Law Library Launches New Website!

by Linda Fariss

Over the course of the summer the Library staff, with the assistance of a tenacious student intern, worked tirelessly to launch a completely redesigned website. It had been several years since the website was redesigned and we wanted to highlight the Library’s many services in a more usable manner. Our goal was to develop a site that is both attractive and functional. Here are a few highlights from the new website:

- The website is divided into 5 major areas - About the Library; Online Resources; Library Services; Publications; and Collections.

- Pictures and bios of the librarians have always been on the website. However, the Library could not run without the efforts of the entire staff. Check out the pictures of the rest of the staff under “Staff Directory.”

- “Ask a Librarian” is a new service of the Library provided through the website. If you have a reference question, but do not want to come in person or call the reference desk, send it via the website. As long as it does not involve giving legal advice or doing extensive research, we will answer by email within 24 to 48 hours.

- Don’t know how to find the Library? Check out the “Maps and Directions” under About the Library. We even include a section letting you know where to park (good luck!).

- In redesigning the website, one of our greatest concerns was making our many online resources more usable. Under “Online Resources” we have listed all of our web-based subscriptions as well as subscriptions from the Main Library that we feel are particularly useful to law students and faculty. We also include some relevant free websites. These are listed both alphabetically and in broad subject categories. Some subscriptions are password protected. Ask a reference librarian if you need the password. Check out Peter Hook’s article in this issue for more information on some of the Main Library’s subscriptions that are included on our site.

- Library Services has been divided into three sections - Law Students, Law Faculty, and Other Users. Under Services for Law Students you will find popular services such as the exam file, eReserves, renew library materials, etc. Check out the new section on Computer Services where you will find information about things as how to check on your print allotments to configure your laptop to connect to the wireless system. (Continued on page 2)

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NEW (SORT OF) & NOTEWORTHY (ABSOLUTELY):
TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE!

The Law School recently honored some of its longtime employees, including Ann Likes from the Law Library. While most library patrons probably don't recognize Ann because she works behind the scenes in the Technical Services Department, anyone who uses the Library collection is indebted to her skills and dedication.

Ann started in the Law Library in September of 1983 when she was hired as the Library's Bindery Assistant. In addition to managing the Library's binding program (periodicals, briefs, paperbacks, etc.), Ann also supervised the shelving of all serial titles. In 1987 Ann became the Library's Serials Cataloging Technician, a position she continues to serve in today. As such, she not only catalogs new serial titles, but also supervises the processing of books and serials, and the filing of looseleaf publications. Ann has served as a Communications Workers of America Union representative on the IUB campus and is a past winner of the Law School's Staff Merit Award.

More often than not Ann is the first person in the Library each day, but when she is not here she can usually be found in her garden. As the Library's resident Green Thumb, Ann also helps out with caring for the plants in the Law Library and if you happen to notice flowers in the Technical Services Department you can be pretty sure they were grown by Ann. While Ann's skills, in and out of the Law Library, are appreciated by all at the Law School, her "real life" revolves around her husband, Scott, and their personality packed Schnauzer, Coaky.

Ann, thanks for twenty years of great service, great flowers, and great friendship.

Dix Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

The Law Library is fortunate to participate in a cooperative program with the federal government, known as the Federal Depository Library Program. The purpose of the depository library system is to make government publications available for the free use of the American public.

The Law Library participates in the FDLP in order to support the U.S. Government legal information needs and interests of the faculty and students of the Law School. Government documents provide a valuable resource to academic researchers and the general public alike.

The Law Library currently receives around 20% of the materials distributed through the FDLP. Our selected publications consist of:

- All primary legal sources.
- Administrative decisions and annual reports of agencies and their inspectors general.
- Commission reports.
- A comprehensive collection of the legislative, judicial branch, and Department of Justice publications.
- Research level collecting in civil rights and environmental materials.

The Government Documents collection is housed on the 4th floor of the Library, arranged by the Superintendent of Documents classification system, and is cataloged in IUCAT.

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In addition to print and microfiche documents, through the Law Library website, we provide links to particular free and subscription-based online sources of government information.

- **GPO Access** ([http://www.gpoaccess.gov/](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/)) provides free internet access to information produced by all three branches of the government, linking patrons to more than 200,000 titles, including such primary sources as the Congressional Record, the Federal Register and CFR, the U.S. Code, and Congressional bills.

- **Thomas** ([http://thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)), a service of the Library of Congress, provides free internet access to full-text of recent Congressional publications, Congressional committee information, information on the legislative process, and links to Congressional Internet services.

- **LexisNexis Congressional** ([http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp](http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp)), a comprehensive legislative database that provides indexing to Congressional materials from 1970 to the present, full-text of recent primary and selected secondary materials.


We are pleased to announce that detailed bibliographic records for the Hein’s Legal Theses and Dissertations microfiche set were added to IUCAT over the summer. This important research tool currently contains the full-text of over 3,000 theses and dissertations from twenty of the nation’s top law schools. As the set grows, titles from additional schools (including IU) will be added. While the Library has held the microfiche set for several years, information on individual titles has been somewhat difficult to locate up until now. With the inclusion into the online catalog, researchers can now locate these materials online by author, title, subject, or institution.

Should you encounter a record for one of these titles in IUCAT and would like to view the microfiche, some explanation of the display might be helpful. In the location line, you will see Hein’s Legal Theses followed by a series of numbers. The first number indicates the school of origin. For example, 001 means the theses came from New York University; 002 indicates Harvard, and so on. The microfiche are filed by these numbers. The second number is simply a chronological filing number within an institution’s holdings. Hein’s Legal Theses and Dissertations are located in drawers 374-377 on the second floor of the Law Library along with the rest of our microform collection. Microfiche readers and printers are in the Media Center next to the cabinets.

If you have any questions about this or any other microfiche collection or if you encounter any problem locating a specific title, please consult a reference librarian who will happy to assist you.

Monte Watt
Head of Technical Services

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**Legal Theses and Dissertations Added to IUCAT**

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**THE SUGGESTION BOX**

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: Copies cost 15¢. Last year they were 10¢. This is a 50% increase. Lower to 10¢. We pay enough tuition.

Response: While I sympathize with you and agree that you pay enough tuition, I can do nothing to change the policy. We do not control the charges for these machines as they are owned and maintained by Duplicating Services on campus. You can contact them at copymach@iu.edu. The good news is that you can use your Campus Access card (your University ID) to make copies on these machines and it will only cost you 10¢/copy. In case you didn’t know, you can use your ID card as a debit card for many purposes. For more information, look at the website at [http://www.indiana.edu/~cascard/docs/access.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~cascard/docs/access.html). Thanks for the suggestion.
New Website Highlights Electronic Resources

The Law Library takes great pride in its newly revamped Website. Because it is richer in terms of content, we hope that it is also more useful. The Library's Website now contains direct links to several excellent resources that were previously only found on the Main Library's Website. While some of these resources are legal, most are interdisciplinary in nature.

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals – ("Online Resources," "Foreign and International.") This database contains abstracts of articles and book reviews published worldwide. The database covers international law (public and private), comparative law, and municipal law of countries other than the United States, the U.K., Canada, and Australia. It contains abstracts from 1985 to the present and is updated quarterly.

Proquest (New York Times) - ("Online Resources," "Periodical Articles.") This database contains the full text of articles from the New York Times. Coverage begins with the first issue in 1951 and continues to the end of 2001. The database has a full text search feature. It is also contains PDF facsimiles of the articles as they appeared on the pages of the New York Times. This sure beats microfilm!

Proquest – ("Online Resources," "Periodical Articles.") In addition to the New York Times and some business name databases, Proquest contains the ability to search for criminal justice publications. Select "Social Sciences – Criminal Justice Periodicals" from the pull down menu. This should be of use to faculty and students interested in criminal law issues.

Social Sciences Citation Index - ("Online Resources," "Periodical Articles.") Once there, on the left-hand side of the screen click on "ISI Web of Science.") This is a citation tool. It is the most comprehensive tool that allows one to ascertain what scholars have been cited by whom and in what kinds of periodicals since 1987. It is also a good finding aid to puzzle through bad citation information.

CCH Internet Tax Research Network -- ("Online Resources," "Legal Databases")

This database provides access to CCH's federal and state tax libraries, and to recent tax news, analysis, cases, regulations and other primary source materials. I am willing to bet that some users will find this online product easier to use than the loose-leaf volumes shelved on the first floor of the library.

Peter Hook
Electronic Services Librarian

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to the New Faces in the Law School:

Professor Bill Henderson
Professor Ajay Mehrotra
Professor Christiana Ochoa
Lesley Davis, Director of International Programs
Sandy Hazel, Budget Coordinator

and welcome back to Cynthia Reichard, who rejoins the Legal Writing faculty.

Congratulations to Catherine Dyar, who gave birth to a 7lb 1 oz baby boy, Gustav ("Gus") Frederick Hommey, in June!

Related Happy Birthday to all of our summer birthdays.

Happy September Birthday to:

Mike Maben on the 12th
Keith Buckley on the 15th
Deborah Westerfield on the 17th
Professor Terry Bethel on the 18th