



MOOT POINTS

NOTES FROM THE SARITA KENEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

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Library Hours and Schedule of Events

Monday-Thursday
7am—12am

Friday
7am—10pm

Saturday
9am—10pm

Sunday
10am—12am

August 23
1st Day of Classes
Regular Hours Begin

September 7
Labor Day
8am—5pm

View our “August” and “September” calendars online at stmarytx.edu/law/library, click “Monthly Calendar”

Director’s Message

Hello, I am very pleased to welcome 1Ls to the law library. I am equally thrilled to welcome back our returning students and faculty! In the next few semesters or years, most of you will spend a lot of time in the library. You will find that the library is a user friendly place to study and meet people. There is a tremendous amount of material and resources in the library waiting for you to explore.



Most of the librarians working here hold both a J.D. degree and a Master’s degree in library science. These folks are experts in legal information and research. They are a great group of people to work with. The more you get to know them, the more helpful they will become to you. The librarians to know are: Mike Martinez, head of student services; Tim Wilson, Electronic Services; Katy Stein, faculty services librarian; Garry Stillman, reference librarian; Lee Unterborn, catalog and reference librarian; Stacy Fowler, technical service librarian; and last, but not the least, Charles Finger, associate director. You can refer to your library brochure, *Student Services Introduction*, for specific examples of what services are offered and whom to contact. You should also visit our website, www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/, for more information and access to databases.

Finally, I’d love to hear from you anytime. Please come to see me in my office or drop me an email at rhu@stmarytx.edu.

Bob Hu, Director and Professor of Law

Meeting Charles Finger, Associate Director

Q: What are some of the best things about this library?

A: We have a tremendous amount of resources whether they are electronic, books, or people. Our number one priority is service—we are all ready to assist patrons.

Q: What is one thing 1Ls should know about their library?

A: To start, we could help you find material in any format. We are aware of many resources available and it doesn’t hurt to ask questions.

Q: What are some things students have asked for during research appointments?

A: Most often I get asked how to more effectively search Westlaw and Lexisnexis. Some third-year students have asked me how come they weren’t aware of our services when they were 1Ls.



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Q: Are there any publications you recommend for 1st year law students?

A: The Blue Book. It's your friend.



Q: Do you have a favorite law-/crime-related film you would like to recommend?

A: Right off the top of my head, I'd say the Godfather. All nine hours are available to rent in the library.

Charles Finger is the associate director at Sarita Kenedy East. He may be reached at 436-3589 or by email at cfinger@stmarytx.edu.

1st Annual Institute on Chinese Law and Business Program Completed



The inaugural St. Mary's University Institute on Chinese Law and Business has had a successful run from July 5th through the 31st. Three professors from St. Mary's participated, including Professor Bob Hu, director of the library; Professor Vincent Johnson, co-director of the program; and Professor Gary Liu, who taught Introduction to Chinese Law for the program. Other faculty members included well-established Chinese and American professors and law professionals.

The courses included The Law of Doing Business in China, International Intellectual Property Law, Introduction to Chinese Law, International Commercial Arbitration, and Lawyering in China. The courses accounted for 1-2 credit hours of study.

To find out more about this program, contact Bob Hu (rhu@stmarytx.edu) or Vincent Johnson (vjohnson@stmarytx.edu).



Recent Faculty Publications

by Liana Morales, Library Assistant

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



■ **Michael S. Ariens** published a new book called *Law School: Getting In, Getting Out, Getting On*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2010.



■ **Vincent R. Johnson** recently wrote and published his text, *Advanced Tort Law: A Problem Approach*. New Providence, NJ: LexisNexis, 2010.



■ **Lee Lytton** has a new article called "Save the Land from Uncle Sam": Using Life Insurance Premium Financing in Estate Planning, which appears in the *Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal* (Texas Tech University School of Law) 2 (Spring 2010): 421-439.



■ **Bill Piatt** has published an article called Catholicism and Constitutional Law: More than Privacy in the Penumbra appearing in the *Journal of Catholic and Social Thought* 7:2 (2010): 337- .



■ **Geary Reamey** co-authored the 10th edition of *Texas Criminal Procedure* with Chuck Bubany, Published by Academia Press, 2010.

11 Survival Guides Available at the Library

Essentially, a law student should be concerned not only with surviving law school, but being successful. The library offers an entire section devoted specifically for this purpose. Some of the titles include:

- **Law School Labyrinth: A Guide to Making the Most of Your Legal Education** by Steven R. Sedberry, Esq. **KF283 .S43 2009**
- **The Little Black Book: A Do-It-Yourself Guide for Law Student Competitions** by Barbara K. Bucholtz **KF 281 .A2 B83 2002**
- **Writing Essay Exams to Succeed (Not Just to Survive)** by John C. Dernbach **KF283 .D47 2007**

There are several more titles available for anyone interested. Our "Success in Law School" collection is located near the entrance, by the Rare Book Room.



"Law School has been described as a place for the accumulation of learning. First-year students bring some in; third-year students take none away. Hence it accumulates."

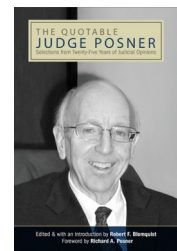
- Daniel R. White

The Official Lawyer's Handbook

Recommended Reading

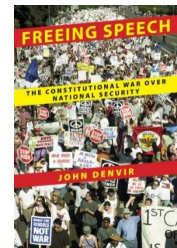
The Quotable Judge Posner: Selections from Twenty-Five Years of Judicial Opinions by Richard Posner **KF213 .P67 B58 2010**

For those interested in the massive structure of the judicial system, *The Quotable Judge Posner* is perfect to pick up. The judge has many years' worth of legal experience and was not without controversy. He is perhaps one of the most famous judges serving the nation today that is not on the Supreme Court. The author of several books, Judge Richard Posner currently serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in Chicago.



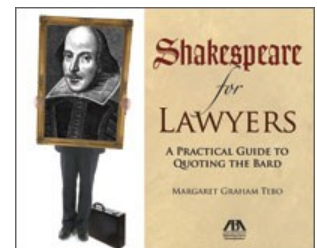
Freeing Speech: The Constitutional War Over National Security by John Denver **KF6075 .D46 2010**

It's in the news everyday, and every American has been bestowed rights of expression under this doctrine—it's the United States Constitution. This book dives into what it means to have free speech in this country and questions the possible dangers the constitution poses to national security. The author also questions whether or not U.S. citizens (literally) get a say in the ordeal over constitutional rights and asks whether or not the right to free speech has been misinterpreted.



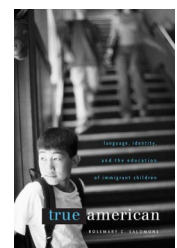
Shakespeare for Lawyers: A Practical Guide to Quoting the Bard by Margaret Graham Tebo **PR3028 .T43 2010**

The title is self-explanatory. This book is worth checking out if you're a fan of literature and the study of law. Be warned, not all of it will be good things, but because of the Bard's command of the English language, anyone studying the law can learn how to use words more powerfully and memorably with help from this book.



True American by Rosemary Salomone **LC3731 .S24 2010**

This book mixes cultural, social, and legal history together for a remarkable mélange of relevant anecdotes regarding immigrant children and education. The author uses an interdisciplinary approach to uncover what it means to educate a child in America and how it contributes to our national identity. *True American* is a certainly a timely addition to our library with the onset of mass national reform underway and in high demand, particularly in our education systems.



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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: Adam's Rib

By Liana Morales, Library Assistant

Adam's Rib (1949)



Directed by George Cukor
PN1997 .A332 2000

This is a classic film of admittedly classy proportions. *Adam's Rib* is stylishly done, enhanced by great acting and a plot that keeps up the intrigue throughout the entire run of the film.

The marriage is a tender one, and at times they act as a team, other times at are at odds (albeit playfully) and are always forthright with their opinions. It's great to know that both on- and off-screen, Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy were married. It made their chemistry all the more real and made for an enjoyable and thoughtful film.

The case that surrounds the film is simple at first glance, but upon further evaluation, is actually mired in social and gender-based complications. Mr. and Mrs. Bonner find themselves on new territory when they take opposing arguments about the same case. The writing alone makes the film worth watching. It's a thought-provoking courtroom drama with a sense of humor.

Our Library By the Numbers

Here is a list featuring the number of transactions handled by the Law Library staff from March to July:

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 12,138 volumes, 1301 titles

Circulation of Items/Times: 2551

Faculty Requests: 31, which took 72 hours to complete

Interlibrary Loans: 196

