

# THE EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS LAW LIBRARY

## FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE LAW LIBRARY



Robert L. Oakley

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In this past year the Georgetown Law Library suffered a great loss. Robert L. Oakley, our Law Library Director, died unexpectedly, leaving us to mourn our colleague and friend. Bob was a much-respected member of the Georgetown Law community, and continues to have great influence in our lives and work. He had planned innovative programs for this year - the National Equal Justice Library (NEJL) conference celebrating public justice lawyering, a book signing of Professor David Cole's new book, *Less Safe, Less Free*, and the major revision of the Law Library's web pages. We invite you to read about the year in this issue and to join us in celebrating our growth and the life of Robert L. Oakley. For more on the Friends of the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library and how to join, please see

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/friends/index.cfm>.

*AALL Award for Best Publication (Non-Print)* for its interactive legal research tutorials. The tutorials are innovative lessons for legal research skills. They are freely available online to all our Friends at: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials/index.cfm>. Read a little more about them in this issue of the newsletter.

### REMEMBERING ROBERT L. OAKLEY

“...IT IS THROUGH HIS VISION THAT TODAY THE GEORGETOWN LAW LIBRARY IS AMONG THE FOREMOST LAW LIBRARIES IN THE NATION...”

Georgetown lost a great scholar and leader when Law Library Director and Professor of Law Robert L. Oakley died on September 29, 2007. In his life, he combined the unique abilities of a dedicated faculty member, a superb administrator, a leader in the library community, and an advocate for libraries and librarians. Moreover, it is through his vision that today the Georgetown Law Library is among the foremost law libraries in the nation, and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the leading advocate for the law library profession.

When he arrived at Georgetown Law, Bob was already a rising star within the library profession, having been the Associate Law Librarian for the Cornell Law Library and later the Director of the Boston University

Law Library. When he became the Director of the Georgetown Law Library in 1982, Georgetown Law had begun a concerted effort to advance its national reputation. A critical piece of the plan was the improvement of the library, which ranked 35th in size at that time. Bob Oakley and subsequent deans executed and expanded on that vision. The result is a library vastly improved in quality and ranked 4th in size, two buildings designed for fine collections and innovative services, both reflecting and advancing the reputation of Georgetown Law.

In the midst of orchestrating the growth of the Law Library, Bob envisioned a role for law librarians in the legislative arena and began educating the community on the issues and the need for its involvement. He

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was the impetus for the establishment of the Washington Affairs Office of the AALL, and served as its representative until his death. His testimony was sought by members of Congress and their staff for his balanced and well-reasoned approach to critical issues such as digital copyright, database protection, and public access to government information on behalf of scholars, libraries, and library users worldwide. His legislative efforts benefited the Law Library by enhancing its standing in the profession and placing it at the forefront of the leading issues of the day.

Bob was a role model in his management style and his remarkable ability to build consensus. Characteristically, he would have been the first to acknowledge that the success of the library is due to the contributions of many people. The management of any enterprise within a parent establishment requires the ability to pursue one's organizational goals while furthering the good of the larger institution. Bob demonstrated consistently his ability to work with others in seeking common ground and a mutually satisfactory outcome for individuals and the institution. His fundamental respect for the views of others meant that he sought to resolve conflicts collaboratively, rather than competitively. Nonetheless, his integrity was such that he did not compromise for the sake of agreement.



Robert L. Oakley Reading Room in Williams Law Library

Georgetown Law held a formal memorial for Bob Oakley on November 6, 2007, what would have been his 61st birthday. During the event, law librarians, copyright scholars, faculty, staff and Georgetown alumni gathered to remember him. Dean T. Alexander Aleinikoff announced that Georgetown Law had named the main reading room in the Williams Law Library **The Robert L. Oakley Reading Room**, in Bob's honor. This was Bob's favorite room and was used in a scene of the movie, *The Pelican Brief*. The event ended with a reception in the newly named reading room.

The Georgetown Law Library has also edited a collection of memorials and remembrances of Bob, with remarks by Dean Aleinikoff, legal scholars, past presidents of AALL, and law librarians from around the nation. This collection will

appear in the next issue of the *Law Library Journal*.

Currently, the Georgetown Law Library is planning a scholarly program in Bob's honor in the fall. The symposium will examine how to preserve and authenticate online legal information, especially in blogs, a topic of great interest to Bob.

We invite all of the Friends to attend and participate in this symposium. For more information, please contact Jennifer Locke Davitt at 202/662-9145 or e-mail her at:

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## GEORGETOWN LAW TO HOST JOINT STUDY INSTITUTE

In June 2008, Georgetown Law will play host to seventy law librarians from around the world, attending the Joint Study Institute sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The Institute offers members of AALL, the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries (BIALL), the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL), the Australian Law Librarians' Association (ALLA) and the New Zealand Law Library Association (NZLLA) the opportunity to meet with colleagues to discuss legal research techniques and to explore their respective legal systems. This year's theme, *Harmonization and Confrontation: Integrating Foreign and International Law into the American Legal System*, will cover such topics as the



historical role of international law in U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence, the use of international rules in the U.S. legal system, how to research foreign and international law, and federalism.

Started in 1995, the Joint Study Institute is sponsored biannually by a member association. Past Institutes have been held at the University of Cambridge, Yale, The University of Sydney and Oxford. Georgetown is proud to bring together law professors and law librarians from around the world to discuss their common legal heritage

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/jsi>.

## CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE NATIONAL EQUAL JUSTICE LIBRARY

The Georgetown Law Library is pleased to participate in a living collection of public interest law designed to inspire scholarly discussion of the preservation of its history and also to launch new public interest initiatives. On March 25, the National Equal Justice Library (NEJL) held a symposium and celebratory event to commemorate the opening of its collection. The symposium, held in the Bernard S. and Sarah M. Gewirtz Student Center at Georgetown Law was entitled *Gideon & Katrina: Legal Aid and Defenders Programs at a Crossroads*. Panelists included legal aid lawyers and scholars. Attendees were legal services leaders and scholars, some of whom have dedicated over thirty years to ensuring equal justice for all.

The symposium's overall theme focused on the history and current state of legal aid in the context of *Gideon v. Wainwright* and its influence on both the civil and criminal realms; the civil legal aid response to Hurricane Katrina; and lessons for the future of civil legal aid advocacy. *Gideon* is the 1963 landmark case in which the Supreme Court ruled that state courts are required under the Sixth Amendment to provide counsel in criminal cases for defendants who cannot afford their own representation.

The first panel included Helaine Barnett, President of the Legal Services Corporation, and Norman Lefstein, Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law, who discussed the funding of programs, the overwhelming caseloads of public defenders, and the education and support of future legal aid lawyers; Ab Currie of the Department of Justice of Canada provided insights into the Canadian legal aid system and what the U.S. lawyers can learn from the Canadian system.

The second panel discussed the need to expand counsel in civil and criminal cases, in the context of *Gideon*. Moderated by Jo-Ann Wallace, President and CEO of National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the panel included Cait Clarke, Director of Public Interest Law Opportunities at Equal Justice Works; Nancy Forster, a public defender from the state of Maryland; Esther Lardent, President of the Pro Bono Institute at Georgetown Law; Jonathan Smith, Director of the Legal Aid Society for the District of Columbia; and Darryl Hunt of the Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice.

The final panel addressed the lessons learned from the

aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Martha Bergmark, Director of the Mississippi Center for Justice, Chris Flood, Deputy Chief of Trials of the Orleans Public Defenders, and Janelle Smith of the Student Hurricane Network discussed the legal community's response to the critical needs of flood victims, and the inspirational rally of law students from all over to help those in need in the flood-devastated areas.

Georgetown Law Professor Peter Edelman closed the symposium with a rousing speech.

The symposium was followed by an event at which librarians Peggy Fry and Kumar Jayasuriya with Georgetown Law Dean T. Alexander Aleinikoff spoke about the importance of the collection, and remembered former Law Library Director Robert L.

Oakley, who was instrumental in bringing NEJL to Georgetown. Retired Justice Earl Johnson, Jr. of the California Court of Appeal recounted NEJL's history and its path to Georgetown, and paid tribute to his longtime friend Gary Bellow.

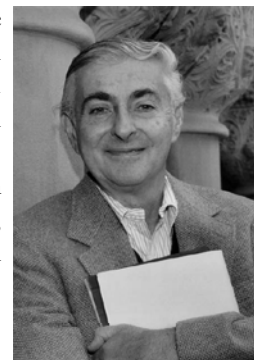
The centerpiece of the celebration was the presentation of the Gary Bellow Papers to the NEJL by his widow, Professor Jeanne Charn of the Harvard Law School. Professor Bellow, who died in April 2000, devoted his teaching and public interest career to creating programs that provide access to justice to the poor. In 1972, he was appointed to the faculty of Harvard Law School and founded the school's groundbreaking clinical programs. Harvard continues to carry on Professor Bellow's vision of equal access to justice for all people at the Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School.

The symposium closed with the presentation of the Edgar and Jean Cahn Award for Distinguished Scholarship on the Subject of Equal Access to Justice, to Jon C. Dubin, Professor of Law, Rutgers-Camden School of Law, and Susan D. Carle, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law, American University.

For more information on the NEJL, contact Anne Mar, NEJL Archivist, at 202/662-4043 or [am626@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:am626@law.georgetown.edu).



NEJL Panelists at the Symposium



Gary Bellow

## LAW LIBRARY AND LIBRARY CATALOG WEBSITES UPDATED

*The newly designed Georgetown Law Library website*

The Georgetown Law Library is pleased to announce a completely revised library website as well as a revised and enhanced site for the library catalog. A new law library blog will keep researchers updated. The effort to redesign the Law Library's website involved input from students, staff, faculty and librarians.

The most important contributions came from a group of students, staff and faculty who tested the site before it went live. The participants tested the website by completing a set of common information-seeking tasks.

Based on their observations, the Law Library implemented many changes, including adjustments to the homepage and navigation menu.

A major focus of the website redesign was to make it easier for users to find

information, while providing more options for navigating the site.

Of special interest to the Friends are more than eighty subject-specific research guides covering U.S. law as well as foreign and international topics. The Law Library has guides for all fifty states, all updated in the last six months. Friends can also find interactive legal research tutorials, which now include an interactive demonstration on using the catalog and finding electronic journals.

On the site, there are new ways to search, browse and navigate all of the library's content. Read this newsletter for highlights of our changes, and let us know what you think.

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/forms/suggestion.cfm>

## WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the updated law library and catalog sites.

- 1: **Navigation Menu:** Access dozens of website pages from anywhere on the site.
- 2: **New Search Engine:** Search the Georgetown Law and Law Library websites at the same time, and refine results with a single mouse click.
- 3: **Contact Information:** Phone numbers and library hours on the homepage.
- 4: **Search GULLiver:** Direct catalog search from the library's homepage.
- 5: **Accessible Design:** Site uses advanced design formatting to make text easier to read and resize.
- 6: **Due Process Blog:** Legal research and library news for the Georgetown Law community.
- 7: **Book Cover Display:** Select titles in the catalog now include book cover artwork.
- 8: **E-Book Titles:** 30,000+ electronic books online.
- 9: **More Resources:** Every catalog search can be expanded with another database search.
- 10: **Mobile Catalog:** View our catalog in a format optimized for mobile phones.

## GULC FAST FACTS

The earliest recorded Georgetown Law alumnus to have clerked for a Supreme Court Justice was Harvey D. Jacob, L'1913, who in 1909 clerked for Supreme Court Justice Horace H. Lurton, while attending the Georgetown Law School. From: Artemus Ward & David L. Weiden, *Sorcerers' Apprentices: 100 Years of Law Clerks at the United States Supreme Court* (New York: New York University Press 2006)

## NEED A RESEARCH REFRESHER? TRY OUR TUTORIALS



Administrative Law Tutorial

Whether writing a seminar paper or a future law journal article, or starting a new job, using the library's interactive research tutorials could help in brushing up on rusty research skills.

The library's professional staff wrote the tutorials, which cover advanced topics such as regulations, legislative history, and treaty research. In addition, the tutorials cover more basic subjects like statutes and case law.

Each tutorial typically includes interactive research demonstrations, sample pages, and review questions to illustrate and reinforce various research methods. Most tutorials also include interactive simulations of web sites and databases. Effectively, each tutorial is a hands-on course on legal research. The tutorials can be accessed at: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials/index.cfm>.

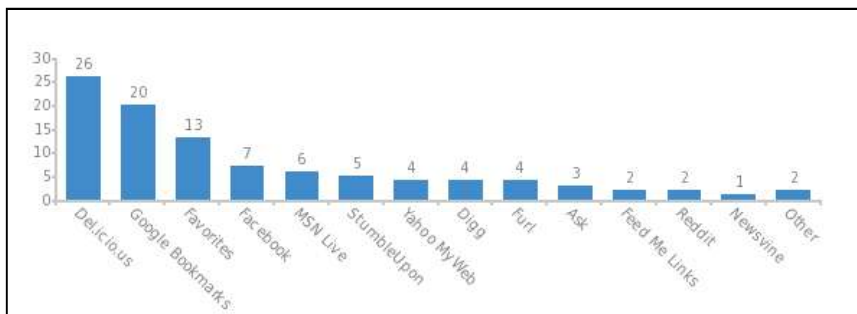
## BOOKMARK WHEN YOU LIKE, WHERE YOU LIKE...



Whether using Facebook, del.icio.us or a typical browser's own bookmarks, almost every page on the library's sites can now be saved and shared. This includes every record in the GULLiver catalog and every blog entry.

On the library's website, a bookmark widget from a company called AddThis.com is now included. Look for the small bookmark icon on pages to try it out.

Initially the library considered providing links to only three or four



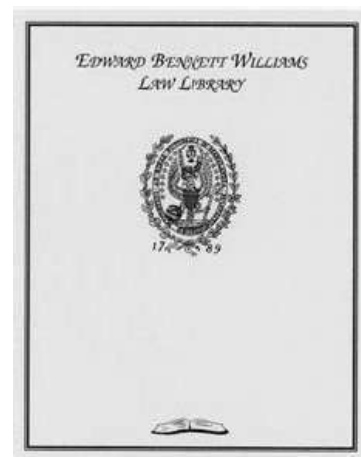
bookmarked sites. As it turns out, people have chosen to save and share content in at least 14 different locations.

The chart here shows the percentage of bookmarks saved to each named service on the Law Library's website during the last three months of 2007.

The library does not know who saved each page, but the AddThis.com service tells us which of the web pages users like enough to save. It will help the library understand how and where people use the library services.

## LIBRARY BOOKPLATES HONOR GRADUATING SENIORS

For the last three years Georgetown Law parents have had the chance to honor their graduating seniors by making a \$100 donation to the Georgetown Law Library. This recognition is memorialized in a commemorative bookplate inserted into one of the library's new books. For more information on how to participate in the bookplate program, please contact Mike Alderfer, Assistant Director, Georgetown Law Annual Fund at 202/662-9869 or e-mail him at [mja63@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:mja63@law.georgetown.edu).

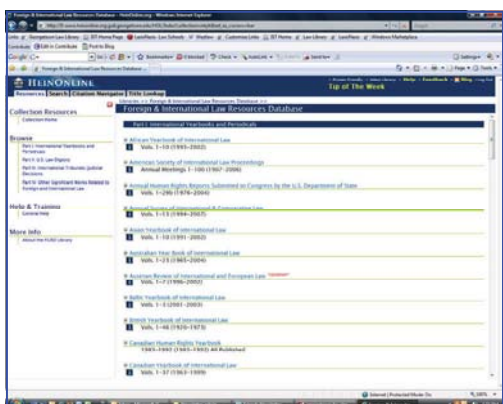


## NEWS FROM THE JOHN WOLFF INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW LIBRARY

Databases in International and Foreign Law are an important component of international practice in the global legal and economic community, and students and faculty have access to resources, primarily in English, that the Law Library is continually expanding and evaluating. Here are a few new and noteworthy electronic resources:

**KluwerLitigation.com** includes the full text of the four main conventions covering commercial litigation: The Brussels Convention, the Evidence Convention, the New York Convention, the Service Convention, as well as all relevant EC Regulations. Materials for foreign jurisdictions cover “designations made for service of process and taking of evidence abroad,” all in English.

The **Uganda Online Law Library** is a Ugandan legal database providing access to the 13 volumes of the *Principal Laws of Uganda* (2000 revised ed.) and *Acts/Statutes* from 2001 to date; it also includes the judicial decisions of the



HeinOnline's Foreign & International Law Resources Database

Ugandan Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and High Court Judgments, and rulings on constitutional interpretations, elections, civil procedure and practice, land, contract,

adoption and children, divorce and domestic relations, as well as criminal law. This information assists our Women's International Human Rights Clinic with legislative reform and constitutional litigation with real impact on the lives of women in Africa.

**HeinOnline** is a service that the Law Library has had for many years, focusing primarily on domestic legal research. The Hein Company has recently added foreign and international materials with the new **Foreign and International Law Resources Database**. It provides electronic access to many of the core materials of international and foreign law in the following sections:

Part 1 - International Yearbooks and Serials

Part 2 - U.S. Law Digests

Part 3 - International Tribunals and Judicial Decisions

Part 4 - Other significant titles relating to foreign and international law, such as:

*International Courts of Arbitration* (Thomas Willing Balch ed., 1912).

Thomas Joseph Lawrence, *International Problems and Hague Conferences* (1908).

These, together with the *English Reports Full Reprint (1220-1865)* round out a collection of materials that supplement the Law Library's extensive print collection and enhance the scholarly and historical materials available to researchers in international and foreign law.

For more information on accessing these databases on campus, please contact the Wolff Library Reference Desk, at 202/662-4195, or by e-mail at:

[intlref@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:intlref@law.georgetown.edu)

## ALA ESTABLISHES OAKLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mrs. Barbara DesRosiers Oakley, with the American Library Association (ALA) and the Library Copyright Alliance have established a scholarship in the name of Robert L. Oakley, the late Law Library Director at Georgetown Law, who died unexpectedly in late September 2007. According to Mrs. Oakley, the **Robert L. Oakley Memorial Scholarship Fund** will “support research and advance study for librarians in early to mid-careers” who want to research in the fields that greatly interested Bob: intellectual property, public policy, copyright and library services to communities.

Bob wrote extensively on copyright law. He was a member of the Section 108 Study Group (<http://www.section108.gov/>), a committee of copyright experts selected by the Library of Congress and charged with updating the Copyright Act for the digital world. He was also keenly interested in information policy and preservation. He was a founding member of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA) (<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/>).

## BOOK SIGNING WITH DAVID COLE'S *LESS SAFE, LESS FREE*

In conjunction with Georgetown Law's annual reunion this past October, the Friends sponsored a book signing featuring Professor David Cole and Dean T. Alexander Aleinikoff. In an interview format, Professor Cole discussed his most recent book (co-authored with Jules Lobel) *Less Safe, Less Free: Why America Is Losing the War on Terror* (New York: New Press 2007) with the Dean and signed copies of the book afterward. The event featured a

provocative discussion which drew alumni and Friends to the John Wolff International & Comparative Law Library.

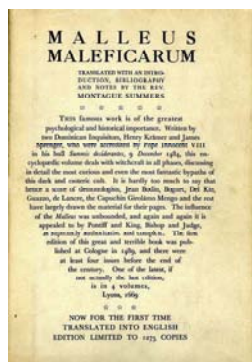
*Less Safe, Less Free* argues that the current administration's national security policy actually makes us more vulnerable to acts of terrorism while also sacrificing civil liberties. The book has been awarded the first Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

## OAKLEY FAMILY DONATES RARE TRANSLATION

During a memorial for the late Law Library Director Robert L. Oakley, held at Georgetown Law on November 6, 2007, his wife Barbara DesRosiers Oakley and two children, Esther and Daniel Oakley, donated to the Law Library a very rare English translation of a major treatise on witchcraft. Montague Summer wrote the first and still only English translation with commentary of *The Malleus Maleficarum: Or, the Witches' Hammer* in 1928. Originally written by two German inquisitors, Heinrich Kramer and Jakob Sprenger in 1486, and published in Germany in 1487, the *Witches' Hammer* was supported by a papal bull issued by Pope Innocent VIII in 1484, declaring the inquisitors' right and duty to prosecute witches all over the German states.

Bob Oakley was keenly interested in how the healthcare providers, the midwives, the healers of old, and those accused of being witches or heretics were treated under the laws of England and the European continent, from the

earliest times to the present. Barbara Oakley says that he conceived of a research project that would look at how these individuals were treated by the law, and what legal precepts impacted their status and treatment in their communities and lives.



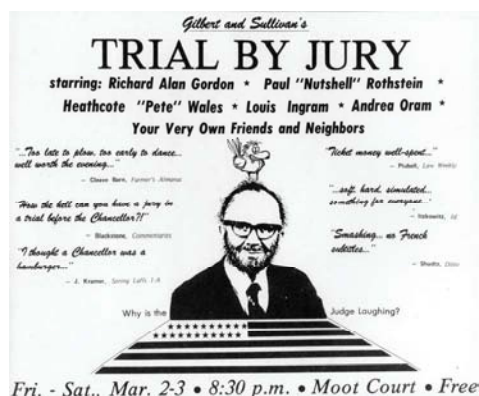
*The Malleus Maleficarum*

The *Malleus Maleficarum* was widely published and popular in ecclesiastical trials throughout Europe and England, generating intense discussion and controversy. It went through many editions and grew larger in volumes with additions of editorial notes and images. It can currently be found on the Internet as well. The copy donated by the Oakley family is numbered 1,121 out of a limited run of 1,275 copies.

Barbara Oakley stated at the memorial that the Oakley family wished to "honor Bob's life and work, his many interests and, above all, his dedication to Georgetown and its Law Library." The Law Library was very pleased to receive such a rare and historical treatise.

## FROM THE PAST: GILBERT & SULLIVAN IN 1973

The article in the *Georgetown Law Weekly* in 1973 read 'Trial by Jury' - *Ham on Wry*, by Howard Itzkowitz, L'74. It was a fitting title to the start of an enormously successful and eclectic group of students, faculty, staff, relatives and alumni who by 1977 called themselves the **Georgetown Gilbert & Sullivan Society** (GG&SS). On March 2nd and 3rd, 1973, these amateur thespians formed the only law school theater group in the nation, and it is still going strong



Georgetown Law Weekly Ad for the first play

today. The first show was *Trial by Jury*, as seen in this ad. The audience packed all available seats and the aisles in the Moot Court Room in the McDonough building.

Throughout its 35 year history, the GG&SS has staged at least two shows a year, featuring a variety of Gilbert & Sullivan plays. It is still student-run, and faculty, staff as well as alumni continue to actively participate.

For more on the GG&SS group and their plans for 2008, see their website at: <http://www.ggsonline.com>

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### Tours

Tours of the Williams and Wolff libraries can be arranged by calling Sara Sampson at 202/662-9144 for Williams library tours, and Marylin Raisch at 202/662-9159 for Wolff library tours, or by inquiring at the Williams or Wolff Reference Desks.

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