

# NEWSLETTER

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xams are here! When you find yourself in need of an escape, just stop by the Law Library's **Study Break Table** on Level 3 inside the entrance from the Brick Lobby. It is stocked daily with useful items like pens, earplugs, cups and swag from vendors like Lexis and Bloomberg Law, and snacks (while supplies last). Coloring sheets with your choice of crayons or pencils can also provide a peaceful diversion.



And be sure to check out the recently updated **Recreation Collection** located in the Reserve Room on Level 3. There you'll find a selection puzzles, board and card games, frisbees and balls, movies and TV shows on DVD, and a special collection of fiction, history, and biographies.

Best of luck with finals and congrats on a successful fall semester!



The Recreation Collection in the Reserve Room on Level 3 has a range of entertaining items and activities for your next study break.

## ONLINE GUIDES TO STUDY AIDS

## Now for Upper Level and 1L Courses

Just in time for fall exam season, the Law Library has launched a new LibGuide to help you select the best study aids for upper-level elective courses.

1L Study Guides





2L/3L Study Guides



Study Guides for 2L/3L Classes highlights the leading online and print supplements available at no cost to W&L students through the Law Library. Subjects include Evidence, Administrative Law, Business Associations, Tax, and more. The guide complements the Study Guides for 1L Classes, updated regularly since 2016.

Print study aids are in the Reserve Room (Level 3 near Circulation Desk). Online study aids and supplements are available from West Academic, Lexis Digital Library, CALI, and Quimbee.

Email <u>LawRef@wlu.edu</u> with any questions or suggestions about study aids for law courses or concepts.

## **Beyond Books**

id you know that the Law Library offers an array of useful items for your convenience? See the list below and stop by the Circulation Desk to borrow what you need, when you need it!

- Laptop chargers (PC and Apple)
- PC laptop computers
- Headphones with cords
- Earplugs (free to keep!)
- Book stands
- Umbrellas
- HappyLights (see right →)
- Timers
- Bluetooth keyboard and mice
- Presentation clickers/laser pointers
- DVD-RW player/drives
- Cleaning kit with handheld vacuum
- Video camera and camera tripod
- HDMI cords and video adapters
- Desk cycles (in the carrel areas on Level 2)
- Rolling podiums/mini standing desks
- Rocketbook smart notebooks
- Maps and atlases

List compiled by Arianna Webb, 3L and SLACer

Read this issue online for linked access to resources:



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## NEW TITLES See display in 3rd Floor Entrance

Big Law Confidential: The Comprehensive Guide to the Large Law Firm Work Experience in the U.S. by D.W. Randolph

I'm Speaking: Every Woman's Guide to Finding Your Voice and Using It Fearlessly by Jessica Doyle-Mekkes

Nine Black Robes: Inside the Supreme Court's Drive to the Right and Its **Historic Consequences** by Joan Biskupic

The Declassification Engine: What History Reveals about America's Top Secrets

by Matthew Connelly





## NEW ONLINE RESOURCES

- Voting Rights & Election Law (HeinOnline)
- AI Legal Issues Tooklit (Bloomberg Law)
- Lexis Tax (LexisNexis)



## W&L Law Library: ASK US!

Each member of the Law Library staff is full of helpful and interesting information. In this issue, Emma Martone, our Administrative Assistant, shares some insights. Emma is one of our main points of contact, from her desk in the Law Library Administration Office (Room 324).

## What is your favorite part of your job?

Bringing my dog, Phin, to the office. If you ever see his sign on my door, feel free to stop in - he loves attention!



Anything you recommend

doing for/with pets in the Lexington area?

If you have dogs, take them for walks around Boxerwood.

#### Friends or The Office?

Hands down, The Office! The hilarious one-liners and unforgettable characters always make me laugh.

## What's a question people would be surprised you have the answer for?

I was an optometric technician, so I can tell you why the optometrist tortures you with the "air puff test" and what those weird spots or shapes (floaters) in your vision are.

#### FROM THE POWELL ARCHIVES: A Look Behind the Scenes

ave you ever wondered what goes on behind the closed doors of an archive? If so, then you're not alone. Archives are often shrouded in mystery and archivists have struggled to shake off the stereotype of dark, dusty shelves full of old books and papers that regular folks aren't allowed to touch without gloves. (In fact, gloves are discouraged when handling books and manuscripts as they decrease manual dexterity and increase the likelihood of causing damage!)



Students learn about W&L Law's unique historical items as part of recent tours of the Powell Archives.

The Powell Archives is demystifying the work of the Archives with behind-the-scenes tours, now giving students an opportunity to see the inner workings of the Archives and to learn about the important work that archivists do.

During tours in November, Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Jenny Mitchell presented a selection of W&L Law's historical documents, photographs, and rare books, and shared how these materials are preserved and protected. Students also learned about the technical work of the Archives including the processing, description, and digitization of materials in the collection. After viewing materials on display, visitors were taken into the normally locked stacks to see where our archival items are housed and learn about some of the lesser-known curiosities and collections.

Students were encouraged to ask questions and take pictures of the materials, and the tours proved to be another successful outreach event for the Powell Archives. If you missed the opportunity this semester, look out for more tours and events to be announced in the future. Contact archivist Jenny Mitchell at <u>imitchell@wlu.edu</u> for more information.

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