

LAW LIBRARY NEWS

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Did You Know...

Besides being the only Appellate Division Library in New York that is open to the public we are also the only one to fill photocopy and interlibrary loan requests. Services provided include photocopying library materials for fax or mail delivery and borrowing books and journal articles not owned by our library.

The Interlibrary Services Department receives an average of 100 service requests per month. Over 90% of all requests are processed at no cost to our patrons.

Our goal is to serve not only our court and the legal community but also to open our extensive collection to the general public through the use of our ILS Department

Requests are accepted in person and via mail, phone, fax and e-mail. ILS forms are available at the library's two service desks. For more information and an extended list of services please visit our Web site at: <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4>

Robyn Smith
Interlibrary Services

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Message from the Director

With the dawn of the new millennium upon us many people are noting other significant anniversary dates. The Law Library is no exception to this phenomenon. We have recently reached several notable milestones. Actually, considering all the controversy surrounding the site selection for our new courthouse, maybe I should be careful about using the word "milestones"! In any case, the Library's recent milestones were certainly not so controversial. On September 16, 1999 two hundred people gathered to celebrate the Sesquicentennial of the Appellate Division Law Library. Shortly thereafter, November 30th marked the first anniversary of the opening of our new facility on East Avenue. These two events highlight our past, present and future.

The brochure produced for the Sesquicentennial details the long and distinguished history of the Library. At 150 years old and with almost 300,000 volumes, the Library is one of the oldest and largest court libraries in the nation. Its rich collections and dedicated staff have served Rochester's bench, bar and citizens for most of the history of this city. It is unique in many ways, including the fact that it is the only appellate court library in the state that opens its doors to the general public. The brochure and a special Sesquicentennial bookmark are still available at the Library's service counters for those who would like a copy.

We are still referring to the building on East Avenue as the "new building" even though we have now occupied it for an entire year. It has been an exciting year as we continue to settle in and tinker with the new space. One year later, the building still appears fresh and exciting. It has fully lived up to our expectations. The building clearly represents the present and future of the library. It has allowed us to expand our services to include the introduction of evening hours and classes on legal resources on the Internet held in our new computer training lab.

We are looking forward to further expanding our services in the months and years ahead. These will be announced in many ways including in future issues of this Newsletter, in the Daily Record and on our Web page. We may not have something as momentous as the beginning of a new millennium to remind us of future anniversaries, but clearly my staff and I are looking forward to serving you during many more milestones.

Dave Voisinet
Library Director

Selected New Books

K 213 C66j 1998
Just Words: law, language, and power - John M. Conley & William M. O'Barr. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, c1998.

KF390.5 C6 W55 1999-
Law of the Year 2000 Problem: strategies, claims, and defenses - Richard D. Williams. Gaithersburg, NY : Aspen Law & Business, c1999- .

KF570.Z9 G66 1999
Preparing for the Year 2000: summary of Y2K issues for the real estate attorney - Peter G. Goodman. New York : Matthew Bender, c1999.

KF683.A75 L36 2000
Land Surveys : a guide for lawyers and other professionals, 2nd ed. Chicago, IL : American Bar Association, c2000.

KF902 B73 2000
Construction Delay Claims, 3rd ed. - Barry Bramble. New York : Aspen Law & Business, c2000.

KF1449 G37s 1999
Securities Disclosure in Plain English - Bryan A. Garner. Chicago : CCH, c1999.

KF5627.Z9 C47 1999
Coastal And Ocean Management Law In A Nutshell, 2nd ed. - Dona R. Christie. St. Paul, MN: West Group, 1999.

KFN5111.A33 K37el 1999
New York Mental Hygiene law, Chapter 27, Title E, Article 81. St. Paul, MN: West Group, c1999.

KFN5556 N49 1998
New York Employment Law, 2nd ed. Albany, NY: New York State Bar Association, c1998.

KFN5995 S54n 1999
New York Practice, 3rd ed. - David D. Siegel. St. Paul, MN: West Group, 1999.

Check Out More Books!

The Appellate Division Library is always looking for ways to improve service to our users. With this in mind, we've made some changes to our borrowing policies.



There is no longer a limit on the number of books that can be checked out at any given time. Our new motto is "If you can carry them, you can borrow them"!

One copy of the *McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated* is now available for borrowing. The set closest to the Reference Desk is the circulating copy. The noncirculating set of *McKinney's* in the New York Room will remain available for use in the library.

Borrowers can renew their books up to two times, for a total of three weeks per item. Overdue books are also eligible for renewal, although an overdue fine will still be assessed. This does not apply to items on hold for another user or to nonrenewable materials. Titles unavailable for renewal include New York and federal primary materials, videos, and unbound periodicals. To renew items over the telephone call 530-3250.

Although we still have overdue fines of \$1.00 per day, there is a new grace period in effect. Fines don't start accruing until 12:00 p.m. the day after an item is due. Return or renew your books before noon the day after they are due and you won't be charged a fine! Please feel free to call me with any suggestions for improving library services.

Betsy Vipperman
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Library Staff News

Please welcome Doug Seaman who joins us from the Edward G. Miner Library.

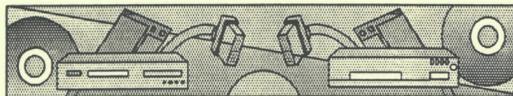
Welcome back to Maryanne Clark who has come out of retirement to work part-time at the reference desk.

Technology Update

The Appellate Division Fourth Department is pleased to announce that the slip opinions of the court are now available at the Library's web site at <http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4/slips.html>

The decisions are available as rich-text-format (RTF) documents, and can be searched, printed, or downloaded to disk. See the Web site for instructions.

Slip opinions are generally released by the court on Friday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. The opinions will be mounted on the library's Web site by 3:00 p.m. on the next working day after their release. If you would like to be notified when new slip opinions are posted, please send an email to appdivsw@rrlc.rochester.lib.ny.us.



Several advances are in progress on the information technology front which will affect how our patrons use the library in the coming months. The biggest change will be the availability of an online catalog and automated circulation system. The Horizon system will be implemented in late March and will replace the card catalog and manual circulation procedures. In addition to making the library catalog accessible at any computer in the Appellate Division, remote access to the catalog will be available via the Internet. Users will be able to search the catalog as well as check the availability of materials.

As part of this project, the library collection will be reclassified according to the standard Library of Congress classification schedule. This will require a shifting and reorganization of the collection. The library staff realizes that this will cause some disruption for our users. However, the end result will be greater access to the library materials.

An additional component of the Horizon system will be a database containing an index of court records and transcripts held throughout the NYS Unified Court System to assist users in obtaining these records. The Appellate division staff has taken a lead role in working with the Office of Court Administration in implementing these systems.

Steve Weiter
Senior Law Librarian/Automation & Technical Services

Videos Available

Over 100 judicial education and training seminar videocassettes were added to the collection during October. These videocassettes are produced by the New York State Unified Court System. Judges from most levels of the New York State Court System participate in the seminars, which cover a wide variety of topics.

This video collection dates back to 1996. Many titles have annual updates and accompanying printed materials. Shelved in the Video Room where they can also be viewed, the videos circulate for the standard seven day loan period. Let the library staff know if you have any questions or comments.

Internet Classes

Bring in the year 2000 by updating your skills! Take one hour out of your busy day to learn about what legal resources are available on the Internet. If you are a beginner you will learn what types of legal resources are available on the Internet. If you have experience, you may want to attend to learn what is new in the year 2000! All classes are at the Law Library Computer Lab at 9:30 a.m. and last one hour. Registration information is on the back page of this newsletter.

INTERNET LEGAL RESOURCES

Federal Internet:

3/7/00



NYS Internet:

2/10/00, 3/6/00, 4/6/00

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Name _____ Firm or Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Fill in which class(es) you wish to attend (*class size is limited to 12--first come first served!*):

Federal Internet Resources: _____ March 7, 2000

New York Internet Resources: _____ February 10, 2000 _____ March 6, 2000 _____ April 6, 2000

Your registration will be confirmed via e-mail.

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