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Spring 2019 Newsletter: The Docket

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National Library Week (April 7-13, 2019) is a celebration of the ways that libraries can improve our lives. It is a time to demonstrate support for libraries, and you can do that by simply using our collections and services.

In honor of National Library Week we will be handing out sweet and salty snacks with research tips attached to them. Enjoy a treat on us, and we hope you will look for the research wisdom on the package.
National Library Week - Librarianship Panel
Thursday, April 11th from 12-1pm

Have you ever considered law librarianship as a career? Perhaps you are just interested in learning more about what law librarians do. We are pleased to announce our second annual law librarianship panel. Three librarians will participate in this panel to discuss their personal experience with librarianship. The members of the panel represent the diversity of the profession because between them, they have worked in firm, academic, and court libraries.

Refreshments will be provided.

The educational requirements for law librarianship differs by institution, position, and region. Some Law Librarians hold both a Masters in Library Science and a J.D. while others have one of these degrees.

Featured Panelist: Robert DeFabrizio, Manager of Law Libraries at Massachusetts Trial Court.

Explore an alternative career path.
Basic Legal Research Seminars

Learn legal research basics from a librarian! These 45 minute sessions will provide a foundation in topics that are essential to research. Whether you are writing a paper or assisting an attorney, you will benefit from these sessions. If you can't make it to a seminar, you can make a research appointment with a librarian. The schedule for Spring 2019 sessions will be advertised at a later date.

If you have topic suggestions, or questions, please contact Misty Peltz-Steele mpeltzsteele@umassd.edu 508-985-1132
Library Quiz Show

Stop by for an interactive trivia game using the online quizzing tool, Kahoot! Bring your smartphone and answer questions about the law school, faculty, pop culture, politics, food, etc.

A prize is awarded after every round! Categories include:

- 2019 Pop Culture
- Where in the Library?
- Viral Online Trends
- Name that Political Figure
- Identify that Citation
- New England History
- Westlaw or Lexis?

Join us Thursday Feb 28th at 1pm and Thursday March 7th at 4pm
"The UMass Law Library has been my second home ever since I first arrived at UMass Law. During most weeks throughout my 1L and 2L years I spent more time in the library than I spent in my own home! I just liked the vibe of being in the Law Library. You have access to everything you need. You want to print something? Oh look there’s printers! Accidently leave your textbook at home? Guess who’s got you covered! You want to get distracted from your workload to maintain your sanity? Have a conversation with a similarly swamped law student.

And of course it wouldn’t be the same without the phenomenal librarians who do nothing short of amaze with their never-ending dedication to the students. As I chug along to "Bar Exam Land" I will surely continue to use the Law Libraries invaluable resources and staff to get me to Attorneyville."
THE UMASS LAW LIBRARY MEME CONTEST

CRAFT A CLEVER MEME ABOUT THE LIFE OF A LAW STUDENT! TAKE A BREAK FROM THE STRESS OF YOUR DAY TO SHARE A LITTLE HUMOR AND CREATIVITY.

Memes have become a pop culture favorite, not only because they make you laugh, but memes can also be relatable, informative, and creative.

Submissions will be accepted March 4th - March 18th. Memes must be your own creation and appropriate for public display. If you plan to use the likeness of a member of our law school community, please secure their permission. Winning memes are selected by student vote.

PRIZES
1st place - $20 Panera Gift Card
2nd Place - $10 Panera Gift Card
3rd Place - $5 Panera Gift Card

Meme Contest Archive

TRICKING MYSELF INTO READING THESE CASES LIKE...

IN THIS UNIVERSE
THE ANSWER IS MAYBE

YOU WOULD THINK THAT
BUT YOU'D BE WRONG

EVERYTHING COPACETIC?

EVERYONE'S OUT THERE PARTIYING AND I'M ALONE HERE READING THESE CASES!

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ENHANCED SEARCH INTERFACE FOR LIBRARY RESOURCES

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If you are writing a paper or exploring a topic of law, Primo is a great place to start your research. Primo searches for books in our collection and articles within subscription databases, including law reviews. In one search, you can easily access articles in JSTOR, HeinOnline, SOCIndex, PubMed, and much more!

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We hope you will enjoy the cleaner, more user-friendly interface. Ask a librarian if you have questions about Primo.
An Important Reminder About Library Quiet Zones

We aren't the "shushing" type of library, but we want to make sure that everyone has the environment they need to study.

Please remember that the first floor of the library is our "talking floor." Feel free to meet in groups, socialize with friends, click your laptop keys with wild abandon, and talk to librarians.

Our lower level and 2nd floors are reserved for silent study. We ask that you refrain from talking and disruption on these floors.

A note about the lower level study rooms - The study rooms are appropriate for group work at reasonable volume. Please keep in mind the walls are not sound proof. If your group needs to increase their volume, find an area on the 1st floor to meet.

Silent study zones are especially important around exam time. We want everyone to use the library and feel comfortable in our space.
Westlaw Edge launched in January and includes a streamlined interface, a "compare versions" feature for statutes, litigation analytics, and an orange flag that informs you when a case may cite to a line of decisions that may no longer be good law. Westsearch Plus provides more predictive search suggestions. You will see suggested questions appear in the search bar to give your queries more direction.

For more information, ask a librarian and check out the overview video as well as videos about each of the new features: https://legal.thomsonreuters.com/en/support/westlaw-edge
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