



MOOT POINTS

NOTES FROM THE SARITA KENEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

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Library Hours and Schedule of Events

Monday-Thursday
8am—12am

Friday
7am—10pm

Saturday
9am—10pm

Sunday
10am—12am

April 2
Good Friday
8am—5pm



April 4
Easter Sunday
10am—6pm

April 16-17
Fiesta Oyster Bake
Closed Saturday



April 26-May 7
Final Exams
Closed May 8 & 9

View our April and May calendars
online at stmarytx.edu/law/library,
click "Monthly Calendar"

Director's Message

Recently, the library staff did a survey of students. We received eighty-three responses. While the participants overwhelmingly approve of the library services and staff assistance, they raise a number of issues, such as property safety, noise, availability of carrels, copiers/printers, and the cleanness of facilities, which need our attention. The library certainly will use the survey results to improve the facilities and services. We thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. As promised, we drew from the participants, and here are the four winners for a \$25 gift card from the University bookstore: Charles Renaud, Roy Linartz, Andria Aguayo, and Jose Galvan. Congratulations!



A new employee, Diane Powell, joined the library in March. Diane is a teacher aide at a local school, and is getting her Master's degree in library science. She works part-time at the Circulation Desk primarily during weekends and evenings. Katy Stein, faculty services librarian, has been here for over a year. A short interview with her is included in this issue. I hope that you get to know Katy better. As always, I love to hear from you about our library staff members and services.

Bob Hu (rhu@stmarytx.edu)

Meeting Katy Stein, Faculty Services Librarian

Q: What draws you to this profession?

A: Getting to solve new problems everyday, working with all areas of the law, different subjects, I get to explore the spectrum of law, in a way. I also enjoy working with all the smart and talented people of this university, all the attorneys, and faculty members.



Q: Other than books related to the law, what kinds of books do you like to read?

A: I've read a lot of historical non-fiction and biographies. Right now, I'm reading *Game Change* about the 2008 election. It's scandalous. The best fiction book I've read recently would probably be *Mother of the Believers* by Kamran Pasha.

Q: You're not from San Antonio. Since moving here, what have become your favorite things to do in the city or region?

A: I like hiking with my dog at the park, visiting my sister in Austin, and trying new restaurants.

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Q: Are there any you would recommend?

A: I recently visited Gourmet Burger Grill on Huebner and I-10. It was excellent. They're locally-owned and featured in Texas Monthly's 50 best burgers in Texas.

Q: Did you watch the Oscars?

A: Yes. The dresses were especially nice this year. The best one was probably Sarah Jessica Parker's controversial yellow Chanel dress.

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Recent Faculty Publications

by Liana Morales, Library Assistant

Here is a selective list of several of St. Mary's School of Law faculty members' publications. Congratulations to each of these professors and all the best for their continued scholarly achievement!

- **Wendy Couture** has published an article called *Conley v. Gibson's "No Set of Facts" Test: Neither Cancer Nor Cure* in the Penn State Law Review [114 PENN ST. L. REV.19 (2010)], and available at http://pennstatelawreview.org/114/114_Penn_Statim_19.pdf
- **Albert H. Kauffman** recently published an article: "Tribute, Judge William Wayne Justice: A Life of Human Dignity and Refractory Mules" [41 St. Mary's Law Journal 215 (2010)]. **Available on HeinOnline**
- **Professor Kauffman** has also published an Introduction to Issue: "Education and Minorities in the Modern Era: Working Civil Rights Into Practice, Policy and Procedure," in the Scholar's Symposium issue. [12 Scholar 101 (2010)]. **Available on HeinOnline**
- **Professor Chenglin (Gary) Liu** recently published an article in the *Mississippi Law Journal* "Profits Above the Law: China's Melamine Tainted Milk Incident." [*Mississippi Law Journal* 79 (Winter 2009): 371-417]. **Available on HeinOnline**
- **Professor Roberto Rosas** published an article "Matrimonial Consent in Canon Law Juridical Aspects." *Revista Juridica Universidad Interamericana De Puerto Rico*. Vol. XLIII, No. 3, May 2009, 419-472. A reprint of the article has been donated to the law library. **Available on HeinOnline and the Circulation Desk**

(Pictures listed alphabetically)



Our Library By the Numbers

Here is a list featuring the number of transactions handled by the Law Library staff from January to February 2010:

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 1819 volumes, 234 titles

Circulation of Items/Times: 1428

Faculty Requests: 13 requests, which took 39 hours to research

Interlibrary Loans: 104



Circulation desk supervisor Brandon Vasquez helps law students at the desk.



References to Reference

By Garry Stillman, Reference Services Librarian

If I have seen a little further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.— Sir Isaac Newton

In my References to Reference column of August 2008, I noted that public information activist and software entrepreneur Carl Malamud had embarked on a project to make millions of pages of United States case law available to the public via the Internet (see www.nytimes.com/2007/08/20/technology/20westlaw.html for an article on the original project).

Since then, the big news on the free case law front is that Google, or to be more specific, Google Scholar has entered the “competition” (for a press release by Google on this development, see <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2009/11/finding-laws-that-govern-us.html>).

Legal opinion and journal searches on Google Scholar build on the simple dialog search box characteristic of both Google and Google Scholar. Radio buttons allow the user to search both legal opinions together, or in

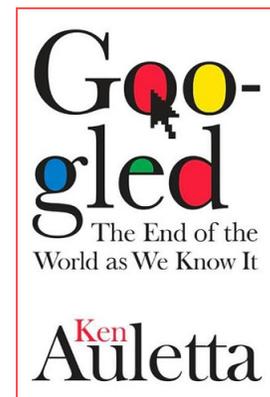
advanced search mode, to search federal court opinions or state court opinions separately.

Supreme Court coverage is currently available from pre-1776 to the present; Federal Appeals opinions from 1924 to the present; and Federal District Court opinions on a more limited basis. State opinions are included from 1950 to the present. All opinions are full-text.

Law Journal coverage is more selective. If you are searching at computers that offer HeinOnline or Lexis/Nexis (such as those at St. Mary’s University libraries), results will be linked to full text. Otherwise, the results will generally be limited for the searcher to citations only.

Other websites offering free access to case law include Lexisone (www.lexisone.com) and Findlaw (www.findlaw.com).

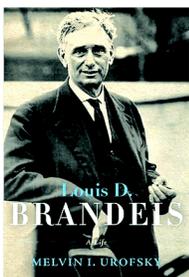
For guidance in using these or other electronic or print reference resources, please contact any of our reference librarians by telephone, fax, e-mail, or in person.



An intriguing insight into Google’s mission and practices is offered by technology-savvy journalist Ken Auletta in his new book, Googled: the End of the World as We Know It (Penguin Press, 2009).

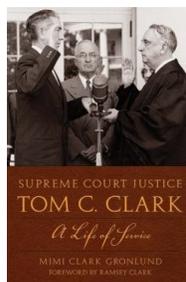
Available at the Blume Library
“The world has been Googled. We don’t search for information, we ‘Google’ it.”
 - Ken Auletta

Recommended Reading



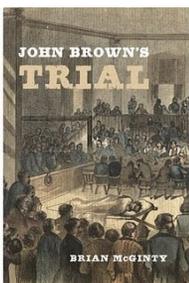
Louis D. Brandeis: A Life by Melvin I. Urofsky **KF8745 .B67 U748 2009**

This is the first full biography written about this most intriguing supreme court justice in 25 years. Read about this forward thinker and reformer who helped introduce the idea of *pro bono publico* to the world.



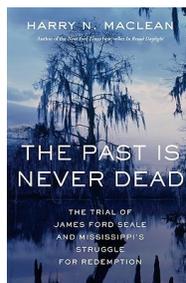
Supreme Court Justice Tom C. Clark: A Life of Service by Mimi Clark Gronlund **KF8745 .C54 G76 2010**

The law school’s own Professor Vincent Johnson wrote a sparkling review. Solid research by Clark’s devoted and scholarly daughter Mimi really brings to life the many contributions her father made to the U.S. Court system and beyond.



John Brown’s Trial by Brian McGinty **KF223 .B765 M34 2009**

His trial was short, but it was one of the stormiest ever held. The book covers every nail-biting detail of abolitionist John Brown’s trial. This courtroom drama has a quite fascinating tragic figure at its center. Check it out.



The Past is Never Dead: The Trial of James Ford Seale and Mississippi’s Struggle for Redemption by Harry N. MacLean **KF225 .S43 M33 2009**

Uncovers the 2007 trial of James Ford Seale, a klansman who tortured and drowned two young black men in 1964. Decades later, Mississippi hoped to atone for its sins. This is the gripping story.

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Completed in 1984, the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library offers two stories of research materials and services to the students, faculty and community surrounding St. Mary's University.

Law students of the university have access to quiet study areas, 136 private carrels, 17 conference rooms, and two classrooms.

Our library is the winner of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award and the Texas Society of Architects Honor Award and is well-equipped with multimedia collections, labs, wireless Internet, and helpful, knowledgeable staff.

Come visit us or see us online.

<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library>

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Legal Film Showcase: L.A. Confidential

By Liana Morales, Library Assistant

L.A. Confidential

Directed by Curtis Hanson

PN1997 .L3 2008

Nominated for Best Picture among several other nominations at the 1998 Academy Awards, this film is a genuine example of modern-day film noir. The cast does well in carrying the morally ambiguous tendencies of typical players found in classic film noir including the femme fatale, the crooked lawmen, and juicy motives for murder.

Based on James Ellroy's crime fiction, the director sets the scene of a 50s-era Hollywood complete with dark-lit glamour and style.

Like the streets of L.A., the plot is full of interesting turns. It twists to form a storyline that will capture the audience right from the opening credits.



Russell Crowe and Guy Pearce do a stand-out job playing the good-cop/bad-cop dynamic (in some cases it's more like bad-cop/not-so-bad-cop, however). And Kim Basinger is more than worthy of the Oscar she won for her role as Veronica Lake lookalike Lynn Bracken.

These actors along with seasoned costars Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and David Strathairn all bring suspense to the table.

My advice: if you want to pick up a nice crime drama, do the John Grisham thing, but if you want to pick up a smart, stylish crime noir thriller, don't miss this movie.

I give this film 9 out of 10 stars.