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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Introducing Innovative Interface's new library sharing portal
- How Google is changing online legal research
- Read about a great resource to help you keep up with legal news
- Meet researcher extraordinaire Beth Klein

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Letter from Ed Edmonds

This issue of the *Law Library News* includes a profile about Beth Klein and a link to her timeline of the Notre Dame Law Library. I encourage you to click

on the link and look at her excellent brochure to acquaint yourself with our history because it is a fascinating and compelling story. For me it is a bit humbling to be the sixth law librarian at this wonderful law school and to follow in the steps of the five library directors who preceded me. In particular, my great friend Roger Jacobs deserves

enormous credit for building much of the collection and for assembling many of the wonderful colleagues who I have the privilege of working with daily.

He is one of the giants of the law library profession and a tremendous ambassador for the Kresge Law Library and the Notre Dame Law School.



ABOVE: The new library circulation desk under construction in January 2010.

When I was an undergraduate student at Notre Dame from 1969-1973, Kathleen Farmann was the library director. She was appointed to the position in

1966 and served until Roger's appointment in 1985. It was during her tenure that the Kresge Foundation agreed to donate \$750,000 to help fund the first

expansion of the 1930's building, around the time that I graduated. I did not know Kathleen, but I appreciate her many accomplishments that still support much of our work here today.

Next fall, we will open the renovated Biolchini Hall. It will serve all of us well who study, research, and write as members of this community. It will also serve as great reminder of the contributions of all of the individuals who have worked at the Notre Dame Law Library.

-Ed Edmonds

And that's the way it is . . .

Administrative Services

Ed attended the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools in New Orleans in early January, where he became chair of the Law and Sports section. Ed also chaired this section in 1997-1998.

Ed was recently highlighted on Garrett Broshuis's blog, [Life in the Minors](#), discussing the Curt Flood Act. He was also recently

quoted regarding the criminal charges facing Washington Wizard's player Gilbert Arenas in the [Washington Examiner](#).

Ed has a forthcoming article "A Most Interesting Part of Baseball's Monetary Structure - Salary Arbitration in Its Thirty-Fifth Year," to be published in the *Marquette Sports Law Review*.

In mid-January, Ed and Director

of Libraries Jennifer Younger gave a joint "State of the Libraries" address to all library faculty and staff at Notre Dame.

Access Services

Mary's daughter Kim was married on November 14th, the day after Mary and Chuck celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to both couples! (See page 2 for Mary's details!)

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NEWS AND KUDOS
FROM THE LIBRARY
DEPARTMENTS



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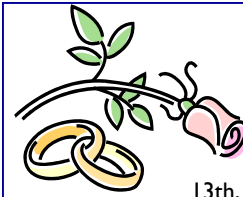
The whole Access Services staff, as well as Susan in Technology Services and Joe Reimers in Technical Services have been busy coordinating with the Hesburgh Library on the newly released version 8 of ILLIAD. Currently, Kresge librarians and staff are using version 7.4 of ILLIAD for interlibrary loan lending processes but since version 8 is significantly different they will be attending training to learn the ins and outs of the new version.

Technical Services

As a member of the IUG Steering Committee, Joe Reimers attended the American Library Association's [Midwinter Meeting](#) in Boston in mid-January.

Technology Services

In January, Susan Good celebrated 23 years at the University of Notre Dame!



Congratulations!

(Story from page 1)

As Mary tells the story: "On Friday, November 13th, Chuck and I were making plans to celebrate 44 years of marriage and had planned a quiet evening out with our youngest daughter, Kim, and her finance. While we were eating dinner, Kim asked her dad, "By the way, dad, what are you doing tomorrow around 2:00pm?" Chuck asked why. Kim announced that she and Tom were planning to get married and she wanted Chuck to give her away. Chuck said of course he would be there! Kimberly and her new husband Thomas Hall shared the beautiful event at the home of Judge Freeze, who performed the ceremony."

Introducing "Sharelaw"

If you are familiar with using the law library's LINK catalog to find local resources, you may be interested to learn that we have recently joined forces with eight other law libraries to provide a place where you can see the holdings of all nine collections with one search. All of these law libraries catalog and display resources using Innovative Interface Inc.'s integrated library system. Sharelaw" (<http://lawir.iii.com/>) is Innovative's experimental new product which combines the holdings of all participating libraries into one central database of records. From an initial search, you will see which libraries own a particular title, its location, and whether it is available or not. Initially, we in the library are using this resource to compare our collection with some of our peers. As other law libraries join in, this will become a valuable tool in our collection development efforts. We hope that eventually Sharelaw will include an interlibrary loan function which will

allow participating libraries to lend and receive materials quickly and cheaply. Innovative Interfaces is the provider of library systems to more than 60% of academic law libraries, so the potential for creating a comprehensive database of resources for our users is excellent. While this experiment is in its early stages, please feel free to browse the Sharelaw holdings.

Academic law libraries currently participating in Sharelaw are: George Washington, Marquette, University of California-Berkeley, University of Miami, University of Nebraska, Notre Dame, University of Texas, University of Washington, and Yale.



-Joe Thomas

From Google Scholar to Google SLOJ!

If you've used [Google Scholar](#) lately, you might have noticed the new search option for "Legal opinions and journals." Consequently, people in the legal information community have started referring to "Google Scholar" as "Google SLOJ." Only time will tell if the name sticks, but the new legal content (with more to come) is here to stay!

So, what does this mean for you? For one thing, free access to case law! "Currently, Google Scholar allows you to search and read opinions for US state appellate and supreme court cases since 1950, US federal district, appellate, tax and bankruptcy courts since 1923 and US Supreme Court cases since 1791."¹ But wait, there's more... Google SLOJ also includes a citator called "How cited" and even links to law reviews and journals in HeinOnline! These additions are reflected in the revised [Advanced Scholar Search](#) page which allows you to limit your search to specific jurisdictions or scholarly publications.

Sounds great doesn't it? But don't abandon LexisNexis or Westlaw yet. For one thing, there are no plans to add statutes or administrative regulations to Google SLOJ.² For another, Google's primary emphases are to promote scholarly research and provide the public with access to case law; Google SLOJ is not intended to be a practice tool for legal professionals.³ However, that doesn't mean that you can't use Google SLOJ in the actual practice of law, just that it isn't (yet) the "one-stop-shop" that you might be expecting.

So what can you do with Google SLOJ right now? When it comes to case law, quite a lot! See Victoria Szymczak's [experiment](#) comparing LexisNexis, Westlaw, and Google SLOJ on the issue of cosmetic surgery torts in New York.⁴ Although Szymczak notes that her search results were not listed in any discernible order (e.g., by date or court level) and included some duplicate cases and irrelevant authorities, her overall conclusion is that Google SLOJ is a useful (albeit incomplete) tool.⁵ Similarly, Mark Giangrande [tested](#)

Google SLOJ's ability to provide the relevant Illinois case law on a marital property issue.⁶ Like Szymczak, Giangrande's overall impression is favorable, but he does not think that Google SLOJ can provide the complete answer on its own.⁷

Google SLOJ's inclusion of law reviews and journals goes a long way to helping users find the complete answer by facilitating access to detailed explanations and discussion of legal issues. On the plus side, it is clear that Google SLOJ saves users time by allowing them to locate articles in multiple databases (e.g., HeinOnline, Questia, JSTOR, etc.) simultaneously. However, the downside is that Google SLOJ does not provide users with the same level of control over query formulation that a search in an individual database does.⁸ Additionally, the automated manner in which Google SLOJ indexes scholarly articles leads to some inaccuracies and less relevant results than can be found in databases like HeinOnline where articles are indexed by a human cataloger.⁹ For a detailed examination of

Articles (include patents) Legal opinions and journals

[Stand on the shoulders of giants](#)

New! Find the laws that govern us. [Read more.](#)

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ABOVE: A screenshot of Google Scholar. Note the "Legal opinions and journals" search option.

these points see [Part I](#) and [Part II](#) of HeinOnline's series "HeinOnline or Google Scholar? Why You Should Start Your Research in HeinOnline First."

Nevertheless, if you're not conducting in-depth research, Google SLOJ is a quick and easy way to locate relevant scholarship on an issue. But enough reading about Google SLOJ, go ahead and check it out today!

-Chris O'Byrne

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Off the Shelf ... A review of selected law library resources

Catching up on Legal News with JURIST (and Other Resources)!

Welcome back, students! Curious about what significant legal events have occurred over Christmas break? Well, if you haven't been following them yourself (which we hope is the case since break is a great opportunity to focus on other things for a while), then you should visit [JURIST](#) to catch up. JURIST is a Web-based news and real-time legal research service provided by the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in Pennsylvania.

Under the direction of [Bernard Hibbits](#), a team of law student reporters, editors and web developers provide objective, timely, and concise reports on breaking legal news. Unlike many other contemporary legal news services, "JURIST eschews sensational legal news about crimes, trials and celebrities, and instead concentrates on legal issues with significant jurisprudential, social and political implications . . . attempt[ing] to provide a more even balance of US and international legal news than is common in traditional legal or mass media."¹

The scope of JURIST's coverage may

be limited, but the depth of its research and reporting is not. JURIST always links directly to the underlying primary source materials (e.g., legislation, docket information and court filings, judicial and administrative decisions, hearings, and more) for

“What could take an hour searching the Web takes a minute on JURIST.”

all of the articles in its [Paper Chase](#) news stream. Consequently, your understanding of an issue is not limited to the article author's summary of the relevant sources. Additionally, JURIST also publishes exclusive [commentaries](#) by American and foreign law professors and legal practitioners who are directly involved in the most pressing legal issues of the day. This combination of impartial reporting, direct access to primary sources, and expert analy-

sis and explanations makes JURIST a great starting point for your legal research (especially when it comes to locating foreign and international materials).

Be sure to bookmark JURIST today and you'll agree: "What could take an hour searching the Web takes a minute on JURIST."²

If exploring JURIST piques your curiosity about other legal news feeds and blogs, be sure to click the [News Feeds](#) link at the bottom of the gold *Library News* column on the Kresge Law Library homepage. In addition to JURIST, [The BLT: The Blog of Legal Times](#), [Law.Com](#), [NPR Legal Affairs](#), and [SCOTUSBLOG](#), will also help you keep abreast of current legal news.

-Chris O'Byrne

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Tracking News Stories with Alerts

If you are interested in monitoring a news story as it develops, don't forget that there's more to it than [Google Alerts](#). You can also set up an [Alert Search](#) on LexisNexis or use Westlaw's [WestClip](#) service. Both services give you far more control over the scope of your search (e.g., more easily search individual publications or combined news databases) and allow you to form a more precise query (i.e., specify the relationship between your search terms) than Google Alerts. However, for tracking coverage in the blogosphere, Google Alerts is the way to go. If you have questions about using any of these services, stop by Suite 1100 of Eck Hall and see one of your friendly Research Librarians!

Ever noticed the News Feeds link at the bottom of the library home page? Click to find a list of feeds from JURIST and other sources.



examinations. Past exams are currently available through the Kresge Law Library.

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Library Profile: Beth Klein



Beth Klein, Library Specialist for Research Services and Administrative Assistant to the Research Law Librarians, provides competent and friendly public service, helping patrons access information in an effective and efficient manner. She enjoys the human exchange in sharing, disseminating, and retrieving information. To serve, to please, and to make life easier for others are all high values for Beth, but public service is only one aspect of her responsibilities, which draw on her diverse skills. These skills include research acumen, expertise in creative writing as well as other creative, technical, clerical, and supervisory skills. Beth enjoys using all these talents and abilities in serving the Notre Dame Law school community.

Beth earned her Bachelors in Speech, Radio, and TV, and her Masters in Speech and Public Relations at the University of North Dakota. However, her educational journey was not without some novel twists and turns. She grew up in Arvada, Colorado (a suburb of Denver) and attended the K-12 school system, now famous for the Columbine school shooting. Starting out with aspirations of being a professional Girl Scout, Beth began her collegiate work at Rockhurst, a Jesuit College in Kansas City, Missouri and enrolled in the Program of American Humanics – an academic program for non-profit organizations and directorship training. While there, Beth met her husband, Jeff, who later earned his JD at the University of North Dakota Law School. They married in January, 1981, in Kansas City and moved to Bismarck, North Dakota. It was there that Beth resumed her studies at the University of Mary and

enrolled in the London “May term” at the Catholic Radio and Television Centre in London where she enjoyed being a cameraman (woman) and technical director. Over the years, Beth has taught Speech, or worked in the Office of Public Relations at State Universities in Mayville and Dickinson, North Dakota and in Charleston, Illinois and then at Ivy Tech in South Bend, Indiana. She has also written personal interest stories for newspapers in Finley, Mayville, and Bowman, and was the fundraising director for the Sunrise Foundation in Bowman and the Fargo Catholic Schools.

In 1996, Beth, her husband Jeff, and their four children: Kristen, Jennifer, Caitlin, and Aaron, moved to South Bend after Jeff accepted a position as vice-president and trust officer with the Valley American Bank. In September, 1996, Beth was hired by the Kresge Law Library for copy cataloguing under Barbara Ritty. Just over a year later, in January of 1998, Beth joined the library’s Research Services/Reference Department, where she has remained ever since.

Beth’s responsibilities while in this department have included the creation of exhibit display cases featuring faculty publications as well as displays on various topics such as the Legal Aid Clinic and drawings of the new Law school building, now in existence. She recalls putting together the writings and case decisions of a visiting dignitary -- “Judge Antonio Augusto Cancado Trindade, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and the Clynnes Visiting Chair in Judicial Ethics.” Most display case requests came from Patricia O’Hara, the former Notre Dame Law School Dean, and the task was given to Beth by Dwight King, Head of Research Services.

Usually Beth’s large work projects occur two or three times a year, most of them involving faculty committee support. As project designer and organizer, Beth engages in and supervises student workers in the research process helping the students maneuver through LexisNexis and Westlaw databases and other non-law resources. Once the information is gathered, Beth compiles the results into graphs and spreadsheets, devising ways for the content to be useful to the faculty member in a visually appealing format. Recently, Beth has helped organize faculty bibliographies for the ABA

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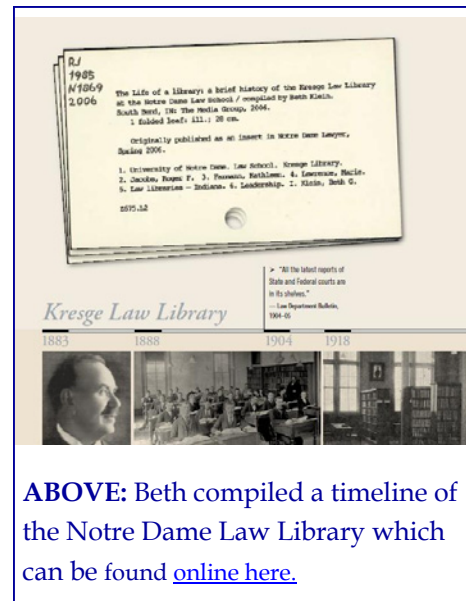
accreditation visits, and also helped Dwight King with his writing and research activity focusing on minority law librarians. However, Beth reports that gathering information for the law library timeline in the 2006 Spring issue of the *Notre Dame Lawyer* magazine (see insert at right) was the most challenging project to date. This project required extensive research and the reading of Law School Deans' Reports, Law Library Annual Reports, and searching for articles on the history of the Notre Dame Law school and law library in the *University Bulletin* and other resources, in addition to annotating selected photos from the University Archives with editorial assistance from Dwight King and Patti Ogden.

As one can readily see, Beth is a woman of many talents that are played out in the work setting but there are many more talents employed in her personal, social, and civic life. She especially enjoys working with her hands; most often, gardening and home improvement projects. She is musically accomplished and would play her piano, guitar, or

violin "if [she] had more time."

As an active volunteer, Beth is involved with St. Vincent De Paul delivering food to clients' homes and verifying requests for clothing and furniture. She and Jeff enjoy being involved in the school activities of Caitlin and Aaron. Each fall they volunteer as chaperones for the Penn High School marching band competitions. In her quiet moments, Beth loves to read science fiction, fantasy, and adventure stories. Among her favorites are young adult books: the Harry Potter series, the Bartimaeus Trilogy, the Inheritance cycle, and the Artemis Fowl series. Her favorite authors include Clive Cussler, Tom Clancy, and David Baldacci.

What are Beth's personal aspirations at the law library? "To do the best job I can do with the tasks that I am given. I work for a great bunch of people. They are very flexible and understanding in enabling me to meet my family's scheduling needs. I receive positive reinforcement and that taps into my creativity. I am most grateful for working here at



ABOVE: Beth compiled a timeline of the Notre Dame Law Library which can be found [online here](#).

ND especially with the educational benefits for our children—"It's all about family." Today, Beth has had one child graduate from Notre Dame, another who is currently in college, and another who will begin college next fall.

-Susan Hamilton



AT LEFT: One of many display cases Beth has designed over the years. This one, detailing the expansion project, stood in the halls of the old law school building prior to the renovation.

Recipe Box

Recipe shared by Beth Given. This hearty soup is quick and easy to make. It is one of her family's favorites, and was adapted from one of Mollie Katzen's Moosewood recipe books.



Potato Leek Soup

Ingredients:


- 3 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3-4 leeks, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 carrot, chopped
- 3 Tb butter
- 1/2 cup water or broth
- 3 cups milk
- thyme, marjoram, basil, salt & pepper to taste

Directions:

Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add veggies and a dash of salt. Cook veggies, stirring to coat with the butter, for 5 minutes. Add water, bring to a boil, and reduce heat. Cover and simmer until potatoes are soft, about 20 minutes. Add more water if needed. Puree the veggies in a food processor or blender with the milk. Return to the saucepan and gently reheat, adding herbs to taste. Serves 4-6.

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January Birthdays

- Roger Jacobs January 1
- Barb Ritty January 4
- Susan Hamilton January 17
- Lori Dutka January 23

February Birthdays

- Jeff Morgan February 5
- Joe Reimers February 8
- Susan Good February 13
- Anita Lutz February 15
- Deb Fox February 27

FEBRUARY 2010

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The primary mission of the law library is to provide services and to acquire and organize legal information in support of the research and curricular goals of the Law School. It also supports the legal research requirements of the University community and provides legal information to appropriate members of the local community.

Library Hours

Spring semester hours:

Monday – Friday	8:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.
Saturdays	9:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.
Sundays	10:00a.m. – 10:00p.m.

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Unsolicited contributions are encouraged! All contributions are subject to editorial review. The deadlines for submissions are Feb 15, April 15, June 15, Aug 15, Oct 15, and Dec 15. Please note that most articles should be fewer than 500 words.

Send contributions, questions, or comments to Beth Given (given.1@nd.edu).

AT RIGHT:

A view from the Mezzanine of the Main Reading Room under construction in January 2010. Notice that the chandeliers were replicated and the new ones are in place.

