



Law Library News

Growing collection has new shelving

by Steve Weiter

The library has recently increased its shelf space with the addition of over 5200 linear feet. An entire range of shelving was emptied and converted to compact shelving in order to meet the growing needs of our collection.

The compact shelves move by pressing a button, creating an accessible aisle. Each aisle has safety sensors to prevent the aisles from moving or being closed while a person is in an aisle.

When the library was constructed, we had anticipated the future need for expanded shelving. We had floor railings installed as well as extra-thick, reinforced concrete floors poured on the second floor to allow for an inexpensive and efficient conversion from fixed stacks to compact shelving units in the future. All we would need to do is place carriages under the existing shelves, add the necessary carriages and shelving to fill out the space, and wire it up. After nearly ten years in our “new” home, that need has arisen.

The library maintains an extensive historical collection of superseded primary legal materials and treatises. That collection is maintained on the second floor and numbers over 32,000 volumes. In addition, the second floor contains our regional reporters, and our comprehensive collection of bound periodicals, both of which continue to grow. Most significantly, we retain

bound copies of Records and Briefs filed with the Appellate Division Fourth Department. This collection grows by approximately 700 volumes per year. We have added nearly 6,300 bound Records and Briefs since we moved.

The shelving installation began last spring and materials were shifted into place over the summer. The materials on the second floor have been rearranged to be as convenient as possible for library users.

The heavily used collection of bound Records and Briefs are now located near the top of the stairs. This provides adequate growth room for this fast growing collection and places it near the service desk and photocopier.

The Federal Legislative History materials have been moved to the shelving closest to the East Main Street side of the building. The New York Legislative History materials are in the new compact shelving, on the end nearest Chestnut Street. The superseded treatise collection is also being moved to the East Main Street side of the building.

Our floor maps have been updated and signs have been posted to make it possible for our users to easily find these materials. As always, our staff is happy to assist you in finding the materials you need.

Director's Column — Congratulations to Yolanda Johnson

A research library is only as good as the strength of its collections as well as the quality of its staff. Since its inception, this institution has had one of the largest law collections of any court in the country. We have also been most fortunate to have had many talented and dedicated staff members to service that collection over the past 158 years.



I'd like to use this column to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of one of those dedicated staff members. Yolanda Johnson has worked at the Appellate Division Law Library since January 1996. During that time she has worked up from a part-time entry level clerk position to become our Coordinator of Circulation Services. Besides her duties at the circulation desk, Yolanda currently has responsibilities for sending out overdue notices, maintaining our computerized register of library borrowers and filing looseleaf supplements. In the past she has prepared Records and Briefs for binding and microfilming.

Yolanda is the only member of our staff that is a licensed Notary Public, a credential that has proved invaluable for many of our library patrons. Another interesting fact about Yolanda is that she is, as far as we can determine, the first African-American to be employed by the Appellate Division Law Library.

The reason Yolanda is the feature of this column is a most happy one. She has recently been awarded the Women's Week Scholarship from the Rochester Area Community Foundation. Yolanda will be using the scholarship to pay for her final year in the Master of Science in Strategic Leadership program at Roberts Wesleyan College. She will be using the skills learned in this program, along with the credentials of her M.S.L. degree, to advance her government service career.

Yolanda is the third library clerk from our library to earn a Master's Degree in the past five years. Robert Cunningham and Jean-Paul Vivian each earned a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Buffalo. Their academic efforts are an indication of the commitment they all have toward their careers, and their jobs at our library.

Please join me in congratulating Yolanda on her academic accomplishments.

Dave Voisinet

Fall Evening Hours Available

Consider visiting the library in the evening until 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Evening library staff includes a reference librarian.

Parking is free at the meters on East Avenue after 6:00 p.m.

Evening hours are available from September through June.

(No evening hours December 24–December 31)

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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 fall:

New York Judiciary on the Internet October 31 or November 1 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.

Using HeinOnline December 5 or December 6 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (1.5 CLE credits)

This hands on class will help you become more familiar with the HeinOnline database, offered on the library’s public access computers as well as via wireless access on your laptop at the library. Learn the basics of searching and printing while exploring the wealth of information offered—from full text law review articles to treaties and federal primary law—dating back to the 1800’s.



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.

HeinOnline — Award Winning Database Available at Library

by Betsy Vipperman

HeinOnline is one of the lesser known databases available for free at the Appellate Division Law Library. The service was launched by William S. Hein & Co. of Buffalo in 2000 with the library as one of its original subscribers. It can be accessed at the library’s public service workstations or on your own wireless equipped laptop while in the library.

The Hein company has long been in the business of preserving out-of-print legal materials by reprinting, microfiching and digitizing. The decision to convert their existing resources to online digital images resulted in a unique database which is more retrospective than most.

The original collection of law-related periodicals covered each title beginning with its first published issue. Harvard Law Review, for example, is available beginning with volume 1 published in 1887. The content is in original page-image (PDF) format.

Since 2000 HeinOnline has grown to multiple collections of millions of pages of research material. In addition to the journal collection, users can access federal primary material such as the *CFR*, the *Federal Register*, *U.S. Statutes at Large*, and *United States Reports*, all from inception. HeinOnline also contains official treaty publications, New York Court of Appeals records and briefs, and English Reports dating back to the year 1220.

Details of available collections and techniques for using HeinOnline will be covered in a class offered at the library later this year. Check the class schedule above for dates and times. In addition, look at www.heinonline.org for more information about this outstanding product.

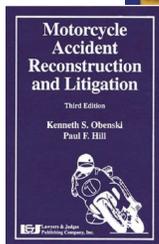
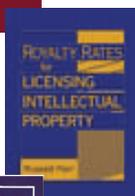
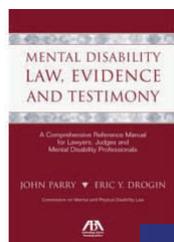
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K 184 L44 2007

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KF 480 P37me 2007

Commercial landowner CERCLA liability protection : understanding the final EPA "All Appropriate Inquiries" rule and revised ASTM Phase 1 / Barry A. Cik — Lanham, MD : Government Institutes, 2006.
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KF 3469 B37 2007

Beautiful evidence / Edward R. Tufte — Cheshire, CT : Graphics Press, c2006.
KF 3935 T84 2006

