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Welcome . . .

The Law Library Staff extends a special welcome to the class of 2006 and new faculty members. We also want to welcome back our returning students and faculty. We are looking forward to an exciting 2003/2004 Academic School Year.



Navigating the Law School maze will be one of the most rewarding but challenging experiences you will ever have. Your Law School experience will mean an introduction to a new vocabulary. Bluebook? Shepardize? Formbooks? Vernon's? Casebook? Nutshell? Torts? All these new experiences will descend upon you at one time.

The Librarians and the entire Library Staff are here to help you meet some of those challenges, answer your questions and provide legal research help throughout your law

school career.

Please stop by the Reference/Circulation Desk to say hello to the Law Library Staff.

Library TOURS

New Law Students are encouraged to take a library tour. Librarians will conduct tours for First-Year Students August 25–29. Sign up at the Reference/Circulation Desk.

This newsletter will provide some answers and insights to enrich your law school experience.

Special Thanks are extended to all the students that completed the *Law Library Survey* before you departed in May. The Survey helped the Library to re-evaluate what we do and how we can do it better.

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the *Library Guide* and visit us on the Web at www.tsulaw.edu.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

How much do you know about the Law Library? ... See page 2

How Do You Find...? See page 3

**“Library Use” Cardinal Rule:
Can't find what you want,
JUST ASK!**



About the Law Library

If you are new to the Law Library, or just need a refresher, here are some important things to know about Library Services:

Law Librarians are ready to help with reference, informational and research questions. Reference assistance is available at the Reference/Circulation Desk seven days a week.

The computer workstations are available for research and access to Law Library materials. Please don't use them for games or recreational web-surfing.

Laptop access is also available by connecting to one of the Law Library's network jacks. Several new jacks have been installed in the Law Library.

To find materials owned by the Law Library, use **ALEX**, the Law Library's *Online Public Access Catalog*. Note: journal articles are not available in the Catalog.

To find law-related articles, cases, codes or administrative regulations, check out the Electronic Databases available through the Law Library web page. Most law students have access to all available databases.



**We're on the web:
www.tsulaw.edu**

New Law School Web Page

Returning students will appreciate the Law Library's new Web Page look. Please take time to browse the site. It includes many interesting and valuable resources.

To find the available Electronic Databases, visit the Law Library's Web Page at <http://www.tsulaw.edu>. Click **Library and Technology**. Then click **Databases**. A list of all subscription services available to law students, faculty and staff is provided. Some Databases are only available on the Law School computers, a few are available on any TSU Campus computer, and others are available off-campus but require an ID and PASSWORD. See a Law Librarian for

databases that require an ID and PASSWORD.

First year students will not receive a full access password to Lexis and Westlaw until the October training classes. Similarly, second and third year students who have not completed Lexis and Westlaw training here at the law school must do so before a password will be issued.

If you have had classes but have lost or forgotten your password, see a Law Librarian. Refresher classes will be offered in September. Stop by the Reference/Circulation Desk for a schedule.

How Do I Find. . . .

When searching for books, law reviews or journal articles follow these tips. . .

- Search **ALEX** the Law Library's *Online Public Access Catalog* (OPAC) to find books CD's, videos, audios or electronic sources **available** at the Law Library.
- Search *WorldCat* to identify books that

are available at other libraries. See a Law Librarian to request the item **via Interlibrary Loan**.

- Search *IndexMaster* to locate **books** that contain tables of contents and indexes to legal texts, including treatises and hornbooks.

- Browse the "*New Titles*" list on the Law Library Web Page to locate new books and other materials available in the Law Library.
- Search *LegalTrac* to locate an law journal or review **citation**.
- Search *HeinOnline* to retrieve the **full text** of the journal or law

Brown Bag Sessions

This year the Law Library will be hosting "**Brown Bag Sessions**" each month. Each session will focus on legal research or the use of the available Electronic Databases.

Session schedules will be available at the Law Library Reference/Circulation Desk, on the Law Library Website, and in *Marshall News*.

Stop by the Reference/Circulation Desk and sign up for desired sessions. Don't forget to bring your bag lunch for classroom sessions.



Course Reserve vs. Library Reserve Collection

Students are sometimes confused about the difference between Course Reserve and the *Library Reserve Collection*. *Course Reserve* is materials put on Reserve by one Professor for one class. Examples of Course Reserve materials are:

- Photocopies of cases, articles or stat-

utes.

- Sample memorandums, briefs, petitions, motions or other documents.
- Books, videos or tapes supplied by the professor.
- Library material that must be shared by all members of a

class.

Library Reserve Collections are materials that are always kept on Reserve for all library patrons to share. *Library Reserve* materials include:

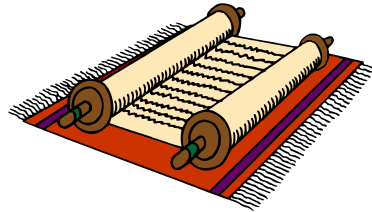
- Hornbooks and nutshells
- Some treatises
- Most loose-leaf form-books.

DOCUMENTS CORNER

By Karim T. Aldridge *Coordinator of Government Documents*

The first publication of Marshall News dated Tuesday, April 22, 2003 marked a new beginning for the Law Library. It is an indicator that the Law Library is dutifully fulfilling its role as a chief disseminator of information. As a contiguous unit of the Law Library, the Government Documents/Microforms Department (GDMD) is responsible for providing "user friendly," public access to federal government information for the constituents of the 18th Congressional District. It is equally the responsibility of this department to support the academic programs of Texas Southern University, the Law School in particular.

As the Law Library fulfills its role as a chief disseminator of information, GDMD will report on its latest developments, progress and/or programs in each issue of Marshall News under the column "Documents Corner". "Documents Corner" will dedicate the remaining issues of the year by spotlighting the department's newly developing "*Special Collections* division," hereinafter the *Collection*. It is anticipated that the *Collection* will help to propel the Law Library into a viable research center, attracting



The New Collection

scholars, students and laypersons near and abroad.

Its creation is made possible through the generous financial commitment of Interim Dean McKen Carrington and Law Librarian Marguerite Butler. Establishing a collection of this sort is long overdue. Considering the landmark case *Sweatt v. Painter* alone, which ultimately gave rise to Texas Southern University, warrants the creation of not only a "*Special Collections*" division of the Law Library but also a state-of-the-art Archive in order to preserve the Law School's rich "institutional memory".

It should be duly noted that the *Heartman Special Collection* housed in the Robert James Terry Library here on campus is reportedly the largest comprehensive repository of people of African descent in the Southwest region of the United States. It stands to reason, then, that the Law Library should hold a comparable position. The time has

now arrived for the Law Library to carve out its own niche. The *Collection* will hopefully serve as a means to this end.

Presently, the initial concentration of the *Collection* will involve American Slavery, the Ante-Bellum South, Civil Rights and Genealogical Research within a governmental/legal context. Efforts will be made to include African and Latin American materials in the near future. The vast majority of the *Collection* consists of microform products of the University Publications of America, an imprint of Lexis/Nexis Academic and Library Solutions.

Although the substantial portion of the *Collection* is in microform format, the content far outweighs its presentation. For instance, the compact microfiche collection of "State Slavery Statues" is an invaluable source for reconstructing the legal and social conditions relative to America's "peculiar institution" (i.e., slavery). It also possesses great genealogical value in that it makes reference to thousands of names of enslaved persons and slave owners. "State Slavery Statues" is a primary research tool, for scholars and students

Documents Corner cont.

interested in southern history.

Another critical microform product is the "Black Journals". This collection consists of several rare, out-of-print journals published during the mid 19th to early 20th centuries. The Law Library has mainly procured the official organs of the Anti-Slavery and Abolitionist movements. These publications are packed with the ideas, philosophies and theories of the advocates who fought to abolish slavery in the United States.

The long awaited Martin Luther King, Jr., FBI File has found a welcomed home here in the Law Library. This 17,000-page microfilm file documents the "heavy surveillance and painful harassment" of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., under the direction of the then head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover. The FBI File on M.L.K. reveals that: "Wiretaps were placed on King's own home and office phones".

The File discloses "an extensive—and expensive—effort to listen to and record King's most private moments by means of surreptitious 'bugs' or microphones secretly implanted in King's hotel rooms by specially skilled teams of Bureau agents." These covert operations call into question the current debate over the constitutionality of the recently expanded intelligence gathering powers of the federal government authorized by "The Patriot Act". The FBI's file is clearly an invaluable source for gaining both firsthand insight into the life and times of M.L.K. as well as the dynamics of the Civil Rights Movement.

Flowing with this same theme is the Federal Surveillance of Afro-Americans (1917-1925) The First World War, the Red Scare, and the Garvey Movement Collection. This very important source, similar to the MLK FBI File, documents the mass surveillance of the activities of "Black America" during WWI up to the

mid 1920's. This movement, for the most part, was again the brainchild of the then "young J. Edgar Hoover," while serving as Special Assistant to the Attorney General. He is reported to have "organized and headed the General Intelligence Division of the Bureau" (then Bureau of Investigation). Many African American newspapers such as the Chicago Defender, The Emancipator and The Messenger came under direct surveillance of the Bureau. Marcus Mosiah Garvey was a major target during this period as well. Interestingly, this collection even documents rare sources concerning "disgruntled Mexicans" who sought to build a coalition with African Americans in the State of Texas.

This is only a small sample of the *Collection* in progress. Until the Law Library returns to the permanent Law School building, GDMD will offer limited access to the Special Collections division as an introduction to the Collection in preparation for full access Spring 2004. For more information, please email the Documents Coordinator at Rand_kt@tsu.edu or call 713.313.1978.

Web References:

<http://www.law.utexas.edu/rare/sweatt.htm>
<http://www.lexisnexis.com/academic/2upa/Aaas/StateSlaveryStatutes.asp> [http://](http://www.lexisnexis.com/academic/2upa/Aaas/BlackJournals.asp)
www.lexisnexis.com/academic/2upa/Aaas/BlackJournals.asp <http://www.lexisnexis.com/>

Reference Hours

Mon—Fri 7 am—9 pm

Sat 9 am—2 pm

Sun 12 noon—5 pm

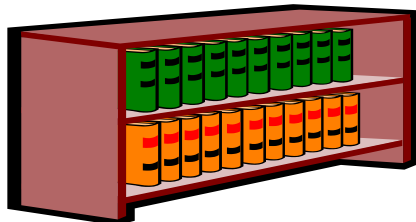


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Reshelving: Just do it!

Unshelved book are always hard to find. Please help ... Reshelve!



Regular Law Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m.-midnight
Friday: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday: 12 noon - midnight

Helpful Law Library Numbers

Acquisitions 713-313-1008

Administration 713-313-1010
713-313-7328
713-313-1007

Audio/Visual & Instructional Equipment (allow 2 working days) 713-313-1007

Cataloging 713-313-1005

Circulation 713-313-7125

Computer Assistance 713-313-1120

Course Reserve Materials

(allow 2 working days)
713-313-1007

Fax 713-313-4483

Government Documents 713-313-1978

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) 713-313-1005
713-313-1107

Passwords or Training (Lexis, Westlaw or LoisLaw) 713-313-7328

Reference 713-313-1107
713-313-1009

Printing Software

The Law Library installed a printing software on student computers during the 2002-2003 School Year. This software tracks network printing. Thank you for your patience while we worked out the bugs.

Few students reached the 500-page free print limit. We will continue to wipe the slate clean at the beginning of each semester and set all student accounts at 500 prints. (Sorry, unused prints will not be carried forward.)

A few tips on using network printing:

1. Log onto our network each time you use a computer. When you execute the print command, enter your Username (first initial last name) and your Password (last four digits of your social.

2. Report problems to the Circulation Desk. We don't know anything is wrong if you don't tell us!
3. Printing from TWEN or Web Courses decreases your student printing privileges.
4. Regular Westlaw and Lexis prints are routed to the respective dedicated printers and *do not* decrease your student printing account.
5. **Finally, remember** --- Always **log off**.

