

THE EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS LAW LIBRARY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



With the rest of the Law Center, the law library is mourning the passing of **Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J. (L'49, L'50, H'91)** this winter. Father Drinan seemingly knew everyone and really was a friend to all. Everyone has their own personal stories about "Father Bob," how he helped them in a time of need, how he championed the causes he believed in. To some he was a hero, to others he was a friend. To all, he was someone who cared about them, about their families, about the world. Asked how he did it all, he characteristically replied: "abstinence."

Among many other things, Father Drinan was a charter member of the Friends of the Library, making the very first faculty contribution to this organization. In addition, he was one of our alumni weekend speakers at our regular annual book-signing event. Alumni flocked back to see him; he delivered a riveting speech; none were disappointed.

Father Drinan touched many at the Law Center, not the least of which were the library and its staff. For more information and stories about Father Drinan and the legacy he left behind, go to the Law Center's web site at: <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/news/drinan.html> and for a comprehensive bibliography of his writings prepared by the library staff, go to: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/faculty/drinan.cfm>.

Meanwhile, a new initiative is underway in the library this semester. The library is taking a leadership role in dealing with the problem of preserving born-digital legal information. Everyone knows that the Internet is making more information more readily available than ever before. Unfortunately, much of it does not stay there; eventually it disappears. Now a few libraries, including the Georgetown law library, are seeking out born-digital information relevant to their collections, archiving it for



Library Director Robert L. Oakley

Photo courtesy Bill Parsons

preservation, and making it accessible electronically at a permanent location. Eventually, it is expected that many more libraries will be participating in this project. We hope to have at least one law library in every state contributing to the effort.

The library and the Law Center are grateful for the support of the Friends of the Library who enable them to undertake new and innovative programs like these. They benefit our students; they benefit the Law Center; and in some cases, they even benefit the nation. Please accept my thanks for your continuing support of the library.

Robert L. Oakley

WOLFF LIBRARY HOSTS ASIL ROUNDTABLE

On the evening of March 29, the Georgetown Law Center and Fulbright & Jaworski LLP co-sponsored the Members' Reception and Plenary Panel of the annual meeting of the **American Society of International Law (ASIL)**, held in Washington D.C. on March 28-31. The theme was *The Future of International Law*, and includes programs on the international use of force, international humanitarian law, human rights, and international legal theory. The Wolff library hosted a roundtable to discuss the creation of an information issues interest group within ASIL. More information on ASIL and the annual meeting program is available at their website at <http://www.asil.org>.



View of the Clock Tower and Wolff library

WOLFF LIBRARY GUIDES INTERNATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCHERS

As the new service point of the Georgetown law library, the John Wolff International and Comparative Law Library reflects the new information age for lawyers, as does the



Wolff Library Circulation Desk, on the third floor of Hotung

Edward Bennett Williams Law Library, on the other side of McDonough Hall. The Wolff library's collection of resources for international and comparative law consists of texts, contexts, people, and space. It is full of windows and wavelengths, and it all adds up to a more transparent experience for researchers.

Entering the library on the third floor of the Hotung Building, there are people to the left and portals to the right. The circulation desk is staffed by people who are available to answer directional questions and troubleshoot technical challenges at all hours that the library is open. Students can reserve one of four study rooms on the upper level of the Wolff library. The library recently added collaborative work areas with a built-in projector so that students may collectively view a document together. Students can also use the collaborative space for practicing moot court presentations.

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Turning to the computers across from the circulation desk, researchers find quick access to e-mail, the library catalogue, courseware, and other quick web stops. These portal selections provide access to the holdings of both Georgetown law library locations. The catalog shows that titles with call number preceded by INTL are housed at Wolff.

In Wolff, the third floor is the entrance level and covers

international law materials. For example, the entrance floor contains major treaty collections, the classic works of public international law, and treatises on sub-topics of international law such as human rights, international trade, and international environmental law.

The Wolff staircase leads to the collections of the major foreign legal systems that the library maintains: France, Germany, Mexico, China and Japan with accompanying English translation, Great Britain, and former Commonwealth countries such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and some east African jurisdictions. Wolff also houses bound international law journals and materials for the European Union and some other regional organizations.

Back down on the entry level sits the reference desk, staffed by one of three international law librarians. Surrounding the desk are public computers with Internet access. Researchers can find a rich collection in human rights, international health law, international trade, the environment, asylum and refugee law, and studies of international criminal law and the use of force.



Wolff Reference Desk on the third floor of Hotung

Electronic databases are a major part of Wolff's resources and these are listed in the catalog. Reference law librarians can help researchers devise search strategies to use our many databases, such as those on Indian and Chinese law, arbitration, with older books and treaties and electronic journals from major publishers. Members of the Friends program have on-site access to all of these databases.

The Wolff law librarians have written in-depth research guides and posted them on the library's web site; they guide the researchers through topics such as treaty law, international trade law, and foreign law whether on the web, in one our databases, or in traditional books and microfilm.

Big windows, space for laptops with wireless access, and comfortable seating in interactive areas make the Wolff library inviting and conducive to research and study.

Professors Wolff and Drinan were loyal benefactors and frequent patrons of the library's strong collections, its spaces and its staff. The Wolff library is providing the text, context, people and space so that everyone in the Georgetown community can have an equally fulfilling experience working with foreign and international law. We

are creating new ways to make it easier to cross the divide into a new global era. To explore all that Wolff library has to offer, go to http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/about/about_wolff.cfm, contact the law librarians at the international reference desk at 202/662-4195, or e-mail your questions to inlref@law.georgetown.edu.

For information on all of the Georgetown law library's collections, go to <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu>.

RESEARCH GUIDES IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Wolff law librarians have recently significantly revised the library's international research guides. Here are two new guides that should be of interest to Friends:

Human Rights Guide <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/guides/HumanRightsLaw.cfm>

Includes texts of treaties, country reports, portals, and other useful sources. Related research guides include refugee protection and asylum case research.

Animal Law Guide <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/guides/InternationalAnimalLaw.cfm>

In support of a generous Law Center donation from Bob Barker, law librarian **Amy Burchfield** has written a worldwide animal law guide focused on animal welfare issues. The European Union has implemented several directives on general animal welfare and many more that pertain to specific farm animals. These directives can be found at http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/references_en.htm

We have also created new guides on diverse international and comparative law topics, from Asian legal sources to international sports law. All the research guides are available at <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/research/index/cfm>.

NATIONAL EQUAL JUSTICE LIBRARY UP AND RUNNING

The National Equal Justice Library (NEJL) has opened its doors and is actively taking research requests and visits. The Consortium for the National Equal Justice Library, Inc. (CNEJL) was founded in 1989 out of a concern to preserve the historic papers and records of public defenders, public interest lawyers and law firms. Recently relocated to the Georgetown law library, NEJL is now open, and includes almost 500 linear feet of archival manuscripts, records, and oral histories, and 63 linear feet of books and serials.

Researchers visiting or contacting the NEJL since October 2006 include law professors researching the history of legal aid societies of various cities and regions; a PhD student researching the history of the Legal Services Program; and Georgetown law students locating books that are not available elsewhere.

The oral history collection has also proven quite popular. It includes interviews with Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), for her work with the Legal Services Corporation and the

Children's Defense Fund; Howard Westwood, who helped found the Legal Aid Society and the National Legal Aid Association; and Edgar Cahn, founder of Antioch Law School and of the Legal Services of the Office of Equal Employment (OEO). We are currently working on transcribing the interviews and hope to make them a feature on the planned NEJL website.

As I work my way through the collections, I see the devotion and energy legal aid lawyers have for public interest. Reading through their professional and personal

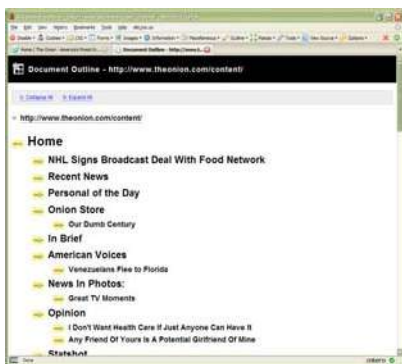
correspondence, I get a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect among them that I think is characteristic of people who are fighting together in the trenches. Their passion drives home the point that preserving this history is important in promoting equal justice. Current and future generations of legal professionals can learn much from the groundwork laid by their predecessors.

Annie Mar, NEJL Archivist

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THE NEXT LEVEL WITH YOUR WEB BROWSER: FIREFOX EXTENSIONS

In today's world, it is really astounding how many activities you can perform online using a single piece of software: a web browser. From within this single program, you can read the newspaper, watch CSPAN, check on your trademark application, or order flowers for Mother's Day. If you use Mozilla's Firefox browser to perform activities like these, take a look at their add-on extensions to move to the next level with your web browser.



An outline view of The Onion.com's homepage with the Web Developer Toolbar, showing the structure of the underlying HTML code

Across the globe, thousands of programmers have worked to extend the Firefox web browser by creating add-on applications, and most are free to install. These extensions allow you to customize the way you search, develop, navigate, store and use web sites. To find out what's available, go to <https://addons.mozilla.org/extensions/>. Here are some of the most useful extensions to help you move to the next level with the Firefox web browser.

PDF Download <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/636/>

The PDF Download extension gives you options every time you access an Adobe Acrobat PDF document. You can view the file inside the browser (as PDF or HTML), view it outside of the Firefox browser with your default or custom PDF reader, or elect to first download the document.

Sage (RSS and Atom Feed Aggregator) <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/77/>

The Sage extension allows you to organize and display RSS and Atom feeds. These feeds are information delivery mechanisms used by websites such as blogs and newspapers to deliver updates automatically. With the Sage extension, you can monitor feed updates in a pane within the browser directly.

Copy Plain Text <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/134/>

This extension allows you to copy the text from a website to exclude any extra formatting. If you have ever copied text from a website into Microsoft Word and been frustrated by

the added formatting, this extension fixes the problem. If you want a little more explicit flexibility when copying text from a web page, use the "Extended Copy Menu" extension <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/4554/>. It adds "Copy as HTML" as well as "Copy Plain Text" in a context menu.

Web Developer Toolbar <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/60/>

If you do any web development, the Web Developer Toolbar is invaluable. You can disable cookies, turn off images, remove JavaScript or prevent websites from redirecting addresses. You can analyze a page's table layout, the Cascading Style Sheets that dictate fonts and design elements, and you can validate the code against several web development standards.

Firebug <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/1843/>

Firebug works to let you debug, analyze and edit the files as delivered to your web browser. With this, you can make changes to any code delivered to the web browser to test to see how to fix it or just make it look different. If somebody chose Arial for your website but you think it would look better in Verdana or Tahoma, edit the style sheet and print out a page to send to your web development folks.

Flashblock <https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/433/>

Do you know those eye-catching animated ads you find on the New York Times, Yahoo! and elsewhere? With the *Flashblock* extension, you can disable all elements created with Flash, replacing each with a small icon. To view items selectively, simply click the icon to "play" it. Once you install *Flashblock*, it is amazing how uncluttered and calming some websites can be.

With sites that use Flash to actually provide content, such as interactive maps, news and slideshows, Flashblock lets you add them to an "authorized" list so they always appear.

If an advertisement is still animated after disabling Flash, try to hit the escape <ESC> key. This stops all animated GIFs on a website, and it works in Internet Explorer, Firefox and probably all browser software.



View of an article from the Washington Post website, with inline advertisements replaced by Adobe Flash icons using the Flashblock extension

FATHER ROBERT F. DRINAN, S.J.: BELOVED FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J. (L'49, L'50, H'91) was a special friend to the library. He was a daily user of all the materials and services offered in both the Williams and Wolff libraries. Starting in his student years at the 506 E Street building in the late 1940s, he spent almost an entire lifetime in and out of the stacks of the library, first while working on his JD (called an LL.B. back then), then writing his Master's thesis in 1950. After a long career as Dean of Boston College Law School and as the Congressman from Massachusetts, he returned to Georgetown to teach in 1981.



Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J.

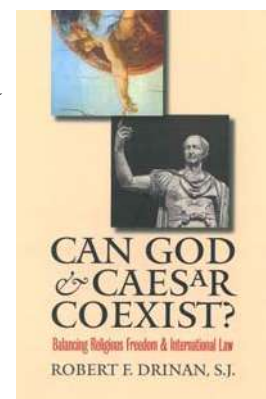
Every librarian and staff member knew him and worked with him on an endless variety of projects, seeking information which he used in class, in his writing, and in his speeches. His interests were vast, but he always put everything in the context of the law, human rights, religious freedom, children's rights, social justice, and his faith in God.

His first journal article, written for the *Georgetown Law Journal* in 1950, was a condensed version of his Master's thesis. After he was ordained in 1953, he began a long writing association with various newspapers and magazines, such as the *National Catholic Reporter*, *Catholic World*, *America*, *Commonweal*, and *Catholic Lawyer*. His first book was an editorial project with Dallin H. Oaks, *The Wall Between Church and State* (Chicago University Press 1963), and his last

book was still about the relationship of law and religion: *Can God & Caesar Coexist? Balancing Religious Freedom & International Law* (Yale University Press 2004).

In all of his scholarly endeavors, Father Drinan was a constant researcher in the library. A comprehensive list of Father Drinan's scholarship is available at the Georgetown Law Center's Memorial to Father Drinan at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/news/drinan.html>.

Father Drinan was the first law professor to become a charter member of the Friends of the Law Library program. He was our 2nd speaker at the Alumni Reunion Friends book-signing event, in October 2002, discussing *The Mobilization of Shame: A World View of Human Rights* (Yale University Press 2001), and drew a crowd of former students, colleagues and Friends.



Yale University Press 2004

A MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR FATHER DRINAN IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12 AT 4 P.M. IN THE HOTUNG BUILDING. ALL FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE LIBRARY IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO THIS SPECIAL FRIEND

LITERARY ALUMNI

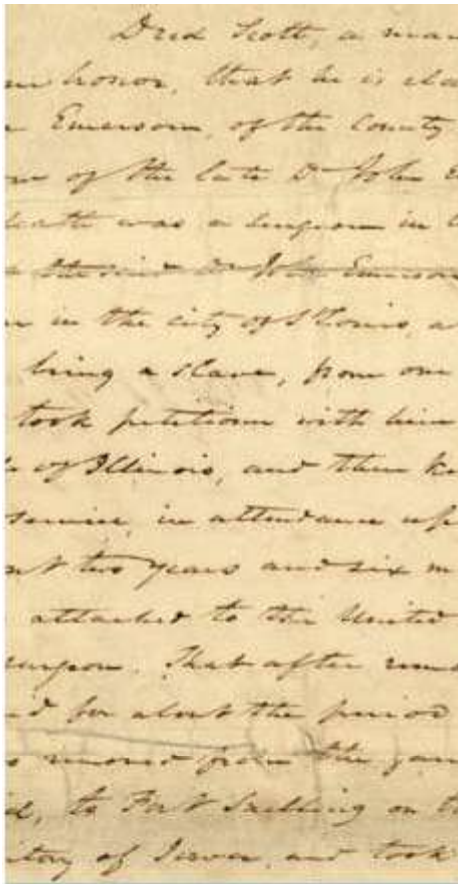
Terry McAuliffe's new book, *What a Party: My Life Among Democrats, Presidents, Candidates, Donors, Activists, Alligators, and Other Wild Animals* (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press 2007) was called "the funniest political book ever." Written with Steve Kettmann and published just this past January, it has made it to number five on the *New York Times* and to number one on the *Washington Post* bestsellers' lists for non-fiction. The former Democratic National Committee Chair and "super-fundraiser," **Terry McAuliffe L'84** has been on Comedy Central's *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart and on the NBC *Today Show* in late January, discussing his new book. Calling it a memoir, McAuliffe is criticized by *Publisher's Weekly* as being "rabidly aggressive toward Republicans," yet says he "didn't mind humiliating" himself in the pursuit of more political funds, "wrestling alligators," and "singing karaoke for checks." For more information and views on his new book, check out his website at <http://www.whataparty.us/index.htm>.



Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, 2007

DRED SCOTT V. SANDFORD: 150 YEARS AGO

In March 2007, the decision of *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, 60 U.S. 393 (1857), is 150 years old. In that decision, the U.S. Supreme Court held that Africans whose ancestors were imported to the United States and sold as slaves could not become citizens and therefore could not sue in federal court. The Court also declared the Missouri Compromise unconstitutional, ruling that the federal government did not



Dred Scott's Petition for Freedom (1748), from the Dred Scott Case Collection at the Washington University at St. Louis University Libraries.

have the power to prohibit slavery in its territories.

The decision was eventually overturned by the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery in 1865, and by the 14th Amendment in 1868, declaring all persons born in the United States to be citizens. The case has had a resounding impact on American life and history.

The 150th anniversary of the decision is being noted with a flurry of

re-evaluation, re-analysis and re-enactment. The list of sources included here is a mixed selection of recently published documents, books, articles, events and web sites that are available in our library's print and online collections, or freely online.

Books:

Austin Allen, *ORIGINS OF THE DRED SCOTT CASE: JACKSONIAN JURISPRUDENCE AND THE SUPREME COURT, 1837-1857* (2006). Williams KF4545.S5 A45 2006

James A. Colaiaco, *The Dred Scott Decision and the American Dilemma*, in *FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND THE FOURTH OF*

JULY 139 (1st ed. 2006). Williams E449.D75 C63 2006

Alan M. Dershowitz, *The Dred Scott Case, in AMERICA ON TRIAL: INSIDE THE LEGAL BATTLES THAT TRANSFORMED OUR NATION* 117 (2004). Williams KF220 .D368 2004

Mark A. Graber, *DRED SCOTT AND THE PROBLEM OF CONSTITUTIONAL EVIL* (2006). Williams KF4545 .S5 G73 2006

James F. Simon, *Dred Scott, in LINCOLN AND CHIEF JUSTICE TANEY: SLAVERY, SECESSION, AND THE PRESIDENT'S WAR POWER* 98 (2006). Williams KF4545 .S5 S55 2006

Articles:

Austin Allen, *The Political Economy of Blackness: Citizenship, Corporations, and Race in Dred Scott*, 50 *CIV. WAR HIST.* 229 (2004).

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Mark W. Janis, *Dred Scott and International Law*, 43 *COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L.* 763 (2005).

David Thomas Konig, *The Long Road to Dred Scott: Personhood and the Rule of Law in the Trial Court Records of St. Louis Slave Freedom Suits*, 75 *UMKC L. REV.* 53 (2006).

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Sol Wachtler, *Dred Scott: A Nightmare For the Originalists*, 22 *TOURO L. REV.* 575 (2006).

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Library of Congress, *Dred Scott v. Sandford, Primary Documents in American History* <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/ourdocs/DredScott.html>



Dred Scott, Century Magazine 1887

Missouri Secretary of State, *Dred Scott*: 150th Anniversary Commemoration <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/localrecs/conservation/dredscott/intro.asp>

- Conservation of the Dred Scott Papers <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/localrecs/conservation/dredscott/intro.asp>
- Missouri's *Dred Scott* Case, 1846-1857 <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/africanamerican/scott/scott.asp>

National Park Service, *Dred Scott* Sesquicentennial <http://www.dredscottanniversary.org/>

Public Broadcasting Service, *Dred Scott's* Fight for Freedom

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4p2932.html>

Dred Scott Case: The Supreme Court Decision

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aia/part4/4h2933.html>

Washington University in St. Louis, University Libraries, *Dred Scott* Case Collection <http://library.wustl.edu/vlib/dredscott/> [Original legal documents]

THE CASE HAS HAD A
RESOUNDING IMPACT ON
AMERICAN LIFE AND
HISTORY

KUMAR JAYASURIYA: LIBRARIAN AND AUTHOR

The use of affirmative action in America's education system is an open question that society and the U.S. judicial system are still addressing. To preserve the history of this legal debate, **Kumar Percy Jayasuriya** is publishing a documentary history of affirmative action litigation. The most recent volumes will complete a history of the 5th Circuit litigation regarding the University of Texas School of Law. *Hopwood v. Texas Litigation Documents* (William S.

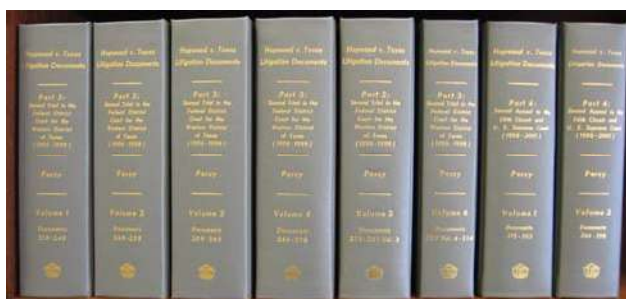
Hein 2002-2006) is a multi-volume publication series that contains every significant document of that 10-year litigation heard in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, the Fifth Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States. Jayasuriya explains that "*Hopwood* was one of the most litigated cases in affirmative action in higher education. This compilation is intended as a learning tool as well as a historical record. Most importantly, the documents illustrate the strategies and various writing styles of many trial motions, discovery tools, and appellate briefs."

The series is compiled by Jayasuriya, who joined the law library last August as the Associate Law Librarian for Patron Services. Before coming to Georgetown, he was the Head of Faculty and Research Services at the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas, where he collaborated with several other Texas librarians in amassing the documents for this series.

Why was this massive series undertaken? According to Jayasuriya, it is part of an "ongoing project to record major cases regarding affirmative action." While in Texas,

Jayasuriya found himself in the unique position of working in a school litigating a major affirmative action case. Jayasuriya notes that "ironically, the same school also played a significant role in the earlier legal question of racial discrimination in higher education. In 1950, the Supreme Court heard the case of *Sweatt v. Painter*, and took its first step towards ending segregation by requiring the University of Texas School of Law to admit Heman Marion Sweatt as its

first African American law student." "*Hopwood* was the first trial ever on affirmative action in higher education in a southern state with a history of deliberate segregation," wrote Prof. Douglas Laycock in the Introduction to the first volume of the *Hopwood* publication.



Hopwood v. Texas Litigation Documents (William S. Hein, 2001-2006)

Since arriving at Georgetown,

Jayasuriya is continuing his work to chronicle affirmative action litigation. This year, he completed a documentary history of the two most recent Supreme Court cases regarding affirmative action in higher education, *Gratz v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 244 (2003), and *Grutter v. Bollinger*, 539 U.S. 306 (2003). Those volumes, with an introduction by Professor Gerald Torres of the University of Texas Law School, will be available later this year.

The debate over affirmative action is far from over. "Together, the cases still do not consider all of the issues raised during the *Hopwood* litigation," says Jayasuriya. This term, the Supreme Court is deciding cases regarding the legality of affirmative action policies in K-12 education (*Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1* and *Meredith v. Jefferson City Board of Education*).

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AN INVITATION

Our library is an active institution, even more so now that we occupy space in two buildings. Every day, we work with students, faculty, public patrons, alumni and Friends. If you are not currently using our services, we invite you to visit, call or e-mail us, or consult our Web site when you need information or assistance with legal research. Our catalog, research tips and guides, tutorials, federal and state government information, and other reference sources are easily accessible online.

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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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