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## Library Essentials

Stacey Bowers, Access Services Librarian

Hello and welcome to all the new students and welcome back to all the continuing students. I celebrated my first year anniversary at the Westminster Law Library not too long ago and am excited to be back for my second year as the Access Services Librarian. I really enjoy meeting and getting to know all of you, so please feel free to stop by my office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library for help or just to say hello.

I would like to share some general information about the Westminster Law Library and encourage you to ask questions at the Circulation Desk or to contact me in person, by phone or by e-mail.

The library is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30am - 12:00am, Friday from 7:30am - 10:00pm, Saturday from 8:00am - 8:00 pm and Sunday from 8:00am - 12:00am. Any special hours will be posted on the website and on signs on the library's main entrance. The library may periodically adjust its hours during holidays or when the university or law school is not in session.

The law library consists of three floors with the entrance located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Keep in mind that each floor has its own feel and rhythm. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor houses the Circulation Desk, many computers, printers, copiers and the microform readers. As a result, this floor is often busy and noisy. Please keep that in mind when you are looking for that quiet place to study.

The Circulation Desk is located as you walk through the entrance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library and is staffed during all hours that the library is open. Patrons may check-out and return books, reserve items and other materials at the Circulation Desk. In addition, you can pick up your ILL and Prospector requests from the Circulation Desk. Our staff workers at the desk can answer general questions or point you in the right direction.

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## Library Essentials (continued from page 1)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library has a total of 18 computers, 12 PCs and 6 iMacs. 12 computers are available for student only use and require students to login using their assigned user name and designated password. These computers allow students to access the Internet and word processing programs and normally route to the default printer of the student's choice on any of the three floors of the library. 6 PCs are available for public use and are open to anyone utilizing the library. These computers allow everyone to access the Internet and are located on the front (north side) of the computer bank. The 6 public use computers print to the DU-Net printers located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors and require a copy card (purchase at the circulation desk) or Pioneer ID card in order to print a job. Don't forget, that many of the tables and study carrels allow you to plug in and use your own laptop.

Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) stations are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the library (two on first floor and six on third floor). The OPACs only allow access to the law library catalog, Internet and subscription databases. Any patron in the library can utilize the OPACs and no login is required. The OPACs print to the DU-Net Printers on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors.

Westlaw and Lexis printers are located on floors 1, 2 and 3. The printers on floors 1 and 3 are located in the Copier/Printer Rooms, to your left and around the corner just off the stairwell (northeast corner). A color printer is also available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for student's use. A fax machine is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and is available for public use. Local faxes are free, but long distance faxes require a calling card. The fax number is 303/871-6020.

The library has three photocopiers with one on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and two on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. The copiers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor are located in the copier room, to your left and around the corner from the stairwell (northeast corner). One copier on each floor accepts cash and coins for payment at a charge of \$0.15 per page. All copiers accept Pioneer ID cards or copy cards at a charge of \$0.10 per page. Copy cards can

be purchased from the Circulation Desk for \$5.50 (\$0.50 for the card and \$5.00 worth of printing/copying) or \$10.50 (\$0.50 for the card and \$10.00 worth of printing/copying). The Circulation Desk only accepts cash or checks. The library is unable to refund monies lost in the copiers or DU-Net Printers. For problems or questions regarding the copiers contact David Dudra, Manager of Photographic Services, at 303/871-6233. For problems or questions regarding copy cards contact the Pioneer Card Office at 303/871-4545.

The library staff can only provide a limited amount of trouble-shooting for the computers located in the library. For more involved problems concerning software issues, network connections or login issues, please contact the Computer Help Desk at 303/871-6464 or visit their office located in the northeast corner of the law school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Don't forget about the Gerald H. Hughes Rare Book Room, which is also located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library. It is a "technology free zone" and we request that you do not use your laptop computer, cell phone or PDA in this room. This allows our patrons to enjoy a quiet place to read, study and relax.

Remember that no food is allowed in the library. While drinks in enclosed containers are permitted in the library they are not permitted in the Hughes Rare Book Room.

Also remember that cell phones are not permitted to be used in the library as a courtesy to all our patrons. Please take your cell phone calls outside the library and not in stacks, hallways or stairwell. Also, set your cell phone to silent or vibrate mode upon entering the library.

If you have any questions or concerns about the library, please don't hesitate to contact me. My office is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library - Room 230D, my phone number is 303/871-6079 and my e-mail is [sbowers@law.du.edu](mailto:sbowers@law.du.edu).

Have a wonderful fall semester!

## News You Can Use

### Bar Prep & AAP Study Materials

The new Supplemental Bar Preparation Workshop website has a Resources page listing materials at the law school (in the library and AAP office) and online that are useful for students studying for the bar exam. The list includes study guides, workbooks, and links to official bar exam websites. The law school materials were pulled from a new database created by the library and the AAP office to provide students with easy access to their study materials.

**Bar Exam Preparation Resources:** <http://www.law.du.edu/barPrep/resources.cfm#aap>

**Library & AAP study materials database:** <http://www.law.du.edu/library/AAP/>

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### Web Research Links

There are so many databases, catalogs and other valuable resources on the library homepage that students often miss one of the most helpful sites. The Web Research Links are located on the left hand side of the homepage, under the Research category.

You can find useful information and links to hundreds of web pages by topic, as well as specialized search engines and non-legal resources. State and federal government agencies are increasingly putting legal information on web sites. There are many Colorado resources listed, such as state statutes, municipal codes, self help legal forms, and contact information for the courts.

Topical links include natural resources and international law, among many others. Take a look at the Web Research Links and see for yourself what an excellent tool it can be.

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/content.cfm?pg=weblinks>

### Index to Legal Periodicals—Full-Text

Current law students, faculty, and staff can use the Index to Legal Periodicals full text feature to access scholarly articles, symposia, jurisdictional surveys, court decisions, legislation, books, book reviews, and more. See Westminster Law Library's Web page at <http://www.law.du.edu/library/databaserd.asp>. Click Access from Off Campus and review instructions for remote access. Click Connect to Electronic Databases, set template to "Legal journals," and click GO. Scroll to and click Index to Legal Periodicals. Law school alumni may visit our library and access this database from terminals on Levels 1, 2, and 3.

For example: Research holographic wills by clicking Basic Search on the left frame. Click Open Database Selection Area and under "Database Description," select "Legal Periodicals Full Text." Click in the Find template, type holographic wills, and click START. View full text of pertinent responses by clicking Full Text HTML or Full Text PDF. When full text screens appear, click Print, Email, or Save. For more information, click Help and Journal Directory on the left frame. Click Customize Display to change the appearance of your results.

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### Fiction Reading Collection

The Westminster Law Library offers a "Bring a Book, Take a Book" fiction reading collection for students, faculty, and staff. This collection is housed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library across from the printers. Bring in a book or two from home and grab a book or two to read for fun.

This collection was started with generous donations of the library and law school staff. Donations of books to grow the collection will always be accepted.

Please contact Amanda Samland at ext. 16203 or [asamland@law.du.edu](mailto:asamland@law.du.edu) if you have any questions or would like to contribute to the collection.

# Five Reasons to Visit Your Career Development Center

Gretchen Haas, Career Consultant

Whether you are a returning student or a new one, it's time to GET STARTED on career planning for your future as a Juris Doctor. The Career Development Center ("CDC") offers numerous paths to help you discover your career direction. Our mission is to teach law students the nuts and bolts of finding a meaningful, satisfying job - as most certainly, your first job will not be your last.

## PLENTIFUL PROGRAMS!

Last year, the CDC sponsored approximately 40 programs each semester. These included informal small group discussions with local attorneys practicing in specialty areas such as litigation, international law, trust & estates, real estate, commercial, employment, sports and entertainment, and in settings such as in-firm, in-house, solo practice, and contract work. Attorneys from the offices of the Colorado Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Colorado Public Defender, District Attorney, FBI, Securities and Exchange Commission, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Presidential Management Fellowship Program have come to campus to talk about their respective employment opportunities. We're looking forward to the same this year!

## READY RESOURCES!

Our outreach efforts both in and out of Colorado have produced several avenues for you to access future employers. You can meet practicing attorneys through on-site meetings, as well as at meetings/receptions with specialty bar associations (such as the Colorado Women's Bar, Colorado Defense Lawyers and Colorado Trial Lawyers associations), with numerous Inns of Court, and with various sections of the Colorado Bar Association including the Solo Practitioner/Small Firm section, criminal law, international law, health law and business law sections, just to name a few.

## WORTHWHILE WORKSHOPS

The CDC offers workshops ranging from crafting persuasive resumes and cover letters, to showcasing different venues in which to practice (government, private, public interest, business) and spotlighting varied areas of practice. Listen intently to learn what "feels right" to you. You will be encouraged to question yourself about your desired work environment, type of office culture, colleagues and work schedule.

## VAST VARIETY!

Attend the CDC programs to discover the numerous ways you can use your law degree. Learn about the different career paths available through working in traditional law firms, in the federal, state or local government, in a judicial clerkship or in non-legal careers.

## COMPETENT CONSULTANTS!

Our Career Consultants are knowledgeable, experienced and friendly professionals ready to assist you with your career plans. So, when you have a moment, pull yourself out of the library and schedule a consultation with one of our Career Consultants today.

We look forward to working closely with you throughout the 2007-08 school year. Please visit our website at [www.law.du.edu/career](http://www.law.du.edu/career). Our office is located across from the library in Suite 223; phone: 303.871.6124; e-mail [careerdevelopmentcenter@law.du.edu](mailto:careerdevelopmentcenter@law.du.edu).



## COL Working Papers

Full-text working papers from DU law faculty are now available online as part of the Social Science Research Network (SSRN). The site is called University of Denver Sturm College of Law legal studies research papers at

<http://www.ssrn.com/link/U-Denver-LEG.html>

## Lexis & Westlaw Office Hours

The Lexis & Westlaw student reps are available to answer your online research questions. Please contact one of the following people for assistance or look for them holding office hours in the forum or along the stairwell on L2 outside the Library.

### Lexis Student Reps

Trey Baker	<a href="mailto:jbaker09@law.du.edu">jbaker09@law.du.edu</a>
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Monday	9am-noon, 3pm-6:30pm
Tuesday	9am-10am, 3pm-6pm
Wednesday	9am-noon, 3pm-6:30pm
Thursday	9am-noon, 3pm-4pm
Friday	9am-noon

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Monday	5pm-6pm
Tuesday	9:15am-1pm, 2:45pm-6pm
Wednesday	noon-6pm
Thursday	9:15am-1pm, 2:45pm-6pm

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*The library's home page gets over 130,000 hits per year! The most used resource by far is Web Research Links which receives over 75,000 hits per year. Next is E-Journals at 32,000, the Study Room Reservation System at 27,000, and Databases/Indexes at 15,000.*

## Special Collections

Patty Wellinger,  
Reference Services Coordinator

The Westminster Law Library has created several special websites to aid in your research and to capture the history of the Stur姆 College of Law.

**Access for All: Providing a Window to the Legislative Process for Colorado's Citizens** contains full-text CO Legislative Research Council Publications from 1954—current. Publications may be searched by number, year, subject or keyword. The site also contains resources and background information explaining the CO legislative process and legislative research in other states or at the federal level.  
<http://www.law.du.edu/library/CLC/>

### NaturalResources WebLinks

Created in cooperation with the ENRLP program, this website contains extensive natural resources, environmental, governmental and trade material as well as links to legislation & secondary resources for 158 countries. While the site is primarily in English, there are also Spanish & Chinese language interfaces to increase access by users throughout the world.  
<http://www.law.du.edu/naturalresources/weblinks/>

### Stur姆 College of Law History Exhibit

This digitization project, created by the Westminster Law Library, provides a virtual scrapbook of the law school's tradition of excellence since 1892. The site includes full text of the Alumni newsletter as well as the Lawyers from Denver book celebrating our centennial. Numerous images highlight faculty, staff, deans, special events and the various buildings from our history.

We invite you to browse our website and enjoy this glimpse into the past and present of the Stur姆 College of Law. Be a part of this exciting project by sharing your [memories](#) with us or [submitting ideas and photos](#) for inclusion.

<http://www.law.du.edu/library/content.cfm?pg=colhistory>

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## Or What We Do Outside the Library

Diane Burkhardt,

Faculty Services Liaison

As of Friday, August 17, the library staff includes two more graduates of DU's Library and Information Science program. **Joan Policastri** and **Amanda Samland** were awarded the Master of Library and Information Science degree at the summer commencement ceremony. In addition to finishing their degrees during these past months, Joan and Amanda planned a very successful Kentucky Derby-Cinco de Mayo party for the library staff, complete with a piñata, odds information about the Derby horses and wager forms.

**JoAnna Patrick** has been on the conference circuit this summer. She attended the annual meetings of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) in Baltimore, the American Library Association (ALA) in Washington, D.C. and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in New Orleans. She and her partner, Jane Rolason, added a vacation in Florida to the New Orleans trip. They will soon be attending Thunder in the Rockies, a motorcycle rally in Loveland, Colorado.

**Patty Wellinger** also attended the AALL meeting in New Orleans, where she was appointed to the AALL Grants Committee, continuing her many years of service to AALL. Here at home, Patty is the proud new companion to Jessie, a Bernese Mountain Dog. Patty adopted Jessie from a Bernese Mountain Dog rescue group, making a special trip to Kansas to pick her up. Jessie and Patty recently completed a basic obedience class, and Jessie earned a Canine Good Citizen certificate from the American Kennel Club.

**Sergio Stone** traveled to Malaysia in May to meet with academic, government and law firm librarians. He also enjoyed sampling the local cuisine and visiting the Batu Caves, Petronas Towers and Genting Highlands. His article, *A Study of Dictionaries in U.S. and Latin American Courts*, has just been

published in the August 2007 issue of *The Colorado Lawyer*.

**Stacey Bowers** and her husband James vacationed at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina in June. She too has been busy attending conferences, including ACRL and AALL, as well as "Back to the Future of Legal Research," which was held at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Our own **Caryl Shipley** was one of the spring nominees for the student awards for Outstanding Administrator and Most Responsive Administrator. Way to go, Caryl!

**Catharine Cott** highly recommends Michael Moore's new movie, *Sicko*. She attended the AALL conference in New Orleans, but she reports that her challenge this summer has been preparing for the release of the last Harry Potter book. She reread both *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* and *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* before the new book arrived on July 21. For those of you who haven't been following Harry Potter, that's over 1000 pages!

**Marianne Brown** reports on a frustrating legal saga that has engaged her entire extended family for many years. Her grandparents owned land near the University of Texas, and an interest in the land passed to her mother when Marianne's grandfather died in 1929. The city of Houston later built a road through the middle of the land, and her mom's family received an award of \$800,000, compensating them for the value of the land taken for the road. The lawyers who represented her mom's family want to keep the entire award, however, and they want 60% of the proceeds when the land is sold. To compound the problem, the sale of the land is dragging on and on. Marianne hopefully reports that when and if the land is sold (for anywhere from \$14 to \$22 million), her mom will be able to stay as long as she wants at the Marycrest Serenity assisted living center and buy new teeth and an electric wheelchair. Her brother, who is dealing with the realtors and lawyers, will be able to buy a new printer because his current printer cannot handle the volume of incomprehensible emails and letters and the contracts and revised contracts the lawyers are sending!