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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Say good-bye to friends and co-workers
- Learn about Notary Public Services at NDLS
- Read tips about handling exam stress effectively
- Recommended Apps for you!
- Know where to go to enjoy spring-time

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Letter from Ed Edmonds

During the next few weeks, four valuable veterans of the Kresge Law Library will be retiring. Mary Cowsert, Jeff Morgan, Patti Ogden, and Barb Ritty have contributed a combined 110 years of dedicated service to our faculty, staff, and students. As Mary, Jeff, Patti, and Barb end their full-time careers at NDLS, I want to acknowledge my gratitude in calling them colleagues for the past six years. They have all exhibited a devotion to our joint enterprise, and they have shared their talents and gifts in so many ways during their years here. All four have forged a legacy of service that will forever be remembered and celebrated. The outpouring of feeling for Mary, Jeff, Patti, and Barb displayed during the reception on March 20 is a testament to their impact amongst us. To say they will be missed is too small and insignificant a gesture towards such wonderful friends and co-workers. We send them forth in peace and enduring love.

-Ed Edmonds



Congratulations and Bon Voyage! Mary Cowsert (35 years), Barb Ritty (30 years), Jeff Morgan (23 years), and Patti Ogden (not pictured – 22 years) have spent a total of 110 years in the service of Our Lady's University!

Distraught Over These Departures or the End of Break?

Whether you're upset that so many familiar faces are leaving the library, bummed that break is over (or that despite working through break you still are not caught up), down because it's a rainy day, or are actually quite content, but would like a little boost anyway, [Happy News](#) is the place for you!

An encouraging refuge from the gloom and doom that is a staple of most news sources, Happy News reports only inspiring news. Sometimes, that means feature stories of little global significance like "[Man Who Learned to Read at 91 Pens Book at 98](#)" or "[Cat Rescues Owner Hours After Adoption](#)." However, Happy News' penchant for individual successes does not preclude it from covering national and international events with stories like "[Ford to Give Raises to Salaried Workers](#)."

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HAPPY NEWS

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"We believe virtue, goodwill and heroism are hot news. That's why we bring you up-to-the-minute news, geared to lift spirits and inspire lives. Add in a diverse team of Citizen Journalists reporting positive stories from around the world, and you've got one happy place for news."

-Happy News

When do You Need a Notary & Why

Notaries are commonly found in law firms, title companies and financial institutions (i.e., banks and credit unions) because the bulk of the need for a notary is generated by these types of businesses. Employees of these businesses will become a notary in addition to their actual job within the company; for example, many legal secretaries and paralegals become notaries as a convenience to their firm.



When providing an affidavit, verification, or any similar sworn document to the court, it is generally necessary to procure a notary's stamp to indicate that you are, in fact, who you say you are on the document. Contracts often require a notary for the same reason. Wills, trusts, power of attorney documents and contracts all require a notary's stamp in many states. Title companies have notaries

attend signings for the purchase of real estate, because state laws generally dictate that the purchasers' signatures must be "notarized." Essentially, they trust a [Notary Public](#) to verify (by looking at the person's original identification) that they are who they say they are. This heads off potential problems down the road, if the question of identity ever arises. Financial institutions use notaries for loan signings, and other projects where monies or property are exchanged. Their notaries' services generally can be used by customers of the financial institution, if a notarized and dated signature is needed for a purpose other than with that financial institution, for a small fee. Currently, the maximum fee which may be charged for a notarization is \$2.00.

Generally you will find listings for notaries in your local yellow pages. Some notaries are "freelance" and do their work on their own rather than in conjunction with their employers.

Regardless which state or city you live in, you may want to secure the services of a Notary Public whenever you or someone else is signing any sort of document or agreement.



If you are doing your will, it is a wise idea to have your signature notarized, so as to avoid confusion and problems when the will goes into effect.

If you privately sell a used car, it is not a bad idea to obtain the services of a notary on the bill of sale.

These are only examples. It never hurts to have signatures notarized and dated on any document which you want to be legally binding.

-Deb Fox

Would you like to become a notary? See the IN.gov [guide](#) to becoming a notary public for the State of Indiana.

Free Notary Public Services at NDLS!

As a law student, staff, or faculty member, you are entitled to free notary public services at NDLS.

If you need any documents notarized, please make an appointment with one of the following public notaries on the law school staff:

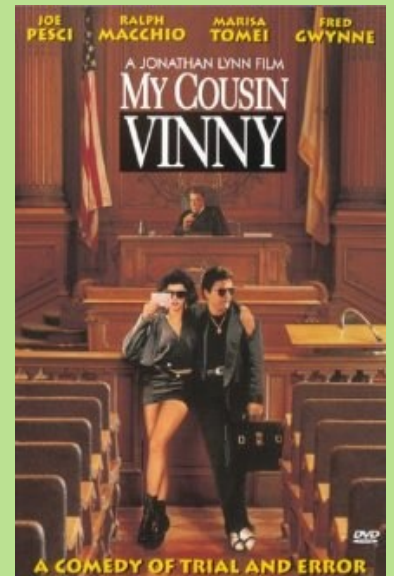
[Deb Fox](#) (Biolchini Hall, Rm. 2351)

[Rebecca Ward](#) (Eck Hall, Rm. 1100)

20th Anniversary "My Cousin Vinny" (1992)

"On March 13, 1992, the popular legal comedy [My Cousin Vinny](#) hit theatres....[T]he film stars [Joe Pesci](#) as Vincent LaGuardia Gambini, a New Yorker and new bar member defending two capital murder defendants in faraway Alabama. It's a funny, funny movie....Even two decades after its release, the film continues to resonate with lawyer viewers. In 2008, the *ABA Journal* named it [the third best legal film of all time](#). (The *ABA Journal* would also name the character of Vinny [number twelve on the list of Top 25 fictional lawyers](#); its readers, [in a popular vote](#), chose Vinny as number one.)"

The good folks at [Abnormal Use](#) ("An Unreasonably Dangerous Products Liability Blog") are commemorating this historic event with a full week's worth of coverage: posting interviews with members of the cast and crew, their own thoughts and memories of the film, and links to other bloggers' anniversary thoughts.



Be sure and visit their [anniversary coverage](#) today (and don't forget we have *My Cousin Vinny* available for checkout on DVD at the Circulation Desk!

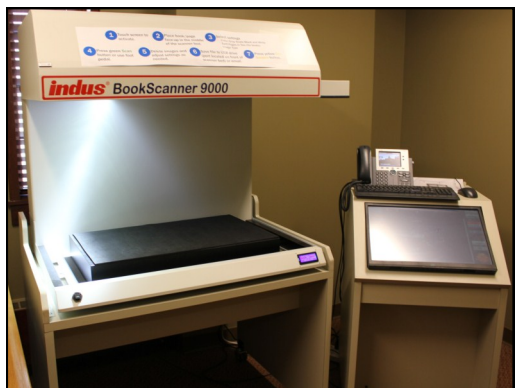
Source: [Abnormal Use](#)

New Options for Copying and Scanning

Just in time to check out those old exams or make copies of your outlines, the library is here to help! The library's two public copiers have been replaced by one newer model, and there is a brand new overhead scanner to simplify book and document scanning.

These new options are designed to be **user-friendly** and **easy to use**. Directions are located near each machine. If you need assistance, don't hesitate to ask the Circulation Desk attendant for help.

Try them out and give your feedback (e.g., feel free to suggest improvements to the printed instructions) to the Circulation Desk.



There's a new addition to the Law Library's technology offerings. In room 2317 (behind the Rare Book Room), you can find an INDUS 9000 overhead scanner, ready to use! The scanner makes it possible to scan books or pages as PDFs or JPEGs, which can then be saved to a flash drive or emailed.

Best of all, it's free!

The scanner has an easy-to-use, intuitive touchscreen, and complete directions can be found on the machine. For more information or assistance, ask a Circulation Desk attendant.

-Holly Klejeski

What you need to know about the new copier

Good news for those who have been frustrated by the copy cards needed to use the public photocopiers throughout the library!

- The old machines are being replaced by a Xerox machine that will take Domer Dollars (which can be added to your ID at food.nd.edu).
- The price of copies will remain **10¢ per page**.
- **The machines will also scan to email for free; documents can then be printed using your print quota.**
- The new copier is located on the second floor, adjacent to the Main Reading Room.
- Visitors can still obtain a copy card at the Circulation Desk.

What you need to know about the overhead scanner

1. Touch screen to activate.
2. Place book/page face-up in the middle of the scanner bed.
3. Select settings (*Color/Gray Scale/Black and White; Split Pages in Two; Image Type*)
4. Press the green **Scan** button or use foot pedal.
5. Delete images and adjust settings as needed.
6. Save file to USB drive (port located on front of scanner bed) or email.
7. Press the yellow **End Session** button when you are finished or ready to start a new PDF or JPEG file.

Hathi Trust Digital Library

As Patti Ogden pointed out in the [September/October 2011](#) issue of the *Law Library Newsletter* (pages 8-11), we recently added 1500 e-books from Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and Martinus Nijhoff Publishers to the Kresge Law Library collection. You can access the titles through [Encore](#), the new library catalog.

And now, thanks to a collaborative effort between the OIT and Hesburgh Libraries, you also have access to many public domain e-books through the [HathiTrust Digital Library!](#)

“The HathiTrust Digital Library is a digital preservation repository that includes over ten million volumes from partner library collections, digitized as part of the Google Books project, the Internet Archive project, or by individual partner libraries. The HathiTrust collection is full-text searchable, and includes about two million volumes in the public domain that may be viewed online. Partner library users can download these public domain titles as complete e-books. For more information about using HathiTrust, please consult our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page”

Unlike materials in **HeinOnline** and the **Making of Modern Law** collections, titles included in the HathiTrust Digital Library are not integrated with Encore or the Hesburgh Libraries catalog. Therefore you must go to the [HathiTrust Digital Library](#) website (works best in **Firefox** or **Google Chrome**) yourself to learn what is included in the collection by using either the **Catalog Search** or **Full-text Search** box for your query (e.g., “Corporations”). After entering your search terms and receiving the results list, you will notice that public domain titles have a “**full view**” icon (above). You can read these “**full view**” documents on your screen and download them to your computer. *The full text of works still under copyright may not be viewed or downloaded, however, the catalog record will help you locate a copy in a library.*

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-Dwight King

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Justice Sotomayor Adjudicates Dispute Between Baby Bear and Goldilocks

No doubt you’ve already seen the popular clip of [Prof. M. Cathleen Kaveny](#) discussing Catholic moral theology in an extended interview with Jon Stewart on [The Daily Show](#) earlier this month (if not, do so at once), but you might not realize that another legal authority was also featured on a popular education and entertainment based television show recently.

Watch Justice Sotomayor explain her work as a Supreme Court justice to young viewers and then preside over Baby Bear’s complaint that Goldilocks came into his house uninvited, sat on his chair and broke it.

Source: Sesame Street: [Sonia Sotomayor: “The Justice Hears a Case”](#)

EXAM-ine This!

At exam time I am always reminded of that famous line from the movie [Stripes](#) ... "Lighten up Francis." Just some key reminders as exam time draws nearer. Don't panic, at any cost, and be positive. Positive mindset produces positive energy which is very helpful for memory. *-Deb Fox*

Where to study

Create good conditions to study.

Here are some suggestions:

- Find a quiet place to study and make sure you are sitting comfortably.
- Make sure your desk is well lit.
- Keep background noise to a minimum.
- Avoid studying in an area where there will be distractions (like Eck Commons!).

How to Study

Turn your notes into an outline. Still not sure how to do that? For comprehensive step-by-step instructions to outlining see LawNerds.com's [Create An Outline for Each Class](#) page. If that doesn't do it for you, see eHow.com's less detailed (but still helpful) [How to Write a Law School Outline](#).

- Study with a friend and test each other's knowledge.
- Work through past paper and assessment questions and exams.
- Try switching from note taking and outlining to memorizing; from reading to asking someone to test you.
- Look after yourself – The more tired you are, the less efficiently you'll work.

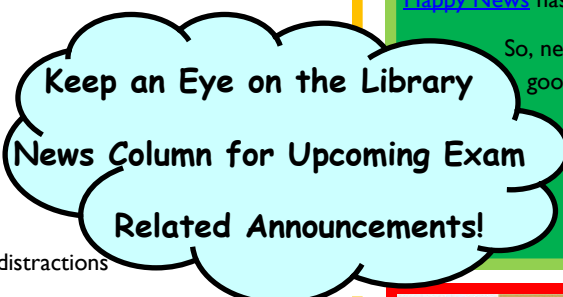
Dealing with Exam Nerves

Eat sensibly – your brain cells need energy to function well. Make sure you drink plenty of water to avoid becoming dehydrated. Dehydration makes you tired and reduces concentration.

The more prepared you feel, the easier it will be to conquer your fears.

- Create a revision plan to help you feel in control of the process.
- Plan your work carefully around the topics you need to focus on. Find out what is involved in the exam:
 - Where and when it will take place.
 - How much time is allowed.
 - How many questions you need to answer.
- Think positive!
- Keep the exam in context – even if you do badly, there will be other options open to you.
- Allow yourself some fun-time each day to relax to avoid early burnout.

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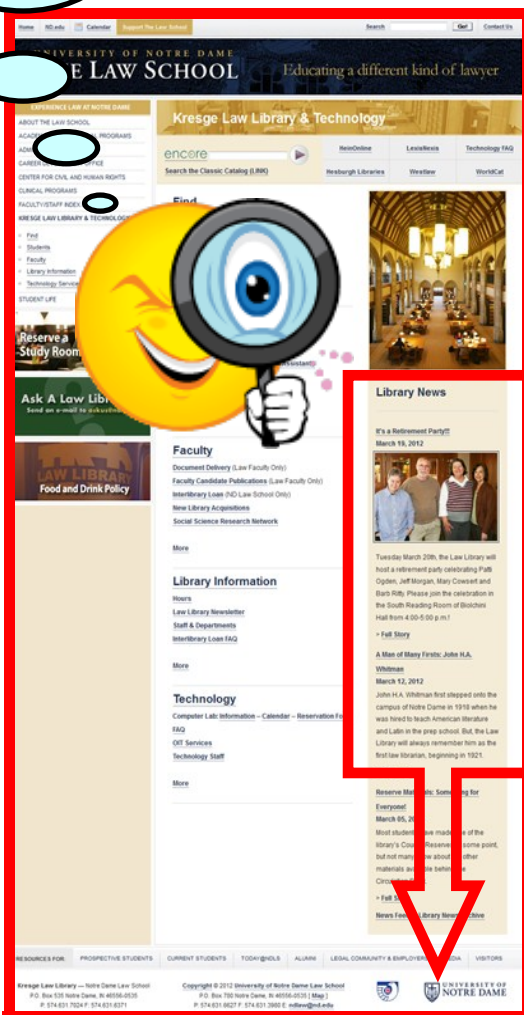
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[“Physicians Develop Revolutionary Surgery for Perforations of Eardrum,”](#) [“Astronaut Exchanges Historic Handshake with Robot,”](#) or [“Forest Service Values Tennessee’s Urban Forest in the Billions.”](#)

With news categories including International, National, Business/Money, Health, Science & Technology, Arts & Entertainment, Sports, Heroes, Opinion & Editorials, and Environment, [Happy News](#) has something for everyone.

So, next time you need an infusion of good cheer in your day, be sure to visit Happy News and celebrate all the good things happening throughout the world.

-Chris O'Byrne



Wondering when laptop reservations will be available? Want to know about new exams on file at Circulation? Need the newest version of electronic blue book? Keep an eye on the Library News Column for this info and more!

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Exam Tips

Be prepared; find out what is involved in each of the examinations.

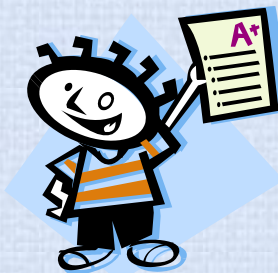
- Check you have the correct equipment with you before you leave the house (laptop, power adapter, scrap paper, colored pens, highlighters, or pencils, and (if permitted) review materials, study aids, outlines, and casebooks).
- Arrive on campus for the exam with plenty of time to spare.
- Look through the hypothetical first and mark difficult questions/initial thoughts.
- Select the aspects that will best enable you to demonstrate your knowledge via IRAC.
- Don't remember a case name or other authority? Don't panic, describe the facts and holding or gist of the statute or regulation.
- Pace yourself and allow enough time to answer all the required questions.
- Time your answers and keep to your timetable (after a certain point spending more time polishing your answer to a particular question or analysis of an issue provides less returns than starting a new one does).
- Allow yourself ten minutes at the end to read through your answers and correct any mistakes.

After the Exam

Don't panic – you won't be the only student who is anxious about their answers.

- Don't compare your answers with those of other students.
- Have some fresh air and food and take time to relax.
- Don't rush to your casebooks, outlines, or notes to check your answers – there is no point at this stage.
- Focus your energy on the next exam.

And LAST but not least . . . Give a sign of relief!!!



New DVD Series on Reserve



Did you see our copy of Ken Burns documentary **PROHIBITION?** If not, you're missing out! Prohibition wasn't just about smashing kegs and bottles. It sets the stage for an engaging story about what happens when lobbyists divide the

country with wedge issues; the contempt unleashed by smear campaigns; and the perils of unfunded mandates.

Don't believe me?

Then check out [Boardwalk Empire](#) for an in depth look at "the life and times of Enoch 'Nucky' Thompson ([Steve Buscemi](#)), the city treasurer whose double role as politician and bootlegger makes him the city's undisputed czar at a time when illegal alcohol has opened up highly lucrative opportunities for rumrunners and distributors." -Source: [Amazon.com](#)

More interested in a contemporary setting?

Then check out [The Good Wife Season 1](#) and [Season 2!](#) This compelling drama has received rave reviews on [Salon.com](#) "[Julianne Margulies'](#) CBS legal series is a nuanced, dynamic throwback to old-school storytelling" and [Slate](#) "[The Good Wife Tackles Tricky Subject of Women Opting Out of Work.](#)"



Ok, the critics like it, but what's it about?

"Alicia Florrick, a strong, articulate woman whose life has been turned upside down by the actions of her husband, a state's attorney who's been disgraced by a sex scandal and imprisoned for abusing his position in office. . . . Alicia is suddenly forced to abandon her old life. . . and reenter the workforce as a junior associate in a local law firm in order to support herself and her two teenage children. . . and somehow balance the demands of work and family." -Source: [Amazon.com](#)

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The tornados that struck Indiana earlier this month were unexpected and devastating. When it comes to tornados, an advanced warning is a major contributing factor to survivability.

Most of our readers have already signed up for [ND Alert](#) and will receive email, telephone, cell phone, and text messaging informing the Notre Dame family about emergency situations.

However, since many of us live off campus and outside of St. Joseph County, it is a good idea to sign up for wider ranging (i.e., Van Buren, Berrien, Cass, Porter, LaPorte, Elkhart, La-Grange, Starke, Marshall, Kosciusko, Pulaski, and Fulton Counties) severe weather alerts via [WNDU.com](#) to receive emergency updates on mobile phones.

For more information about Tornado Safety, see the Notre Dame Office of Human Resources [Tornado Safety - Procedures](#) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Storm Prediction Center (SPC) [Online Tornado FAQ](#).

Off the Shelf ... A review of selected legal resources

Research You Can Trust: CQ Researcher and CQ Global Researcher

For over eighty years, **Congressional Quarterly (CQ)** has provided non-partisan, in-depth, analytical reporting on the most current and controversial issues of the day. Now, through [CQ Press Electronic Library](#), you can access two of their best products: [CQ Researcher](#) and [CQ Global Researcher](#). While [CQ Researcher](#) focuses on domestic issues and [CQ Global Researcher](#) tackles international concerns, both databases provide access to weekly reports that examine a single topic of public concern, such as parental rights or organ trafficking, and those reports provide a broad, balanced overview, including historical background and current controversies. Each CQ report is written by a seasoned journalist and contains:

- over 12,000 words of text with extensive footnotes
- pro & con arguments
- chronologies of major events
- easy-to-understand graphics, maps, tables, and charts
- excerpts from key primary sources
- an extensive bibliography

To find reports, you can either search for keywords or simply browse by topic. All reports are available as PDF downloads.

Interested? Access [CQ Researcher](#) and [CQ Global Researcher](#) through [CQ Press Electronic Library](#) [here](#).

Or, for a quick peek, check out a few screen shots from a recent [CQ Global Researcher](#) report on organ trafficking.

ORGAN TRAFFICKING

Transplant Gaps Spur Organ Trafficking

More than 105,000 people were on organ transplant waiting lists in the United States in 2009, but there were fewer than 15,000 donors. Such gaps between supply and demand in wealthier countries such as the United States help to explain why affluent patients often travel to poorer countries for transplants, fueling the black market in organs.

Source: "The Gap Continues to Widen," U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, www.organdonor.gov/DLINK-gapgraph.asp

plant patients demand health, better-off kidney donors, and being to pay for a 'higher quality' organ. Rather than black market, the government has legalized it," she has said.

"A government-regulated will not end the black market. Debra Budiani-Saber, executive of the Cairo, Egypt- and Washington-based Coalition for Organ Donations, which works with patients victimized by the black trade. "People will go where it is cheaper, and it will always be somewhere."

"Under the circumstances, developing countries have a mechanism of regulation that the government could emulate [market] program," says Farhat Moazzam, chair of the Sindh Institute's Central medical Ethics and Council. He points out that even in the United States a Brooklyn kidney donor was arrested in a 2009 FBI sting in New Jersey after allegedly purchasing kidneys to be sold at reputable U.S. hospitals.

At Issue:

Would regulated reimbursements discourage organ trafficking?

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WRITTEN FOR CQ GLOBAL RESEARCHER, JULY 2011

Regulation probably would discourage trafficking, but too big broad generalizations about illegal, underground organ trafficking in developing countries is a hazardous proposition. Instead, information about the workings and outcomes of organ trafficking around the world is piecemeal and often second-hand. The few reports we do have indicate cases that typically involve the transfer of organs from the very poorest to the wealthiest, they do not indicate those purchasing organs on the black market do so because the opportunity for transplantation is their only chance at survival.

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The 2006 Declaration of Istanbul on Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism (www.declarationofistanbul.org) and the Guiding Principles endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO) have helped to reduce the brutal exploitation of vulnerable organ donors among to organ trafficking. The widespread endorsement of these principles represents an unprecedented consensus about all forms of organ transplantation. Though organ trafficking still occurs, defined and measured progress has been made in countries previously designated as

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CQ Researcher and CQ Global Researcher received the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award and the Society for Professional Journalists Award for Excellence.

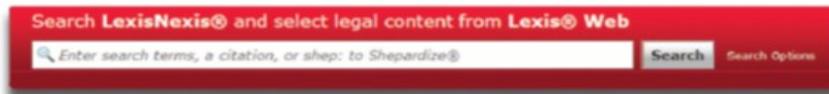
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Highlights of What's New with Lexis Advance

Authoritative Content

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- Law reviews and journals
- Top practice-area treatises and practice guides
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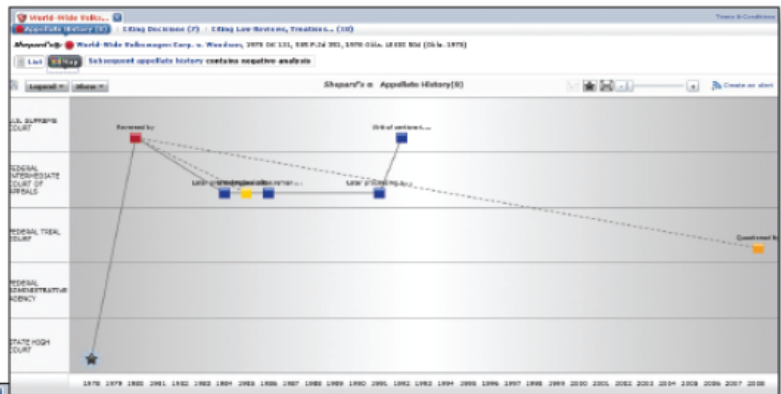
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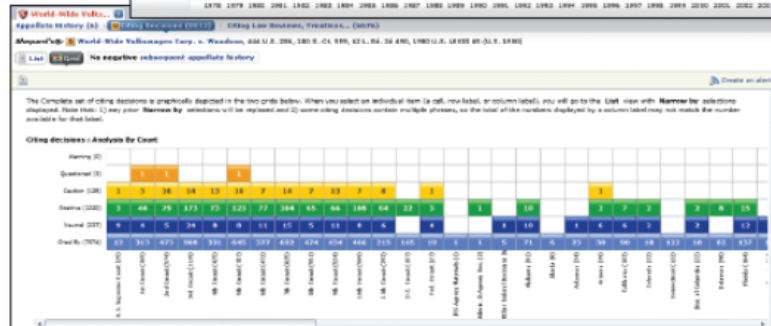
Appellate History Map:

You can quickly see that your case from the Supreme Court of Oklahoma was reversed by the United States Supreme Court on a direct appeal in the Appellate History Map.²



Citing Decisions Grid:

You'll always know exactly how your case was analyzed with the Citing Decisions Grid.² In this example, you can see that only the 1st, 2nd and 5th Circuits have questioned your case.



Research Map

Any research you conduct with Lexis Advance is automatically saved for 90 days in your Search History. The Research Map² makes it easy to view your history and return to your research with direct links to the searches and documents.



1 Attorney Kyle K. Courtney, librarian at Harvard Law School, Massachusetts Weekly, September 2011

2 You will need Microsoft® Silverlight® to review the Appellate History Map, the Citing Decisions Grid, the Research Map and other premium features in Lexis Advance (www.microsoft.com/silverlight).

For more information about Lexis Advance, contact your LexisNexis representative [Nikki Harris](#), or one of your student reps: [Adrienne de la Rosa](#), [Robert Hutchison](#), [Sharon Lim](#), [Emily Martin](#), or [Michael Patlan](#).

Apps for Law Students

Whether you're trying to justify your smartphone purchase as an "education expense" or using it to escape your homework, there are apps for you! Over 150 students, faculty, and staff completed a survey to identify the most useful and most popular apps available for Apple and Android devices. Read on for some of their responses. -Holly Klejeski

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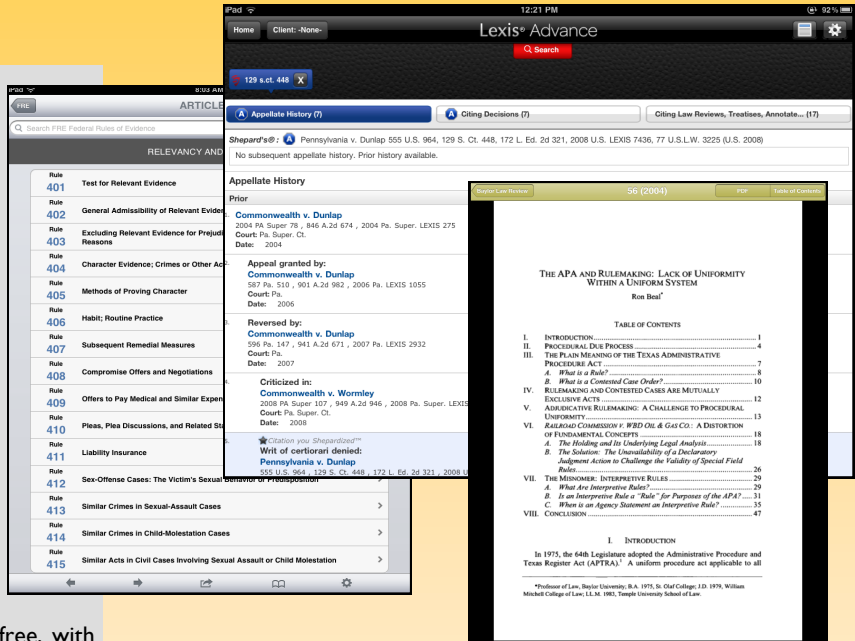
The most common recommendation was to download a legal dictionary for handy reference. The official **Black's Law Dictionary** ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)) app will set you back \$54.99, but if you were planning to buy a copy anyway, this version may be easier on your back. If you can get by with 8,500 terms (instead of Black's 45,000), check out **The Law Guide by TheLaw.com** ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)).

Not surprisingly, the official [WestlawNext](#) and [LexisAdvance](#) (both free) were also highly-ranked. They streamline your research in an intuitive, touchscreen-friendly way (one law student surveyed raved, "Makes it so easy an undergraduate student could use it.").

The [HeinOnline](#) app brings Hein's entire library to your mobile device. View image-based PDFs of law journals, treatises, and other resources.

[LawStack](#) offers the Constitution and Federal Rules for free, with the option to purchase state codes for \$1.99 each.

Several students also recommended having the **Constitution** ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)) handy for quick reference.



LawStack, LexisAdvance, and HeinOnline apps

Study Aids

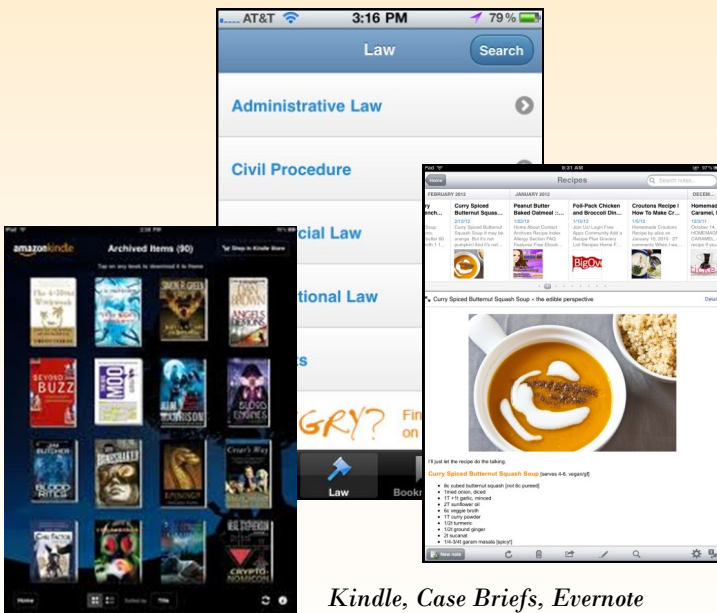
Among study aids, **Case Briefs** was the most recommended. One respondent wrote, "Gives you outlines and practice questions for every class possible."

Law in a Flash got an enthusiastic "A++++++" rating from more than one student.

LexisNexis Law School Q&A was one of the most-used apps among those surveyed. It provides interactive quizzes and test prep, and best of all, each course is 50% off until the end of the semester!

Dropbox ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), **Evernote** ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), and **Pages** were all mentioned for their ability to organize class notes and documents.

Several students and faculty surveyed recommended e-book reading apps such as **Kindle** ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), **Nook** ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), and **Stanza**, as well as PDF readers. One faculty member recommended **iAnnotate PDF** ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), calling it "The best app for reading and annotating legal research and scholarship."



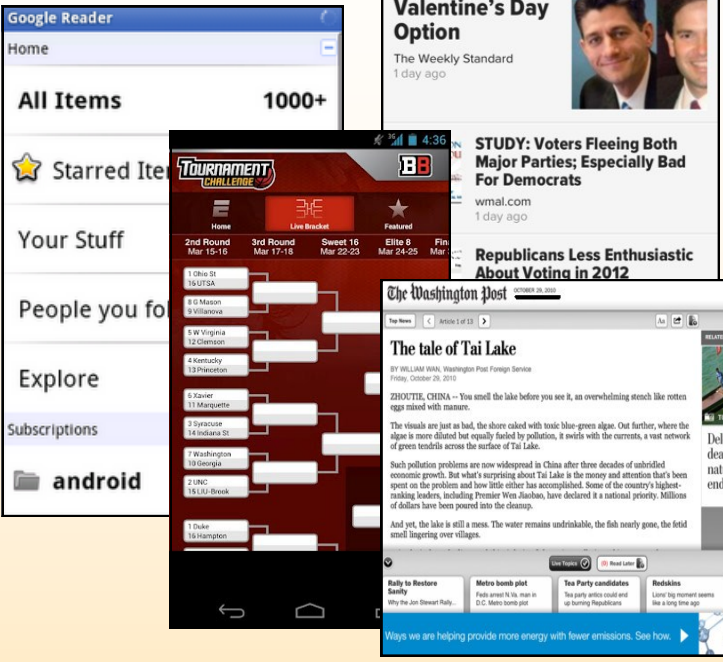
Kindle, Case Briefs, Evernote

For more legal app recommendations, check out [25 Game-Changing iPad Apps for Law Students & Lawyers](#)

For more NDLs app recommendations, read on!

Congratulations to **IL Ted Koroshetz**, winner of the \$25 Hammes Bookstore gift card, and thanks to all who filled out the survey!

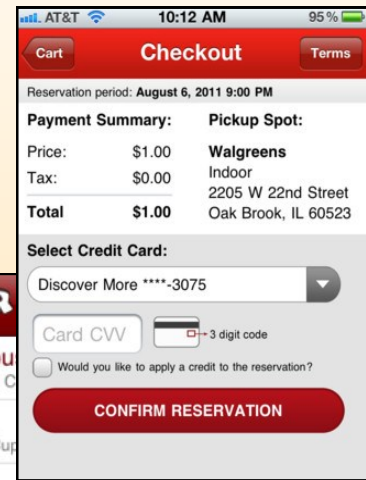
Apps for Law Students (cont.)



Reading & News

For pulling together content from a variety of sources, students and faculty recommended [Flipboard](#), [Readability](#), [Google Reader](#), and [Zite](#).

For content, recommendations included [RealClearPolitics](#), [ESPN](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), and [The Washington Post](#).



Google Reader, ESPN, Zite, Washington Post

Lifestyle

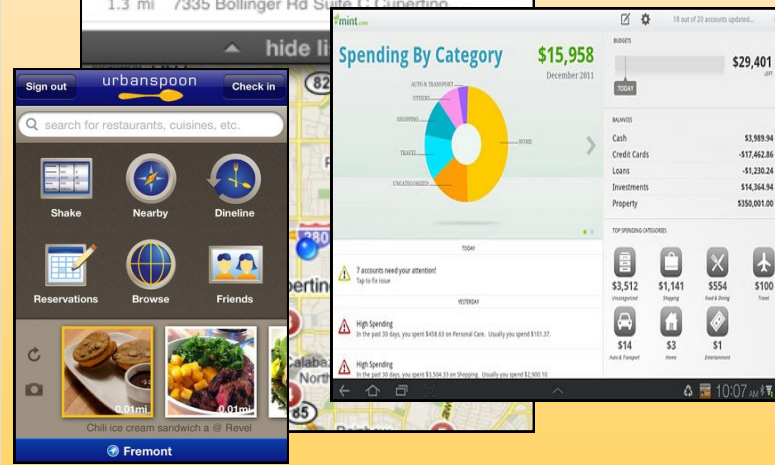
Recommendations in this category ranged from the ever-popular [UrbaSpoon](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)) to lesser-known [BaconFinder](#).

Once you've had dinner, pick up a movie with the [Redbox](#) app ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)) ("You can search by movie name, find the closest RedBox that has the DVD, and reserve it from your phone. Perfect for movie lovers!").

For keeping track of your finances, several responses mentioned the [Mint.com](#) app ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), which links securely to your bank accounts and credit cards to provide financial reports and help you monitor spending.

[Google Maps](#) was recommended because "it's a lifesaver! No matter who you are, there'll be at least one time when you get lost and need directions faster than you can find a knowledgeable Good Samaritan."

An anonymous faculty member recommended the [OnStar](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)) app, saying, "It allows me to start my car and get it warming up while I'm still in Eck Hall, so it's all toasty once I finally complete the three-mile trek to where it's parked."



UrbaSpoon, BaconFinder, Mint.com, Redbox

Games

The "classics" won handily in this category, with [Words with Friends](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)) being the most recommended game. If wordplay isn't your thing, [Angry Birds](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)) came in a close second.

Also recommended were games like [Temple Run](#), [Sporcle](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), [Cube Runner](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), [Cut the Rope Experiments](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), [Hanging with Friends](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)), and [Where's My Water?](#) ([iTunes](#), [Android](#)).

Don't miss the highly anticipated [Angry Birds Space](#) coming soon (**March 22, 2012**) to a mobile device near you (probably your own)!



603 F. 3d 181 Cited by:

≡ [Jones v. Somerset County](#)

Dist. Court, D. New Jersey 2011

≡ [Vessels v. City of Philadelphia](#)

Dist. Court, ED Pennsylvania 2011

≡ [XENOS v. HAWBECKER](#)

Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit 2011

≡ [SURINE v. STATE POLICE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM](#)

Dist. Court, MD Pennsylvania 2012

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Google Updates the Way it Displays Citations for Legal Opinions

When [Google Scholar](#) for legal opinions was initially developed, the citations for legal opinions were organized by prominence. Now, however, instead of sorting the citing documents by their prominence, Google sorts them by the extent of discussion of the cited case.

“Opinions that discuss the cited case in detail are presented before ones that mention the case briefly. We indicate the extent of discussion visually and indicate opinions that discuss the cited case at length, that discuss it moderately and those that discuss it briefly. Opinions that don't discuss the cited case are left unmarked. For example, see [opinions citing Dique v. New Jersey State Police, 603 F. 3d 181.](#)”

What does this mean for you? Well, if you use Google Scholar for your legal research, now it will be easier to find significant citing decisions for a case!

Source: [Google Scholar Blog](#)

Coming Soon...A Little R & R!



Scan the code to sign up now.

Research Redux, offered by the research librarians, is a series of small-group, nitty-gritty, sessions designed to: 1) review topics covered in the 1L Legal Research course; or 2) introduce new sources that could come in handy this summer. Topics to be offered:

Administrative Law

Where do I find that EPA regulation?

Citators: Shepard's and KeyCite

Is my case still good?

Free Legal Internet Sites

My firm restricts our Lexis/Westlaw usage. How can I still find that case online?

International Law

Where can I find the text of a treaty?

Legislative History

What is a committee report and are they available online?

Non-Legal Research

How do I research the non-legal “real world”—statistics, news stories, and scholarship from other disciplines?

State and Federal Court Dockets

How do I get a copy of a complaint, motion, or order?

Statutes

What is a session law and how can I find one online?

West's Key Number System on Westlaw

I've got a good case from Ohio; how do I find one from New York?

Further details and registration information will be announced via email and on the law library home page in late March. But remember, you can always stop by one of your friendly research librarians' offices at any time to review these or other topics.



**BEST WISHES
BARB, JEFF, MARY & PATTI**

**Farewell to our retirees:
Barb, Jeff, Mary, & Patti**



Barb, Jeff, and Mary have a combined 88 years with the law library! Above, and below left, Jeff models the "Crusty" shirt which Eric McCartney's wife Nan made for him.



Barb with Laurel Cochrane (above) and with current and former law library directors Ed Edmonds and Roger Jacobs (below).



Above: Mary with Madeline and Claire Gillen, sisters who both work in the law library



Around the Bend



Have recommendations to share for “Around the Bend”? Please submit reviews or recommendations (at least 1 sentence and no longer than 200 words) by May 25 for the Summer 2012 issue. We are seeking:

- ◆ Campus events or activities
- ◆ Local events or activities
- ◆ Book reviews
- ◆ Movie reviews
- ◆ Restaurant reviews
- ◆ ... and more!

Notre Dame and the greater South Bend area have some fantastic opportunities for anyone seeking to enjoy the beautiful spring weather! Here are just a few recommendations from your friendly librarians!

Cycling



Whether you are an avid cyclist or a beginner, there are many cycling opportunities in the South Bend area, including organized group rides offered by both [Spin Zone](#) in Granger, and [Outpost Sports](#) in Mishawaka. There are also many annual bike races and family-friendly cycling events in the area, including [Bike the Bend](#), and the [Michiana Bike to Work Week](#), a fun local competition in May to encourage bike commuting. (Photo at left: Did you know many of the NDLS faculty and staff regularly commute by bike? The law school has formed a Bike to Work team every year and logged thousands of miles!) Later in the summer, don't miss the [Bike Michiana for Hospice](#), which is scheduled for September 12, 2012. Beth Given says this was her favorite of the cycling events she did last year, “especially because the SAG stops are *fantastic!*” She noted that it is also a great opportunity for any age and ability since there are routes ranging from 3.5 miles all the way up to 125 miles.

Also in September each year is the [Dunes Duathlon](#), a local(ish) competition you should not miss if you enjoy both cycling and running. This scenic race starts off with a well-shaded 5-mile trail run, which takes you “through the woods, hills, and dunes with beautiful views of Lake Michigan.” After you run, hop on your bike for a 17-mile ride through rural Michigan. The entire route is paved and smooth, and “the race is challenging for competitive athletes yet is also suitable for beginners.” This race is a favorite of research librarian Warren Rees (at right!)



Sand Volleyball



You don't need a beach for sand volleyball! There are sand courts set up all over campus ready for players, and ND also holds sand volleyball leagues in the [spring](#), [summer](#) and [fall](#) semesters. If you're looking for additional competition check out the leagues offered at [Outpost Sports](#) that run from late April through September. Get your 4 - 6 person team together now—their league is extremely popular and spots are limited!

Running

There is a very active local running community in the Michiana area. Whether you are a beginner or a competitive runner, the first thing you should do is join the [Michiana Runners Association](#). For only \$10 (individual) or \$25 (family) in annual dues, they offer discounts at local running stores as well as on many local races. They hold social events and sponsor regular group runs, and offer a great community for running enthusiasts. Another resource is the [Two Rivers Running Club](#), which has a long list of [upcoming local race events](#) on their website. If you're interested in going a little further afield, there are great races within easy driving distance, too. Some recommendations from your librarians include the [Zombie-Infested 5K](#) in Indianapolis, and Steve's Run in Dowagiac, Michigan. Also, read [Race. Play. Michiana!](#) for a listing of even more events.



Need to get out of the sun?



Naturally, the recommendation from your friendly librarians is to pick up a good book! If you're looking for some extra fun, check out the Saint Joseph Country Public Library's “[One Book, One Michiana](#)” program this spring, beginning on March 31st, or check out their full calendar of events [here](#). The Mishawaka Penn Harris Public Library system also has a listing of fun community events on their [website](#).



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