NEW LIBRARY WEB SITE UNVEILED

The library has a new, improved, easier to use Web site!!

The new address is: www.nycourts.gov/library/ad4

See the library director’s article on page 2 of this newsletter.

Earn MCLE Credit at Library Internet Classes

Attorneys can receive New York MCLE credit for the following programs being offered by the Appellate Division Law Library this spring:

Making the Most of LexisNexis      May 15 or May 17 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  (1.5 CLE credits)

The Internet version of LexisNexis is available for free use at the Appellate Division Law Library. This hands-on class will highlight some tips and tricks you can use to maximize your search results. The class will also explore some of the lesser known resources available through LexisNexis. Participants should have a general familiarity with Lexis searching prior to taking this class.

New York Judiciary on the Internet       May 23 or May 24 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  (1 CLE credit)

Explore what is currently available through the Unified Court System regarding New York courts. This includes court information, court rules, case information, case law and even “virtual” files of civil cases. See all that “E-courts” has to offer.

For registration information, go to the library web site: www.nycourts.gov/library/ad4/library_services/classes_tours.shtml. If you have any questions contact Judy Weiner at jweiner@courts.state.ny.us or 530-3267.
Director’s Column: New Library Web Site

When the Appellate Library opened its new facility eight years ago it was a traditional library with a long and distinguished history. The library wasn’t a modern legal information center, was still mostly paper-based, and didn’t even have an online card catalog.

Much has changed in the past eight years. LION, our online catalog, (which is shared with the other law libraries in the New York Unified Court System) certainly has had a major impact for our users, as well as for the library staff since its unveiling in May of 2000.

Other technological enhancements quickly followed. Electronic databases such as LEXIS and HeinOnline were made available to the public. Additional public terminals were added to enable our users to search on these databases via the Internet at no cost to them. A wireless network is now available so patrons can access these databases and other Internet resources on their own laptops.

The latest electronic enhancement is a complete rework of the library’s Web site. The original site came online at the time of our move to East Avenue, and it was clearly time for a complete overhaul. I hope you will find the new version even more user friendly and aesthetically pleasing than its predecessor.

Enhanced features on the new web page include easy navigability, text search ability and “Ask a Librarian”. I highly recommend that you take a look at the Web site if you haven’t already.

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So what does the future hold for the Appellate Division Law Library? Certainly there will continue to be many changes as we integrate technological enhancements into our delivery of legal reference services to our patrons. Planning is underway for the development of the next generation of online library catalogs, which will include new search capabilities and full text features. Another possibility will be the use of information kiosks to answer many questions and to provide general background information.

While we will continue to upgrade our services with new and ever more sophisticated technologies, we will not be totally supplanting the role of the printed book in our operation for quite some time. Another constant will be the role that this library’s staff continues to play in answering your questions and providing you with the most efficient and reliable legal information possible.

Dave Voisinet
Access Federal Cases At Law Library Patron Computers

by Betsy Vipperman

The Appellate Division Law Library now offers electronic access to federal court case information through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). PACER is a fee-based product from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

PACER offers access to various case-related information including the following:

- docket sheets
- a listing of parties, judges, attorneys, and trustees
- case status or judgments
- pending hearings or deadlines
- images of any documents available online

Each federal court is responsible for construction and maintenance of its own database, with PACER acting as the public interface. Accordingly, format, content, and availability of information varies by jurisdiction.

Searching is by case or party name, case number, or nature of the suit. Searches can be limited by date, region, court type, or civil versus criminal case. More information regarding PACER is available at http://www.pacer.uscourts.gov.

If you would like a PACER search, please stop at or call the Reference Desk for assistance (530-3251).
Selected New Books

**Annotated commercial crime policy** / Cole S. Kain and Lana M. Glovach, eds. — Chicago : ABA, 2006-. KF 1189.5 A56 2nd ed.


**Federal preemption of state and local law : legislation, regulation, and litigation** / James T. O’Reilly — Chicago : ABA, c2006. KF 4600 o74 2006

**The Insular cases and the emergence of American empire** / Bartholomew H. Sparrow — Lawrence, KS : University Press of Kansas, c2006. KF 4635 S63 2006


**Judging juveniles : prosecuting adolescents in adult and juvenile courts** / New York : NYU Press, c2006. KF 9779 K37 2006