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WHAT’S NEW IN LIBRARY COMPUTING

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FOR SERIOUS SIMPSON TRIAL BUFFS . . .

Can’t get enough coverage of the O.J. Simpson case? Want to read every single word Judge Lance Ito has to say about the media coverage and the disputed DNA evidence? Have to know every single question asked prospective jurors in what’s bound to be one of the most grueling voir dire sessions in American trial history? Well, WESTLAW has the answer for all of your problems: a new database that contains the complete transcripts from the Simpson murder trial. That’s right—OJ-TRANS is now online on WESTLAW.

According to WESTLAW’s database scope note, OJ-TRANS will contain the official trial and pre-trial transcripts of all proceedings, with morning and afternoon sessions each being separate documents. The database includes transcripts dating back to Simpson’s arraignment on July 22, 1994, and will end with the completion of the trial. At this point in time, it appears as if WESTLAW is running about two days behind the actual proceedings in terms of what gets posted. Once you’re in OJ-TRANS, all you have to do is enter the word READ and you automatically pull up the most recently posted transcript. While LEXIS has yet to announce plans to post its own version of the transcripts, I can’t picture LEXIS sitting still and allowing WESTLAW to be the only CNN of computer legal research.

SEARCHING TIPS

Speaking of LEXIS, I just wanted to remind everyone that you can now use sentence and paragraph proximity connectors when searching on LEXIS. The /S, +S, /P, and +P connectors perform exactly the same functions as the WESTLAW commands. As always, if you have any questions about LEXIS or WESTLAW searching, feel free to contact a reference librarian.

YOLANDA JONES JOINS LIBRARY STAFF

The Law Library is pleased to announce that Yolanda Jones joins the staff on October 1st as the Electronic Services Librarian. Yolanda comes to Indiana University from the University of Miami Law Library where she held the position of Reference Librarian for two years. Yolanda received her J.D. from the University of Michigan and M.L.S. from Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies.

As Electronic Services Librarian, Yolanda will provide specialized assistance in the use of legal and nonlegal online databases for faculty and students. Other responsibilities include the oversight of the Library’s Permanent Learning Center; recommending acquisitions of legal and non-legal databases and CD-ROM products; and serving as the Library’s liaison with database vendors. She will also provide general reference service.

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Yolanda is eager to begin her new duties and looks forward to meeting with faculty and students. Her office is in the reference area, Room 105F. Please stop by and welcome her to the Law School.

Linda Fariss, Associate Director

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: GETTING BACK TO WORK

Summer is over! Instead of hitting softballs, it’s time to start hitting the books. By now you have probably all learned, or refamiliarized yourself with, the lay of the library. Still the seemingly endless resources offered by our collection can often seem overwhelming. To help you out, here is a listing of some recently acquired guides to conducting legal research. Some pertain to foreign legal systems, but most deal with the U.S. system. Of course the greatest guide for conducting research in any library is to ask a skilled professional researcher for help. So, when in doubt, ASK A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN for assistance.


Dick Vaughan, Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

DOCUMENTS COLLECTION PROFILE

The Law Library’s government documents collection is housed on the 4th floor and contains a variety of materials related to the study and practice of law. Our collection includes all congressional publications including statutes, hearings, debates and committee reports; regulations and agency rulings as well as agency reports covering a variety of subjects ranging from the environment to labor issues. A large portion of this material has been received through the Federal Depository Library Program sponsored by the Government Printing Office. Through this program our library selects categories of material that serve the research needs of law students and the law faculty. The Main Library is also a depository library, although the material that they select is for a broader and less specialized group of researchers. Despite the fact that the two documents libraries are significantly different, our collections do overlap in some areas and often complement one another.
Records for our documents dated 1978 to the present are integrated in the online catalog (IO), making retrieval of government publications titles part of each online search. One may search IO by title, keyword, author, or subject. There are brief "How To..." guides near the IO workstations or a Reference Librarian will be glad you answer questions on searching IO. The small percentage of older documents which are not currently represented in IO are scheduled to be cataloged and included in IO in the near future. Most of our documents titles may circulate for the standard borrowing time or may be charged out to individual carrels. If you are not able to locate a particular government publication don't give up your search—ask the Documents Librarian or one of the other Reference Librarians for assistance.

Marianne Mason,
Documents Librarian

NEW GATT DOCUMENTS

As President Clinton struggles to obtain Congressional approval of the latest amendments to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, it is worth noting that the Library has recently added several titles published by the GATT Secretariat, in Geneva, Switzerland. They include the following:

Basic Instruments and Selected Documents. This is an annual, which includes many important documents concluded during the previous year. The Library has purchased a backfile to 1985, together with a current subscription.

Analytical Index: Notes on the Drafting, Interpretation, and Application of the Articles of the GATT. This looseleaf publication is the source to consult to find citations to the drafting history of each article of the treaty.

GATT Activities. This is an annual that provides a narrative summary of GATT activities for the year. Discussion is broken down on a committee-by-committee basis.

International Trade. This two-volume work contains a wealth of trade statistics. It is also an annual.

In addition to these publications, all of which come directly from the GATT Secretariat, one should keep in mind...
mind that the Library has several useful, commercially published titles as well. Among them are *Enforcing International Trade Law: The Evolution of the Modern GATT Legal System* (1993), which is the best one-volume treatise on the GATT, and *Law and Practice Under the GATT*, a looseleaf service that reproduces various GATT documents.

Ralph Gaebler,
Foreign & International Librarian

## FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

To commemorate the beginning of another Supreme Court term, here's a little trivia quiz to test your knowledge of the Justices. Match the names of the current Justices with their first jobs out of law school.

(Answers appear below.)

1. Harry Blackmun  
2. William Rehnquist  
3. John Paul Stevens  
4. Sandra Day O'Connor  
5. Antonin Scalia  
6. Anthony Kennedy  
7. David Souter  
8. Clarence Thomas  
9. Ruth Bader Ginsburg

a. assistant attorney general, Missouri Attorney General’s Office  
b. associate, Orr and Reno (Concord, NH)  
c. associate, Thelen, Marrin, Johnson, and Bridges (San Francisco)  
d. associate, Jones, Day, Reavis, and Pogue (Cleveland)  
e. deputy county attorney, San Mateo County, CA  
f. law clerk to Judge Edumund Palmieri (New York)  
g. law clerk to Justice Robert H. Jackson  
h. law clerk to Justice Wiley Rutledge  
i. law clerk to Judge John B. Sanborn (St. Paul)

Nonie Watt,  
Head of Technical Services

## WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to New Law School Staff:

Marna Hostetler is the new Senior Bindery/Conservation Assistant in the Library.

Katie Mason will be providing secretarial support for the Capital Campaign.

Will Sadler will be moving to the Law School side of the building to work with the faculty to produce hypertext publications on the internet.

New Faculty Publications:


Happy October Birthday to:

Community Legal Clinic Director Earl Singleton on October 5th;  
Professor Bill Oliver on the 6th;  
Professor Bob Heidt on the 10th;  
Professor Ken Dau-Schmidt on the 12th;  
Professor Kevin Brown on the 13th;  
Krystie Herndon on the 15th;  
Pam Kriete in the Office of Career Services on the 20th;  
Professor Bruce Markell on the 24th;  
Professor Bill Hicks on the 26th; and  
Professor Bill Popkin on the 28th.

Hope you all have a great day!!!

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ: 1(b); 2(g); 3(h); 4(e); 5(d); 6(c); 7(b); 8(a); 9(f)