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THE DOCKET

UMass Law
Library

When you absolutely positively have to know,
ask a librarian. – American Library Association

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Welcome

As we begin the Spring 2017 semester, we want to remind you of how the library can enhance your law school experience. Here are some of the resources we have to offer.

LEGAL DATABASES

The library gives you subscription access to the following databases:

- Westlaw
- Lexis
- HeinOnline
- CALI
- New York Times Online
- LegalTrac
- MCLE Online

Please speak to a librarian if you have questions about these resources.

RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS

We are here to help! You may email librarians, stop by the library with questions, or make an appointment for more extensive research. We are happy to show you how to use print materials or online databases to help guide your research.

COMPUTERS AND PRINTING

The library has a printer on every floor. Each semester a print allotment is allocated to your [UMass Pass](#). Tip: Lexis offers free printing! Pick up your free prints at the circulation desk.



STUDY SPACE

The library offers space for both group study (first floor) and silent study (lower level and second floor). Private rooms are available on a first come-first served basis. We hope that you will use our white boards and collaborative learning stations.

STUDY AIDS & RESERVE BOOKS

The library keeps one copy of each required book behind the circulation desk. These reserve books are convenient when you have forgotten your copy or you need to scan a few pages. They may be checked out for two hours at a time. Study aids are also kept behind the circulation desk and circulate for a period of two hours. Study aids often include outlines, multiple choice questions, essay questions, and examples and explanations. They will help you prepare for class and exams.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Need a book or article that we do not have in the collection? No problem! Ask a librarian.

LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday: 11am – midnight

**Monday – Thursday:
7:30am – midnight**

Friday: 7:30am – 9pm

Saturday: 8am – 6pm

CONTACT US

lawlib@umassd.edu

or

508-985-1121

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

**Check out our online
introduction to library
resources:**

[http://guides.lib.umassd.edu/
lawlibrary](http://guides.lib.umassd.edu/lawlibrary)

Live Chat Reference Help

Text Us!

Whether you are studying from the comfort of home or you are making the commute from work to school, you may send us a message from your laptop or phone. You can ask us anything from “What are your hours?” to “How do I find articles related to Family Law?”



Find the chat icon on our website:
<http://www.umassd.edu/law/library/>

Or send a text to
[508-507-2555](tel:508-507-2555)

Live Chat Hours

Mon-Thurs 10am – 6pm
Friday 10am – 4pm

Saturday and Evening Hours
- as librarians are available

Research Cafe

Contact Information



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Research Café is back!

Stop by and discuss research strategies, access to resources, or ask questions about the Law Library.

Mondays 4-5pm
Thursdays 12-1pm

Law School
Café



FITDESKS

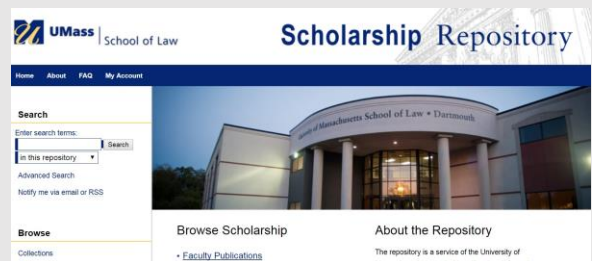
Get a workout in while studying! Try the new Law Library Fitdesks. Now available on the second floor in the priority study room. The fitdesks are a quiet, easy way to burn some calories while prepping for class. Try one today!



SCHOLARSHIP REPOSITORY

<http://scholarship.law.umassd.edu/>

The UMass Scholarship Repository is an open access archive to the UMass Law Review and the scholarly works of the Law School's faculty. Check it out today!



Arnie's Cupboard

Help us feed local families in need! During the month of January, the Law Library will be accepting donations for Arnie's Cupboard, a food pantry on main campus that provides support to students and their families. Want to help? Just bring by one of the items needed and place it in the donation box located in the circulation area of the Law Library.



Items Needed

- Canned fish or poultry
- Canned beans
- Canned soups
- Canned fruit
- Dry pasta or rice
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Jelly or jam
- Non-fat dry or canned milk
- Spices or oils
- Canned or boxed potatoes
- Cooking supplies
- Shelf stable juices
- Instant coffee/tea
- Vitamins

RESEARCH TIPS



Great Places to Start!

- Practice Guides – Breaks down areas of law to give practical instruction to attorneys.
- American Law Reports – Offers entries and citations on unsettled areas of law.
- Trusted Legal Blogs/News – Both Westlaw and Lexis have links to news sources.
- Topical Treatises – These may be found in the databases, in print on our second floor, or we can get almost any book through interlibrary loan.

- Westlaw and Lexis are great resources, but leave no stone unturned! **HeinOnline** offers an extensive library of law review articles. **LegalTrac** has content that may not be available in other databases.
- Try Open Access databases! Social Science Research Network (SSRN) and Digital Commons are freely available online, and include a wealth of articles and scholarly material.
- Always follow footnotes to find other useful sources.

LIBGUIDES

We often design online research guides to specific subjects. For example, we have a guide for Cyber Law and a guide for Trusts and Estates. Please check them out under the “research guides” link on our website. Please let us know what other topics you would like to see in LibGuide format!

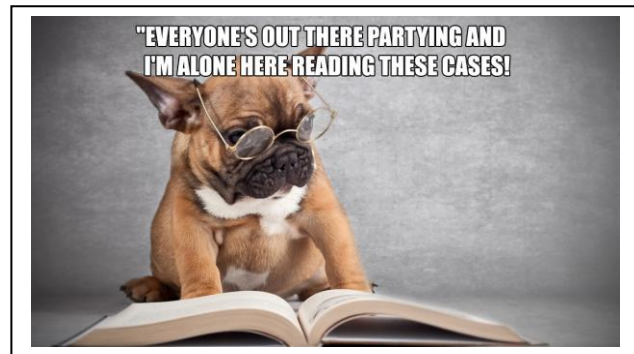
THE UMASS LAW MEME CONTEST IS BACK!



Craft a clever meme about the life of a law student!

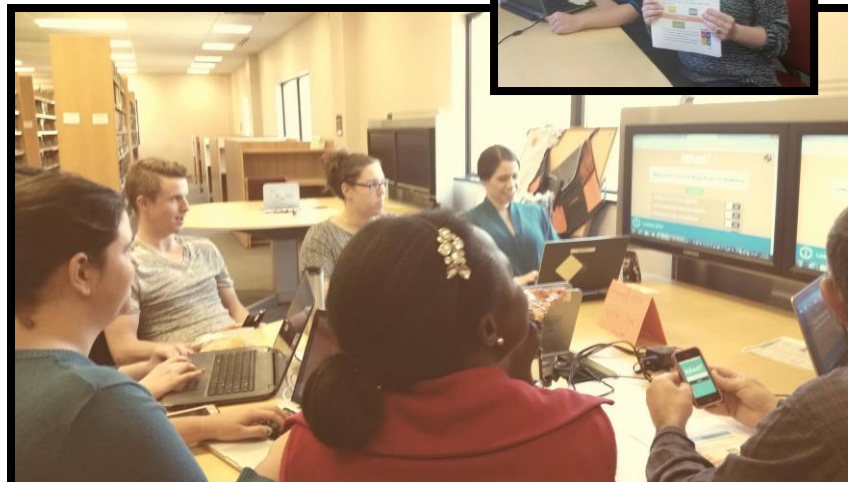
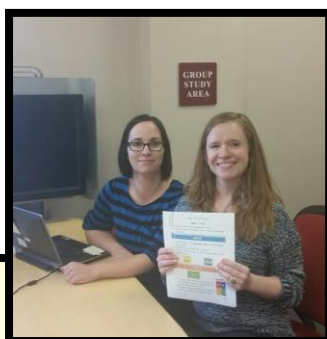


Winner receives a Panera gift card! One entry per person. Entries are anonymous but displayed for student voting.



Submit your entry to lawlib@umassd.edu
Feb 27 – Mar 10

Library Quiz Show!



Two Chances to Win!

February 2nd

Noon – 1pm

AND

4pm – 5pm

Join us for Kahoot trivia at the library collaborative learning stations! Trivia categories run the gamut from law library topics to pop culture. Prizes awarded after every round!

FACEBOOK FRIDAYS!

Want to win a Lexis t-shirt?
Or a Westlaw water bottle?

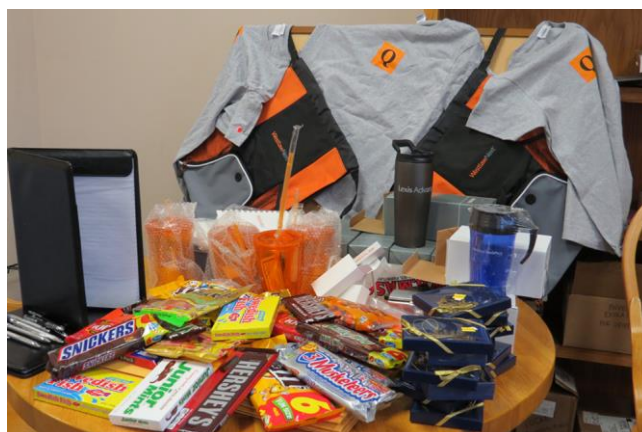
It's easy!
Every Friday, check out the Law
Library Facebook page –

[https://www.facebook.com/
umasslawlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/umasslawlibrary)

Be the first person to correctly
answer a question about the Law
Library and win yourself
a great prize!



Find us on
Facebook



STUDENT STUDY SPOTLIGHT

Many students find success staying on campus to study. Here are the reasons 1L, John Harness puts in several hours a week at the law library:

“I prefer studying at the UMassD Law Library because everything is at my fingertips. I have unlimited resources including my professors upstairs, the library staff, the Law Learning Center, and my fellow classmates. Also the printers, scanners, cubicle desks and group tables on the first floor have been very useful. The library staff are always warm and welcoming. In summary, I prefer the law library because I feel surrounded by others who are trying to accomplish the same task as I, and that keeps me going.”



Why study at the Law Library?

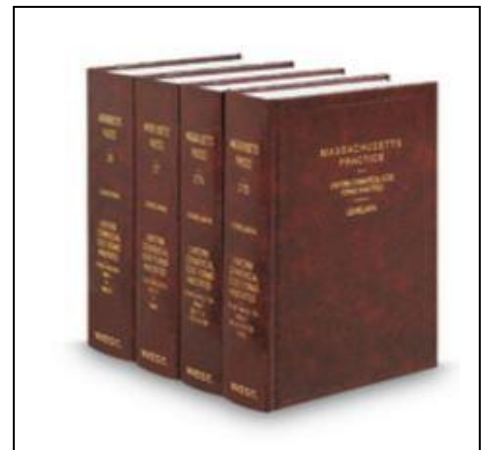
We asked John Harness, who is a 1L at UMass Law and a first lieutenant in the US Army.

Featured Resource

Massachusetts Practice

This series is written by expert practitioners and covers the full scope of Massachusetts Law. It is a widely-used reference source for attorneys. As a law student, you will find this resource useful for an **analysis of various aspects of Massachusetts Law, sample forms, and links to relevant cases and other secondary sources.** It's a great place to start your research!

Available in print and online through your Westlaw subscription!



THE GREAT DEBATE

WESTLAW V. LEXIS

FIND OUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LEXIS AND WESTLAW
DATE AND TIME TBA



FREE PRESIDENTIAL TREATS AND LEXIS/WESTLAW SWAG FOR ALL

WHO WE ARE

Spencer Clough
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Assistant Dean of the Law Library



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Assistant Librarian



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Assistant Librarian



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