Law School Goes Wireless  
by Darin Fox,  
Associate Dean for Information Technology  
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It's lunchtime in the student lounge. Taco salad, a coke, CNN Headline News on the TV, and now...wireless email! In the summer of 2002, Computing Services installed a wireless network in selected areas of the Law School. Students can now use their laptops to check email, perform research online, chat, and access the Law School and other web sites using a wireless network card in these areas.

The wireless network is available in the Law Library (both floors), the Student Lounge, the Dunning Foyer, the clinical and journal offices, and the outdoor areas surrounding the Law School. Students can access the network with any 802.11b-compliant wireless network card, though the university recommends the Enterasys card, which can be purchased on the 3rd floor of the USC Bookstore for about $125. Once you obtain your wireless network card, be sure to register it with USC and install the required VPN (virtual private network) software. All of this can be done by visiting the web site mentioned at the end of this article.

The Law School's wireless network project was part of a larger University project to implement wireless throughout the campus this summer. The wireless network now covers approximately 70% of the USC campus, and efforts were made to install wireless in all "common areas", such as libraries, the Alumni Park near Tommy Trojan, and the McCarthy Quad in front of the Leavey Library. Approximately 100 law students and about 2,000 students across campus are currently using the wireless network.

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As a reminder, the Law School also has 60 "wired" study

carrels and tables in the Law Library. Most are located

at the east side of the Library's main floor along the

windows. These locations also offer convenient power

outlets. Virtually all laptops manufactured within the last

three years come standard with a built-in ethernet

card, which can be used to access the network from the

wired carrels. If you would like more information on

either the wireless network or the wired carrels and

tables, please see the following web page

<http://lawweb.usc.edu/computing/pages/carrels.html>
or contact Jane Chang in the Computer Lab, Room

203E.

Dean Fox is serving as Co-Chair of the Southern

California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL)

Information Technology Committee. He is also a

member of the University's Blackboard Steering

Committee and Technology Forum which discusses

campus-wide technology issues. Briefly, the

Computing Services Department has worked on a

variety of projects this year, including the renovation

of Room 118 with instructional technology and the

installation of the new wireless network.

Library News

Dean Brecht Receives Special Honor

Albert Brecht, Associate Dean, Chief Information

Officer, and John Stauffer Professor of Law, received

the 2002 William Rohan Chapter Service Award from

the Southern California Association of Law Libraries

(SCALL) for his outstanding and continuing service to

the law library profession. Dean Brecht was presented

with this special award at the June 2002 SCALL

Business Meeting. This annual award was established

in 1981, in honor of the late William B. Rohan, who was

a law librarian at San Diego County Law Library and a

devoted member of SCALL.

Dean Brecht is currently serving on the Association of

American Law School’s Law Library and Information

Technology Committee.

Hazel Lord Visits England for Special Observance

Last September, Hazel Lord, Senior Law Librarian -

Head of Access Services, was among 200 librarians,

archivists and scholars from around the world who

attended a special conference in England to celebrate the

400th anniversary of the founding of the Bodleian

Library. The Bodleian Library, located at the University

of Oxford, is one of the world’s largest research libraries,

with almost 7 million volumes in its collection. The

conference Hazel attended featured international

scholars who commemorated the Library’s historic past

as well as examined current issues and challenges facing

libraries and librarians. As Hazel notes in her recent

article about her visit, “the conference’s celebration of

the Bodleian Library resurrected the achievements and

insights of past scholars while raising the challenges

librarians and archivists face today and in the future as

‘keepers of the archive.’” AALL Members Celebrate

400th Anniversary of Bodleian Library: Historic

Issues Still Relevant Today. 7 AALL SPECTRUM 12

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New Displays in Law School Lobby
Two new displays have recently been installed in the Law School lobby area. The first of these is entitled “Women as Jurors: A Retrospective,” prepared by Jennifer S. Murray. This display is in keeping with the spirit of National Women’s History Month (which was last month). The second display recently installed in the lobby area is entitled “Anglo-American Marriage Law.” This display was prepared by Hazel Lord, who recently published a bibliographic essay in the *Review of Law and Women’s Studies* on the topic of “English Marriage Law.” Both of these new displays will be up through the end of the school year.

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**Law Librarian Joins the Reference Office Staff**

Rosanne Krikorian joined the Law Library Reference staff on a part-time basis last summer. Prior to working at the USC Law Library, Rosanne served as Associate Director of the Whittier Law School Library. Rosanne received her A.B., J.D., and Master of Library Science degrees from UCLA. From 1980 to 1983, she was a Reference Librarian at the Los Angeles County Law Library, and a year later, she joined the staff at the Whittier Law School Library, where she worked until 2002. She also served on the Pasadena Library Commission from 1989 to 1991. Rosanne is an active member of the California State Bar and has been active in both the American Association of Law Libraries and the Southern California Association of Law Libraries throughout her career.

We are pleased to have Rosanne with us in the Reference Department.

**New Journals Added to Library Collection**

*by Diana Jaque, Senior Law Librarian - Head of Collection Development and Acquisitions*

At the suggestion of faculty and students, the Law Library has expanded its law review holdings and added forty-nine new law review titles in the last twelve months. The majority of the journals are indexed in the Index to Legal Periodicals and/or LegalTrac. All of them are cataloged in the Law Library catalog, ADVOCAT (http://innopac.usc.edu), and current issues are located in the Library’s Open Reserve Room. In addition to current subscriptions, the library purchased over 300 back volumes of these titles. All back volumes are located in the bound Periodicals section on the Library’s main floor. Newly acquired titles include:

| Annual Survey of International & Comparative Law | Seton Hall Journal of Sport Law |
| The Business Law Journal | Temple Environmental Law and Technology Journal |
| Children’s Legal Rights Journal | Texas Forum on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights |
| The Environmental Lawyer | Texas Review of Entertainment and Sports Law |
| George Mason University Civil Rights Law Journal | UC Davis Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy |
| Harvard Latino Law Review | University of Baltimore Journal of Environmental Law |
| Houston Journal of Health Law & Policy | University of Miami Business Law Review |
| Journal of Art and Entertainment Law | Villanova Sports & Entertainment Law Journal |
| Journal of International Law & Practice | Yale Journal of Health Policy, Law, and Ethics |
In June 2002, Diana was elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). As part of her duties, she worked with her Northern California and San Diego colleagues planning a two-day educational Institute for California law librarians. The Joint Institute took place on March 14-15, 2003 in San Luis Obispo, CA. Programming included sessions on Native American Law, the USA Patriot Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Islamic Law, and Virtual Reference.

On the national level, Diana is an active member of the American Association of Law Libraries Scholarships Committee and the Council of Chapter Presidents.


BNA Publications Now Accessible on the Web

by Wendy Nobunaga, Senior Law Librarian - Head of Cataloging

In July 2002, the Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) removed many of its looseleaf publications from Westlaw and Lexis academic accounts. In consultation with the faculty, the Law Library decided to purchase electronic subscriptions to some of these BNA titles. Below are the BNA titles the Library currently subscribes to electronically; all of these databases can be accessed through links from the Library’s online catalog, ADVOCAT (http://innopac.usc.edu). To access these materials, users must be on the USC campus or accessing the web via the USC PPP server. If you have any questions concerning these BNA titles, please visit the Reference Office for assistance.

The * next to a title indicates that with our paid subscription, this title is also available on Westlaw. The † next to a title indicates that the Library retains a current subscription to the print version of this publication.
Antitrust & Trade Regulation Report†
æ Covers federal, state and international legal developments affecting competition and deceptive trade practices.

Corporate Counsel Weekly
æ Provides news affecting corporate practices, with expert analysis.

Criminal Law Reporter†
æ Reports on significant developments, trends, and patterns in criminal law today.

Environment Reporter†
æ Covers federal and state legislative, regulatory, and policy news concerning the environment.

Family Law Reporter†
æ Covers both state and federal family law developments.

International Environment Reporter†
æ Covers environmental law developments in all major industrialized and developing nations and international organizations.

Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal
æ Provides news of the most important intellectual property developments.

Product Safety & Liability Reporter†
æ Covers developments in federal and state product liability litigation and news concerning product safety issues.

Securities Regulation & Law Report†
æ Covers federal and state developments in the regulation of securities, futures trading and accounting.

U.S. Law Week†
æ Summarizes significant new cases and key legislative and regulatory developments across the country. Also contains useful tracking information for U.S. Supreme Court cases.

The Law Library has also purchased access to the following two BNA web libraries:

Intellectual Property Library
(http://iplaw.bna.com)
æ Provides the full text of all decisions reported in U.S. Patents Quarterly from 1946 to the present.

Labor and Employment Law Library
(http://laborandemploymentlaw.bna.com)
æ Includes the online version of the looseleaf service, Labor Relations Reporter.*

Wendy continues her work with the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL). She is currently co-chairing the SCALL Public Relations Committee with Jessica Wimer. She also served on a Law School faculty promotion committee this year. Last month, Wendy attended the Joint Institute (co-sponsored by SCALL) for California law librarians, held in San Luis Obispo, CA.

New Features on Lexis and Westlaw

by Jessica Wimer,
Law Librarian - Research Services
Summer is just around the corner, bringing with it summer jobs or internships and the need to do a high level of efficient legal research. For most students, this will require spending time both in the library with reporters, digests, codes, and practice guides, as well as behind the computer, using these same types of materials on Lexis and Westlaw. Did you know that there are a number of features available on Lexis and Westlaw designed to make the most of your time by helping you get started in the right direction? Below is a description of just some of these special features. These time savers are designed to reduce both research frustration and information overload.

**Lexis**

One problem often encountered is determining where and how to begin when trying to research a new or unfamiliar legal topic. *Search Advisor* and *Area of Law – by Topic* are just two of the tools available on Lexis designed to lead you in the right direction. *Search Advisor* is great for the beginning researcher because it helps identify on point treatises and provides preset searches for many legal topics. *Area of Law – by Topic* is ideal for the individual who is researching an unfamiliar area of law. Simply scan through the list of topics, click on your desired area of law, and you will find most, if not all, of the relevant sources available on Lexis grouped by resource type. For example, those who need federal and state securities cases but have no idea where to find them simply need to click on the Securities topic. From here, the legal materials are grouped by the “type” of source, such as “Cases & Court Rules,” “Statutes and Legislative Materials,” etc.

**Westlaw**

Many researchers consistently search the same databases and largely disregard the rest. Wouldn’t it be great if the most used databases were brought together on one screen? Westlaw makes this possible with *My Westlaw*. The *My Westlaw* feature allows you to set up tabs for different practice areas or jurisdictions. These tabs can be personalized to fit your unique needs and bring together your most used databases on one screen. Another great time-saving feature on Westlaw is the *Research Trail*. Westlaw automatically saves your searches for fourteen days. By viewing your previous research session, you can discern where you last finished and avoid repeating your research.

Westlaw’s *KeySearch* feature is similar to Lexis’ *Search Advisor*, and provides initial help on how to start the research process. Additionally, practice specific databases on Westlaw can be found readily by using the online or hardcopy Westlaw database directory.

**Online Classes**

If online legal research is in your future, the biggest favor you can do for yourself is to become as familiar with these systems as you can. Both Lexis and Westlaw have been offering law students classes that teach how to make the most of your research time. These voluntary classes highlight useful tips on using their systems, and many of them also offer students the opportunity to get “certified.” While most law firms require their new associates to take special Lexis and Westlaw training classes at the firm once they start working, some law firms encourage new hires to take these certification or summer associate classes in law school (though only a small minority seem to require it). You can still take advantage of additional online training. Stop by the Reference Office for more information.
The Lincoln Room: Approaching its Five Year Anniversary

by Brian Raphael,
Assistant Director of the Law Library

Four years and some months ago, donors brought forth upon this Library, a new room, conceived in generosity, and dedicated to the proposition . . . that works of Lincoln, by Lincoln and about Lincoln shall not perish from the earth.

It seems “altogether fitting and proper” that we should use some of Abraham Lincoln’s words to describe how the Law Library’s Lincoln Room came to be almost five years ago. The books, documents, art pieces, and furnishings located in the Law Library’s Lincoln Room were donated in 1998 by the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Foundation (IATLF), which at the time, was in the process of moving its headquarters from San Jose. The book collection had been assembled by Dr. H.H. Patterson, and represented a valuable collection of works related to Abraham Lincoln. The Law Library gratefully accepted the donation offer of the collection and related furnishings owned by the IATLF.

During the summer and fall of 1998, the room in the Law Library previously known as the Casual Reading Room was renovated to accommodate both the Lincoln book collection and the donated and new furnishings and art work. Over 50% of the books in the Lincoln collection are not held by any of the other USC libraries, thereby significantly enriching the University’s holdings on Abraham Lincoln. Among the books in the collection are some works published in the 19th century, including an 1891 book entitled *Abraham Lincoln, the Liberator: A Biographical Sketch*, by Charles Wallace French. Most of the books in this collection can be borrowed from the Library.

The Lincoln Room is still a popular place for students to study and relax. In addition to the collection on Lincoln, the room houses a number of current popular magazines and newspapers, available for everyone to enjoy, as well as a display of book jackets of recent Law Library acquisitions.

Brian recently reviewed Legal Research Survival Manual (a new guide on legal research designed for law students) in the Winter 2003 issue of Law Library Journal. He also prepared a bibliography on “Virtual Reference” for this year’s Joint Institute for California law librarians, which he attended.

??? Ask a Librarian ???

by Jennifer S. Murray,
Senior Law Librarian - Research and Instructional Services
Q. I am a 3L thinking about how I intend to study for the California bar exam. Do you have anything in the library that I could use to help me study?

Signed,
Anxiously Awaiting the Bar Exam

A. What could be better to use in studying for the California Bar exam than the old California bar exams? The law library has the following publications that contain old bar exam questions:

- **Performance Tests and Selected Answers** (Open Reserve KFC76 .C323). The Law Library has most of these tests from 1983-2001.
- **Multistate Bar Examination Questions** (Closed Reserve KF303 .M85) (published in 1992). Contains sample multistate bar exam questions from various years, with answers.

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- Additionally, if you have yet to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE), you might want to make use of **MPRE Sample Questions** (Closed Reserve KF303 .M8).

While these materials cannot be checked out of the Law Library, they can be used in the Library or photocopied. Note also that the most recent two years worth of California Performance Tests and Essay Questions (with answers) are available at the California State Bar website (calbar.ca.gov). (These online versions of the tests are directly accessible from the Law Library catalog, ADVOCAT (http://innopac.usc.edu).)

Q. I am working as a research assistant for a professor. The professor has asked me to compile the statutes from all fifty states regarding a specific legal issue. Do I really have to look through every state code to do this?

Signed,
Researching the Impossible Question

A. There are some great resources in our Library for you to use when you need to research statutes from some or all of the fifty states. First, you would want to look in the **National Survey of State Laws** (Ready Reference, KF386 .N28). There is no index to this volume. So you will need to carefully scan the Table of Contents and Topic Cross Reference Table at the front of the book. If your topic is discussed, you will find statutory citations for all fifty states (where applicable).

If your topic is not discussed, you can look in **Subject Compilations of State Laws** (Ready Reference, KF1 .F67). This resource is an annual series publication. As a result, you will usually want to start with the most recent volume and work backwards. Each volume contains citations to relevant publications where one can find surveys of state laws on specific legal topics. You will have to locate the individual publication(s) cited in this source to obtain the statutory information. This resource does contain an index, which makes it easier to see if your topic is included. Do not forget to think of synonyms for your legal research terms!

If neither of these options works, come see a research librarian. There may be other research options available.

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Jennifer maintains her memberships in the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and its Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) chapter. She continues to serve as Chair of the SCALL Union List Committee and served last year as a member of the SCALL 50th Anniversary Committee. She also served on the Local Arrangements Committee for this year’s Joint Institute (co-sponsored by SCALL) for California law librarians, which she also attended.

Jennifer also serves on the AALL Mentoring Committee, the AALL Academic Law Libraries-Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) Mentoring Committee, and the ALL-SIS Legal Research Committee. Jennifer continues to write her column for the ALL-SIS Newsletter. She also wrote an article, “Print Citator Instruction: What to Do,” which was published in the Winter 2003 issue of Law Library Journal. Last Fall, Jennifer received the title of Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law.
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*Leonette was recently appointed to a three year term on the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Taskforce on ABA Standards for Law Schools. She also serves on the Los Angeles Daily Journal Law Library Advisory Counsel and the AALL Grants Committee, chairs the AALL Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section Statistics Committee and is a member of three other AALL Special Interest Sections: Foreign, International and Comparative Law; Government Documents; and Technical Services. Additionally, Leonette served this year as an advisor to the Southern California Association of Law Libraries Institute Committee. This is the second year in a row in which she has served as an advisor to this Committee.*

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