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From the Editor

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Greetings from the Staff of the Westminster Law Library. As a nation we have experienced a lot of changes in the past few months that affect our daily lives. Work on the new law school continues and each of you are beginning to gear up for end of the semester exams, but the library has also experienced some positive changes that we would like to share with you.

The trend towards integrating technology into the curriculum became more apparent this Fall as approximately 64 classes experiment with online platforms (Blackboard—main campus, Lexis-Nexis Blackboard and TWEN). The law school is experimenting with wireless access via laptops or PDA's. There are wireless hubs functioning in the library, as well as the Atrium. A new Educational Technology Department was created under the leadership of Jessica Hogan. Her office is now set for individualized faculty and staff training. The old snack machine room was converted to a Computer HelpDesk Center staffed by Joan Pope and Saul Wiley. Wayne Rust is experimenting with video streaming technology.

Carrie Mahan Groce returned to the library staff as the new Web Manager for the Law School. Some of you may remember her from her prior position as Circulation Services Administrator which she left to become the Webmaster/Resource & Reference Librarian for the National Stroke Association. Other new faces are Goldie Burton, who joined the Reference Department over the summer and Theresa Baker, the new Web / Systems Librarian.

Technological changes are also apparent in the Law Library. Our library catalog has new, enhanced word search features and we have a new electronic databases called Gold Rush and Hein Online. The library's webpage features online forms for ILL and Reference requests, course reserves, a new acquisitions list and the FLC calendar. We hope that you find these changes useful. Please stop by the Reference Desk if you need assistance or have suggestions for further improvements.

Good Luck on exams! 📖

Hein OnLine

The library has subscribed to a new full-text journal database called Hein OnLine. Unlike other periodical databases that supply post-1980 volumes, Hein OnLine provides each journal from its inception and continues to the most current volume allowed under contract between Hein and the journal. This provides easy access to some of the best law review articles ever written. Currently, there are more than 90 journal titles available, and by the end of 2001, more than 3.5 million pages and 225,000 complete articles will be available. Hein Online is image-based, allowing you to view the page as it originally appeared in hard copy (footnotes are where they belong!).



State court records are now available on the Internet. Real-time records include civil, water, small claims, domestic, felony, misdemeanor, and traffic cases and can be accessed by name or case number. There is a fee for this Internet access. For more information, go to www.CoCourts.com.

NaturalResources WebLinks

Martha Keister

Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian

Take a look at the Natural Resources web page:
<http://www.law.du.edu/naturalresources/>

This summer, with the energy of several terrific students and library staff, the Natural Resources Webpage was redesigned. The country pages were also reorganized and vastly expanded. Each of the 55 countries has a page which is divided into two parts. The upper half is designed to point toward the legislation of that country in the areas of oil and gas, water, forestry, mining and minerals, other laws centering around the environment, and investment and taxation. Sometimes the only materials we found are in the language of the country, and sometimes, there is a charge for page access. We have indicated this information when possible.

The lower half of the country page is designed to assist a researcher in learning about a country and its resources through secondary materials. Here we have included links the government agencies of the country, to the CIA Factbooks, the EIA's assessment materials, "How to" business guides and other materials which might assist the researcher in locating information.

The individuals working on the page include students Anya Mallett and Ines Vergara, and, Patty Wellinger, Theresa Baker, and Martha Keister of the Law Library staff. We expect the pages to grow in number and in depth. We'd appreciate any comments or suggestions from the webpage users.



Supreme Court Preview

Diane Burkhardt

Faculty Services Liaison

The United States Supreme Court convened on Monday, October 1, for its 2001-2002 term. The Court carried over 49 cases from the previous term that ended earlier this summer. Although more certiorari petitions will be reviewed and acted upon in the coming weeks, a number of interesting cases are already on the docket and will be argued early in the new term.

In *Adarand Constructors v. Mineta* (No. 00-730), the Court will again consider an affirmative action plan used by the Department of Transportation to remedy the effects of past discrimination. The case has already been to the Supreme Court several times, but on this hearing the Court has been asked to determine whether the Tenth Circuit properly applied the strict scrutiny standard in reviewing the plan and whether the plan is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest. The Bush administration has filed a brief supporting the Department's plan.

The current debate in Congress about health care reform and patients' rights could be affected by the Court's decision in *Rush Prudential HMO Inc. v. Moran* (No. 00-1021). Thirty-seven states and the District of Columbia now have statutes requiring health maintenance organizations to submit disputes about the medical necessity of proposed treatments to independent outside reviewers. In a challenge to the Illinois statute, the Seventh Circuit ruled that the state statute was valid and not preempted by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). The Supreme Court will be reviewing the preemption issue.

The continuing effort to shield minors from online pornography will again be reviewed, this time in *Ashcroft v. American Civil Liberties Union* (No. 00-1293). The case challenges a provision in the Child Online Protection Act, enacted in 1998, which makes it a crime for commercial Web sites to display pornography without also providing safeguards to restrict minors' access. The Third Circuit ruled that the law violates the First Amendment, finding that Web sites cannot feasibly be held to "contemporary community standards" of decency because they operate nationally and have no control over the location of their visitors. The Court will be addressing this issue of community standards.

Shortly before the opening of the new term, the Court

agreed to hear three school voucher cases from Ohio. The cases are *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris* (No. 00-1751), *Hanna Perkins School v. Simmons-Harris* (No. 00-1777), and *Taylor v. Simmons-Harris* (No. 00-1779). At issue is whether school voucher programs violate the First Amendment because many schools that accept students using vouchers have religious affiliations.

Finally, one of the more novel cases this term is *Owasso Independent School District v. Falvo* (No. 00-1073). There the Court will consider whether the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, which requires educational institutions to preserve the confidentiality of students' education records, prohibits public school teachers from allowing students to grade each others' homework papers, quizzes and tests by exchanging them in class and making corrections as teachers read the answers aloud. The Tenth Circuit found this method to be a violation of the Act.

To follow developments in the Supreme Court, use *BNA's U.S. Law Week*, [put in italics] which is available electronically in a daily edition from Westlaw and LexisNexis and in a weekly print edition in the Federal section on the main floor of the library. The Court's oral argument schedule, orders lists, and opinions are available at <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>. For in-depth summaries of the issues and briefs submitted in these and other cases the Court will hear this term, check *Supreme Court Preview*, which is also in the Federal section, next to U.S. Law Week

New Website Features

Theresa Baker

Web / Systems Librarian

While we like to see your face in the library, we also want to make library services easy to use anywhere. To that end, we've added new functionality to the library's website.

An easy way to find out what's new on our shelves, is to check out the New Titles Lists at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/newacq/>. Each month, this page is updated with a list of the items added to the collection the previous month. There is one list for books and periodicals, and one for government documents. The books and periodicals list is arranged by subject, and the government documents are listed in call number order.

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Interlibrary Loan vs. Prospector

Nancy Sensel

ILL Coordinator

2 different systems with 2 different sets of rules!

INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL)

1. A book or an article can be borrowed from any library in the United States or Canada using ILL. Some libraries have a lending fee. The library picks up the first \$10 for students, after that, the rest of the fee must be picked up by the student.
2. The time it takes a requested item to arrive at the DU Law Library varies from 2 days to 2 weeks or more. When an ILL request is sent out on an electronic database called OCLC, a string of 5 libraries is built into the request. If the first library cannot fill the request, it automatically goes on to the next one and so forth. If all 5 libraries say no, another request will be sent to 5 more libraries. So the arrival time all depends upon where the lending library is in the lending string and where it is geographically and what method it is using to send the item.
3. Once the book or article is here, it is processed by the ILL office. The due date for a book is set by the lending library. Some libraries do allow a renewal on the book but this is not very common. You need to ask the ILL librarian about renewing the book before the due date. You keep the copy of the article you requested.
4. You will receive an email or a phone call alerting you that the book or article is here. It can be picked up at the circulation desk.
5. There is a fine for late books. It is \$1/title/day.

PROSPECTOR

1. A book or video can be borrowed from the following libraries:
Colorado College
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Law Library
University of Colorado Health Sciences Library
Auraria
Regis College
Ft Lewis College
University of Denver Penrose Library
University of Denver Law Library
University of Northern Colorado

Colorado State University
Denver Public Library
Jefferson County Public Library

In a year's time, the University of Wyoming and Colorado School of Mines will be added to the list. Copies of journal articles cannot be obtained by Prospector.


2. The book is actually checked out to you as if the book belonged to the law library. It is as if you went to these libraries and checked the book out.
3. The book usually arrives within a few days but you need to keep checking your circulation record to see if it is, in fact, coming. Once it does arrive, it is processed by the ILL office. A due date is assigned by the computer. You will get an email or a phone call alerting you to its arrival. It is picked up at the circulation desk.
4. The book can be renewed once only. A video cannot be renewed.
5. Fines are assessed at the same rate as on a late law library book, \$.50/day. But, if you keep it too long, a \$100 fee is assessed. If you return the book after the \$100 fee is put on your circulation record, you still have a fee of \$15 to pay.

Both ILL and Prospector books and videos are returned to the circulation desk. 

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Faculty members can request any of the titles by clicking on the "Faculty Request" button next to the title, and the item will be delivered to your office.

Another new feature is online interlibrary loan (ILL) request forms. You no longer need to come into the library to fill out an ILL request. Just point your browser to <http://www.law.du.edu/library/libinfo/ill/reqforms.htm> and fill out the appropriate form.

Similarly, reference has taken a step towards virtual service. If you have a question for the library staff, go to <http://www.law.du.edu/library/forms/refreq.htm>. You should receive a response within 24 hours. 

New Library Personnel

Zarah Brown

Student Assistant

Theresa Baker is our all around systems person. She manages the online catalog and does troubleshooting for the FLC. She also develops the library's website and hopes to eventually redesign it. Theresa knows her way around both a computer and a library. After receiving her BA in accounting at Iowa State, she got her Masters in Library Science at Indiana University and worked for seven years as the systems librarian at the University of Kansas Medical Center before joining us at DU. She and her partner, Kathy, enjoy spending time with their golden retriever named Dax, and their cat, Ames. Theresa also likes to hike, go biking, play golf and do arts and crafts.

Goldie Burton, our newest reference librarian, just moved here from Raleigh, North Carolina and is currently adjusting to both her new job and her new home. She enjoys the mountains and western life available in Colorado, as do her two dogs. Goldie received her law degree and Masters of Library Information Studies at Florida State University. She worked at the science library at Florida State as a student and clerked for the General Counsel's Office but particularly liked clerking for a bankruptcy judge in North Carolina. She says the work was interesting and, since her judge rode a circuit, sometimes they took day trips to various towns to hold court. When Goldie's not working, unpacking or sleeping, she loves to run... but not very fast.

Good luck to our new very friendly and talented members of the DU law library staff. 📖

Denver Ordinances via the Internet

Now you can search Denver ordinances and executive orders via the Internet at <http://www.denvergov.org/docudex/ordinances.asp>. Give it a try today!

New Microform Reader/Printer

Paul Sharpe

Access Services Coordinator

We have a new addition to the library's arsenal of "state-of-the-art" gadgets. The Canon MS 500 Digital Microform Scanner is capable of reading, scanning and printing microfiche and microfilm. It's finer points are:

- The ability to scan a microfiche or microfilm page and save it to a floppy disk or network drive.
- The convenience of e-mailing the image to yourself or others.
- The clarity of crisp, laser-printed images to take with you.
- The same cost as printing from the computers (just 10 cents per page for printing of scanning!)
- If you have any questions pertaining to the Canon MS 500 or microforms in general, please contact Paul Sharpe at 871-6079.

Gold Rush

Theresa Baker

Web / Systems Librarian

A new research tool is available to help you identify the best databases to search. Gold Rush (<http://goldrush.coalliance.org>) was created by the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries. It is intended to help users navigate the maze of electronic databases, journals, and other full-text resources available to them through the library.

Gold Rush allows you to search journal and database records by keyword, title, or subject. For example, if you are doing research in the area of technology law, you could do a keyword search for "technology law". Gold Rush will display a list of journals related to technology law. Click on a title and you can find out which database(s) index the journal, and then connect directly to the database.

When you connect to Gold Rush from campus, the system knows you are at the DU Law Library. This allows the system to customize the result set. You will only be presented with links to databases that the library subscribes to. If you connect from home, select your affiliated library using the "Change Library" menu option.

If you need help using this resource, please contact the Reference Desk at x6206. 📖

ETC.

Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt,

Faculty Liaison

Recent months have been busy for the library's employees who have bought new homes, watched sons and daughters graduate, and traveled here and abroad.

Sheila Green, our inveterate traveler, spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives and tracing her family's origins in Germany. Her trip included sightseeing stops in Frankfurt, Mainz, Koblenz, Trier, Leverkusen, Cologne, Bremen, Bremerhaven, Ulm, Blaubeuren, Shelklingen, Hausen ob Urspring, Herlikofen, and Schwabish Gmund. Stop by her office for an armchair tour!

Theresa Baker attended the Innovative Users Group Conference in Santa Clara, California in May. Innovative is the developer of the computer system the library uses for its online catalog, and Theresa is our resident Innovative expert.

Marianne Brown's daughter, **Zarah**, one of our valued summer employees, graduated from the International Baccalaureate program at Denver's George Washington High School in June and toured Europe during August. She is a freshman across town at the University of Denver. Meanwhile, Marianne Cary, Zarah's aged and financially-challenged parents, fled their empty nest and visited friends and family in Jones Beach, Watkins Glen, and Long Island.

Caryl Shipley has also become an empty-nester now that her son, Joseph, another George Washington IB graduate and summer library employee, has moved to Washington, D.C., where he is attending Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Jessica Hogan attended the CALI (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) Conference, which was held in June at Suffolk University Law School in Boston. Jessica reports that she enjoyed the history and food and the Italian North End in Boston and also picked up good information about the current state of law-school computing.

Patty Wellinger is now the proud (and broke) owner of a townhouse in Aurora. After unpacking, she flew to Minneapolis to attend the annual conference of the

Association of American Law Libraries (AALL). She was appointed to the AALL Awards Committee, and she graciously agreed to write the Committee News column for the AALL Spectrum for the third year.

Carol Perkins and **Barbara Allen** also attended the AALL conference in July.

Nancy Sensel and her mother spent one of the hottest weeks of the summer touring house museums in southern Colorado. They saw Rosemount House in Pueblo and Bishop's Castle in the San Isabel National Forest. Nancy reports that Bishop's Castle is a family-built fantasy of a Disney-style medieval castle. They also visited the Baca and Bloom houses in Trinidad and Old Bent's Fort in La Junta. Stop by Nancy's office if you need ideas for a southern Colorado vacation.

Diane Burkhardt and her family visited Mesa Verde and parts of northern New Mexico in August. She especially recommends the mineral hot springs at Ojo Caliente, New Mexico. She and her family have just adopted a five-month-old Lab-German Shepard puppy. If Diane is not in her office when you need her, it's probably because she has run home to let the dog out.

Tips for Keeping Your Sense of Humor

Rayna Wandel

Serials Assistant

I'd like to touch upon the importance of study breaks and books and to let you know how to make the most of your time at our library when studying. After all, this is THE law library and you will be spending many an hour, a day etc... and in the end perhaps three years here.

First off let's touch upon books. You need them. A given, right? As you all have received your syllabi from your professors, I hope that you have purchased ALL of your books that will be needed for each class and will use them to their maximum capacity. Use 'em, don't lose 'em. Everything you needed to learn, you did NOT learn in kindergarten, which is why you are here. So read those assignments! These are books you will need.

I know at times that your eyeballs will feel so dry. So dry and tired, in fact exhausted that they feel as if they

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Evaluating Internet Websites

Sheila Green

Reference Librarian

Since no quality control exists on the Internet, users need to examine information delivered with a critical eye. Here are some guidelines to help rate an Internet site.

What are the author's credentials? Read background information to understand authority and/or bias of the individual or organization and why this information is available on the Internet. Question reliability if you find no such data.

Beware of outdated information. Many locations will state when the page was last updated in the text or at the bottom of the page.

Take notice of top-level domain. Realizing where the source came from can help you make some decisions. A site with the domain .gov or .edu is not likely to be promoting products (whereas a .com site might be selling something).

Appraise the site by its users. Sites that you learned about through a colleague, reviews in a source you respect, or links from other sites you trust are likely to meet your standards.

Visuals - how does the page look? A site that is poorly organized, sloppily worded, or filled with typographical errors may represent the author's indifference to content quality.

Accessibility— Does the website provide visually impaired and other handicapped users the option of viewing a text-only page?

Contact information— Look for an email link to the person responsible for managing the website. Email recipients should respond promptly to questions and reported problems.

Use these criteria for evaluating Web sites and be skeptical about using material that does not state update information clearly. 📖

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will fall out of your sockets. And... that's okay. This is law school and you are prepared to work hard. However, you are also allowed to take a break from reading your assignments in order to get the juices flowing again in your body and mind. Only, do not lose the frame of mind that you are studying for LAW SCHOOL.

So as a little pick me up study break and perhaps a little giggle, I, being the library guru, have compiled a small list of items in our library to let you take a break from studying, but allow your mind to stay focused on THE LAW. Moreover, take a look at the display case as you walk into the library, as you will see the wonderful selection of legal humor books. You most likely will not find these on your syllabi or assignment sheets, but they provide, nonetheless, a good study break and a smile or two when you feel you can no longer read another page for school...

For all of the first year students: Law school: a survivor's guide / James D. Gordon III. K184 .G67 1994

Disorder in the court [game] - board game, in reserve KF297.Z9 D57 2000 – yes, we even have a board game to play. Is this place great or what?

The Lawyer joke book / perpetrated by Sid Behrman K184 .L39 1991 – sick of hearing lawyer jokes? Well surprise your friends and tell them yourself from this book!

For those of you who are more visually inclined and like cartoons, take a look at: So sue me: cartoons on the law Sidney Harris NC 1429 .H33315 A4 1993

Finally for those who are web surfers go to: www.lawhaha.com where you can find all sorts of anecdotes about law school, jokes and good stories.

Those are just a few choices. There are many more selections in our catalog. View them by going to pacman.law.du.edu. But if you ever need a study break and a good laugh, take advantage of the Westminster Law Library's collection of humorous law books and remember the library is your friend.



