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NEW TEACHING PROGRAM BRINGS FIRST YEAR CLASSES INTO THE LIBRARY

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If you were studying the Library during any weekday from mid to late September, you would have had a hard time missing the throngs of first year students roaming through the 1st floor stacks, teamed together in pairs with questions in hand. All the commotion and noise should be dying down pretty soon, and rest assured that it’s for a good cause. In an effort to improve law students’ basic research skills, the writing instructors and the public services librarians have completely reorganized the first year research lectures. Instead of giving in-class lectures without any hands-on use of the materials, the librarians are meeting with Research and Writing classes on the 1st floor in a newly-arranged teaching area, briefly discussing one of the major research sources (e.g., statutes, reporters and digests, or Shepard’s), and then assisting the students on an exercise using the materials. The exercises consist of 15 questions that take the students through a variety of typical research problems, and are designed to give students a better working knowledge of the primary legal research tools. Each section of the Research and Writing class will meet in the Library four times this semester and four times next semester. The Librarians will post a notice on the main entrance to the stacks during periods classes are being taught, and will also try to keep noise to a minimum. We appreciate your patience during this year of experimenting with an exciting new approach to teaching research.

INFORMED VOTERS AND THE WEB

Don’t know which candidate should receive your vote? October represents the final stretch to election day and time to make the decision. You might consider exploring the Web to help sort out the candidate’s statements, platforms, and proposals. There are several Internet sites which provide information on the candidates and the election process which may help you to make a more informed decision. Both federal and state candidates are well represented on the Net. However, to sort through this information can be daunting. Internet sites vary from official candidate Web sites to party affiliated sites. There are also official candidate pages and not-so-official pages. Unofficial sites may contain excellent information but be aware of who collected and published the information before judging its validity.

Vote Smart is an Internet site which presents an excellent collection of voter information and provides links to official and unofficial candidate pages. Many states’ candidates are well represented here, as well as candidates

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running for office on the federal level. The site also contains a number of publications which explain the political process. Here's the address:

http://www.vote-smart.org

Marianne Mason, Documents Librarian

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: FACULTY: PRO AND CON

The faculty of the IU Law School have a well known history of publishing. The Library has always made an attempt to obtain copies of all faculty publications, keeping at least one copy in the Library's main collection and one copy in the faculty writings collection of the Rare Book Room. If you're interested in reading some of their works, just conduct an author search in IUCAT or check any of the standard legal literature indexes. You might also consult the bibliography, 150 Years of Research: A Bibliography of the Indiana University School of Law Faculty, 1842-1942 (KF292 .L525 O53 1992).

What is perhaps not as well known, is that the Library also makes an attempt to obtain video recordings of faculty appearances on local television. One show that has featured many Law School professors is the WTIU production, Pro and Con. This program, hosted by President Myles Brand (and Thomas Ehrlich before him) consists of a panel of IU professors discussing a timely topic. Listed below are a few of the Pro and Con recordings the Library owns. All are available for viewing, in the Library or on your own VCR equipment, by asking at the Circulation Desk.

Affirmative Action: Past its Prime? Professor Susan Williams joins a panel discussion on the role of affirmative action in higher education. [LC 212 .P76 1995]

The Campaign of 1992: Why was it Different? Professor Kevin Brown joins others to discuss the '92 presidential campaign, focusing on the reasons for the Republican loss and the influence of a third party. [E 884 .P756 1993]

Corporate Takeovers: Good or Bad? Professor Rudnick and others discuss the economic consequences of corporate takeovers. [KF 1439 .P759 1990]

The Death Penalty. Professor Hoffmann and others attempt to answer the questions: Does the death penalty deter crime? Does it uphold justice and morality? Does it undermine the moral fabric of our society? [HV 8699 .U5 P759 1989]

Do Women and Men Understand Each Other? Professor Susan Williams joins other IU professors in a discussion of whether or not men and women understand each other. The discussion focuses on the implications of the differences on lives at home and on the job. [HQ 734 .P759 1993]

Immigration: Should the Door Stay Open? Professor Scanlan joins President Brand and others to discuss immigration issues. [IV 6465 .P76 1995]

Litigation: Is it Out of Control? Professor Robel and others discuss alternative dispute resolution and the level of justice they provide. [KF 9084 .P759 1992]

Religion's Place in Public Schools. Professor Dan Conkle is one of the panelist discussing the role of religion in public education. [LC 111 .P76 1995]


Should Employees be Tested for Drug Use? Professor Bethel joins other IU professors to discuss the right to privacy and the use of drug test results. [HF 5549.5 .D7 P759 1991]

Surrogate Motherhood. Professor Dworkin joins two other IU professors and a state senator in discussing the psychological, social, medical, and legal aspects of surrogate motherhood. [HQ 759.5 .P759 1988]

Dick Vaughan, Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

NEW WTO MATERIALS IN MICROFICHE

The World Trade Organization, or WTO, is the principal source of rules governing the behavior of states in international trade. Its purpose is to promote free trade, and to ensure that states not establish protective barriers that impede its growth. Until April, 1995, the WTO operated in a looser institutional framework, known as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). The
GATT was established in 1947, but operated under a provisional agreement without any formal institutional structure or binding dispute-resolution mechanism. Moreover, the GATT applied only to trade in goods, while the WTO applies to trade in services and intellectual property.

Throughout its history, the GATT/WTO has been a prodigious source of documents related to international trade. A complex, if informal institutional structure emerged, comprised of a secretariat, annual conference, and permanent council of representatives. In addition, various standing committees and ad hoc bodies (commissions, working groups, panels) have been created to deal with particular issues.

Any researcher interested in state action related to international trade will eventually need access to GATT/WTO documents. In recognition of this, the Library purchased the complete file of GATT/WTO documentation in microfiche last year. The set comes with annual indexes in fiche, which provide access to the documents by document symbol, subject, country, articles of the main legal instruments, product, and issuing body. The annual indexes are occasionally cumulated in bound supplements, which are shelved in the second floor Media Center, near the microform cabinets. Currently, the bound indexes cover the years 1984-1992.

A number of other GATT/WTO publications available in the Library will also be of interest to anyone interested in the law of the GATT/WTO. The Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations: The Legal Texts (Reserve K4603 1987 .A4 1994) includes the text of the legal instruments under which the WTO now operates. The Analytical Index: Guide to GATT Law and Practice, 6th edition (K4603 1947 .A44 G85 1994), provides notes on the drafting, interpretation, and application of the articles of the GATT agreement. Another important title is Basic Instruments and Selected Documents (BISD), an annual supplement that publishes important documents in hardcopy. The Library's subscription begins with 1985, but earlier editions are available in the microfiche collection. A looseleaf, entitled Status of Legal Instruments, provides up-to-date information on the status of each legal instrument for each member state.

Several titles provide less detailed, summary information on the activities of the GATT/WTO. GATT Focus is a monthly newsletter, shelved as a periodical, and GATT Activities in... (K4602 .C55) is an annual publication, providing a committee-by-committee overview of the organization's activities for the year. No document numbers are given. More detailed is Trade Policy Review, published several times per year. Each issue focuses on the trade policies and performance of a single member state. This series is available in hardcopy at the Main Library Government Publications Department, and at the Law Library in the microfiche collection.

Background information about the history and law of the GATT/WTO can be obtained from several sources. The best known single-volume work on the GATT/WTO is World Trade and the Law of GATT, by Robert Jackson (Reserve K4603 .J32 1969). Detailed encyclopedic information is contained in the Encyclopedia of Public International Law, vol.II (1992), under the heading General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

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CAUTION: LIBRARY SHADES

Please do not put any items on the windowsill on the side of the Library facing the woods. The observatory often lowers the shades at night and anything blocking the shade will be damaged and cause damage to the shade.
FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

A number of Supreme Court Justices were also prolific writers before, after, or even during their tenure on the bench. To commemorate the beginning of the new Supreme Court Term, match the following books with the justices who penned them. Hint: All the books are in the Law Library should you want to do some in-depth research in this area or if you just feel compelled to find the answers.

1. The Antitrust Act and the Supreme Court
2. Breaking the Vicious Circle
3. The Case of Sacco and Vanzetti
4. Civil Procedure in Sweden
5. The Curse of Bigness
6. The Federalist Papers (co-author)
7. Go East, Young Man
8. Grand Inquests
9. School for Judges
10. Touched with Fire: Civil War Letters

a. Louis Brandeis
b. Stephen Breyer
c. Warren Burger
d. William O. Douglas
f. Felix Frankfurter
g. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
h. Oliver Wendell Holmes
i. John Jay
k. William Rehnquist
l. William Taft

Nonie Watt,
Head of Technical Services

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to Adrian Allen. He is the Library’s new Senior Bindery/Conservation Assistant.

Welcome, also, to Dawn Polaski, the Law School’s new Faculty Secretary. Her office is located in the 2nd floor secretarial suite.

Wedding Bells!

Congratulations to Jennifer (Underwood) Walker, Faculty Secretary, who married Andrew Walker on September 14th.

New Baby!

Congratulations to Professor Alysa Rollock, who gave birth to baby Daniel on September 26th. Alysa and her husband, David, now have two boys and a girl.

New Faculty Publications:


Happy October Birthday to:

Earl Singleton, CLC 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 the Career Services Office on the 20th;
Professor Bruce Markell on the 24th;
Professor Bill Hicks on the 26th; and
Leslie Jackson in the Dean’s Office and Professor Bill Popkin on the 28th.

Hope you all have a great day!!!