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FALL 2008 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the law library. All of us are looking forward to a great year as we celebrate the centennial year of the law school.

You'll notice that we made some changes over the summer. The electricians were busy: there are now power outlets in every study carrel, and floor outlets in seating areas that aren't near a wall. You can recharge your laptop no matter where you sit. On the third and fourth floors, we have installed large study tables with reading lamps. Let us know how you like them.

Room 508 is a work in progress. Over the next weeks, we will remove the filing cabinets that are temporarily housed there. As part of the building renovation project, elevator doors were installed on every floor to prepare for future uses. The elevators will not stop on floors four and five. Room 508 will continue to be available as a study space.

- Julia Wentz
Professor of Law and Director of Law Library

See the Law Library Through Our Virtual Tour

As part of a new approach to orientation for 1Ls arriving this fall, the Law Library participated in the Law School's "FYI: First Year Information" webpage project. The FYI page, posted on the Law School's website

(<http://www.luc.edu/law/fyi/index.html>), includes documents and videos, from a number of administrative departments, which are meant to acquaint new students with information that they will find useful in the earliest weeks of law school.

The Library Services portion of the FYI page includes a link to a virtual tour of the law library, with audio and video components. At just over four minutes in length, the tour is a brief look at the layout of our library and the services that we offer. Through the virtual tour, new students can get acquainted with where we are and what we have to offer. Returning students may also find it useful for refreshing their memories about the law library.

Highlights of the tour, which is interspersed with maps and pictures, include explanations of the types of materials (such as Nutshells, Bluebooks, and legal dictionaries) that are kept on reserve at the Circulation desk, descriptions of where to find the Law School's two dedicated computer labs and the dedicated LexisNexis and Westlaw printers, and an invitation to use the 3rd floor "Law Library Living Room," housing newspapers and our Law And Popular Culture collection, when you need to take a study break. The tour also includes practical information, such as where to go for assistance if your ID will not open the security gates, where to sign up for study room reservations, and where to find those

essentials that make your life easier: staplers and paper clips.

If you have yet to experience the virtual tour, take a look now! You'll find links on the Law Library's homepage, at http://www.luc.edu/law_library, and on the Law School's FYI page, above.

- Patricia Scott

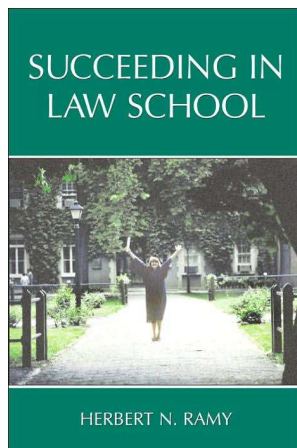
The Law School Experience

The law library has many books which are intended to either chronicle or enhance a student's experience of law school. Here's a brief overview of a few recent or perennially popular titles that may be of interest to first year and returning students. Of course, there is no panacea for the problems and challenges of mastering the multifarious maze of academic success, so they all must be taken *cum grano salis*, as our Latinate forbears might have said.

PRACTICAL GUIDES

Acing Your First Year of Law School, 2d. ed., by Shana Connell & Henry S. Noyes (Hein, 2008) (found in the Law Library at Call No. **KF283 .N69 2008**, on the 5th floor), promises access to "The Ten Steps to Success You Won't Learn in Class." Its longevity and popularity (it is assigned reading at some 35+ law schools) suggest that its pithy, no-nonsense advice may be helpful, or at least reassuring, when it comes to preparing for and participating in class, researching and writing, and preparing for exams (including outlining). While most of its techniques are time-honored, they may still be new to you (they were to me during 1st year!), and this is a good source for learning them.

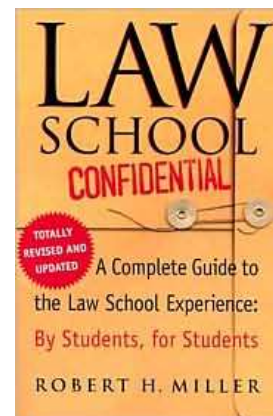
The Law Student’s Pocket Mentor: from surviving to thriving, by Ann L. Iijima (Aspen, 2007) (found in the Law Library at Call No. **KF283 .I35 2007**, on the 5th floor), is another mélange of advice, insight and information. It’s more comprehensive than “Acing,” in that it extends beyond just academics to talk about career preparation, emotional issues (the ever elusive “balance,” a staple of books and articles about law school and practicing law) and pays special attention to non-traditional students and different learning styles. An easy-riding, maybe less intense approach than the Noyes’, but every bit as helpful.



Succeeding in Law School, by Herbert Ramy (Carolina Academic Press, 2006) (found in the Law Library at Call No. **KF283 .R36 2006**, on the 5th floor), takes a slightly different approach. Ramy is the Director of Suffolk University Law School’s Academic Support Program, and as such has a unique perspective that suffuses the book with practicality and realism. One problem with books of this genre is that they sometimes leave you feeling more frightened than illuminated. Ramy’s book has just the opposite effect (I’m not making this up, check the Amazon reviews!), and has more exercises, hypotheticals and academic heft than the previous titles.

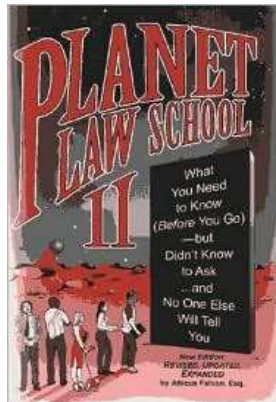
Reading Like A Lawyer: time-saving strategies for reading law like an expert, by Ruth Ann McKinney (Carolina Academic Press, 2005) (found in the Law Library at Call No. **KF283 .M398 2005**, on the 5th floor), takes a more intensive look at just one of the crucial skill-sets for law school success. From the publisher: “Using seven specific reading strategies, reinforced with hands-on exercises at the end of each chapter, this book shows students how they can read law efficiently, effectively, powerfully, and confidently.” McKinney directs the first-year Writing Program at the University of North Carolina’s law school, and has first hand knowledge and experience of the problems students have when confronting the avalanche of reading that is part of the law school experience (oops, there’s that “scaring” thing, again). This is a good book, although a bit text-bookish, especially if you struggled with reading difficult texts in undergrad.

EXPOSÉS!!!



Law School Confidential: a complete guide to the law school experience: by students, for students, by Robert H. Miller (St. Martins, 2004) (found in the Law Library at Call No. **KF283 .M55 2004**, on the 5th floor) is a compendium of interviews, articles and assessments from panoply of deans, students and practicing attorneys.

This has some serious tips and all, but is more of an “interesting browse” type of book. Like Planet Law School II (see below), the authors seem to get a kick out of painting a “realistic and critical picture of the law school experience,” i.e., back to the doomsday scenarios, but it is still fun to read and has some good insights into making law school more relevant to your actual career.

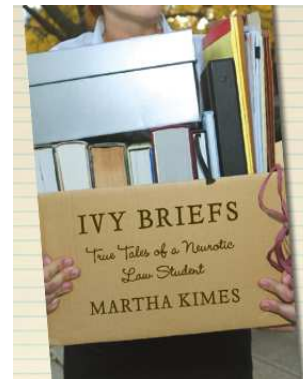


Planet Law School II: what you need to know (before you go) – but didn’t know to ask – and no one else will tell you, by Atticus Falcon (Fine Print Press, 2003) (found in the Law Library at Call No. **KF283 .F34 2003**, on the 5th floor). Maybe the pseudonym should be a tip-off that the approach of this book is a little wacky, more hyped and emotional than the others. Amazon reviewers loved (85) or hated (50) this book, but 850+ pages of self-described iconoclasm is clearly a force to be reckoned with. Again, some good tips, but maybe more a resource book to look to for perspective when people all around you are losing their heads (and blaming it on you know who!), such as the guy who starts panicking about his outline not being finished two months before finals.

MEMOIRS

One L: The Turbulent True Story of a First Year at Harvard Law School, by Scott Turow (Warner Books, 1977) (found

in the Law Library at Call No. **KF373 .T88 A33 1977**, on the 5th floor). This is the granddaddy of them all, the enormously successful Scott Turow’s first book. It feels dated now, but is still a good read, even if the angst-ridden intensity seems a little hokey. This is what it was like when your parents went to law school, and walked in the snow uphill both ways!



Ivy Briefs: True Tales of a Neurotic Law Student, by Martha Kimes (Atria, 2007) (found in the Law Library at Call No. **KF373 .K473 A3 2007**, on the 5th floor). When a small-town Wisconsin girl attends Columbia Law School, the result is a “cross between Legally Blonde, One L and The Paper Chase, in a humorous accounting of what goes on behind the Ivy League’s vine-covered walls.” Despite the title, this is not as fraught or self-absorbed as Turow’s account, and makes a nice “Gee, I’m not the only one feeling this way,” sort of book for a weekend when you don’t want to study, but don’t want to leave it all behind, either.

If that’s not enough (or if these are all checked out!), try searching Pegasus, the library catalog, for the subject heading “Law – Study and Teaching – United States.” That will pull up some 261 titles, enough to keep anyone busy for their three years here at the Gold Coast legal emporium. And my advice on the law school experience? In the words of country singer Trace Adkins:

*You're gonna miss this
You're gonna want this back
You're gonna wish these days
Hadn't gone by so fast*

*These are some good times
So take a good look around
You may not know it now
But you're gonna miss this*

- Fred Le Baron

Using Our Subscription Databases: SmartBooks

For forty years, Illinois attorneys have relied on publications and seminars from the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education (“IICLE”) to give them practical guidance and information on just about every subject in Illinois law. SmartBooks is IICLE’s online subscription database, which includes current versions of all of IICLE’s Practice Handbooks, Quick Guides, and FlashPoints, as well as selected IICLE course materials. In addition to all of the substantive material covered in IICLE’s publications, SmartBooks also includes all of the forms from the publications, which are available for download in Rich Text Format, making them compatible with any word processing program.

To access SmartBooks, start at the Law Library’s Subscription Databases page, http://www.luc.edu/law_library/resources/resources_subscription.html, and click on the link for SmartBooks. If you are off campus, you will be directed to the proxy server, where you will have to log in using your Loyola ID and password before entering the database (from on campus, you will be taken directly to SmartBooks). Once you reach the SmartBooks page, you will notice that

you have two main options for accessing the contents of the database: browsing and searching.

The **Browsing** option features a drop-down menu listing every title in the database in alphabetical order. This is a helpful feature when you know the name of the IICLE publication you are searching for, or to give you ideas of publication titles when you have a subject area in mind. Once you have selected a publication, you will be taken to a table of contents, with links to each chapter of the publication. If forms are available for download, there will be a separate link to a list of the forms at the top of the page. Each chapter link will take you to a list of sections within the chapter. You can click on any of the individual sections, or you can download the entire chapter (and/or its supplement) as a PDF file. Once in an individual section, you can browse the chapter by using the arrows at the top of the screen.

One caveat about the Browsing feature – there is no way to find the titles other than by strict alphabetical order. This means that it can sometimes be difficult to find the publication you want. For example, if you are looking for a publication on “Criminal Law,” you will see that there is nothing listed alphabetically when “Criminal Law” would appear. To find the publication you want, you would need to know that the title is “Defending Illinois Criminal Cases.” Therefore, when using the Browsing feature, remember to check the entire list if you don’t see a relevant publication listed.

The **Searching** option allows you to use keywords to find your subject matter within a specific publication, within a selected area of practice (e.g. Business Practice, Civil Practice), or within the entire database. You can choose to search for all words, exact phrases, or forms of words (e.g. “drink” will

also retrieve “drinking”, “drunk”, etc.). You can also check a box so that your search will only pull up publications that include downloadable forms. Your search results screen will show you a list of specific titles and sections where your search terms were located. If there are too many hits, you can click on the “Modify Search” link at the top of the screen to return to your search. Once you are back at the main search screen, you can use the “Search Sensitivity” pull-down menu at the bottom of the screen to limit your results (e.g. “Show fewer results,” “Show only most exact results”), but you should be careful in using these limiters, as they may eliminate relevant materials.

Finally, SmartBooks gives you the ability to print or download your results. You can print specific sections or download (to save and print at a later time) entire chapters and supplements, which allows you to view and use the entire IICLE collection from anywhere. Please note that there is a User Agreement on the SmartBooks site which limits the use and retention of any material you find.

- Joe Mitzenmacher

Your Comments, Our Answers

From the law library suggestion box.

Stay open later than 5pm 3 days before the bar exam!!!

We will consider extending hours next year. Of course, you will be successfully launched on your legal career by then!

Get more child law books, please!

We try to purchase every book on child law that is published. If you learn of one we missed, please tell us.

Please add bottle/can/aluminum/glass recycle bins to the 4th floor at least. So many bottles are not recycled. And another paper recycle bin by the Westlaw and Lexis printers. So much paper is not recycled.

The facilities staff brought them right over when we asked. Thanks for your concern about the environment.

- Julia Wentz

Librarians from Southeast Asia Visit the Law Library

On Thursday, June 26, 2008, nine librarians from Southeast Asia visited the Loyola University School of Law Library. The visitors represented university and public libraries in Malaysia, the Philippines, and Indonesia. The group was visiting the United States as part of the Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program, and was accompanied by two State Department representatives. The Chicago leg of the trip was coordinated by the International Visitors Center of Chicago.

While in the Law Library, the visitors toured the stacks and computer lab, and had a chance to chat with several staff members, including Carol Klink, Assistant Director for Technical Services, and Fred Lebaron, Head of Faculty Services and Collection Development. In addition to the tour, the librarians saw a demonstration of Loyola’s online catalog, *Pegasus*. Members of the Asian group asked numerous questions during the visit, and were particularly interested in learning more about English-language databases specific to legal research. During their two-day stay in Chicago, the librarians also had an opportunity to see Loyola’s new Information Commons on the lakeshore campus, as well as the Harold Washington Library.

- Julienne Grant

American Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference

Pam Cipkowski, Nanette Norton, and Julia Wentz share their experiences from the conference.

Pam Cipkowski, Cataloging Librarian

The theme of this year's AALL (American Association of Law Libraries) Annual Meeting & Conference held in Portland, Oregon from July 12-15, was "Energize, Explore, Evolve." Employees of the Loyola University Law Library were able to explore a number of energizing programs in the form of events, receptions, workshops, meetings, and exhibits that highlighted the evolving trends in our profession.

The pre-conference workshop, "Swim, Don't Sink: Immerse Yourself in Law Cataloging," offered two days of intense discussion on the different formats and types of legal materials, assigning and constructing legal subject headings, Library of Congress classification, and the cataloging of serials and integrating resources (including looseleaf publications).

On Saturday night, the opening event featured a Dessert Extravaganza to delight conference goers' taste buds with ice-cream sundae stations, chocolate fondue fountains, and other tasty temptations, including Portland's famous Voodoo Doughnuts.

Sunday's opening keynote session featured speaker David Pogue, Technology Columnist for The New York Times. Pogue explained that much of his job involved being one of the first to get to play with all the neat new gadgets coming onto the market, as manufacturers send him their products to evaluate and review for his column. He shared with the audience information on many new emerging

technologies and techniques of finding and getting information, including a few that audience members were able to try out right then and there on their cell phones. A graduate of Yale with 10 years experience conducting and arranging Broadway musicals in New York, Pogue closed his remarks by bringing out his electronic keyboard and entertaining the crowd with musical parodies laced with technology references such as YouTube (sung to the tune of "I've Got You, Babe").

Other sessions and programs included tips on recruiting the next generation of law librarians, Library 2.0 technology and virtual reference services, legislative updates and copyright issues, computer-assisted legal research, working with vendors, online cataloging tools, and emerging areas of practice such as animal law.

Nannette Norton, Reference Librarian

This was my first AALL meeting. As a new member, I was invited to attend the Conference of Newer Law Librarians or CONELL, which provided an opportunity to connect with law librarians from all over the country and visit interesting sites in the Columbia Gorge. I am now fully informed about fish ladders! I also attended a number of informative educational programs. Some highlights from these programs include discussion of: whether presidential signing statements should be part of the legislative history; authentication of electronic government documents; making PACER available to all libraries; amendments to the Copyright Act, specifically Section 108 and the use of orphan works; and how to obtain government documents removed from government websites due to national security claims.

Julia Wentz, Director of Law Library

It's always interesting to spend time in the exhibit hall at AALL. It's a good place to learn about new products and features. One of the best I learned about this year is a product called Legislative Impact from a company called Potomac Publishing. It will be available through Westlaw in a few weeks. This service allows a searcher to track all proposed legislation that would impact a particular code section—a great way to keep up with what is going on in Washington. More details will be available once it is formally rolled out.

Staff News



Carol Klink, Assistant Director for Technical Services, was a co-winner of the 2007-2008 Agnes and Harvey T. Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship. The Reid Award is presented annually by the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) for outstanding service to the organization during the previous year, or for contribution to the profession of law librarianship. CALL's Grants & Chapter Awards Committee selects recipients of the Reid Award, based on nominations made by CALL members. Carol co-won the 2007-2008 award with firm librarian Julia Jackson, for scanning, preserving, and organizing the CALL Archives. Carol

accepted the award at CALL's May 22nd business meeting at Petterino's. Congratulations Carol!!

Cataloging Librarian Pam Cipkowski

joined the law library staff in June. Pam was most recently the Serials Librarian at the Ryerson & Burnham Libraries at the Art Institute of Chicago. She received her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a B.A. in Journalism from Marquette University. Even though she's still a Packers fan, she's switched her baseball allegiance and become a Cubs fan! Outside of work, Pam is involved with several animal welfare organizations, including PAWS Chicago. She also helped out at an emergency animal shelter in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, after the flooding there this summer. Pam shares her home with four feline friends, Trixie, Milo, Perry, and Prince, in Round Lake Beach (for those of you city dwellers who don't know, that's up near the Wisconsin border). When she can get away, you'll find Pam in her favorite vacation spot, the Turks and Caicos Islands.

In June, **Joe Mitzenmacher** began serving as the Law Library's Reference and Electronic Services Librarian. Joe has been working at Loyola since 2005 as both a part-time (evening and weekend) Reference Librarian and as the Coordinator for the First-Year Legal Research Program.

Joe received his Undergraduate degree (in Economics) and Law degree from the University of Illinois, and his MSLIS degree from Dominican University. Before coming to Loyola, he practiced law for two years, and he has also been Reference Librarian at Chicago-Kent and a part-time temporary Reference Librarian at Northwestern. He is excited to be a full-time member of Loyola's Library team.