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# Law Library Guide 2008–2009

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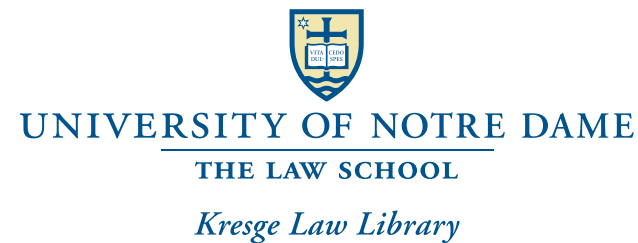
## ABOUT NOTRE DAME'S LAW LIBRARY

The Notre Dame Law Department was established in 1869. The first published mention of a law school library was not until 20 years later when the *Columbia Law Times* described the small library of 2,500 volumes as “spacious, well-lighted,” and “well-ventilated.”

In these early years development of the law library's collection and staff was slow. The Law School did not appoint the first law librarian, John Whitman, until 1925. His selection coincided with the Law School's accreditation by the American Association of Law Schools. By 1930, after more than 60 years of existence, the library had only grown to 10,000 volumes. This modest collection did not require a large staff. In fact, in 1942, a single librarian, Lora Lashbrook, oversaw the entire operation, while serving concurrently as teacher of research methodology, law school registrar, and secretary to both the dean and the faculty. Marie Lawrence succeeded to the post of librarian in 1945. She guided the collection for almost 25 years. At her retirement the library stood at 69,000 volumes — still quite small by American Bar Association standards.

The enlargement of the library's physical space in 1973 came under the leadership of the next librarian, Kathleen C. Fermann. Expansion and increased funding of the library, made possible in part by a gift from the Kresge Foundation, were welcomed but were nevertheless insufficient for the library's continued growth. In 1985 the University committed itself to building a library that would support scholarship of the highest order, and it needed a librarian to spearhead that campaign. Roger F. Jacobs, then the librarian of the U.S. Supreme Court, became the fifth Notre Dame law librarian. During his 25 years of leadership, library staff, seating, and shelf space more than doubled. The total physical area of the library increased by a third, and the collection grew to more than 640,000 volumes.

The progress of the past will continue into the future under Ed Edmonds, who was appointed the sixth law librarian in summer 2006. Within a year, the new Law School will be built. The accompanying library expansion will go far toward making the Kresge Law Library a leading national research facility.



## Law Library Guide 2008-09

Welcome to Notre Dame Law School's Kresge Library. This library guide will inform you about the library's services, policies, and physical layout. If you have other questions, please ask the staff for assistance. The staff is here to help you.

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.

The library occupies seven floors. Enter the main reading room, located on the second floor of the law building, through the north or south stairwells.

The collection contains 347,000 print volumes, 6,000 serial titles, and 311,000 microform volume equivalents. The library seats 370 people, 206 at individual study carrels.

Nine professional librarians, 18 support staff, and numerous student assistants comprise the library staff.

### Library Hours

#### Circulation Desk

Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

#### Research/Reference Assistance

Monday – Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

#### Non-Law School Users

Monday – Friday	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

Special hours will be posted for holiday and break periods.

# S E R V I C E S

**BORROWING PRIVILEGES:** Law students and other members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities may, with proper identification, borrow library materials for a specified time. To determine if an item circulates, check with a Circulation Desk attendant. All items checked out are subject to recall if needed by another patron.

**CARREL RESERVATIONS:** Second- and third-year students meeting certain criteria may reserve a carrel. Stop by the Research Services Assistant's office, Room 201-D, for details.

**CATALOG:** LINK is the online catalog for the law library. To search other campus libraries, see the “ND Catalog.”

**CELL PHONES:** Help maintain a quiet atmosphere by silencing your cell phone when entering the library. Please do not talk on your phone in the library.

**DRINKS, FOOD, and TOBACCO:** Drinks are allowed in approved containers. Eating or using tobacco products in the library is prohibited.

**FAX MACHINE:** A fax machine is available at the Circulation Desk. Though not primarily for student use, ND law students may send a fax for a fee. There is no charge for receiving a fax. For details, please speak with a Circulation Desk attendant.

**GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS:** Since 1986 the law library has been a selective depository for United States government documents. These items, found through LINK, are available to the public.

**INTERLIBRARY LOAN:** Law faculty and students may request, through interlibrary loan, materials not available in the law library or at the Hesburgh Library. Request forms are available at the Circulation Desk. Electronic forms are available on the library's Web page.

**LIBRARY ETIQUETTE:** The law library is for serious research and study. Please refrain from loud conversation and other inappropriate behavior. Non-law students may not use the library as a study hall. Patrons violating library policies may be ejected.

**LOST and FOUND:** The Circulation Desk handles lost and found materials. After one week, unclaimed articles will be sent to the campus “Lost and Found” department in the Campus Security Office.

**MICROFORMS:** The microfiche/microfilm materials and reader/printers are in the microform room and microform annex.

**PARKING:** All-day visitor parking is available on Notre Dame Avenue for \$2.

**PHOTOCOPYING:** Two photocopy machines are in the computing room on the main floor. Copy cards are available from the nearby vending machines and also can be used for copying at Hesburgh Library.

**PUBLIC WORKSTATIONS:** Two workstations are available in the main reading room for public access to the library catalog and the Internet. No word processing software is available.

**QUIET READING AREA:** This partitioned area was created in response to student requests for a quiet study space with comfortable furniture. We ask that you help keep this particular area REALLY quiet.

**REST ROOMS:** Rest rooms are on the main floor of the library near the computing room and in the basement of the law school.

**RESERVE MATERIAL:** Materials on reserve may be requested at the Circulation Desk and checked out for two hours, overnight, or seven days. Selected prior exams are available for ND law students at the law library Web site.

**STUDENT COMPUTING:** The Law School computing areas, available only to ND law students, include the computing room on the main floor and the instructional lab on the mezzanine. Together they are equipped with 30 PCs and two Macintosh computers sharing three laser printers. A wireless network is available throughout the library.

**STUDY ROOMS:** ND law students or faculty may reserve these rooms for two-hour blocks of time. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**SUGGESTIONS and COMMENTS:** We welcome patron views about the library. Please address your comments or concerns to any staff member.

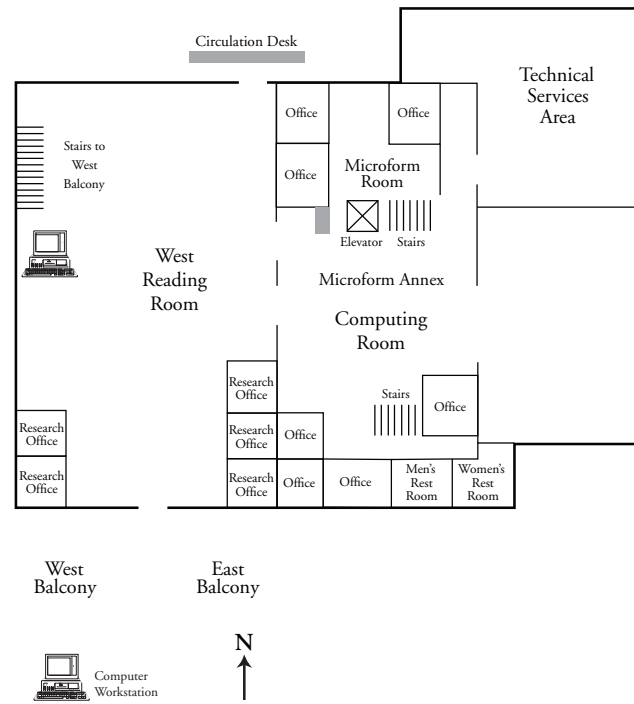
**TELEPHONES:** You may not receive or place personal phone calls on library phones. House phones are available on each of the stack levels.

**THEFT:** Patrons are strongly cautioned against leaving valuables unattended. Immediately report theft to University Security/Police (631-5555) or the Circulation Desk (631-7024).

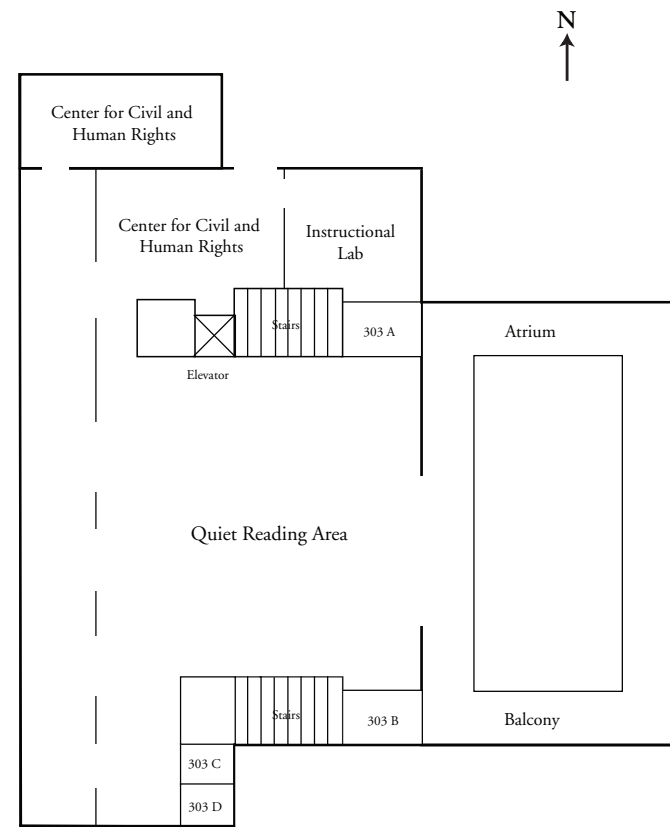
**VIDEO:** The law library has an assortment of VHS videotapes and DVDs related to legal education, as well as a video collection of popular movies with legal themes. Use LINK to find these holdings, then speak with a Circulation Desk attendant to obtain specific titles.

**WEB SITE:** The Kresge Law Library Web site at [www.nd.edu/library-and-technology](http://www.nd.edu/library-and-technology) describes the library's services and collections and provides access to a wide range of electronic research resources.

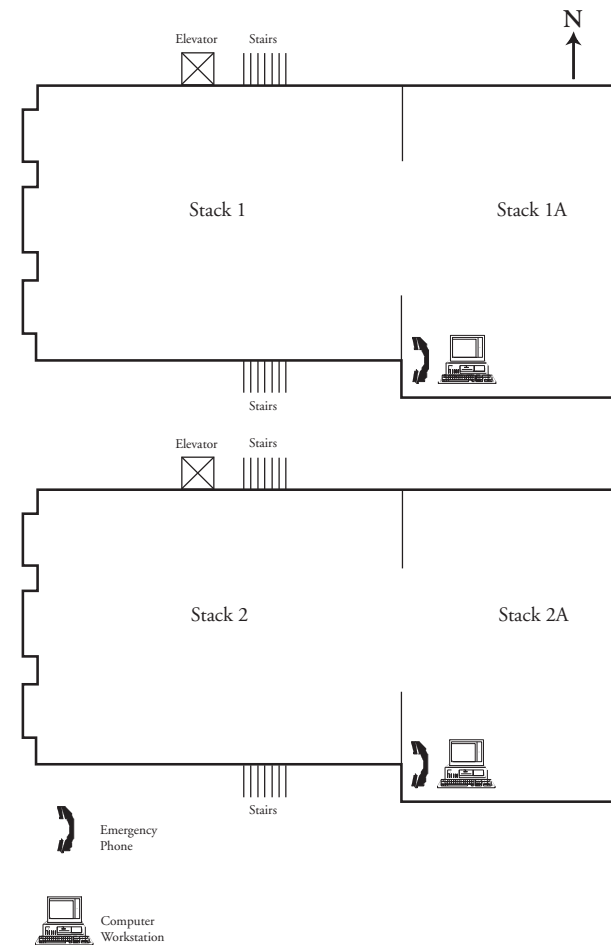
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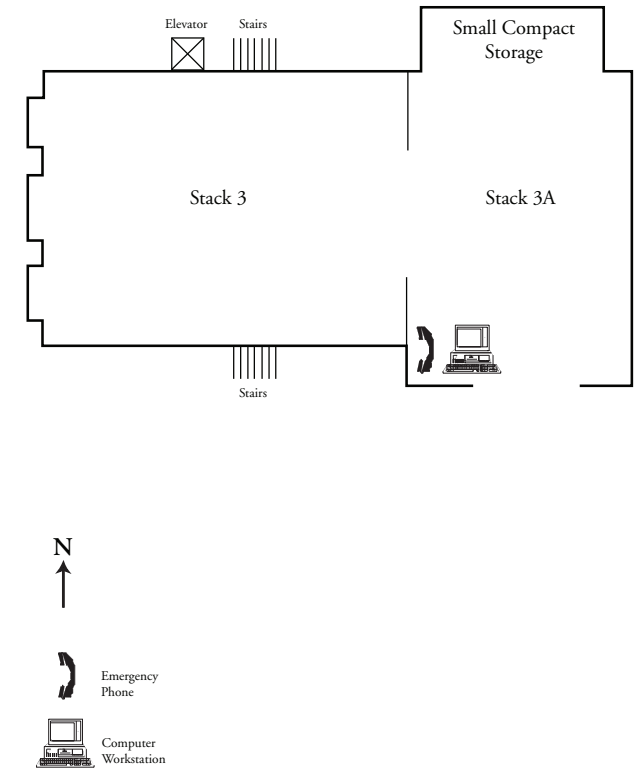
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## Stacks 1 and 2



## Stack 3



### MAIN FLOOR

Circulation/Reserve Desk  
 Computing Room  
 Microform Room and Annex  
 Photocopiers  
 Research Librarians  
 Rest Rooms

### MEZZANINE

Center for Civil and Human Rights  
 Instructional Lab  
 Quiet Reading Area  
 Study Rooms

### STACK LEVEL ONE

Call numbers: KF 1 through KF 4499

### STACK LEVEL TWO

Call numbers: KF 4500 through KF 9999; A - HA

### STACK LEVEL THREE

Call numbers: HB - Z  
 Small Compact Storage

## D I R E C T O R Y (area code 574)

Director of the Law Library .....631-5916  
 Access Services .....631-7024

Director of Law School Technology ..... 631-3939  
 Research Services ..... 631-5993

Technical Services..... 631-5992  
 Acquisitions ..... 631-8447  
 Cataloging ..... 631-5922

Notre Dame Security/Police .....631-5555

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