Thanks to the efforts of our crack computer services staff, a number of the CD-ROM-based resources that have been individually available to library users at the Circulation Desk are now networked and ready for your use. Indexes and resources available on the new work station include Index to Legal Periodicals, LegalTrac, Congressional Masterfile, Michie's Indiana Law on Disk, Shepard's Citations, U.S. Government Periodical Index, the National Trade Data Base and the U.S. Statistical Abstract for 1994. Users who've explored these indexes on the generic CD-ROM station in the Library's Reserve Reading Room will be surprised and delighted by the enhanced network versions—improved response time, more flexible search options and crystal-clear graphics make the CD-ROM databases much more accessible and user-friendly.

The networked CD-ROM databases are now available at workstations in the lobby of the Library, next to the IUCAT terminals. Law School faculty and staff can also access the CD-ROM databases via the LAN, and, in the very near future, students will have additional access to these valuable research materials in the Computer Lab. As there are a number of other CD-ROM titles at the Circulation Desk that have not been added to the networked database, you can search these titles either at the new workstations (where they may be loaded into the CD-ROM drives) or at the generic CD-ROM station in the Reserve Reading Room. If you need any assistance while using the databases, or if you have questions about the contents of the databases and what the CD-ROMs can do for your research, feel free to contact a reference librarian.

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The Law Library is pleased to announce that it is now possible to renew Law Library materials through the Law Library Homepage on the World Wide Web. The address for the Law Library Homepage is: http://www.law.indiana.edu/lawlib/ You may also access our homepage through the Law School Homepage by clicking on "Law Library". After accessing the homepage, click on "IU Law Library Services and Publications". Choose “Renew Law Library Materials Online” and follow the instructions given. Please note that you cannot renew reserve materials (4 hour and 24 hour loans) through this method. These items must be renewed in person at the Circulation Desk or by phone (855-6404). We will check for these renewal requests daily, and inform you of the new due date through email. If you are not able to access the Web, you may also renew books through email. The email address is: lawcirc@ophelia.ucs.indiana.edu Make sure to include your name, patron ID number and barcode number for each item to be renewed. We will

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We hope that you will take advantage of this additional way to renew your Law Library materials. Please let us know if you encounter any problems with this renewal system.

Linda Fariss,
Associate Director

A TRIVIAL TRIBUTE TO THE LAW

1. What kind of automobile did Mitch McDeere receive as a “signing bonus” when he joined the firm of Bendini, Lambert and Locke (The Firm)?
2. What future intergalactic traveler plays the judge’s aide in Judgment at Nuremberg?
3. By what nickname were persons supposedly associated with the bombing of a London pub generally referred to as in In the Name of the Father?
4. What kind of doctor was Richard Kimble (The Fugitive)?
5. What piece of incriminating evidence does Jeff Bridges keep hidden in his closet in Jagged Edge?
6. What award-winning actress plays a relatively small role as Tom Hanks’ mother in Philadelphia?
7. What actor, currently nominated for an Emmy, portrays Susan Sarandon’s loyal and competent secretary in The Client?
8. Humphrey Bogart accused his crew members of stealing something in The Caine Mutiny. What was it?
9. What performing artist had a hit single from the film Legal Eagles?
10. In what country was the film A Cry in the Dark set?
11. What notorious murder case forms the basis for the film Compulsion?
12. In order to locate a witness, Paul Newman’s character in The Verdict resorts to committing a federal offence. What federal law did he break?

For the answers to all these intriguing questions, check out the Library’s video collection. We have these and many other law-related films in the library. For a list of the library’s video holdings, check at the Circulation Desk. On the off chance you have better things to do right now than watch a bunch of old movies just to find out the answers to some dumb questions, turn to page 4.

Nonie Watt,
Head of Technical Services

GETTING STARTED WITH THE LAW OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

One could easily make the case that it is more difficult to conduct research in the law of foreign countries than it is to conduct research in international law. In the latter case, the body of law is familiar, and there is a well developed English language bibliography, providing ready access to English language sources. In fact, English is today overwhelmingly the language of both primary documentation and scholarly commentary in international law. In contrast, the researcher who wishes to investigate foreign law will often face severe problems of translation, not only with respect to language, but perhaps even more importantly, with respect to the legal system. For example, an issue that falls within contract law in our legal system might fall within the law of obligations in the system of a civil code country. Similarly, the sources of law that will have to be consulted on a given issue may differ between jurisdictions. Case law may be less important than commentary, or vice versa, depending on the specific legal culture of the country in question.

For the researcher who is not already familiar with the law of the country he or she wishes to investigate, a good strategy is to begin by consulting a source that provides relevant background information about the legal system in question. There are a number of encyclopedic sources that may be consulted for this purpose. Among them, the most scholarly is volume one of the International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law, which contains monographs on legal systems of countries around the world. Unfortunately, this source has not been updated since the 1970s; however, it still provides the best basic orientation to the structure, history, and character of foreign legal systems. It is particularly useful as the sole source of encyclopedic information for many small jurisdictions. Another source of note is the Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia. This is a loose-leaf service, and therefore more up-to-date than the International Encyclopaedia. However, there is no standard format, and individual chapters may be quite detailed or very brief. These two sources differ in their emphasis, as well. The International Encyclopaedia is a good source for determining, for example, which body of law in a given country governs a particular issue. The Cyclopedia is better for obtaining information on the structure of the court system and the bar.

In addition to these sources, the Library has recently
purchased most titles in the new International Encyclopaedia of Law series. This series consists of individual loose-leaf titles, each of which covers a particular area of law. The country monographs in this series are considerably more detailed than those of the International Encyclopaedia and the Cyclopedia, often exceeding 200 pages in length. This series is hampered by the fact that most titles presently cover only a few jurisdictions, and by the fact that the monographs were originally written in languages other than English, and then translated. This leads sometimes to rather opaque passages that don’t entirely make sense. Nevertheless, this is an outstanding source of information.

Another source, somewhat different than the others, is Foreign Law: Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legislation in Jurisdictions of the World. This does include short introductions to the legal systems of foreign jurisdictions, but the main part of each chapter is simply a checklist of sources of legislation by subject. One would turn to this source to find out, for example, where the distributorship law of a particular country is codified, and whether it is available in English translation.

Depending upon the question, these sources may provide an answer without further research. In most cases, they will provide information the researcher needs to carry his or her investigation to the next level of detail. Most important, they will provide pointers to primary source material for those who are unfamiliar with the finding tools of foreign legal systems. All of these sources are available in the Law Library, shelved in the Reference Collection of the first floor.

For those who are interested in the legal sources of particular legal systems, this column will begin an occasional series of articles next month on the materials available in this Library for many of the countries represented in its collection. We’ll begin with the legal systems of the common law world. First stop, Nigeria.

Ralph Gaebler,
Foreign & International Librarian

BOOK OF THE MONTH


This bestseller was written by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commanding general of U.S. armed forces during the Persian Gulf War. It discusses his life and career from his childhood in New Jersey, his education at West Point, and his military career which included service in Vietnam, Alaska, Europe, and eventually the Persian Gulf. It is an interesting and compelling discourse of the military career of one man.

The book begins with Schwarzkopf discussing his childhood and family. His father was a U.S. Army general, and the chief of police for the New Jersey State Police. As fate would have it, he was in charge when the Lindbergh kidnapping occurred, and his force took the lead in investigating the crime. When the United States entered World War II, he began a military assignment in Iran, and from then on the younger Schwarzkopf lived a military life until his retirement from the Army in 1991.

Schwarzkopf then covers his time at West Point, and his assignments upon beginning active military service. His

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The Suggestion Box

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

Suggestion: Squeaky door handles, especially at 1st floor door going into Library. Use WD40, cooking oil or ordinary household oil.

Response: I’m surprised you are able to hear the squeaking over the loud voices of the students going into the Library! Seriously, this is a problem we have from time to time and we will report it. Thanks for letting us know.

Suggestion: Cold season. Please have facial tissues at front desk.

Response: We frequently get requests to stock paper clips, white out, etc at the circulation desk, but this is the first time we have received a request for facial tissues. However, the response is the same. We do not have the budget to provide all supplies for our patrons. I’m afraid you will have to bring your own facial tissues.
disillusionment with the Army was apparent, but he decided to stay in and work to change the system. But then came the war in Vietnam. Schwarzkopf served two tours of duty in Vietnam, first as an advisor to South Vietnamese forces, and then on his second tour as commander of a battalion of troops.

After the war, he served in a variety of posts, and gradually worked his way up in rank. He was appointed the Commander of Central Command (which included most the Middle East) in July of 1988. This was the position he held when the Iraqi Army invaded Kuwait on August 2, 1990.

The majority of the book then discusses his role in the Persian Gulf War, beginning first with the desire to protect Saudi Arabia, and eventually to a multinational military force that expelled Iraq from Kuwait. His discussion into the planning and execution of the defeat of Iraq is fascinating.

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to two new faces in the Law School, and a familiar face in a new place:

Juliet Casper joins the Library staff as our new Electronic Services Librarian. Juliet comes to us from Northwestern University School of Law.

Kristy Frye is the new Admissions Assistant in the Admissions Office.

Anthony Warner, who used to be in Career Services, is now a Senior Faculty Secretary.

New Faculty Publications:


Happy October Birthday to:

Earl Singleton, Community Legal Clinic Director, 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;
Pam Kriete in Career Services on the 20th;
Professor Bruce Markell on the 24th;
Professor Bill Hicks on the 26th; and
Leslie Jackson in the Associate Dean’s Office and Professor Bill Popkin on the 28th.

Hope you all have a great day!!!

I found this book to be very interesting and well worth reading. In particular, his discussions of Vietnam and the Persian Gulf War are the heart and soul of this book. If you are interested in reading this book, it is available at the Main Library.

Michael Maben, 
Cataloging Librarian