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HIGHLIGHTING OUR RESOURCES



Online catalog records have been locally enhanced to provide direct access to the Hein Online digital version of each title. To accomplish this Hein has provided linking information which can be inserted into each catalog record.




Our technical services para-professional Dave Labno, recently completed the project to add this data to all of our law review records. He will also keep up with any additions or changes that are provided by Hein. Next time you would like to find a digital version (PDF format which replicates the printed page) of a law review article from a law review that we subscribe to, search for the particular title in our online catalog . Then look for the line in the record that says “[Click here for online access via Hein Online.](#)” This will take you to the Hein Online page for that title where you can select a volume, run a citation search or a word search.



Another resource that the library subscribes to is IndexMaster . Basically a large collection of indices and tables of contents from thousands of legal treatises, representing a coalition of

large and small publishers, it is a good way to find legal treatises. This single source research tool allows searches by Keyword, Title, Author, and Publisher. IndexMaster allow the user to view the actual indices and tables of contents.

The IndexMaster search engine is very simple. Its sole purpose is to locate, and list in order of relevance the books in the database that contain your search criteria as found in the title, index or table of contents.

To make the index results more useful, one may take advantage of the **search** capabilities of the PDF Acrobat software that is used to display the material. This is the function WITHIN the **Adobe window**, not the browsers' find function. Within the Adobe Acrobat window click on the binocular icon  **Search** to invoke the search function. Then enter the search term(s) that you wish to find in the index. The ADOBE software will show the “hits”, and clicking on the link will take you to the place in the index where your term is found.

The IndexMaster service can be located on the DePaul General Library's page listing all the available databases. Click on “I” to find IndexMaster
<http://www.lib.depaul.edu/eresource/database.asp>

SPOTLIGHT ON ACADEMIC SUPPORT

**Charlotte D. Taylor Assistant Dean for
Multicultural Affairs and Student Support
Services DePaul University College of Law**



In 2000, the College of Law created the position of Assistant Dean for Multicultural Affairs and appointed Charlotte Taylor to that position. She had joined DePaul University College of

Law in 1997 as the Assistant Director of Academic Support after practicing in the area of insurance defense.

She worked in academic support for three years, specifically helping students in academic jeopardy.

During this time she co-authored a book with then Assistant Dean and Director of Academic Support,

Ruta Stropus, entitled *Bridging the Gap Between College and Law School: Strategies for Success* (Carolina Academic Press May 2001) for use by academic support professionals and pre-law and first year law students.

Charlotte has presented at several conferences for law professors in the areas of academic support and minority affairs and published two articles on the website www.prelawcommentator.com for pre-law students.

Excerpted from:

http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/academic_support/2005/03/_charlotte_d_ta.html

RECENT ARTICLES ON LEGAL WRITING & RESEARCH



**LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL –
Winter 2005**

**Paper versus Electronic
Sources**

For Law Review Cite Checking: Should Paper Be the Gold Standard?*

Mary Rumsey* and April Schwartz**

Despite law students' reliance on electronic sources for legal research, a survey confirmed that many journals make their staff members check authors' citations against paper sources. Rumsey and Schwartz argue that the advent of image-based document collections should change this practice, making life easier for law students and law school librarians.

* Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian, University of Minnesota Law Library, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

** Law Library Director and Professor of Law, Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center Library, Huntington, New York.

http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_llj_v97n01/2005-02.pdf

Teaching Legal Research from the Inside Out

Thomas Keefe**

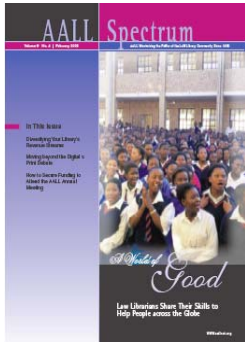
Recognizing that today's students are much more likely to gravitate toward the Internet and online databases, Mr. Keefe argues that they must be taught legal research from the inside out, beginning with electronic sources and then teaching them how and when to look at the so-called traditional sources as alternatives.

** Computer Services Reference Librarian, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois.

http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_llj_v97n01/2005-06.pdf

AALL SPECTRUM -- February 2005

[Out of the Jungle](#) by James G. Milles
“In 2004 the digital v. print debate is over, and digital has won; some of us just refuse to believe it... In the wake of the digital v. print outcome, law librarians in all settings need to reexamine some of the assumptions that we have held on to so tightly.



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http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_sp0502/pub_sp0502_Jungle.pdf

PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING (WEST) Winter 2005



“Hooking” Them On Books : Introducing Print-Based Legal Research in a Stimulating, Memorable Way

By Jennifer Murphy Romig

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Not yet available on the free website
<http://west.thomson.com/newsletters/perspectives>

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Postings from [Law Librarian Blog](#)

(http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog/)

The Future of Legal Research: What will it be and how will we teach it?

Are law schools out of step with the present and future of legal research?



These are some of the basic questions that will be explored at the **symposium**

hosted by the Chicago-Kent School of Law, Chicago, IL, May 13-14, 2005. The discussion will benefit greatly from having as a basis, the results of a survey sent out in January to non-academic law libraries to assess the actual research practices & needs outside the law school.

For more info & registration see:
<http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/lrw/future/>



ABA Makes First Proposal for Law School Technology Standard.

The ABA just released proposed changes to Chapter 7 (Facilities) of the Standards for Law School. For the first time there is a proposal that the standards include a specific section dealing with technology. Standard 704.

TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES

http://www.abanet.org/legaled/standards/memocharts6_7_1.pdf



Latest edition of much cited treatise by Dean Weissenberger

Weissenberger's Ohio Evidence Library

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“Cited more than any other source of evidence law by Ohio courts, the Ohio Evidence Library provides both a comprehensive, authoritative treatise analyzing the intricacies of Ohio evidence law and a handy, portable evidence reference manual for use in court.”

LEXIS-NEXIS BOOKSTORE

<http://bookstore.lexis.com/bookstore/catalog>

National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and Stetson Univ. College of Law Launch Scientific Database



The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law at Stetson University

College of Law recently announced the creation of its comprehensive online database at its new Web site, <http://www.ncstl.org>. The Clearinghouse has assembled the available scientific, technological and relevant legal resources into a “one-stop” searchable tool for judges, lawyers, scientists and law enforcement officials.



A preprint of James Jacobs and Shinjong Yeo's :

Government Information in the Digital Age: The Once and Future Federal Depository Library Program

(forthcoming in the May 2005 issue of Journal of Academic Librarianship) is now online. Timely and thoughtful.

From the authors' abstract: "Rapid technological change has caused some to question the need for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). We argue that the traditional roles of FDLP libraries in selecting, acquiring, organizing, preserving, and providing access to and services for government information are more important than ever in the digital age."

GPO Celebrates 144th Birthday, but Plans Bold Move to Digital Future.



On March 4, the venerable Government Printing Office celebrated its 144th birthday. It has been one of the government's most paperbound agencies, as its name implies.

Yet the new Chief Technical Officer & Co-Director of Innovation and New Technology, Michael Walsh, says “The cornerstone of the plan is world-class information content management for public dissemination. We are expected to preserve the federal publications that are available to citizens, when needed and at a level of authenticity that can be trusted.”... “The key functional requirement is to be able to do those things as technology changes. We have to create a system that can accommodate that. Flexibility and extensibility are key aspects.”

http://www.gcn.com/23_32/interview/27787-1.html

DePaul Librarian Takes Cue from Amazon.

According to C-NET,

Amazon has been granted a patent on "Methods and systems of assisting users in purchasing items." The patent covers the inferring of information about gift recipients and using those inferences to suggest other gifts. For example, if someone purchases a doll, then the inference is that the recipient is a girl. Based on this story, "I have decided to patent the basic process of patrons asking questions at the reference desk, and then referring them to materials based on the inferences I draw from the details in their question. There's going to be a lot of libraries out there that will owe me a ton of money" (contributed by Mark Giangrande)



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



DISORDER IN THE COURT!

“Cointently”

Must Reading: Law Review Article on the Three Stooges

Robert Ambrogi discovered a short Oklahoma Law Review article that discusses the Three Stooges' portrayal of lawyers and the law. The only thing more fun than reading the article is watching Disorder in the Court. Who can forget "Doyousolemnlyswear totellthetruththe wholetruthandnothingbutthetruth?"



The article, [Images of Lawyers and the Three Stooges](#) was written by Randall Coyne and published in 1997 but you can read it online thanks to [Tarleton's Law and Popular Culture Collection](#).

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Librarian, DePaul Rinn Law Library

http://www.law.depaul.edu/library_resources/library

About Vincent G. Rinn

Mr. Rinn's career is a classic DePaul story. "He started with nothing, worked hard, and became very successful while remaining down-to-earth." According to his nephew Jack Owens, Mr. Rinn "was grateful to DePaul for the opportunity of having been able to attend and graduate from DePaul. DePaul gave him the opportunity to serve others through the fruits of his legal talent.