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Fall 2020

THE DOCKET



The Social Distancing Issue



Law Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-9:30pm

Friday
9am - 5pm

Saturday
9am-5pm

Sunday
Noon - 6pm

Welcome!

Visit our website for access to
all our library resources
including:

Westlaw

Lexis

CALI

MCLE

West Academic Study Aids

WK Study Aids

HeinOnline

Fastcase

and much more!

To get started, go
to [https://www.umassd.edu/law/](https://www.umassd.edu/law/library/)
library/ or contact a librarian!

Fall 2020 Welcome

Dear Students,



Welcome (and welcome back) to UMass Law! This issue of The Docket focuses on changes to library service during the pandemic, and relates important information about accessing our databases and online resources. There are several ways to get in touch with our librarians while reducing onsite interactions. The UMass Law Library can be contacted by phone, chat, text, email, social media, and Zoom. Our contact information can be found on page 13. Please do not hesitate to come to us with questions.

For the safety of the UMass Law community we have spaced out our study tables, installed plexiglass shields at the information desk, and adopted the policies outlined on page 2 of this newsletter. We are looking forward to assisting you this semester and throughout your law school career. Here are a few links to get you started with Law Library services:

Law Library Guide

<https://guides.lib.umassd.edu/lawlibrary>.

Virtual Tour of the Law Library

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAjtlIdltPEt>



Visiting the Law Library



Using the library in person looks a little different this semester due to state guidelines amidst the pandemic, but we are committed to supporting your law school experience with legal materials and personal assistance. Please make note of these new policies for visiting our physical space.

Information for Your Safety

- The building requires card access. You may enter by tapping your UMass Pass at the main door of the law school.
- Facial coverings must be worn at all times while in the library until further notice.
- Study rooms located on the library lower level are restricted to one student at a time.
- Please maintain a distance of 6 feet between yourself and others and wash your hands often.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the circulation desk, and in dispensers throughout the law school.
- For assistance from a librarian please call, text, email or use our Live Chat feature to minimize direct contact.
- Returned books will need to be placed in "quarantine" for 24 hour before relending.

Visiting the Law Library



Enter the building with
your UMass Pass



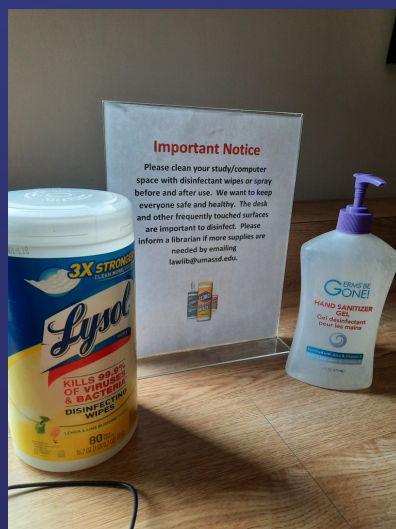
Sanitize and Wash
Hands Frequently



Observe the
Traffic Arrows



Stand 6 Feet
From the Main Desk



Clean Your Work
Space



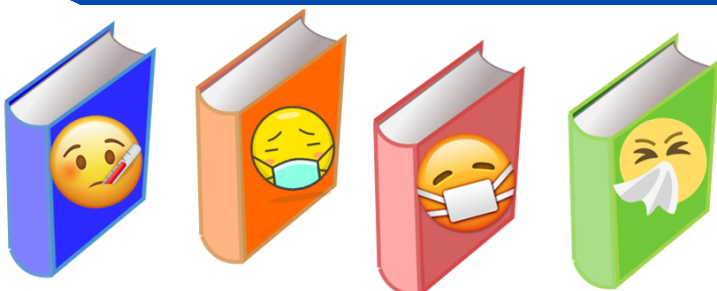
Sit 6 feet Apart
from Others

Class Reserve Books



Books in Quarantine

First Week's Reading available on TWEN
<https://lawschool.westlaw.com/twen/course/290883/join/TCVDQSCP4D9NZA79JLU6>



The Law Library acquires one copy of each required book for your courses.

Prior to the pandemic we used to loan the print books out for 2 hours at a time. They were popular and borrowed frequently. To avoid students touching shared surfaces, we have to quarantine our reserve books for now. Instead you may access readings digitally when you need them.

Please send requests to have pages scanned to lawlib@umassd.edu. In your email include the course and professor name in addition to the page numbers you need. We will also post some of these readings to a TWEN course called **Law Library Reserve Readings**. The Law Library strongly encourages you to purchase your own required books. These scanned pages are intended for use when your book may be in transit from purchase or otherwise inaccessible.

Please see our YouTube page for a video demonstration of adding a TWEN course
<https://bit.ly/LawLibYouTube>

Student Library Assistant Spotlight

What advice do you have for 1L students who want to get the most out of library resources?

We asked 3L and Library Assistant, Alexandria Murphy.

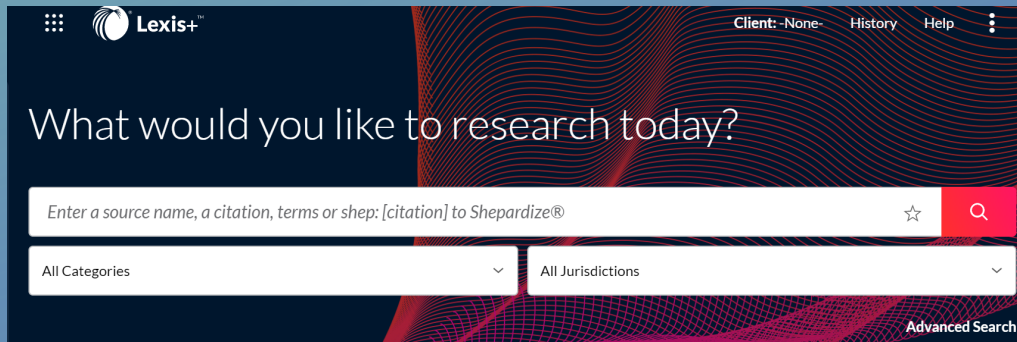
“The resources that the law library provides are priceless. Whether it is help with scanning your text, finding a law review article, or searching for sources, the librarians and staff help students find what they need. Particularly for new students, getting the hang of new legal sources can be a bit tricky to navigate at the beginning. The library offers services and tutorials on how to easily track down exactly what a student is looking for, because let’s face it, in law school there is not enough time in the day to find everything we need. My favorite sources on legal research trainings have been through the Lexis modules and videos; you even get points for them! If you need assistance do not hesitate to ask a library staffer, it’s what we are here for!”



Featured Resource

Lexis+

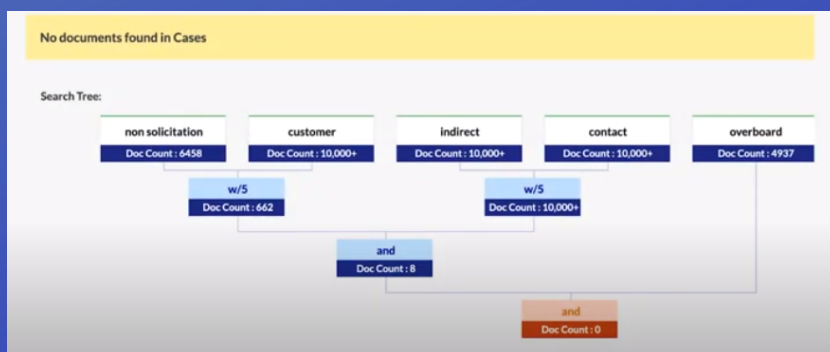
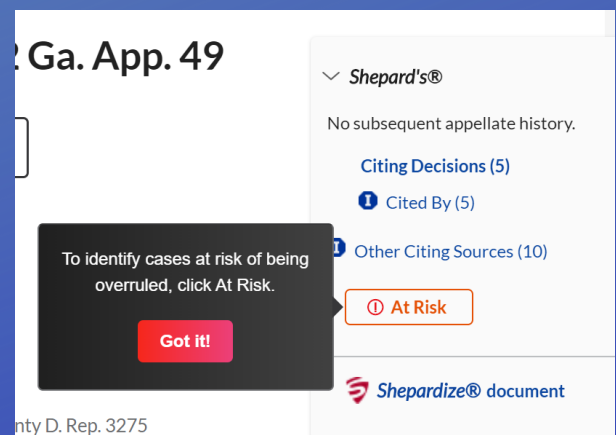
Over the summer, Lexis Advance got an upgrade to Lexis+!



Still the Lexis search capabilities you know with a new look and some new tools. Let's look at two new enhancements sure to make your research more efficient and effective!

Worried your case may not be "good law"?

Shepard's At Risk identifies cases that are "at risk" of being overruled. For more information, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGxp1WCCZI0&feature=youtu.be>



Search yields zero results?

Use the Search Tree function to see how you can alter your search terms and get the results you need. For more information, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6umQa9Zg_Q&feature=youtu.be

For more information on Lexis+ or any of our databases, please contact a librarian at lawlib@umassd.edu!

Westlaw Legal Research Videos

Foundations of Legal Research for UMASS Law Students

Class link:

<https://trainingtools.thomsonreuters.com/class/student/list?tmjc=F96VTC>

These are brand new videos that were just released to Westlaw's Knowledge Center this summer. They are a great way to learn about the basics of the American Legal System, including how laws are formed, the hierarchy associated, and the differences in legal authority. The first 3 lessons are a great civics intro – the videos are only 4 minutes each.



Virtual Library Quiz Show for 1Ls

With your librarian hosts, Emma and Jessica

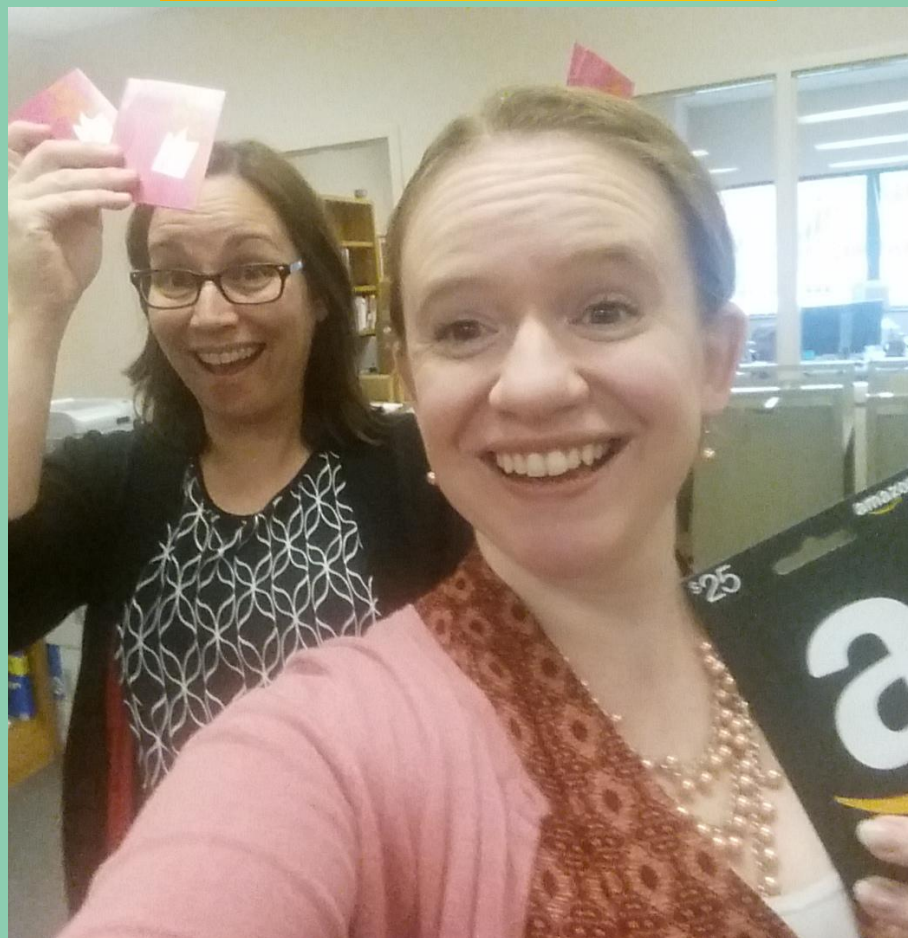
Stop by on Zoom for an interactive trivia game using the online quizzing tool, Kahoot!

Join us for trivia night for 1Ls!



**Friday, Aug. 21st
at 7:30pm
via Zoom**

Questions about
library basics and
pop culture.
Prizes Awarded!



CALI

[HTTPS://WWW.CALI.ORG](https://www.cali.org)

ONLINE INTERACTIVE TUTORIALS

CALI is especially valuable during this period of remote learning. This resource offers a library of **over 1,000 interactive legal** tutorials written by law professors and geared towards law students. There are lessons that offer guidance on foundational topics such as how to outline or brief a case. Other lessons cover advanced legal topics. If you prefer to listen rather than take on an interactive lesson, CALI also offers podcasts. Ask a librarian for a CALI code to gain access to this library of tutorials. Here are a few lessons you may want to check out if you are an incoming 1L student:

Issue Statements Q2

SAMPLE QUESTION

What was that formula for issue statements?

Fill in the blank:
The issue is _____. Bystander had a duty to help Victim, when he witnessed Victim being physically assaulted.

[Grade my answer](#)

whether

SAMPLE ANSWER [Grade my answer](#) [I give up](#)

whether

Correct.

- **Note-Taking in Law School 101: The Basics** -This lesson will walk you through things to consider before setting "foot" (physically or virtually!) in a law school doctrinal classroom. You'll learn about how to listen for and capture the most important information, how to maximize your note-taking efficiency by using symbols and shorthand, and the various software options available for taking notes.
- **IRAC** -This lesson will cover the basic structure of written legal analysis: IRAC. IRAC stands for Issue, Rule, Application/Analysis, Conclusion. There are slightly different versions of IRAC which may be used for different legal documents.
- **Mindfulness Practice for Law School** -Law school creates a competitive environment with significantly more work than most undergraduate programs. The new expectations and environment increases anxiety and stress for many students. This lesson introduces basic skills to help students practice mindfulness and stay in the present despite the numerous stressors.

Resources for Using Zoom

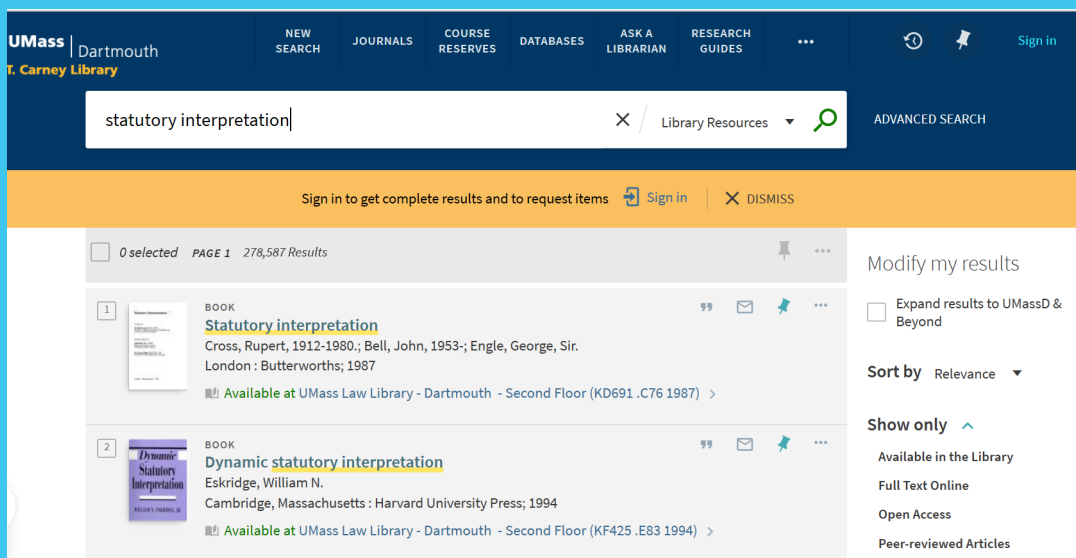


- Zoom Help Center
- UMass Dartmouth backgrounds
- "The Best Zoom Tips" from DigitalTrends
- UMass Dartmouth Software Download Center
- "How to Use Zoom" from BusinessInsider

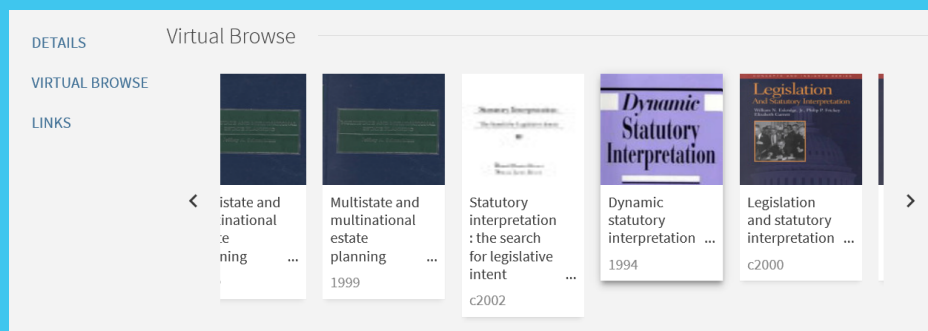
Please reach out to the law school technology department with questions by emailing law-techsupport@umassd.edu

Primo - Search Our Shelves from the Comfort of Home

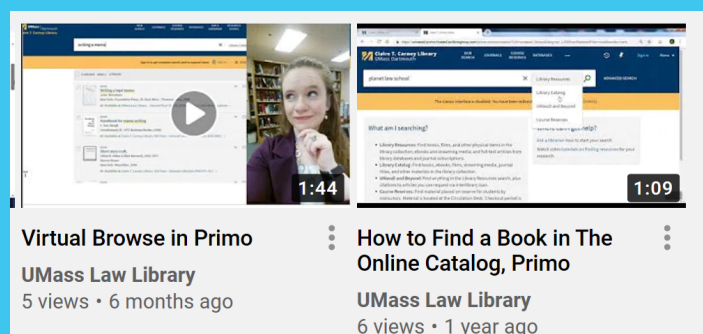
Visit the Law Library website to access the Primo search box <https://www.umassd.edu/law/library/>. You can search for specific books or journals by title or you can search by topic. For example, you might use "statutory interpretation" as your keywords to find relevant books in our collection. You may also locate articles from the Carney Library's interdisciplinary databases using Primo. You can check to see what is on reserve for your classes using the "course reserves" tab.



Use the "virtual browse" feature to view all of the books on a shelf.



Check out these tutorials on our YouTube Channel!
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsDnOPvItUpHINXQK0LHqVw>



Online Study Aids

Quick links

- [Westlaw Edge](#)
- [LegalTrac](#)
- [LexisAdvance](#)
- [CALI](#)
- [HeinOnline](#)
- [MCLE Online](#)
- [Ravel Law](#)
- [Fastcase](#)
- [Casetext](#)
- [West Academic Study Aid Library](#)
- [Wolters Kluwer Study Aid Library](#)

Please browse our online study aid libraries for full access to popular series such as Examples and Explanations, Black Letter Outlines, and Nutshells. Go to the Law Library website and select The West Academic Study Aid Library or The Wolters Kluwer Study Aid Library from the "Quick Links" heading. Some of these series have multi-choice questions and sample essays while others offer an outline style or even audio lectures.



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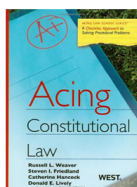


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Acing Constitutional Law



The Weekend MPRE: Complete Preparation



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Principles of Legal Research



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