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Bringing in the Summer

It’s that time of year every aspiring JD candidate looks forward: Hooding, commencement, and graduation! Congratulations to the class of 2022 on their well-deserved accomplishment.

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Summer Hours

Starting May 31, the library’s summer hours will be:

Monday – Thursday (8 AM – 8 PM)
Friday (8 AM – 5 PM)
Saturday (9 AM – 5 PM)
Sunday (12 PM – 8 PM)

Congratulations on Passing the February 2022 & Great Luck on the July 2022 Bar Examination

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library Staff extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to every student who passed the February 2022 Bar exam and to those taking the July 2022 Bar exam. As new attorneys and alumni of the Law School, you will continue to have access to the Law Library’s resources for a limited amount of time. Ask a librarian about which resources might be helpful to you.

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The law library has procured a new database for students and faculty of the law school to use. VitalLaw, Wolters Kluwer’s flagship legal research tool, provides access to professional treatises on a variety of law topics. Practice areas include:

- Antitrust and Competition
- Consumer Finance
- Bankruptcy
- Elder and Estates Law
- Energy and Environment
- Government Contracts
- Healthcare
- Human Resources
- Intellectual Property
- Labor and Employment
- Life Science
- Litigation
- Property and Construction
- Securities
- Transportation
- And more!

These practice-area-specific resources include interpretation and analysis written by attorneys and curated by the Wolters Kluwer analytics teams. Users can access the database anywhere and anytime via the library’s Electronic Resources web page or the Database A-Z List.
Legal Research Crash Course

April 2, 2022, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library hosted its 16th annual legal research crash course, a workshop designed to refresh our students legal research skills in preparation for a summer clerkship. A scenario regarding the validation of a will and search strategies to begin research on that legal issue was discussed. The course was presented by all of the law librarians in webinar format via Zoom. Special thanks to Lexis Nexis and Westlaw for training the students. You can find the recording of this event on the Law Library’s Events-Instructional Programs page.

Summer Access to WestLaw and Lexis Nexis

Students have unrestricted access to Lexis+ all summer for work or school. May graduates get six months of extended Lexis access (expires 12/31/22). Summer and extended access is automatically applied to your accounts; just login as usual.
Reference and Research Assistance Throughout the Summer

We encourage students with summer internships or classes to utilize your law library as a resource! When you begin a research assignment, we are here to help you maximize your time, find relevant documents, and wow your supervisors. Reference librarians are available at the Reference Desk or on call to assist students with their research/information needs.

REFERENCE HOURS

MONDAY– THURSDAY
8 AM – 5 PM

VIRTUAL REFERENCE

Email: lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tusu.edu;
Telephone: (713) 313-1108;
Zoom request by setting up an appointment; call (713) 313-7125
Chat in Microsoft Teams: Law Library Reference Assistance

Finals and Holiday Hours

Extended Hours for Finals Spring 2022
*Extended Hours will occur in Law School Commons
Saturday, April 30, 2022 ......9 AM – 11 PM
Sunday, May 1, 2022 .........12 PM – 11 PM
Monday—Friday, May 2-6, 2022 ............
7:30 AM – 11 PM
Saturday, May 7, 2022 ......9 AM – 11 PM
Sunday, May 8, 2022 .........12 PM – 11 PM
Monday—Thursday, May 9-12, 2022 ............
7:30 AM – 11 PM

Holiday Hours, May 2022

Spring 2022 Semester Break
Friday, May 13 (8 AM – 5 PM)
Saturday–Sunday, May 14–15 (CLOSED)

Summer Interim Hours 2022
Monday–Friday, May 16–20 (8 AM – 5 PM)
Saturday–Sunday, May 21–22 (CLOSED)
Monday–Friday, May 23–27 (8 AM – 5 PM)
Saturday–Sunday, May 28–29 (CLOSED)

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30 (CLOSED)
About the Law Library

It is the mission of the Law Library to promote excellence in academic achievement and the dissemination of legal information to the TMSL students, faculty, staff, and the community. The Law Library seeks to bolster the professional and scholarly undertakings of its faculty, and students as well as support the research and reference needs of its communities. This support encourages research and programs that promote learning, scholarship, and familiarity with new and innovative research products and techniques.

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