

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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Library News

To meet the needs of the large incoming class this year, the Law Library has increased its hours. We are now open:

M-Th	7:30am – 10:30pm
F	7:30am – 9pm
Sa	10am – 7pm
Su	10am – 10:30pm

Reference hours are also extended. A Reference Librarian is now available:

M-Th	7:30am – 7pm
F	7:30am – 5pm
Sa	10am – 5pm
Su	12pm – 7pm

Upcoming Workshops

We are offering a variety of noontime workshops focusing on computer access skills. These sessions were created to support the goal of the Law School to develop the skills of all students to take advantage of the latest technology, especially the World Wide Web. Upcoming workshops are taught by a Reference Librarian, and include:

Web Search Basics, Sept. 9
Special Research Topics: Federal Tax Law, Sept. 16
Advanced Internet Searching, Sept. 23
Legal Online Databases, Sept. 30
Survey of General Legal Resources, Oct. 7
Survey of Federal Resources, Oct. 28
Survey of California Resources, Nov. 4
Special Research Topics: Criminal Law, Nov. 11
Special Research Topics: Immigration Law, Nov. 18

CALI News

In June, Duke School of Law hosted the annual CALI Conference for Law School Computing, and Electronic Services Librarian Maryanne Gerber was there to present a session on *How to Create and Teach a Law Practice Technology Class*. She teaches a practice technology class here at Golden Gate (now in its fourth semester) designed to familiarize students with the technologies in use at law firms for document management, time and billing, case management, litigation support, publications, and presentations. The session at CALI outlined the contents of the class, and explored ways the information could be taught as either a standard course in the curriculum, an addition to a practice management class, or in small seminars dealing with specific topics.

Maryanne and Sally Irvin, a colleague from Wake Forest School and Law, are working with Thomson-West to create an electronic course that includes access to a number of the leading software programs. As the result of the CALI program, seventeen law schools are working with Maryanne to begin the process of implementing a

Practice Technology class in their respective schools. It is gratifying that Golden Gate with its dedication to teaching students practical skills has been supportive in this endeavor and is at the forefront of providing a new lawyering skills class.

Book News and Updates

New Jury Instructions expected this fall

New, "plain English" civil jury instructions are being approved by the Judicial Council of California. They will be published by *LexisNexis*, who promises to make them available online as well as in print. These new instructions will replace the *Baji* Instructions. *CalJic*, the criminal jury instructions, are not affected. In the meantime, the draft copy of the new civil jury instructions may be accessed at http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/4_34juryinst.htm.

The list of amendments is available at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/amendments/sep2003.pdf>

LexisNexis now publishing California Official Reports

Beginning July 1, 2003, *LexisNexis* replaced *West* as the official publisher of *California Reports* and *California Appellate Reports*, including the advance sheets.

West enhances the California Reporter

Beginning with *Cal Reporter 3rd*, West has enhanced their *Cal Reporter* to include:

- References to *Witkin*, *Rutter Group Publications*, *Miller & Starr* and *CalJur*
- Background and Holdings stated for each case in clear format
- New synopsis style

Amendments to the ABA Rules of Professional Conduct

The ABA House of Delegates has passed amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct, and they may be found at <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/corporateresponsibility/home.html>. They are also linked from our web page at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/genlaw.htm.

Faculty Publications

The Law Library maintains a listing of Faculty Publications, available at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/facpubs.htm. New publications are culled from GGU announcements and from the Faculty Notes in *Class Action*. Please check the list and if you would like to update your listing, please send an email to Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu.

Computers & Equipment News and Updates

New Microfilm Reader!

The Library acquired a brand new Minolta MS 6000 Digital Microform Reader to enable high-quality access to the microforms collection. The MS 6000 is equipped with the special UC-2 carrier assembly that allows trouble-free usage of microfiche and microfilm formats within one unit. (Several staff members were specially trained; if you have any questions, please inquire.) The modular scanner and printer design allowed a space-saving setup near the microforms collection. The separate laser printer provides sharp, crisp copies and should be maintenance free over the long term. Watch for further developments as we add a desktop computer connected to the MS 6000 for scanning to computer image. The computer setup would allow usage of microform information in websites, e-mails, faxes, desktop publishing and electronic distribution of information.

Internet Access

Two new Cysco wireless hubs have been added to the Law Library to allow up to 1000 concurrent users. All students and faculty must have their MAC addresses registered with Endora (eshey@ggu.edu) in order to access the wireless system after the security measures are in place.

All the carrels and eight of the study tables in the lower level of the Law Library have been hard wired for Internet access. The study carrels on the Plaza level were wired last summer.

Steve Feller (sfeller@ggu.edu) is the faculty liaison for Lexis Web Course, and Maryanne Gerber (mgerber@ggu.edu) is the faculty liaison for Westlaw's TWEN system. Contact either of them directly if you need assistance in setting up a web course.

Staff Activities

Stephanie Hess, Head of Technical Services, has left GGU to relocate to New Jersey. Stephanie worked for the Law Library for almost five years. We miss her, and wish her well in her new home.

Ryun Lee, Cataloging Assistant, has been promoted to Head of Technical Services. Ryun has his MLS degree from McGill University in Canada.

We welcome new staff members:

Matt Ciszek, Innopac Systems Librarian

Matt joined our staff this summer, providing support for the online catalog shared between the law and university libraries. Matt is originally from upstate New York, and received his MLS in 1996 and his BA in English Literature in 1994 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to working at Golden Gate University, he worked as a Project

Manager and Systems Librarian for Innovative Interfaces in Emeryville, CA.

Sandy Farmer, Cataloging Assistant

Sandy worked in the international business area for about 10 years in Taiwan. She came to the U.S. in 1992. After working at Academy Science Museum, she went back to school and studied Library Information Technology at City College of San Francisco, and graduated in December 2002.

Allan Oucho, Government Documents Assistant

Allan is currently a student here at GGU working on his Masters of Science in Web Design and Development. He holds a bachelor's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Botswana, and has worked as a library and research assistant for two years in the Center for African Research and Development in Botswana.

Acquisitions

New Acquisitions

Our listing of new acquisitions may be found online at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/newacq.html. A listing of new acquisitions since the last newsletter has been printed and placed in the faculty office.

New web sites cataloged

Along with our routine book acquisitions, we are constantly on the lookout for web sites worth adding to our online catalog. In the past few months, these valuable resources have been added:

The University of Michigan Law School Refugee Caselaw Site. The site indexes and publishes recent court decisions that interpret the legal definition of a "refugee." Cases are from the national courts of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Europe, and the U.S.

The McCarthy Hearings, 1953-54. These hearings have recently been posted online by the GPO.

The United States Postal Service Administrative Decisions, from 1957 to the present.

The Oyez Project from Northwestern University. This site contains hundreds of hours of audio materials from the U.S. Supreme Court.

Nuremberg Trials Project: A Digital Document Collection. Hosted by Harvard Law School Library, this project provides digital access to these documents that are now too fragile to be handled.

All of these sites may be found in our catalog at <http://library.ggu.edu/> by conducting a title or word search. If you come across a web site you'd like us to consider for inclusion in the catalog, please send an email to Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu.

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