MARSHALL NEWS

WELCOME

The Law Library extends a special welcome to the Class of 2019 and new faculty members. We also want to welcome back our returning students and faculty. Class of 2019, as you begin navigating through law school and feel really overwhelmed…. Are you running into confusing words, concepts, and phrases? ….Well… it's OK! You should be clueless. Welcome to law school! During this interesting new adventure you will be introduced to the Bluebook, Lexis, Westlaw, Torts, Property, Casebooks, Vernon's, Shepards, and a plethora of other unfamiliar terms. It's ok don't panic. If you ever need help, feel free to stop by and ask our reference librarians for assistance. When you get a chance please stop by the Reference/Circulation Desk to meet our awesome law library staff if you have not done so. Then take a few minutes to look through the library's web page where you will find the online catalog, library guide, electronic resources, faculty services , government documents, legal research guides, the Marshall News newsletter, and the library staff information page. The law library will become your home away from home! Enjoy it, relax and don't get too stressed out.

Remember the Cardinal Rule: Can't find what you want, Just Ask a Librarian!
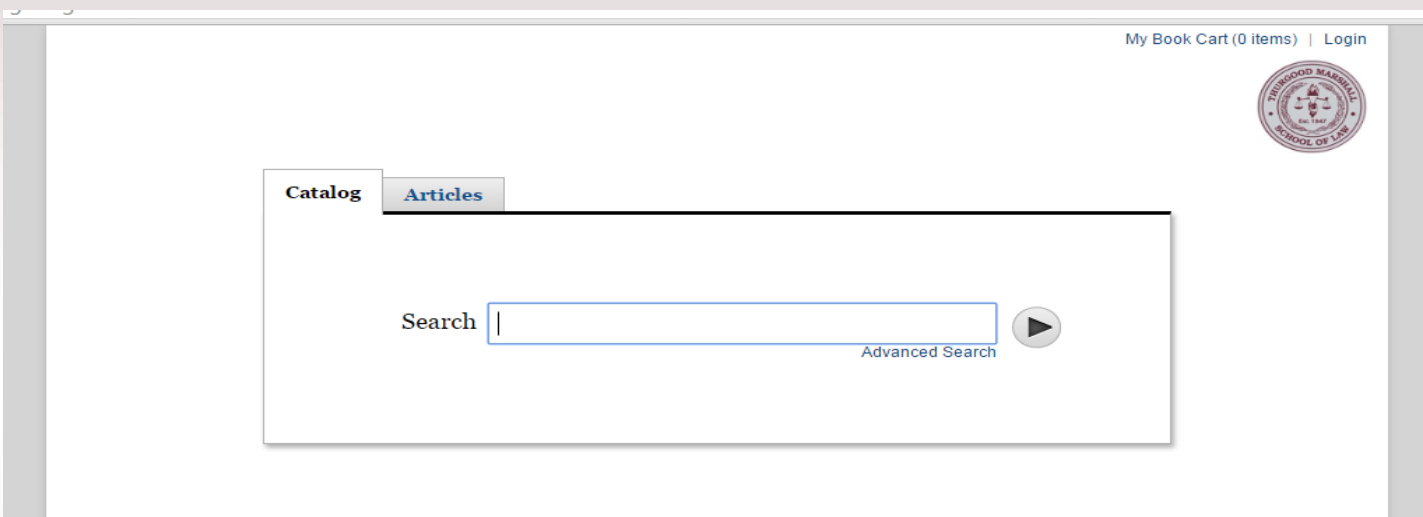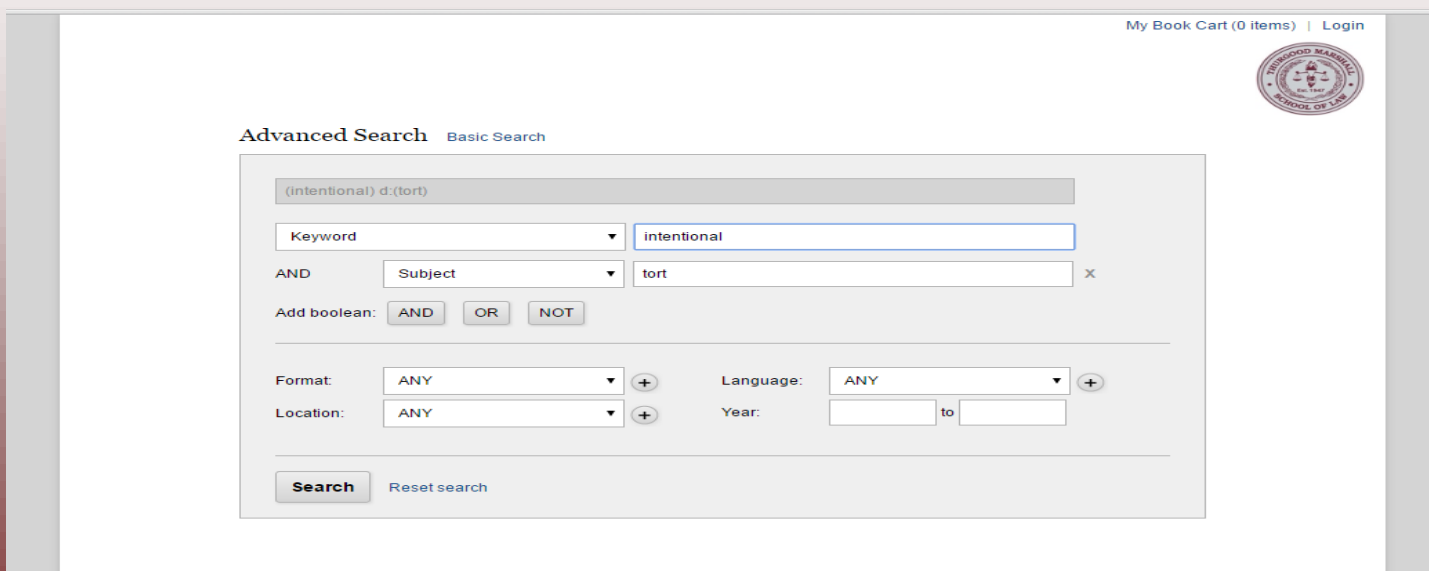
SEARCHING THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Our online catalog, which is powered by ENCORE, provides access to most materials housed in the Library. It provides a simple search text box and can be found at the Online Catalog link on the Law Library Homepage or at http://texsl-mt.iii.com/iii/encore/home. The benefit of having our catalog powered by ENCORE is that it allows you to access not only what is in our print collection but journal articles and content within our electronic resources as well. In order to access articles from our databases, you have to be logged into your library account. ENCORE includes books, journals, newspapers, conference proceedings, government documents, microforms, video and audio recordings in the Collection as well as selected databases.

On the advanced search feature, searches can be conducted by author, title, subject, and keyword with the ability to filter your results by type of material and use Boolean operators to maximize your results.

Among your search results, there are facets on the left side that allow you to further refine your search by availability, format, location within the library, language, place of publication and dates of publication.

FREE DATABASE ACCESS

Did you know that living in Texas gives you access to a number of free databases and ebooks through the Texas State Law Library? Setting up an account with them is easy too. All you do is go to their web page located at https://www.sll.texas.gov/about-us/get-a-library-card and you can apply for access online. Their process simply needs to verify that your computer is located in Texas, and your account will be ready.

Once you have an account, you gain access to access several useful resources. One significant offering is access to Fastcase a database of cases and statutes. Another important offering is HeinOnline for both legal journals and some primary law materials. If you need more specialized resources, they offer access to both to immigration materials through AILALink (resources from the American Immigration Lawyers Associaiton) and the Wolther Kluwer Tax and Labor Law library. For general resources, they have a virtual reference library offering basic reference material.

Contributions:

Karim Aldridge-Rand, Technical Services Director

Daniel Brackmann, Electronic Resources Librarian

Richard Clark, Government Documents Librarian

Nanette Collins, Reference Librarian

Patrina Epperson, Circulation Librarian

Danyahel Norris, Associate Director

DeCarlous Spearman, Law Library Director

Editor: Itunu Sofidiya , Learning Resources Librarian

FOOD POLICY

Beverages are permitted in a pre-approved, non-spill containers.   Patrons with drinks in unapproved containers will be asked to remove such items. Food will be permitted in the form of individual snack size containers of dry foods like chips, cookies, candy, granola bars, and other   relatively non-messy, individually packed snack foods. Please discard all food containers in the trash cans near the study rooms, basement elevator and at the main library exit. All library staff members are authorized to enforce this policy. Food is considered acceptable as long as it meets the following conditions: If you can buy it in a vending machine and it's not a liquid, frozen or wet. It is not meant to be eaten with a fork or spoon. Food from vending machines like the one pictured are generally acceptable in the library. Drinks and food are NOT allowed in the computer lab and KIC Scanner area.