

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

FROM THE APPELLATE DIVISION LAW LIBRARY

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Message from the Director

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Appellate Division Law Library's newsletter! It is fitting that we launch this means of communication as we settle into our new 21st Century facility. For those of you who have already toured and used the new library on East Avenue, you know why we are excited about our new digs. Besides being beautiful, the new library is spacious, comfortable and functional. For those who haven't as yet made it in, we can only say — "Come on down!"

The East Avenue facility is not only bigger and more beautiful than our former location in the Hall of Justice, but also more user-friendly. We now have eight public terminals to access our CD-ROM and other electronic offerings, as well as plenty of electrical outlets for our users who bring laptops. Most exciting, we have a computer training lab in our new location. Our first course is announced in this newsletter. In the months and years ahead, we will be providing a variety of computer related training seminars. These will be on such topics as searching our various CD-ROM titles, our eventual computerized public access catalog, and legal resources on the Internet. Be sure to stay tuned to future issues of this newsletter, notices in the *Daily Record*, etc. for the schedules of future training seminars.

The most exciting news we have to announce is something that has long been requested, but which until now we were unable to provide. Starting right after Labor Day, the library will be open for evening hours.

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We will begin by staying open until 8:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday evenings (except during holidays or the summer months). If demand warrants it, we will look into adding to these extra hours at some future date.

We look forward to seeing you, and serving you, at our regular and expanded hours in the years ahead. Remember our motto will always be "WELCOME!"

Dave Voisinet
Library Director



INTERNET CLASSES AVAILABLE

New York Legal Resources on the Internet*
August 16th, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Federal Legal Resources on the Internet*
August 17th, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of the Internet

Location of both classes:
Appellate Division Law Library
50 East Ave. (Corner of East & Chestnut)

Classes are limited to 15 participants
Pre-registration required by August 10th.
Call Judy at 530-3267 to pre-register.

Library Web Site Has Moved

Please note: <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4/> is the new address of the Appellate Division Library's Web site. The link [NY Appellate Court Slip Opinions](#) provides access to the New York Law Journal's unofficial version of the full text of current Fourth Department decisions.



Selected New Books

K213 T5641 1999

Legal Language - Peter Meijes Tiersma. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, c1999.

KF313 D38y 1998

The Year 2000 problem and the legal profession - Anthony E. Davis and Robert H. Spencer. Chicago: ABA Law Practice Management Section, c1998.

KF379 C198j 1998

Jurismania: the madness of American Law - Paul F. Campos. New York : Oxford University Press, c1998.

KF1355 .Z9 P936c 1997

Choice of Business Entity Answer Book - Stanley Pressman. New York: Aspen Publishers, c1997.

KF3455 .Z9 F483e 1998

Employment Law Answer Book, 4th ed. - Mark R. Fillipp. New York : Panel Publishers, c1998.

KF3615.Z9 H66w 1999

Workers' Compensation and Employee Protection Laws, 3rd ed. - Jack B. Hood. St. Paul, MN : West Group c1999.

KF3821 C678c 1998

Complementary and Alternative Medicine: legal boundaries and regulatory perspectives - Michael H. Cohen. Baltimore, MD : Johns Hopkins University Press, c1998.

KF6572 U53 1999

Understanding Estate, Gift and Generation-Skipping Transfer Taxes - New York : Practising Law Institute, c1999.

KF8924 L719 1998

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury: greatest closing arguments in modern law - Michael S. Lief, New York: Scribner, c1998.

KFN6172 .A33 T882n 1998

New York's "Jenna's Law" - Spiros Tsimbinos. New York, NY : Matthew Bender, c1998.

Cataloging News

You may have noticed a difference in our call numbers. Since May 1998, the library has been classifying materials using the Library of Congress (LC) classification scheme. Previously, the collection was classified according to the dated Harvard Law Library system. For example, the current numeric classification for "products liability" is 65. It will be replaced by the alpha-numeric classification KF1296.

To date, over 300 titles have been reclassified and they are shelved in designated areas. The pace of the project will accelerate markedly as part of the process of moving from a manual system (card catalog) to an automated system (online catalog) later this year.

As always, the library staff is available to assist you. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments. We apologize for any inconvenience these changes may cause.

Joan Hoolihan
Cataloging Librarian

Suggest New Books

If you would like to recommend books, journals, or electronic resources for purchase by the library, please feel free to give us your suggestions. Pick up our new "Request for Purchase" form and submit it at the reference desk. If your suggested title is purchased, we will be glad to notify you when it has been added to the library's collection. If you have any questions, please call the Reference Desk at 530-3251.

EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

Mondays	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursdays	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the first issue of the Law Library newsletter! We hope to provide information to you that is both useful and timely. You can look forward to two issues a year.

If you have comments or suggestions for future articles, please feel free to contact the Editor:

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Technology Update

Now that we have settled into our new home here on East Avenue, it's time to update everyone on the status of the electronic resources available at the library. We have implemented many changes and upgrades, and plan on many more in the interest of better serving our users.

Where we are now:

We currently have eight (8) public access computers at the library. These may be used to access the numerous CD-ROM legal databases we provide. All of these computers are running Windows 95 or 98. We have also added a few new CD-ROM titles to our collection, notably the *Federal Reporter* and *McKinney's Forms*. In addition, we have upgraded the printers attached to the public computers, including three laser quality printers for public use. All of the computers are networked using high-speed ethernet technology and respond very quickly to user commands.

In addition to increasing public access points, we have connected the court staff throughout the building directly to our CD-ROM server so that they may access these products from their desktops. We will continue to expand our use of computer-based legal research tools to enhance library services to the court and to all users of the law library.

Lastly, we have installed a 3M book security system in order to better track and control individual pieces of our collection.

Where we are going:

Beginning in the Fall of 1999, we will provide Internet access points for the users of our library. Although we cannot pay for unlimited online access, we hope to be able to provide Lexis and Westlaw access to library users who have their own accounts for those services. We are also working on a way to provide access to 4th Department Slip Decisions over the network and through our Web site.

The library (in conjunction with other Unified Court System libraries) is also starting to automate all of the library functions. With the installation of the *Horizon* library system later this year, the entire library card catalog will be available online and accessible over the Internet. Library users will be able to determine if the library owns a particular title, and whether it is available to be checked out before coming to the library. Circulation functions (checking out books) will also be automated, as well as much of the behind the scenes work of processing materials.

The library has also constructed a ten-seat training lab in order to train library staff and patrons in the use of electronic resources such as our CD-ROMs and the information available over the Internet. So far, the training lab has been used to provide some training for court staff and area librarians. However next month we are offering our first training classes for library users (see box on Page 1). The first sessions will be about legal resources on the Internet.

Although none of these target dates are firm, we are continuing to make progress in providing the users of the library with better access to electronic legal information. If you have any specific requests, questions, or suggestions for electronic services that you'd like to see us provide, please let me know. I can be reached via email at appdivsw@rrlc.rochester.lib.ny.us or at 530-3253. And don't forget to visit our Web site at <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4/>

Stephen Weiter, Senior Law Librarian
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