Spring 2020 Newsletter: The Docket

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Congress.gov is the official website for Federal legislative material. It is a partnership of the Library of Congress (LOC), the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, and the Government Publishing Office. Here is a list of some of the materials you can locate through Congress.gov:

**Committee Calendar and schedules**

*Tuesday, Mar 03, 2020*

**10:00 AM - SD-138**

*Appropriations*

*Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security*

*Hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Transportation Security Administration.*

**Committee Hearings**

**Committee Reports**

**House and Senate Bills being considered**

**Congressional Record**

**Profiles for the Current Members of Congress**

**Live Video of Legislative Activities**

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"I study in the library for many reasons. I can easily find a quiet space if I need to read in silence and focus on my studies or final exam preparation. However, if I am lightly reading, reviewing with classmates, or in need of social interaction, I know that the common study areas (where other students study) will provide me the healthy balance of social dynamics intertwined with being able to focus with the common ground of homework with the other students. Librarians always have reserve copies of required textbooks available for students.

Furthermore, the librarians are always ready to assist students with our problems: whether we need a laugh or pristine legal research. The librarians gladly helped me (very quickly) find a child support and custody modification guide after I spent hours searching to no avail. Moreover, the librarians are always willing to listen to me complain about whatever problem is currently nagging me, which has me convinced that they live double lives as psychiatrists. In conclusion, my law school experience would be nowhere near as enjoyable if not for the library and all the wonderful things the librarians do for us."
National Library Week is a celebration of libraries and library users. During National Library Week we want to highlight our print and electronic resources, and promote use of our space. We hope during this week (and any time of year), you will stop by to ask the librarians questions. Here are some of the activities we have in store:

April 19 - 25, 2020

- **Featured Resource** - We will get the word out about a different resource each day on social media, the digital screens, and at the information desk.
- **Librarianship Panel** - details on page 7
- **Library Wisdom Snacks** - Grab a sweet or salty treat from the library, but don't toss out the package too fast! There is a research tip or resource reminder attached to the snack.
- **"Why I Love My Library" Board** - Place a Post-It note with one reason why you like to use the library on our board. Or get creative with a positive quote or a quick sketch.
- **Facebook Giveaways** - Do you enjoy the trivia and prizes of "Facebook Friday?" How about a giveaway every day of National Library Week?!
The law library invites you to craft a clever meme about law school life for our 6th annual meme contest! Take a break from the stress of your day to share a little humor and creativity. Submit your original meme by March 6th to lawlib@umassd.edu.

The creator of the winning meme receives a $20 Amazon gift card, second place will receive a $15 gift card, and 3rd place will receive a $10 gift card.

Submissions will be displayed anonymously on the library bulletin board. Law school community members can vote for their favorite meme when the call for submissions has closed. The individual whose meme receives the highest number of votes will be the winner.

A few things to keep in mind...
1. One entry per person
2. Students, Staff, and Faculty may submit memes :) 
3. Please secure permission if using the picture or likeness of a member of the law school community.
4. Memes should be funny, but also suitable for public display.
5. Have fun!
Once per month, Librarian, Jessica Almeida, will be "popping up" around the law school to feature helpful library resources. With this new initiative Jessica hopes to show students books, subscriptions, and more that they may not know we have. Examples include West Academic Study Aids and New York Times Online. She will also be giving away prizes and answering questions about the library. Stop by to say hello when you see Jessica and her cart of goodies!

Sometimes the library comes to you!
Library Quiz Show
with your librarian hosts, Emma and Jessica

Stop by for an interactive trivia game using the online quizzing tool, Kahoot! Bring your smartphone and answer questions that vary from law school topics to classic movies. A prize is awarded after every round!

Categories include:

- Star Wars
- 2020 Pop Culture
- Bluebook Citations
- 5th Grade Civics
- Name that Political Figure
- Identify that Resource
- Questions about UMass Law
- Westlaw or Lexis?

Dates and Times TBA via email

Come and stay for one round or the full hour. Bring your smartphone.
Join us for a lively discussion of the career of Librarianship. This is a PILF event that is also sponsored by the Career Services Office. Perhaps librarianship is a profession you had not considered or you may be interested to know more about what librarians do. Librarianship is a rewarding career path, and our panelists will speak about their motivation to become librarians, their daily work lives, their education, and their goals for the future.

Bob DeFrabrizio  
Manager of the  
Massachusetts Trial Court Libraries

Pizza Will be Served

Carolyn Michaud  
Access Service Manager,  
Massachusetts Maritime Academy

PILF APPROVED!

Katelyn Golsby  
UMASS Law Alumna  
Librarian, University of New Mexico
New Resource!

We now have an institution wide subscription to the Massachusetts Prosecutor's Guide. The guide provides a timely and comprehensive analysis of Massachusetts Criminal Law and its practice in the Courts of the Commonwealth. It's accessible via the wireless server; Individual login credentials aren't required. Access the link on the law library homepage.
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