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Welcome Class of 2016!

Welcome to the Boston College Law Library!

The start of the semester is exhilarating and sometimes nerve-wracking. The Law Library is here to help you navigate the journey. It is a bright beginning and we all seem to have a reinvigorated spring in our step. The year glistens with possibility and promise.

This newsletter is one way in which the Law Library provides you information about services and collections. We hope you will discover that the library is a friendly and comfortable place to study, research the law, work with classmates in group study spaces, and sit quietly and read. We are here to help you find and use materials here in the library and in electronic formats through the library's website and other electronic access points. If you have questions about retrieving or using printed or digital resources, or about library policies, please ask for help at the information desk.

In an effort to continue to make the Law Library a comfortable space for students to study and learn we have added a few new items for students such as a new mobile phone charging station, lawn chairs, chair cushions, and book stands.

The Law Library strives to be at the technological forefront – we want to communicate in ways that make sense to lawyers of the 21st century. Please read this newsletter to learn more about the many resources available to you as a law student which include: BLAW transactional resources; docket research sources; newspaper research sources and, of course, our collection of LibGuides.

We welcome your suggestions and look forward to meeting and working with each of you over the next three years. On behalf of the library and technology resources staff I welcome you and hope that we get to know each other over the next three years.

Peace,

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Text a Librarian!

BC Law Library offers reference assistance by text message. Text your simple, quick questions to 617-70-BCLAW to get legal reference help on the go. The legal information librarians will respond during ordinary reference hours. If your question is received after the reference desk is closed, a response will be sent the following day when reference services are available. For more in-depth questions, please stop by, email or call the reference desk.

Chat with a Librarian

Get reference help when and where you need it. Click on the "Chat with a librarian" button on the Law Library homepage or the green "Ask Us" tab on any of the LibGuide pages to chat with the reference librarian on duty. When chat is offline you will be able to send an email message which the reference librarians will respond to usually the next day.

BC Law Library Mobile Site

BC Law Library has a mobile website to allow smartphone users easy access to library hours, contact information, online catalog searching, research guides, library news and events, and the live BC Shuttle tracking. Point your mobile browser to http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/library/m to access all of this information on the go.

New Exhibit in the Daniel R. Coquillette Rare Book Room - Francis Bacon: Of Law, Science, & Philosophy

This exhibit celebrates and shares a spectacular gift of books by and about English lawyer, scientist, and philosopher Francis Bacon from our own Daniel R. Coquillette, J. Donald Monan Professor of Law.

The exhibit aims to illustrate the depth and breadth of Francis Bacon's intellect, as the works displayed cover topics as diverse as a mortality, treason, terrorism, and gardens. Bacon once stated in a letter to his uncle, "I have taken all knowledge to be my province." (Works, 8.109) This indeed was the case.

Please come in to view a sampling of the beautiful books that represent a mere part of Professor Coquillette's gift to our law school. In addition to being a great friend and benefactor to our Rare Book Room, Professor Coquillette teaches and writes in the areas of legal history and professional responsibility. He has written extensively on the subject of this exhibit, including Francis Bacon (Stanford/Edinburgh, 1992) and "Past the Pillars of Hercules: Francis Bacon and the Science of Rulemaking," University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform 46.2 (2012): 549-592.

You are invited to view the exhibit anytime the room is open - generally weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The exhibit will remain on view through the Fall 2013 semester.

CALI - Here's a way to help master law school course content

Do you want to get up to speed in your classes? Confused about a particular concept and would like more detailed explanation? If your answer to these questions is "Yes!" then CALI is a perfect solution for you. CALI is the acronym for the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. Most U.S. law schools, including BCLS, belong to this organization which

Listening to Your Casebooks?

BC Law students have access to Courtroom View Network, a database containing mp3 files for cases in popular law school casebooks. To use Courtroom View Network, point your browser to the Law Library's database list and select Courtroom View. You'll need
promotes self-paced learning of legal topics through computerized instruction. You can take a CALI lesson in hundreds of legal topics. Register for free CALI access by pointing your browser to www.cali.org. When prompted, enter the BC Law code: BOSCOLstu16. Need help? E-mail your question to lawref@bc.edu.

Study Rooms Reservation System, Lawn Chairs, and Movies - What's Next?

BC Law Library offers students the opportunity to reserve the 10 group study rooms in the Law Library. Use the online group study room reservation system to select and book a room. Prefer to take advantage of the nice weather to study outside? You can borrow a lawn chair from the Information Desk using your BC Eagle card. Maybe you’re ready to take a short study break? You can borrow movies on DVD; browse the titles in the Reference Area near the Information Desk. We focus on law-related dramas, comedies and historical features. There is also a Popular Reading Collection shelved in the same area if you want to read a mystery or a law-themed novel. Don’t forget the student lounge on the Library’s 4th floor as a study break area. There are jigsaw puzzles, magazines and other stress-busters there. Soon we’ll have book stands for you to check out and use in the Law Library to hold those heavy casebooks while you read and take notes. Look for a notice at the Information Desk to see when the book stands arrive and can be checked out!

Congratulations to our Scavenger Hunt Winners

Please join the Boston College Law Library Staff in congratulating your fellow 1L classmates: Kelsey Feehan, Andrew Bartholomew, Victoria Goetz, Mary Brogan, Jesse Hornberger, and Elena Stojic, the winners of this year’s Boston College Law Library Orientation Scavenger Hunt!

All winners received Starbucks gift cards. A few of the lucky winners are pictured here. We hope you all enjoyed the scavenger hunt experience which we planned to offer you an opportunity to explore the Library, work together with classmates and meet the Law Library staff.

Beyond Books and Databases - The Library's Newest Offerings

Has the library become your home away from home? Then you’re in luck. The library now lends many items to make your time here more comfortable. Just come to the Information Desk to check out bookstands, laptop power cords, chair cushions, and headphones. We even have lawn chairs for the days when you want to take your studying outside. And thanks to our friends at Westlaw, we now have a charging station for smartphones and other mobile devices. Look for it in the Library next to the Computing Help Center.

The library’s KIC Bookeye scanner allows you to take high-resolution scans of books and save them to a USB or email them to yourself. The scanner is located next to the Library’s Information Desk. Do you have suggestions for other items you’d like to be able to borrow here at the Law Library? Please let
us know by dropping a note to lawref@bc.edu.

For your sweet tooth!

New Englanders love ice cream. After extensive research, two members of the library staff compiled a 'Best of' guide to their favorite local ice cream spots. Here are 3 of their top choices:

White Mountain Creamery
19 Commonwealth Ave.
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
www.whitemtncreamery.com
617-527-8790

White Mountain (located across from the BC main campus), has a solid and much deserved reputation.

Emack & Bolio's
1663 Beacon St.
Brookline, MA 02445
www.emackandbolios.com
617-731-6256

A great choice on a warm day when you can eat outside and people-watch in Washington Square!

JP Lick's
46 Langley Road
Newton Center, MA 02459
www.jplicks.com
617-964-9200

A great neighborhood ice cream shop. Prices are fairly reasonable and the ice cream is very good.