



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

November 24
No Classes
7am-5pm

November 25
No Classes
Closed

November 29—December 10
Final Exams

December 24—January 4
Closed

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

Director's Message



Greetings! In this issue, I am pleased to tell you about the library's mission. The law library, like any organization, exists for a purpose. A document that clearly states the purpose is the mission statement. Over the last six months, the library faculty and staff members have spent much time brainstorming and discussing the library's mission. As a result of this consultation and deliberation, we collectively came up with the mission statement, which reads "Sarita Kenedy East

Law Library of St. Mary's University supports legal education and scholarship by providing outstanding service and information resources."

The Mission Statement identifies our purpose and reflects the values of the community of which we are part. The Mission will be the foundation of the organization and guide our programs and operations in the years ahead.

Bob Hu, Director and Professor of Law

Meeting Tim Wilson, Electronic Services Librarian

Q: What are some of the best things the library can provide to students that aren't utilized enough?

A: I would say the knowledge and the skills of our librarians. We have some excellent librarians and helpful staff with deep knowledge of a number of legal topics and issues. And, most importantly, we know how to find useful information about them.

Q: In your expertise, what do you think is the best approach to understanding Westlaw or LexisNexis?

A: The best approach is to try to get as conceptual in understanding as you can. Spend a few minutes familiarizing yourself with the landscape of either of these platforms and you'll have an easier time doing effective research.

Q: Are there any questions you wish could answer themselves?

A: Yes. The one you just asked me.

Q: What are some subjects in law that interest you?

A: I like civil procedure, seeing how the courts operate and establish rules.

Q: Do you know any good lawyer jokes?

A: Who doesn't?

Q: With your knowledge of history, which decade or era would have been the most exciting to experience first-hand?

A: The 50s because I think it sowed the seeds of pop culture as we know it today. There was a lot of oppression at the time, which spurred the activism and rebellion that changed America in the 1960s. It's interesting.



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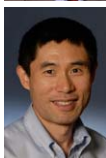
Recent Faculty Publications

by Liana Morales, Library Assistant

Congratulations to each of these professors and all the best for their continued scholarly achievement!



■ **Jeff Addicott** published *Cyberterrorism: Legal and Policy Issues*, a chapter featured in *Legal Issues in the Struggle Against Terror*. Edited by John Norton Moore, and Robert F. Turner. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, 2010.



The professor has also published the article "Calls for National Identity Card to Halt Illegal Immigration" in *Managing Security Today* (September 2010): 19- 20.

■ **Chenglin Liu** published *The Obstacles of Outsourcing Imported Food Safety to China*. *Cornell International Law Journal* 43 (Spring 2010): 250-305.

Popular Reading Book Review



by Liana Morales, Library Assistant

Storming the Court

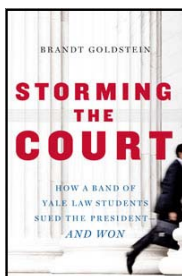
Written by Brandt Goldstein

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How many law students does it take to sue the president? Brandt Goldstein can tell you. His book, *Storming the Court* is the true account of how a group of law students from Yale sued the president. And, not to spoil the ending or anything, but they won. The intriguing part of the story is every inspiring detail leading up to their victory. With a cast that includes top Justice Department officials, two presidents, and radical human-rights lawyers for good measure, this legal battle truly is one for the books.

In all, the narrative is much a human rights story as it is about the law students involved. The group works to free 200 innocent Haitian refugees unjustly imprisoned at Guatánamo. After banding together to build their case, this team of devoted and idealistic students put their future careers on the line for the sake of justice.

The book reads like a novel, complete with plot twists, suspense and captivating dialogue. It can be a useful supplement for any law student's journey through school or for just plain leisure reading. Pick it up today. I highly recommend this and any book featured in our Popular Reading Section located by the Rare Book Room on the first floor of the library.



Notable New Acquisition

by Liana Morales

All Judges are Political—Except When They Are Not

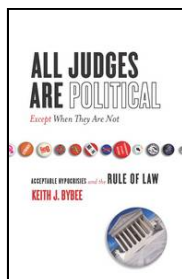
Written by Keith J. Bybee

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Of the many new acquisitions we receive a month, there are a few titles that stand out from the rest. Assuredly every acquisition is worthwhile, but there are only so many we can feature. In this

issue, I would like to recommend **All Judges are Political—Except When They Are Not**.

This book is definitely worth checking out. Judging from the book's subtitle alone, "Acceptable Hypocrisies and the Rule of Law" would make this book a controversial conversation piece in and of itself. The author argues that hypocrisy in law is not weakness, but strength. It's a modern way of looking at how the courtroom functions. Look for it in our stacks today.



Our Library By the Numbers

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 2878 volumes, 375 titles

Circulation of Items/Times: 1473

Faculty Requests: 17 requests which took 27 hours to complete

Interlibrary Loans: 83

Library transactions from August through September



WestlawNext Now Available at St. Mary's University for Law Students and Faculty

by **Katy Stein, Faculty Services Librarian**

You may have recently noticed some differences in your Westlaw interface—that change is the new platform for Westlaw research, **WestlawNext**. St. Mary's is among a handful of law schools who have already received access to WestlawNext, and hopefully, it will improve your research efficiency and lower research frustrations!

The main difference between WestlawNext and its predecessor is that instead of selecting a database before you perform a search, WestlawNext automatically searches through twelve content categories, and delivers you the best results from case law, statutes, secondary sources, administrative and regulatory materials, and more. All you have to do is select the jurisdiction you want to search (Texas, 5th Circuit, All Federal, etc). From the results, you can then filter your results by type, date, and jurisdiction.

When you're using WestlawNext, you can use the same search box for all types of searches. You may enter a citation to find an individual document, or use terms and connector searching as you would with traditional Westlaw. Other exciting features include the ability to highlight and take notes on cases and other documents, and save them in individual research folders. WestlawNext even allows you to copy and paste text directly into your word processor, along with the proper Bluebook or Greenbook citation, already formatted for you.

If you're interested in learning more about WestlawNext and how to use it to improve your research, stop by and ask a librarian for assistance, we're always happy to help!

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References to Reference

By **Garry Stillman, Reference Librarian**

An important skill for law students, legal practitioners and law professors alike is the ability to properly cite cases, regulations and other legal materials. Fortunately there are a number of resources available to assist in proper legal citation.

As most members of the legal community agree, a standard resource for legal citation is **The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation**, currently in its nineteenth edition and available in multiple copies at our Circulation Desk (**KF245 .U553**). The 2010 edition offers comprehensive and detailed guidance to both print materials and also electronic case files and Internet sources.

At over five hundred pages, **The Bluebook** is for many a complicated (though invaluable) resource. Fortunately a companion title is available as an aid in using **The Bluebook** called **User's Guide to the Bluebook** by Alan L. Dworsky (**Circulation Desk KF245 .D86**). Revised for the current edition of **The Bluebook**, the **User's Guide** provides, in a span of fewer than fifty pages, a concise but easy-to-use arrangement of **The Bluebook** rules and a basic reference and learning tool for legal citation.

A more extensive guide to learning citation rules and using **The Bluebook** is Linda J. Barris' 2010 edition of **Understanding and Mastering the Bluebook: A Guide for Students and Practitioners**, available in our general collection at **KF245 .B47** and revised for the nineteenth edition of **The Bluebook**.

Another useful resource for legal citation, now in its fourth edition and potential rival to **The Bluebook**, is the **ALWD Citation Manual: A Professional System of Citation**, published by the Association of Legal Writing Directors. The current edition is available in our Circulation Desk collection at **KF245 .A45 2010**.

The authoritative resource for Texas legal citation formats is **The Greenbook: Texas Rules of Form**, currently in its twelfth edition and available in multiple copies at the Circulation Desk (**KFT1245 .T4 2010**).

For guidance in using these or other legal reference sources, please contact any of our reference librarians by telephone, e-mail or in person.

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"If you want peace, work for justice."
- Pope Paul VI



The new Restorative Justice display is now available for viewing upstairs in the library. The exhibit features several useful books for those interested in practices of restorative justice and peace-building.

Blawg Roll: Legal Divas



www.legaldivasblog.com

Four women partners with Bowman and Brooke update this blog regularly with information and commentary about diversity law. A useful resource for women in law and business, this blog offers an up-to-date reference to current issues, trends, benchmarking, and best practices.

Connecting people to information: Access, Educate, Empower

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Our Mission Statement

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

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

Come visit us or see us online.



Legal Film Showcase



By Mario Leyva, Evening Circulation Supervisor

Under Suspicion (2000)

Directed by Stephen Hopkins
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What happens when all the facts point to guilt but the suspect could still be innocent? "Under Suspicion" displays the process of interrogation and the

truth that can be revealed from such a process. Henry Hearst (Gene Hackman) is a prominent tax attorney who is a pillar of the community on the island of Puerto Rico. His wife Chantal Hearst (Monica Belucci) is a woman who shares the secrets that her husband has worked very hard to keep private. When Henry is accused of the rape and murder of two young girls on the island, questions begin to arise about the life that the couple shows to the public and the one in private.

The film centers on the death of two girls and Hearst's relationship with both. As the story of his tale is told; facts,

times, and alibis become more absent and increased suspicion is placed on Hearst for committing these acts. Under a lengthy process of interrogation, the police captain in charge of the case Victor Benezet (Morgan Freeman), the straight arrow and his hothead detective Felix Owens (Thomas Jane) began to pressure Hearst for more details that would support his innocence, but instead are led into a world that reveals a loveless marriage, family resentments, and questionable behavior. Hearst is accused of luring these young girls to their demise based on a personal fetish with youth and a tendency to be in situations where they could be taken advantage of by an adult.

As the story becomes more intertwined, Hearst's wife is more reluctant to support the innocence of her husband when doubts enter her heart and mind about his true intentions and history of interaction with young girls. When it is all said and done, Hearst is placed in the situation where he must reveal the truth or face the consequences, but what follows is an improbable finale that must be seen to believe.

Overall I give this film a 7 out of 10 rating.