the Library, on the 25th; and
Toni Sammy, in the Library, on the 26th.

We hope you have a wonderful day!!

Recent Faculty Publications include: