CD-ROMS IN THE LAW LIBRARY

CD-ROM (Compact Disk-Read Only Memory) is a fast growing method of presenting legal information in electronic format. The Law Library has several CDs available for searching. The CDs can be obtained at the Circulation Desk and used at the CD-ROM terminal in the Reserve area.

As with any other legal research resource, using CDs has both advantages and disadvantages. CDs share many of the advantages of online searching, such as the ability to search by keywords or to search indexes of information not available in print. CDs which are updated periodically may not be as up to date as online, but they are much cheaper (and some have online update services). A law firm might not have access to LEXIS or WESTLAW, but may own several CDs. Graduating students should note that while access to LEXIS and WESTLAW is restricted to current law students and faculty, CDs have no such restrictions.

Unlike databases available through LEXIS or WESTLAW, however, there is no one standard set of search commands. Each CD publisher requires the user to learn its search methodology. It must be noted though, that while each database may do things in a different way, all databases at their heart have similar search features such as help screens, tutorials, keyword searching, searching the parts or fields of the electronic record, "truncation" (child! retrieves children, for example), displaying search results, modifying searches, and displaying, saving, and printing individual records. With a small amount of effort, you should be able to navigate unfamiliar CDs with relative ease.

The following is a select list of CDs which are available in the Law Library:

Wilson Disc—Index to Legal Periodicals—This electronic version of the printed Index to Legal Periodical Literature covers periodicals published from 1980 to the present. Articles can be searched by title, journal title, author, subject, date, case name, and statute cite. To do research prior to 1980 you must use the printed indexes in the Reference Office or in the Reserve area.

Legal Trac—This electronic version of the Current Law Index covers 1980 to the present. The LegalTrac terminals are located in the Reserve area.

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory on CD-ROM—This electronic version of the printed Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory (Reference KF190.M37) allows you to search for attorneys practicing in firms and individually by name, state, city, county, size of firm, law school attended, field of practice, and more. You can also search for legal services and suppliers such as collection agencies, court reporters, and jury consultants.

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BNA'S Environment Library on CD—Includes the contents of the Environment Reporter, which contains major environmental statutes and regulations; the Chemical Regulation Reporter, which provides access to statutes, regulations, and government policies which pertain to chemical regulation and control; and the Hazardous Materials Transportation service, which contains federal statutes, regulations, etc., relating to the transportation of hazardous materials. It also includes the full text of state environmental laws and regulations.

Index to United Nations Documents and Publications—Allows you to search for publications of the United Nations by topic and keyword.

National Trade Databank (NTDB)—An extensive source of world trade information. A collection of many files and databases with information on export opportunities by industry, country, and product; how-to market guides; and demographic, political, and socio-economic conditions in hundreds of countries.

National Economic, Social, and Environmental Databank (NESE-DB)—An extensive source of the definitive source of information on economic trends, education, health issues, criminal justice, and the environment. Topics covered by the NESE-DB include: the Budget of the United States, business statistics, employment statistics, Pollution Data and Toxic Chemical Release Statistics, housing information, and small business information.

U.S. Foreign Affairs on CD-ROM—A compilation of documents from the U.S. Department of State.

The Ethics CD—A compilation of federal executive branch laws, executive orders, regulations, advisory opinions and other documents concerning ethics in the federal government.

Finally, don’t forget that a large number of CD-ROM databases can be searched through the IO terminals. These include journal article citation indexes such as Business Index, Dissertation Abstracts, Social Sciences Index, and Expanded Academic Index.

Over the summer, the Law Library will be expanding the number of CD-ROMs and CD-ROM stations. Coming soon are CDs which will provide keyword search capability of cases and statutes which were formerly only available through LEXIS or WESTLAW. The first which will be made available is the Michie Indiana Law On CD, which allows full text searching of the text of Indiana Supreme Court and Appellate Court decisions, and the Indiana Code.

If you have not already, be sure to give CDs a try. If you have difficulties, you can always feel free to ask a reference librarian for assistance.

PERRY AND THE MASENS: THE SAGA CONTINUES

Last month marked the fourth consecutive year the Law Library sponsored a team in the Monroe County Public Library's VITAL Quiz Bowl. The annual event features teams from various Bloomington organizations and raises a good deal of money to support the library’s literacy tutoring program. Perry and the Masons (better known as Jennifer Bryan, Keith Buckley, Dick Vaughan, and Nonie Watt) teamed up in the first round against Mortar Board, an undergraduate honorary society. Some might say it was our vast wealth of knowledge and experience coupled with the confidence that comes from wisdom that gave us the edge in that first contest. But deep down, we knew better. It was really the fact that we were old enough to be their parents that really intimidated the hapless opposition. In any case, we floated through the first round 125-25 without breaking a sweat and eagerly looked forward to the next round cloaked in a false sense of security that would later spell doom for Perry and Company.

The second round found us pitted against a team from the IU Foundation. Those of you who have followed the VITAL Quiz Bowl over the years (you know who you are), will remember the Foundation’s team consistently makes it into the “Elite Eight” of the tournament and even won the Championship in 1992. The Foundation Fund-O-Mentals (as they like to be called for some reason) are in quiz bowl jargon "your basic one-person team". Their Captain Bill with his lightning-quick buzzer finger kept ringing in ahead of the somewhat slower, contemplative Masons. It wasn’t that we didn’t know the answers, we really did. We just like to be
sured of ourselves before ringing in. Although we made a valiant attempt at a comeback late in the round, the final buzzer found Perry and the Masons on the short end of a 140-85 score. Resolved to work on our buzzer-technique in the upcoming months, Perry and the Gang will return next Spring with our new slogan — “Buzz first - think later”.

Nonie Watt,  
Head of Technical Services

**ELECTRONIC OPEN MEETING: GOVERNMENT IN THE INFORMATION AGE**

In recognition of the growing importance of information technology as a means for communication and participation in democratic government, you are invited to participate in a National Electronic Open Meeting on the subject of People and Their Governments in the Information Age. The meeting will be sponsored by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), and the National Performance Review (NPR). The electronic open meeting will encourage public discussion about the respective roles of the federal government, state, tribal, and local governments, industry, the public interest and library communities, academia, and the general citizenry in creating an electronic government.

**How the Conference Will Be Conducted:**

Five e-mail discussion groups will be created. The five discussion groups will also be accessible through five corresponding Internet newsgroups, the World Wide Web, and dial-up bulletin board connections. Each discussion group will be devoted to a specific topic relating to People and their Governments in the Information Age. Each topic will be hosted by one or more experts, who will provide an introductory statement to initiate the discussion and who will also take part in the discussion.

Attendees will participate in the conference by replying to the hosts’ introductory statements, posting statements or comments, and by replying to the statements and comments of other attendees. The open meeting will focus on these five topics:

- **Services** — from emergency help and health care to business licenses.
- **Benefits** — from social security and food stamps to small business grants.
- **Information** — from declassified secrets and travel aids to satellite weather maps.
- **Participatory Democracy** — ensuring everyone’s chance to be heard in a democracy.
- **Technology** — how the technical portion of electronic government will work.

If you would like more information about the content and format of the meeting, please send a blank e-mail message to info@meeting.fedworld.gov. You will receive an automated response providing detailed information and preliminary agenda, as well as complete information enabling your full participation in this unique opportunity.

Marianne Mason,  
Documents Librarian

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**


This small book covers a part of American history that today is largely unknown: the assassination of President James Garfield in 1881. This book discusses the events of the assassination; the medical treatment that President Garfield received; and the trial, conviction, and execution of the assassin, Charles Guiteau. The events that occurred over 100 years ago will be hauntingly familiar to the present-day reader.

The book begins with background information on Charles Guiteau and James Garfield. Charles Guiteau was an extremely troubled man. He had trouble holding onto a job, was cruel to his wife (who divorced him seven years before he assassinated the President), and he became involved in various religious cults. After the election of Garfield in 1880, Guiteau began to actively seek a presidential appointment to a position in the federal government. When such an appointment was not
forthcoming, Guiteau decided to assassinate the President.

The author also discusses the life of James Garfield, including his service in the Civil War and his role as a compromise candidate between the various different factions of the Republican Party for the 1880 Presidential election. Garfield's position was an unenviable one, trying to maintain peace between these different factions.

The assassination, medical treatment, and trial then take up the majority of the book. Guiteau stalked Garfield for several months before finally shooting the President in the Baltimore and Potomac train depot in Washington D.C. Garfield was grazed in the arm by the first shot, and then hit in the back by the second. He lived for nearly 3 months after the shooting. Clark discussed the treatment the President received at length. It makes you appreciate modern medical practices. The ineptitude of the doctors, and the lack of basic sanitary conditions and precautions, is simply incredible.

The book then discusses the trial of Charles Guiteau. Guiteau pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, medical malpractice, and lack of jurisdiction of the court (Garfield had died in New Jersey, but the trial was taking place in the District of Columbia). The discussion of the trial, and Guiteau’s dissatisfaction with his attorneys go on at length. Guiteau was found guilty of murder, and was executed by hanging on June 30, 1882.

I found this to be a very interesting book, and in particular the discussion of the insanity defense and the tragedy of the poor medical treatment (by today’s standards) that President Garfield received. I recommend the book.

Michael Maben, Cataloging Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: PLAY BALL!


The boys of summer are getting a late start this year. While the strike/lock-out is over for now, it seems as sure as Cal Ripken will be in the O’s starting lineup that we haven’t heard the last of baseball in the courtroom. While many complain that the relationship between law and baseball is a new battery combination, a little research reveals that lawyers and ballplayers have been throwing curves to each other for longer than many of us want to admit.

Luckily, that research can be made a little easier by a new collection of legal writings that pertain to the grand old game. While the material contained in *Baseball and the American Legal Mind* is not new, most of the articles are reprints from law reviews and reporters, the book does pull all this material together into one easy to use source. Edited by two professors from the Brooklyn School of Law and a colleague from Virginia Tech, the book not only documents the judicial decisions that have influenced the game, but also tries to show how the culture of baseball parallels the culture of our legal system.

(From the introduction:) "It [baseball] turns every sandlot batter and baserunner into a litigator. We learn at an early age to argue the call and appeal to another umpire. We know that such arguments and appeals rarely succeed, but we persevere nonetheless. Furthermore, there is something therapeutic about arguing with the umpire. It may be no wonder that the
United States leads the world in the production of lawyers — we learn legal culture and process in youth league and schoolyard baseball!"

Not surprisingly, the book is divided into NINE chapters. Chapter 1 is a collection of writings examining the parallels between baseball's rules and the development of the rules of law. Chapter 2 consists of the text of six of the most important court decisions related to baseball's status under the antitrust laws. Chapter 3 contains the current Uniform Players' Contract, as well as four notable turn-of-the-century decisions about early player contracts. Chapters 4 and 5 provide judicial and scholarly commentary on franchise relocation and intellectual property. Chapter 6 consists of cases and commentary documenting liability for injuries that result from playing, and watching, baseball. Chapter 7 is a collection of writings, both formal and informal, that attempt to show how baseball is both a metaphor and model for legal theory and American society. Chapter 8 is devoted to legal cases involving the Chicago Cubs (appropriately titled: "The Chicago Cubs: Post-Season Play Isn't Everything."). Chapter 9 is a short bibliography.

Like other Garland publications, the reprint quality of the text is not always clear and the dual numbering system (the pagination from both the book and the original publication is printed on each page) can be confusing. Still if you are looking for a starting place to familiarize yourself with the relationship between baseball and the law, this collection is a convenient place to start.

Dick Vaughan,
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Hope you all have a great day!!!

TO ALL THE GRADUATING STUDENTS:
We wish you the best in your futures. Come back and visit us sometime. Congratulations!