



Library Facelift

Welcome back. The library is undergoing some major changes. In an effort to better meet your research needs and prepare for future building changes, a few of our collections have been moved. The Reporters and Texas materials were moved from the area of the library known as the “Texas Room”. That area will eventually become a sound proof common area. The Digests that were formally located in Reference have been moved as well. The

regional and federal reporters and digests have been relocated to the library basement on aisles B2-B12. The digests were placed next to the reporters since they are finding tools for cases. All of the Texas materials (Texas Digest 2d, statutes, etc.) were transported to the Reference area on aisles 107-110. The state materials and legal periodicals have been shifted further in the basement on aisles B13-B24 to allow space for these

items. In order to accommodate these changes, certain collections such as legal periodicals have been reduced in print format. No need for alarm because the library owns these materials in electronic format. We hope that our patrons welcome these changes in preparation for the new common area. If you can’t find what you need, you can always ask a library staff member.

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February 27, 2014: *Library E-Resources & Encore*

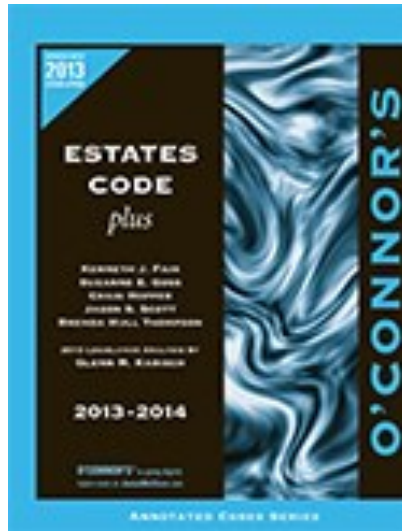
March 19, 2014: *TX Statutory Research*

April 11, 2014: *How to Answer a Legal Question*

The NEW Texas Estates Code

On January 1, 2014, the Texas Probate Code was repealed and the Texas Estates Code took its place. The enactment of the Estates Code was not intended to make any substantive changes in the law. This new code was enacted as part of the state's continuing statutory revision program, begun by the Texas Legislative Council in 1963. The purpose of this new code is to make the law encompassed by the code more accessible and understandable by:

- (1) Rearranging the statutes into a more logical order;
- (2) Employing a format and numbering system designed to facilitate citation of the law and



to accommodate future expansion of the law;

- (3) Eliminating repealed, duplicative, unconstitutional, expired, executed, and other ineffective provisions; and

- (4) Restating the law in modern American English to the greatest extent possible.

The TMSL Library has a copy of the Texas Estates Code on Reserve. This new Code is also available online at:

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/SDocs/.ESTATESCODE.pdf>

HeinOnline

Law students are familiar with Lexis and Westlaw. However did you know that there are various other databases that you have access to as a TMSL student? Each issue the Marshall Newsletter will feature a different legal database. This issue will focus on HeinOnline. HeinOnline is legal database which offers materials that are in the form of images of the original print publication. HeinOnline includes legal periodicals 1980-present and a full text retrospec-

tive collection of selected legal journals and law reviews. Periodically additional journals are added to this database. All TMSL students and faculty have full access to HeinOnline. In addition to traditional HeinOnline, students and faculty also have access to HeinOnline's U.S. Congressional Documents Collection and HeinOnline's World Trial Collection. The Congressional Document's Collection includes complete online access to the bound Congressional Rec-

ord and its predecessors including the Annals of Congress, Register of Debates, Congressional Record, American State Papers, and Journals of the Continental Congress in an imaged searchable format. The World Trial Collection contains hundreds of documents, including trial transcripts, monographs that analyze and debate the decisions in famous trials, biographies of some of the greatest trial lawyers in history and other critical court documents.



IPad Launch



Students, professors and staff are you interested in utilizing iPads within classrooms or during a meeting? Did you leave your iPad at home, or do you simply not own one? Worry no longer. The Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) Library is currently lending out iPads. Go to <http://www.tsulaw.edu/library/services/index.html>. Scroll down the webpage and read the iPad Documents. After reading the documents, come to the TMSL Circulation desk to borrow one.

Government Shut Down

The United States government entered a shutdown in October 2013 when congress failed to pass legislation funding government operations and agencies. This particular shutdown was the longest since 1980 and the most significant in terms of employee furlough days. The shutdown lasted 16 days and government employees were furloughed for a combined 6.6 million days, more than any other shutdown in U.S. History. Millions of Americans were impacted by the shutdown due to the furloughs and delayed payments to federal grantees, states, contractors, individuals and localities. The Government Printing Office



and the FDLP (Federal Depository library Program) that's responsible for "Keeping America Informed" was adversely impacted. Shipments to depository libraries were halted because the Laurel Warehouse was closed until funding resumed. There was a negative impact on research. Most government agency websites were inaccessible, simply stating that the federal government was shutdown. Full text articles that were linked

to agency websites showed error messages and print materials were not being sent to depository libraries across the country. The Government Printing Office website wasn't updating information and the ever popular askGPO resource was shut down until funding was restored. However, Congressional materials were being processed on a limited basis to FDsys (Federal Documents System) along with the Federal Register. The inconvenience of the 2013 shutdown not only had financial ramifications for American citizens, but it affected services to Americans who value the freedom of information.



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We're on the Web

[http://www.tsulaw.edu/
library/](http://www.tsulaw.edu/library/)

Library Hours of Operation

THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW LIBRARY REGULAR OPERAT- ING HOURS :

Monday—Thursday

7am—Midnight

Friday 7 am– 10pm

Saturday 9am—10pm

Sunday 12 Noon—Midnight

THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW LIBRARY REFER- ENCE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8am—8pm

Friday 8am– 5pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 12pm-8pm

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Library Food and Beverage 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 photocopy area.

Let's work together to ensure our library is a place where you can study and research effectively.

