



MOOT POINTS

NOTES FROM THE SARITA KENEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

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Connecting people to information: Access, Educate, Empower

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Library Hours and Schedule of Events

Monday-Thursday
7am—12am

Friday
7am—10pm

Saturday
9am—10pm

Sunday
10am—12am

View our monthly calendars on our website: www.stmarytx.edu/law/library.

We can help you succeed in law school!

Director's Message



Hello! I'd like to warmly welcome 1L students to the law library. For our returning students, welcome back!

We are living in exciting times, with constant changes in information technology and library resources. In this kind of environment where people can get instant access to their information via Westlaw, Google, and Twitter, why would you still need the library? You might wonder. Let me offer three reasons for starter:

First, the library is a friendly and convenient place to study and do research. On top of its enormous collections of books, journals, DVDs, and digital materials, the library offers an attractive environment to be. Bright windows with natural light, comfy chairs and tables, spacious carrels, leisurely reading corner, and student lounge with snack/drink machines... All these physical things make the library a great place to be.

Second, the library allows (and encourages) collaboration, either in person or virtually. The library is set up for collaboration and cooperation among students. When you are inside the library, you have access to the wireless network, and to all the equipment, such as the copiers/printers/scanners, which makes it easy to communicate and share your work products with others. Additionally, there are a number of group study rooms in the library where you can engage in serious discussions and team projects.

Last, the librarians offers personal and professional assistance to you. When you face an ocean of information and, sometimes, misinformation, you need someone to show you how to get it efficiently, and cost-effectively. The librarians are well trained to give you this kind of help when you need it. And we are always ready to help.

1L Guidebooks Available at the Library

Essentially, a law student should be concerned not only with surviving law school, but succeeding in law school. The library offers an entire section devoted to the purpose of helping law students excel both in the classroom and 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**

Several more titles are available. Stop by and check out what we have! Our "Success in Law School" collection is located in the first floor reading room.

Meet Wilhelmina Randtke — New Electronic Services Librarian

By Liana Morales, Library Assistant

In May this year, Wilhelmina Randtke joined the law school library as the Electronic Services Librarian after working in Florida. We are pleased to welcome her to St. Mary's. To let readers know a little more about herself and her work, I have asked her a few questions:

Q: Tell me a little bit about a couple of your projects.

A: In the past, I did digitization projects and built search engines for government documents. At St. Mary's, so far, I've ensured that the online databases purchased by the law library are up and running and that all students and faculty can log in smoothly.

Q: Do you have any advice for incoming 1Ls?

A: Focus on what skills you'll use out of school instead of being stressed about the next semester.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: I enjoy sewing. Before I left Florida to come here, I took the vintage fabric I had collected, and made reusable bags for a food co-op.

Q: Are there any presentations you've made as a new law librarian?

A: I made a presentation to the North American Serials Interest Group about writing a computer program to index documents. I wrote a simple program to index more than 30,000 pages much faster than a person could.

The final search engine retrieves information on what page looked like on a certain date for the Florida Administrative Code, which is similar to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). A user can start with a citation and a date and find what a regulation looked like on that exact date. It does versioning, which has only rarely been done before.

For instance, Westlaw and LexisNexis don't version the CFR by date, only by year. But the CFR changes constantly during the year, not just once a year. To find the regulation in effect on a specific date, you have to go to the CFR for the previous year, then check for changes that took effect during the year up to the date you need. It takes longer than being able to go straight to the date you need. Database design for versioning could save researchers time.

I also gave a presentation for the American Library Association (ALA) conference on web scraping, or how to download information on government websites, or even download an entire website, all at once. It's important to understand digital objects because so many laws, regulations, and government guidance are going electronic now. I would like regular people to be able to own a copy of a government website, the same way they used to be able to carry around a book describing a government program. This way, the material cannot disappear later.

Q: You're new to San Antonio. Have you found some cool places to visit since you moved here?

Yes, I went to the Animal World and Snake Farm. It was like visiting a different decade. It was memorable, but I don't recommend it. I also went to the normal zoo, the San Antonio Zoo, which is much larger and has more to do. I also went to too many food places to mention. There is so much - BBQ, 3 pound cinnamon rolls, food trucks, everything... It's not really entertainment, but definitely part of the San Antonio experience.

Wilhelmina Randtke is our new electronic services librarian. You may reach her at (210) 436-3512 or by email, wrandtke@stmarytx.edu.



Recent Faculty Publications

■ **Professor Jeff Addicott** and Ben Marshall have published a magazine article called *Maritime Piracy & Private Security Contractors* in *MANAGING SECURITY TODAY*, May 2012.

■ **Professor Bill Piatt** has published an article, "Reinventing the Wheel: Constructing Ethical Approaches to State Indigent Legal Defense Systems," 2 *St. Mary's J. Legal Malpractice and Ethics* 372 (2012).

■ The 9th edition of *TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE MANUAL* (2012) by **Professor David Schlueter** has been published. This is the first edition he has published with his son, Jonathan.



LUNCH BREAK Neighborhood Dining

By Brian Detweiler
Faculty Services Librarian

This is the first installment in what I hope will be an ongoing opportunity to share with you my impressions of the lunch fare available near the St. Mary's Campus. In honor of Homer's brief stint as a food critic during Season 11 of The Simpsons, all scores will be on a scale of 1 to 10 thumbs up.



Casa Chacon

2954 Culebra Road
San Antonio, TX 78228
(210) 432 -0222

Mon-Fri: 6:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sat-Sun: 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

Casa Chacon is my favorite Mexican restaurant in the area, offering great food, friendly service, and reasonable prices. The marinated chicken that they use in their tacos is truly outstanding, although it can be overpowered when ordered in certain dishes. Their red salsa is excellent as well, tasting strongly of fresh tomatoes and cilantro.

For those with hearty appetites I recommend the Chacon Deluxe Plate, which comes with two crispy tacos (beef or chicken), two enchiladas (beef, chicken or cheese), a bean and cheese chalupa, and rice and beans for \$6.99. If you have run out of notches in your belt, or would prefer not to ingest your daily allowance of calories in one sitting, a number of smaller but satisfying lunch specials are available during the week from 10:00 am until close for \$4.99 with free iced tea.



(8/10 thumbs up)

Where to Eat on Campus

There are plenty of meal options for commuting law students on campus. We have provided a list of different places around St. Mary's that offer just about anything; from the cafeteria to snacks-on-the-go. Along with the **new university dining facility** in the University Center, here are a few other places to grab a bite to eat:

Near the Law School Courtyard

- ◆ Vending Machines in the Library, Classroom Building, and Raba Building.
- ◆ The Student Lounge Law School Cart in the Classroom Building.

Near the Quad and Blume Library

- ◆ Subway sandwich shop on the Quad
- ◆ Provisions on Demand (P.O.D) convenience store, next to Subway
- ◆ Starbucks on the first floor of the Blume Academic Library

Inside the University Center

- ◆ Chick-Fil-A Express

Our Library By the Numbers

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 3,932 volumes, 897 titles
Circulation of Items/Times: 2,308
Interlibrary Loans: 139

Library transactions
from
Apr.—Jul. 2012

Library Renewals & Fines Policy

Users are allowed one renewal per circulation period so long as items are not wanted by another patron. Reserve items can be checked out for 4 hours. There will be **no extensions or renewals** allowed on Reserve Items. These are high-demand items and should be returned promptly once users are finished with them.

Users with overdue items are charged \$1 per item per day (50 cents per hour per item for reserve materials), and items overdue for more than 3 weeks are deemed lost. The replacement cost for a lost item is the dollar amount of the item plus a \$25 replacement fee.

For more on the library's access and policies, look on our website under the Patron Information tab.

New in Legal Fiction

The Things We Cherished
Written by Pam Jenoff
Legal Fiction
PS3610 .E562 T47 2011



This book is available in the law library's Legal Fiction collection, located on the first floor of the library, inside the Reading Room near the periodicals.

New in Our DVD Collection



The Last Wave
Directed by Peter Weir
Popular Film
PN1997 .A1 C75 2001

The Criterion Collection presents The Last Wave (1977), an Australian drama about a lawyer who defends a group of aboriginal Australians who are accused of murder. **This DVD is available in the law library's Popular Film collection, located on the first floor of the library, inside the Reading Room.**



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Our Mission Statement

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

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.

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Food & Drink Policy

Enjoy Snacks But Leave No Trace

Beverages

All beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling.

No food or drinks are allowed in the computer lab or any library computer.

Clean up after yourself and report any spills to the circulation desk.

Food

Please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Please see examples of the types of food allowed in main library spaces below.

You may eat meals and foods of all types in the second floor student lounge, or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces.

Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels.

Allowed	Not Allowed
Pretzels	French fries
Nuts	Pizza
Granola Bars	Burgers & Sandwiches
Grapes or Raisins	Ice Cream
Bagels	Soups & Salads
Cookies	Food Requiring Utensils

The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons.

Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.