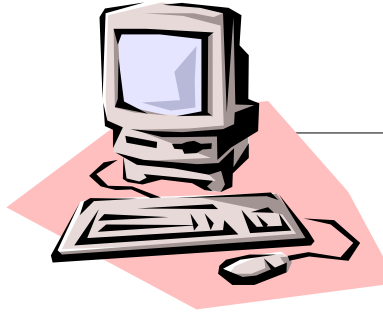


NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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LAW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Friday
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

STUDY ANNEX HOURS

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Comments or questions about our newsletter?
Email Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu

WELCOME!

We are assuming you have all seen the law library's welcome in the Law School News, and we'd like to extend that to you again, here.

Classes start August 14th, a week earlier than usual, the better to be done with classes by Thanksgiving.

If you are new to law school, you have just signed on to a career of research, writing, and presenting. You will be spending a portion of your working day in or connected to a law library of some sort.

For those of you starting down the legal path, several of us are attorneys and know what you face, both in law school and in practice. Law school involves learning a new language and a new way of thinking. It may not be clear until well into your legal studies how various aspects of law fit together. We in the law library are here to help you understand these things and teach you how to find what you need.

For those of you returning for another semester, welcome back. We hope you are coming back to a friendly, familiar place after being away for the summer, or after being away for a few days. We look forward to seeing many of you in our advanced legal research classes and in helping you with your legal research assignments in other classes, clinics, internships, or jobs.

A reminder of a few of the rules:

- Please have your GGU identity card with you while on campus. You will need it for law library access and to check out materials.
- Please turn off your cell phone before entering the law library. We don't want to disturb your fellow students, and you should get in the habit of turning your phones off in public buildings. Judges do not allow cell phones in court, so learn this here.
- Please do not bring food into the law library. Between crinkly wrappers, crumbs, and stickiness, food attracts problems.
- Please feel free to bring beverages in with you, as the law can be dry.
- Of paramount importance: respect your colleagues. The object is to avoid interrupting others' quiet study and reflection.
- Finally, keep your frustration level low. Allow yourself minutes, rather than hours, of feeling lost before seeking our assistance.

Ask us. We're here to help.

*-Michael Daw & Mohamed Nasralla,
Co-Directors of the Law Library*

THE LAW LIBRARY WEB SITE: YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

New and returning students will want to become familiar with the law library web site. Our web site is your portal to a wealth of legal information and research as well as information about the law library and its operations.

From the home page at www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary, click on “**About the Law Library**” to find information on our collections, hours, study areas and laptop guidelines.

Under “**Virtual Library**,” find our portal to our online databases specifically for law students and faculty.

(Each database will be profiled in upcoming issues of our newsletter.) Also in this section you will find extensive links to web sites useful for research in Federal and State law and in all major legal topics. “**New in the Law Library**” offers access to our new titles and past issues of this newsletter. “**Special Collections**” takes you to our Government Documents collection and the Law and Literature collection. “**Student Study Aids**” provides access to exam tips and our collection of research guides produced by law librarians. From the home page also is the link to the student-edited *Golden Gate University Law Review* as well as to our new Jesse Carter web site and collection. Jesse Carter, a graduate of Golden Gate Law School in 1913, went on to become Associate Justice on the California Supreme Court and the author of numerous opinions and famous dissents.

These are just a few of the neighborhoods on our web site. We will highlight specific areas in upcoming issues. Check it out!



THE ONLINE CATALOG: YOUR OTHER NEW BEST FRIEND

One of the most important links on our web site is the one to our Online Public Access Catalog, or OPAC. The GGU OPAC is nicknamed, “**GOLDPAC**,” and it is your guide to what’s available in both the law library and the university library. GOLDPAC contains the titles of all our holdings including individual titles in our subscriber databases. So if you’re wondering “if we have that,” surf

over to the library catalog and conduct a search by author, title or key word. Our Research Guide, “Using GOLDPAC” will take you through, step by step.

(See:

www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/studentstudyaims/attachment/5C.pdf.) And please don’t hesitate to ask a librarian for assistance.



ANNOUNCING BNA ONLINE

We are excited to announce the addition to our collection of titles in the Bureau of National Affairs online library! Law faculty and law students now have access to:

- **Antitrust & Trade Regulation Report**
- **Criminal Law Reporter**
- **Family Law Reporter®**
- **Labor and Employment Law Library**
- **Securities Regulation & Law Report**
- **Tax Management® Portfolios Plus**
- **U.S. Law Week®**

These titles are accessed from either our home page at ggu.edu/lawlibrary at the top of the page under “**NEW**” or from our Virtual Library page at ggu.edu/lawlibrary/virtual. When accessing from off campus, enter your GGU Law School ID when prompted.

Faculty and students may also sign up for email alerts of breaking news by following the link indicated on the BNA page. The ability to access *U.S. Law Week* and the *Tax Portfolios* online is especially helpful for researchers.

“BNA is the foremost publisher of print and electronic news, analysis, and reference products, providing intensive coverage of legal and regulatory developments for decision makers in business and government. “

LAW LIBRARY


 www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary

JUDICIAL COUNCIL APPROVES MAJOR REORGANIZATION OF THE RULES OF COURT

The Judicial Council approved a reorganization of the California Rules of Court, to be effective January 1, 2007. The reorganization includes a major restructuring, reordering and renumbering of the rules and standards to make them clearer, better organized, and easier to read.” The complete Judicial Council report is available at

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/documents/reports/063006Item5.pdf> and the revisions are available at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/reorg.htm>.

LAB AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

The main P-90 lab on the Plaza level has been upgraded to brand new computers and 15” flat-screen monitors. In addition, we have upgraded one of the printers to a new HP Laserjet 4350dtn, with duplexing (double-sided printing). Duplexing must be enabled from the Advanced menu when printing. The basement B-4 lab has also been upgraded with a faster, more reliable printer. Watch for other upgrades throughout the semester; we plan to have the public access terminals and library catalogs revamped in short order.

This semester we bid farewell to one of our lab assistants, Barkwende “Frank” Sawadogo, as he moves on to working for ETS Helpdesk. If you have any lab, laptop, or wireless issues you may still contact any of our lab assistants. Rajan Popli, Leon Su, and Tyler Singletary are available either at the Study Annex or P-90 Lab.

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Good luck with your semester; we look forward to assisting you. Please direct any questions to tsingletary@ggu.edu.

HELP WANTED

- Law Library Student Assistants Wanted!
- *Workstudy Preferred*
- Day and Evening Shifts Available
- Leave a resume at the Circulation Desk or talk to Mohamed or Melissa.

STAFF UPDATES

In July **Maryanne Gerber, Marisa Diehl, Ryun Lee, Hadi Amjadi and Janet Fischer** attended the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in St. Louis. This was the organization’s 100th anniversary.