You may have heard the proverb, “the only constant is change,” which is derived from the pre-Socratic Greek philosopher Heraclitus’ statement that “no man steps in the same river twice.” As we start our fourth year in our new building it’s evident that we have undergone many changes in the short time since we reopened for business in the recently renovated Biolchini Hall.

Some changes are tangible. All of the buildings’ exterior doors have been re-varnished in anticipation of the coming year. The 2006 print edition of the United States Code, long a source which our patrons consulted on a daily basis in the main reading room, is now being replaced by the 2012 edition.

Other changes are less palpable. The “Big 3” of Bloomberg, LexisNexis, and Westlaw all continue to refine their interfaces and search algorithms. Historical databases like HeinOnline, LLMC Digital, The Making of Modern Law, and ProQuest constantly add new content bringing us online access to authenticated primary sources that were previously only available in microform.

Our librarians and staff continue to modify our library services and legal research curriculum in response to these changes, but our welcoming atmosphere for students and other patrons endures. Whether you are about to graduate, or about to start your first day of class, I encourage you to stop by the Kresge Law Library whenever you need a guide on the law’s ever changing path.

- Ed Edmonds

Painters strip the south entrance to Biolchini Hall (top) before it is stained (middle) and re-varnished (bottom)

Letter from Ed Edmonds

Fall Semester Hours for the Circulation Desk

Beginning with the Fall 2013 semester, the Circulation Desk hours will be as follows:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am—10:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am—8:00 pm
Saturday: 12:00 pm—8:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 pm—10:00 pm

As always, the library will be open 24 hours a day to law students and faculty; however, books can only be checked out during the hours listed above.
Getting to Know SCOTUSblog

If you're fairly new to the law like I am you must check out SCOTUSblog sponsored by Bloomberg Law. This comprehensive blog covering the Supreme Court was founded in 2002 by Tom Goldstein and Amy Howe. Its popularity continues to grow and the blog now has over 20 workers and writers. Why so much growth? This blog keeps up-to-date with reports on merit cases before the argument; after the argument; and after the decision with current writing, plain English explanations, and creative videos. You'll know what important cases will be decided during the current term as well as track upcoming petitions. However, it's the usability of the blog that makes it one of my favorites.

The main page features “COVERITLIVE” which is a live blog of up-to-the-minute happenings regarding orders and opinions. You don't need to sit outside One First Street admiring Cass Gilbert’s grandly designed United States Supreme Court building in order to get breaking news on a case's outcome. You simply need SCOTUS Blog! Another feature I enjoy is a link at the top titled “Plain English/Made Simple.” Let's face it, the law is a new world to most 1Ls and part of the adjustment is trying to understand the rules and vocabulary. The blog could go into a textbook style explanation of the Supreme Court Procedure. However, if the Socratic Method has taken its toll, you can click on the link for Supreme Court Procedure. Here you will be given a hypothetical Supreme Court Case that will walk you step by step in plain English through the procedure and terms from the lower courts, to the Petition for Certiorari, the role of amicus briefs, the merits stage, oral arguments, and finally the different possible decisions. These hypothetical cases may provide valuable assistance in framing your discussion of current events before class. In addition there is a Glossary of Legal Terms and a link to Biographies of the Justices.

This blog not only informs and teaches but entertains as well. Did you know that retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor had a secret handshake? You can watch her reveal this secret to Charlie Rose under the “Videos” link at the top. Do you want to hear Justice Clarence Thomas’ views on race relations and choosing a career in law? Or see how Justice Sonia Sotomayor reacted to her call from President Obama informing her she would be his nominee for the court? Watch these events and more on SCOTUS Blog.

If you enjoyed this resource please check out previous articles on JURIST and US Law Week both of which are other excellent legal current awareness services which you might find interesting and helpful.

-John W. Davis III, MLS Intern, IUPUI (2013)

Main Reading Room Light Bulb Replacement Policy

Please DO NOT REMOVE LIGHT BULBS from the lamps in the reading rooms.

A special adapter is installed with each fluorescent bulb which extends the length of the attachment by allowing better ventilation than the standard attachment.

If you notice a burned out light bulb, please notify a staff member at the Circulation Desk—they will replace the bulb for you.

This policy will ensure that the special adapters are not accidentally thrown away and also that the fluorescent light bulbs are recycled in accordance with the relevant University and EPA guidelines.
Find your friendly Bloomberg, Lexis, and Westlaw Reps!

Hello, my name is Peter Kaiser and I am the Bloomberg Law Relationship Manager for the University of Notre Dame Law School.

I am very excited to be working with you this year.

I received my J.D. degree from Loyola University of Chicago. Before joining Bloomberg Law I practiced as a litigator with a focus on commercial litigation and I also worked as in-house counsel for a Chicago area company and managed its legal affairs.

I am based out of Chicago and I look forward to being on campus throughout the year conducting training sessions, hosting events, and making myself available to help as well as answer questions.

Feel free to contact me directly at pkaiser6@bloomberg.net, or reach out to the Bloomberg Law 24/7 Help Desk at 1-888-560-2529 or WebHelp@Bloomberg.net.

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I’m Nikki Harris, your LexisNexis Account Executive and Sr. Reference Attorney. I received my law degree from the College of William & Mary and am licensed here in Indiana.

I’m typically on campus 1-2 days per week and am here to help with all your Lexis needs. You’ll find a schedule of training classes and programs I’m offering on campus at www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool. I am also available for individual assistance by appointment.

Contact me by email: nikki.harris@lexisnexis.com; phone: 312.660.3944; or just stop me in the hall, computer lab or printer room. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions you have - interacting with the Law School community is the best part of my job!

Thanks and I look forward to seeing you!

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Hello! I’m Kay Halvorson, your Westlaw Academic Account Manager. I received my J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and am licensed in the state of Minnesota. I have worked with West for the past 5 years, previously as a Reference Attorney.

I plan on being on campus every week, so I am available for any of your questions or training needs. Look at the calendar on lawschool.westlaw.com for more information about our contests, table days, and valuable training sessions.

If you need any individual or group training, please feel free to reach out to me and we can schedule a visit! You have several options: email me, call me, or stop by to visit one of our three great Westlaw Student Representatives. They hold office hours in the upper level of the library (near the computer lab) or out in the Commons.

I am looking forward to another great year at Notre Dame!

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What Words & Phrases Does Congress Use
The Most? Find Out With Capitol Words!

From January 1996 to the present day, “[f]or every day Congress is in session, Capitol Words visualizes the most frequently used words in the Congressional Record, giving you an at-a-glance view of which issues lawmakers address on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. Capitol Words lets you see what are the most popular words spoken by lawmakers on the House and Senate floor.

The graphs on the Capitol Words site that show the occurrences of words and phrases over time do so by using the relative frequency of the word or phrase. That is, the number of times the given word or phrase occurred divided by the total number of words or phrases of that size for that time period, multiplied by 100. This gives a better idea of how popular a term really was because it takes into account how much action there was in Congress in that time period.”

Want to track Congress’ historical discussion of current hot topics like student loans, health care, or surveillance? Capitol Words will help you do it as well as identify which members of the House of Representatives and Senate mentioned them (or any other) subjects the most during the time periods that you specify. Simply use the search box at the top of the page or compare congressional words and/or phrases over time and then move the slider on the resulting graph to narrow or expand the resulting display.

[Graphs and data visualizations are shown here.]

What if I can’t find a BLAWEXIS Rep?

Missed something during 1L orientation? Lost your Westlaw or Lexis password? Returning as a 2-3L and trying to get a password for our new Bloomberg Law database? Have other unanswered questions?

Never fear! Research librarian and Bloomberg/Lexis/Westlaw liaison Warren Rees is here! Find Warren in his office (2311 Biolchini Hall), give him a call (574)-631-4436, or send him an e-mail at wrees@nd.edu and he can help you sort these problems out.

1. Source: http://capitolwords.org/about/

Do you ever wonder what legal studies were like in the 19th and 20th centuries? Studying historical legal treatises from these periods not only gives you a glimpse into previous generations of law students' education and legal scholars' teachings, but also an increased appreciation for the development of contemporary legal principles and black letter law over the past two hundred years.

As the publishers of *The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises, 1800—1926* note, “The nineteenth century was a period of irrevocable economic, political and social change throughout the old and new worlds. Governments and private institutions alike struggled to come to terms with the impact of the Industrial Revolution, with the tides of social revolution and with a world torn between the promise of technology and the instability of change.

Nowhere were these changes more visible than in the legal system. In Britain, feudal concepts and procedures gave way to more modern forms. As the Industrial Revolution transformed British society, the common law began to touch a greater number of citizens. In the United States, the English legal heritage was soon transformed into the system required by the burgeoning industrial democracy.

A legal treatise is a monograph or other writing about the law, rather than a transcript of statutes or cases.

They are secondary source materials that analyze and examine the law, usually a specific law or subject area, encompassing a range of analytical, theoretical, and practical literature.

While some roots of the common law — such as the origin of the jury system — lie further in the past, the nineteenth century is the source of many modern doctrines. The merger of law and equity and the procedural reforms in English law of this time laid to rest the old common law forms of action and permitted the growth of modern legal concepts such as property, tort and contract.

The Industrial Revolution created new fields of law: railroads, business corporations, labor law. American individualism can be traced through many Constitutional developments. The greatest constitutional crisis of the century — the American Civil War — was the crucible from which emerged many current concepts of civil rights, due process, and equal protection of the laws.

The century witnessed an explosion in legal literature. New legislators were required to cope with many aspects of modern life and the amount of case law grew by staggering proportions, particularly in the late half of the century. In 1810, only 18 volumes of American reports had been published. By mid-century, there were 800 and by 1900 about 8,000. Lawyers and law professors increased their output of treatises (writings about the law) in order to gain an overview of the law and to cope with its complexity and rapid change.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, American lawyers had little indigenous law. They turned avidly to English text for principles. Works by Blackstone, Chitty and other English writers went through many American editions until gradually the American annotations superseded the original sources.

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The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises, 1800-1926 has opened up nineteenth century legal history to researchers everywhere. In addition, this collection covers the most significant and influential legal writers, trends, cases and materials of the early 20th century. The material permits the continuing study of legal development after the nineteenth century, and illuminates the origins of many topics that arose in the twentieth century.

English authors include:

Edward Coke  William Blackstone
Jeremy Bentham  John Stuart Mill
James Fitzjames  Stephen F.W. Maitland

American authors include:

James Kent  Joseph Story
Salmon P.Chase  Oliver Wendall Holmes
Roscoe Pound  Benjamin Cardozo

The contents of The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises, 1800-1926 have been categorized into 99 subject classifications covering almost every aspect of American and British law and including:

Bankruptcy  Biography
Business law  Constitutional law
Copyright  Criminal law
Economic policy  International law
Jurisprudence  Labor & social welfare
Legal history  Military justice
Natural resources  Patents and trademarks
Public property  Religion
Torts  Trusts & estates
& More...

For more information about this database, see Gale Cengage’s product information page, or a friendly research librarian.

1. Source: Gale Cengage

Summer Is Over!
Keep Biking!

Learn more about riding your bike to, from, and on campus at http://blogs.nd.edu/bikend/ the University of Notre Dame’s official biking club.

It’s FREE and open to the entire campus. Take your first ride on the path to good health for life, and learn more about the benefits of biking to campus.

As a member of the biking club, you can look forward to giveaways, motivating emails, and useful information to help keep you moving and feeling great this fall. Sign up on RecRegister starting August 26th!
How to Play

Choose from the 6 subject matter categories and select a case question.

Review the headnote for the case question before game play begins. If you don’t like it, choose another question.

Game play is timed, so be fast but thorough with your choices.

Read the case and select ALL the correct issues within the specified time limit.

Earn points for correct answers and climb the leaderboard at your law school! Get other students to play and help your law school ascend to the top!

The game is over when you've answered all the questions.

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How do I use it?

To use the Notre Dame Mobile Web, you'll need:

1. **A web-capable mobile device:**
   - iPhone or iPod Touch
   - Smartphone (BlackBerry, Windows, Treo, Android, etc.)
   - Most recent ‘feature’ phones (including flip, slider or bar phones like the RAZR, Chocolate, Sync, etc.)
   - WiFi PDA (Windows Mobile, Palm T|X)

2. **A network connection:** A web/data plan from your carrier or a WiFi connection if your device has WiFi.

3. **To get to the Notre Dame Mobile Web:** On your mobile device, launch your web browser and go to:
   - [m.nd.edu](http://m.nd.edu)

   Note: do not use ‘www’ in the web address.

The Notre Dame Mobile Web will automatically detect your device type and deliver an experience optimized for it.

Cite-checking Just Got Easier…
USC (2012) Now In Publication!

To the joy of law students everywhere, the 2012 edition of the United States Code is now being published.

Containing 51 titles grouped by broad subject matter, the main edition of the United States Code is published every six years by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives, and cumulative supplements are published annually to provide the most up-to-date information. The last main edition was published for 2006, and the current 2012 edition started shipping in the summer of 2013.

Ask anyone who has dealt with parentheticals including annual USC supplements, Westlaw’s and Lexis’ pocket parts or cumulative interim supplements, and the occasional session law, and they’ll agree that the publication of a new issue of USC marks the dawn of a 6 to 12 month golden age during which properly citing the USC becomes markedly easier than the prior five years!

Take a visit to the main reading room to admire the new volumes of USC (currently comprising Titles 1-12 with more on the way) and watch them replace the 2006 edition on the shelf over the course of the 2013-2014 academic year.

Where can I get help with my computer questions?

If you are in the computer or instruction lab located on the 3rd floor of Biolchini Hall, you can have your immediate questions answered by the Computer Lab Assistant, who is located at the elevated desk in the computer lab. You can also check with Eric McCartney, the Student Computing Manager, in 3305 Biolchini Hall. You can also reach Eric via email mccartney@nd.edu by calling (574) 631-9793. We try to have an open-door policy. If you are having any problems in the lab, we want to solve them as soon as possible. If you are at your residence, you can also contact the Office of Information Technology’s Help Desk at (574) 631-8111, or access their web page.

Can I get my computer serviced?

If your notebook computer is not working properly, the Law School Technology Department will try to address your basic configuration needs as time allows. Bring your computer to the Student Computing Manager’s office, 3305 Biolchini Hall, to see if we will be able to help solve your problem. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to fix your hardware problems or some configuration issues. In those instances where we cannot fix your problem, you can try the Office of Information Technologies’ ND Service Center. Check the OIT website to find their labor rates.

When is the computer lab open?

The computer lab located at 3310 Biolchini Hall is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. After 5 PM and weekends, law students will need to use their student ID card to access the building.

When is the computer lab staffed?

Computer Lab Assistants are available to assist you during the following times while classes are in session:

- **Sun:** 5pm - 10pm
- **Mon-Thurs:** 8am - 10pm
- **Fri:** 8am - 5pm

See the full Technology Services FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) at:

http://law.nd.edu/library/technology-services/technology-faq/
As the legal advisor to the executive officials of the government, the Attorney General renders requested legal advice, generally in the form of written reports and opinions. Although these opinions are the official statements of an executive officer, issued in accordance with this authority, they are merely advisory statements and not mandatory orders. However, the opinions carry considerable weight, are strongly persuasive, and are generally followed by executive officers. In addition, they have significant influence on the courts in their deliberation.

The State Attorney General Reports & Opinions collection includes more than 1,000,000 pages and coverage for each state back to at least 1980. Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are currently available back to inception, and this collection will be updated monthly until the reports and opinions of all 50 states are available back to inception!

To learn more about this resource, see Hein Online’s product information page or a friendly research librarian.

A 2009 Colorado Attorney General Opinion indicating that medical marijuana is subject to the state sales tax.

LLMC Digital Undergoes Major Redesign!

A longtime favorite of those involved in state and local level historical legal research, LLMC Digital has recently released its new interface.

The Law Library Microform Consortium, known simply as "LLMC," is responsible for bringing together the LLMC Digital database, which includes an ever-expanding digital collection of resources obtained by multiple contributors for over 25 years from both government libraries, the Library of Congress, and over 250 member law libraries, including Yale, UC-Berkeley, and our own Kresge Law Library.

This database has proven extremely convenient; especially for finding older sources which may only appear in microfilm formats and possibly only at other libraries. Going to LLMC first may save you time and possibly headaches trying to track down microform in our library or through interlibrary loan!

And now it is even more user-friendly than before. Not only have the searching, browsing, indexing, and alert features been improved, but it is now compatible with iPads and other tablet computers!

To learn more about this impressive resource, see Anita Lutz’ article on LLMC Digital in volume 2, issue 3 of the Law Library News.
Around the Bend

If you need a break from your studies but are not sure what there is to do in the South Bend area, check out “Around the Bend” regularly (it’s printed in every issue of the Law Library News) for a collection of recommendations.

Zoo Brew = Animals + Beer + You!

Zoo Brew features craft beers from the area’s finest breweries and distributors. Guests have the opportunity to sample their favorite craft beers and enjoy menu items from area restaurants. Proceeds from Zoo Brew benefit wildlife conservation, new naturalistic exhibits for the animals, and education programs.

Zoo Brew is September 7th (Sat) from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on-line, over the phone (Monday through Friday) at 574-288-4639, or in person at the Members’ Gate located in front of the Zoo. Learn more at the Potawatomi Zoo event page.

First Fridays Downtown 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The first Friday of every month downtown South Bend businesses open their doors to host entertaining events such as:

- Live musical performances.
- Special one night promotions/ coupons/sales.
- Demonstrations/classes (yoga, cooking, art etc.)
- Activities and Experiences for kids, adults & families
- Artist receptions, celebrations & festivities
- Refreshments, food and wine tasting

Most events are free or at a reduced admission rate.

South Bend Record & CD Collector's Show

This October 6th (Sun), browse over 20,000 used and new LPs, 45s, CDs, music videos and memorabilia. All types of music from the 1940s to current. 56 dealer tables, 50 cent bargains to high end collectibles. Dealers and collectors from 4-5 states. Something for the serious music collector or casual music fan. Plus Stereo needles and storage and protective sleeves for your collection. Door prize drawings at 1:30 PM. Free appraisal for 1 record (45, 33, or 78). See event page for more info!

Niles, Michigan Haunted House & Scream Park

Open from late September to early November the Niles Haunted House Scream Park takes you on a trip through the scariest, creepiest, most blood-curdling attractions this side of the Continental Divide.

While you’re trembling, you’ll be helping a good cause. The Park raises money for a wide variety of local charities. In 2012, it generated more than $58,000 for Michiana area communities, a significant portion of which went to more than 80 not-for-profit organizations such as Boy and Girl Scout groups, church youth groups and booster groups for colleges and high schools.

Cringe as you tiptoe through three unique Haunted Houses! Cower as you jostle along on the Haunted Hayride! Flee frightening apparitions in the Field of Screams!

“Sweet” Museum Exhibit: “The Wonderful World of Chocolate, Candy & Ice Cream”

Afraid you won’t get enough Halloween candy? Then visit the Center for History to learn more about Michiana’s long history of confectionaries, sweet shops, and soda fountains. But hurry, the exhibit closes on December 31 (Tues).

Admission is free with a Museum Pass from the St. Joseph County Library. Otherwise, be sure to review the admission rates and hours on the Center for History’s website.

If you’re hungry for some sweets of your own after visiting the museum, be sure to head over to the South Bend Chocolate Company afterwards!

Looking for More Ideas?

The South Bend Tribune’s In The Bend has more local events! So does Make It Downtown South Bend!
The Kresge Law Library exists to provide the necessary scholarly foundation for the conduct of research in the law and to provide space for independent and collaborative study of the law for the faculty and students of Notre Dame Law School. The library supports the mission of the Law School by acquiring, providing access to, and guidance in the use of the best resources in support of the curriculum of the Law School and the scholarly interests of the faculty and students. Additionally, it supports the legal research requirements of the larger university community.