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Letter from Ed Edmonds & The Law Library News Staff

We've Completed Four Years!

It’s like graduating from college—we’re relieved that we survived and excited to be moving along to the challenges that lay ahead. So, we’re patting each other’s backs and giving congratulatory high-fives because this issue marks the beginning of our fifth year of publication! Has it really been that long?

During our first year of publication the law library was under renovation and all the staff and librarians were displaced. Barb Ritty, now retired, was identified by a sign reading “Barb Ritty (Harriet Potter) the lady who works under the stairs” and Dave Thornton sat in the entry area where the electronic directory now hangs.

The library has come a long way since then and so has the Law Library News! We enjoy bringing you library news, articles, and ideas for enjoying your community. We are still striving to meet the information needs of our readership and we welcome your input. So, if you have story ideas or want to write a story, news to share, or photos to show off, please email the editor—Christopher O’Byrne or any other managing editor—Deb Fox, Beth Given, Susan Good, Beth Klein, or Holly Klejeski.

- Ed Edmonds & The Law Library News Staff
Silhouetted against a palette of yellow, orange, and crimson sunset, a flock of geese are a perfect introduction to the DVD “Everglades of the North: The Story of the Grand Kankakee Marsh” (Reserve, Media. GB624 .E94 2012). Did you know that South Bend is a part of this story and this area was once swamplands? This video will open your eyes to the history, men, debates, and laws that drained this beautiful wetland region into today’s farmland and the environmentalists who are now striving to renew some of this land and wildlife to its original condition.

The Grand Kankakee Marsh was a paradise for flora and fauna. The Potawatomi Indians thrived on this land. Mark Schurr, University of Notre Dame Anthropology Professor, mentions that this land provided “resources of food, plants, building materials since the first people came into the area, 10 or 11,000 years perhaps.” The French were some of the first visitors to the area and were trading allies with the Potawatomi. In an effort to protect this territory from Britain and Spain, the French established forts in the area in the late 1600s. The area was so rich in wildlife that trapping and trading furs became a prosperous enterprise known as “brown gold.” Later, Alexis Coquillard, a veteran of the War of 1812, built a fort at the headwaters of the Kankakee known as the Big St. Joseph Station Trading Post and founded South Bend. Soon Europeans began their push to gain this rich land with the 1832 Treaty of Tippecanoe and the 1833 Treaty of Chicago. The last to go was a Potawatomi leader and Catholic named Menominee. What followed became known as the Potawatomi Trail of Death. Through expert interviews intermixed with historical photographs and insightful narration we relive the history of this land and the laws and men whose decisions changed this region from wetlands to farmland.

You’ll learn that the first European settlers had a rough start and battled sickness, fever and crime ran rampant. In fact, in 1857, the Indiana legislature enacted laws to Authorize the Formation of Companies for the Detection and Apprehension of Horse Thieves and Other Felons. Then the government stepped in with the Swampland Acts of 1849 and 1850 that transferred 65 million acres of wetlands to 15 states including 1.2 million acres to Indiana, mostly the Great Kankakee Marsh. Soon settlers and politicians, began to drain this land led by Indiana Chief engineer John Campbell. By 1880, dredging machines had been built that could remove 35,000 cubic feet of land per day! The cost of massive hunting and the draining of the wetlands changed the region from swampland to farmland. The once abundant flora and fauna of this region is now 90% gone.

However, this DVD also covers the men and women over the years that have committed themselves to conservancy through lobbying for such laws as the Clean Air Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Water Act, and even Earth Day. In fact, today a group of environmentalists are working to restore the Kankakee wetlands and their efforts are bringing wildlife such as the bald eagle back into the region.

If you’re like me you will enjoy this short 60 minute DVD for the history of this area and the legislation that both hurt and later promoted preservation of our wetlands. You also may be inspired to get involved in conservation efforts. At the very least you will experience the story of how our decisions and actions over time affected and almost eliminated what was once known as “The Everglades of the North.”

This DVD is available for check out. You also may want to read Rachel Carson’s classic treatise on pesticides and the environment titled “Silent Spring” which is also available (Lower level, Stacks SB955 .C3 1962) For more information on other environmental resources see Elizabeth Adams’ article “Literary Resources for Environmental Law Research” in the January—February 2011 issue of the Law Library News.
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Summer Research Assistance!

Hello students! Need research assistance or one-on-one resource training this summer? If so, be sure to visit your friendly research librarians. Classes may not be in session, but we’re still here (Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and eager to assist you.

If you’re off-campus, please remember that you can always email or call us for assistance with your information needs. Not sure how we can assist you with your information needs (or even what “information needs” itself means)? Then visit the Law Library Services for Research Assistants page to learn about all the ways that we can help you find answers to your questions and identify relevant resources for your topic(s).

Not an RA? That’s ok, we’re enthusiastic about assisting NDLS graduates and students working at summer jobs and internships, too!

Finally, don’t limit yourself to reading only this issue of the Law Library Newsletter; check out the archive as well.

24/7 Reference Support Numbers

Bloomberg Law: 1-888-560-BLAW (2529)
Lexis Advance: 1-800-45-LEXIS (53947)
WestlawNEXT: 1-800-REF-ATTY (733-2889)
NDLS Faculty & Staff Pedal To Work

For the fourth year in a row, Notre Dame Law School cyclists participated in the annual Michiana Bike to Work Week. This year, the NDLS team logged a total of 209.93 commuting miles during the week long “Corporate Challenge,” helping the overall University of Notre Dame team to a first place finish (above teams from Memorial Hospital, Tire Rack, 1st Source Bank, and other local businesses, colleges, and organizations) with a total of 4510.44 miles. Team members participated in several events during the week aside from simply committing to commute to work by bicycle.

Some team members attended the annual Bike-to-breakfast event at LaSalle Grille, during which Colfax Avenue is closed off to accommodate hundreds of hungry cyclists as they bike downtown to enjoy a free organic blueberry pancake breakfast. Mayor Pete Buttigieg kicked off the festivities with a short speech, before hopping back on his bike to pedal back to his office after the breakfast.

This year’s NDLS team included (L to R): Jim Kelly, Joe Thomas, Joe Reimers, Beth Given, Chris O’Byrne, Trezlen Drake, Susan Good, Mike Jenuwine, Jennifer Ihns, Dwight King, Bob Jones, and (not pictured), Matt Barrett, Christine and Anre Venter. Thanks to Julian Velasco for the team photograph again this year!

Superseded State Codes
For All 50 States Now On HeinOnline

State Statutes: A Historical Archive includes superseded state statutes for all fifty states.

Search the statutes by state, date, description and text. Or, browse by state and search within that state alone.

With more than 1,600 volumes and nearly 2,000,000 pages of historical statutes and codes dating back to 1717, tracking down citations to old state codes just got a lot easier!

Want to see historic state statutes as originally enacted? Then check out HeinOnline’s complimentary State Session Laws Library collection!
Congratulations, Class of 2013!

Photos by Susan Good
5 More Helpful Apps from Uncle Sam & USA.gov

6. The Internal Revenue Service app makes tax season a little easier. IRS2Go provides tax tips and policy updates and can be used to connect with the IRS. Most important, it lets users check on the status of refunds.

7. The FBI’s Child ID app is a must for anyone with small children. It can be used to store photos and vital information so that it’s readily available if a child goes missing. The app can call 911 and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, as well as email the child’s description to the police and other authorities. There’s also preventative advice on how to keep kids safe.

8. The GAO app is a way to stay informed on how federal agencies are spending tax dollars. The app provides Congressional testimony and legal decisions in the form of reports, videos and podcasts. Information is simply organized, with legal decisions in chronological order.

9. With USPS Mobile you can locate a post office, track a package, schedule pickups, look up ZIP codes, calculate prices and order supplies! Users can scan a shipping label barcode with their smartphone camera, and then use that info to get updates.

10. The American Red Cross’s First Aid app helps people respond to asthma attacks, allergic reactions, burns and other everyday emergencies. It provides step-by-step instructions and instructional videos. There’s also a fun and potentially life-saving feature: quizzes that award badges for knowing how to react in different scenarios.

Introducing our 2013 Kresge Law Library Student Service Award winner: Kate McGovern

Kate McGovern was awarded the 2013 Kresge Law Library Student Service Award at the annual law library student worker appreciation breakfast on Thursday, May 2, in the Hospitality Room of the South Dining Hall.

Every year the law library faculty and staff select a graduating undergraduate or law student employee who they feel has shown substantial and exemplary library service to receive this award, which has been a tradition since former law library director and Professor Emeritus of Law Roger Jacobs started the award in 1986.

This year’s winner, Kate McGovern, worked for the library in the Technical Services department during her sophomore, junior, and senior years as an undergraduate at Notre Dame.

Her supervisor, Beth Given, noted that “S]he has a strong work ethic, a fantastic attention to detail, and is also a friendly and kind colleague to her fellow students and to the faculty and staff of the law school.”

Kate worked on many special database maintenance projects for the law library, in addition to duties maintaining the microfiche collection, shelving books and filing looseleaf, and checking in the serial titles that arrive daily to the library. When she wasn’t working in the library, or at her other jobs on campus (which included sorting mail in her dorm, and tutoring fellow students) Kate also kept very busy with her academic schedule, dividing her time between science classes and labs in the Biology department, and history and literature classes for her Medieval Studies major.

This May, Kate celebrated her graduation from Notre Dame, achieving majors, cum laude, in both Biology and Medieval Studies. After graduation, she returned to her hometown of Warrington, Pennsylvania, just outside Philadelphia, where she is working while she decides whether to attend graduate school to continue her studies.

- Beth Given and Terri Welty

In addition to Kate, the law library would like to thank all of our senior student workers, graduates and undergraduates, who worked tirelessly on our behalf. They are: Erica Parke, Research Services; Caroline Kelleher and Russell McFall, Technical Services; Betsy McGovern, Marti McGraw, Kathleen Monahan, Megan Zagger, Lesley Chmell, Max Gaston, and Sam Sarofeen, Access Services; and Brian Mahoney, Lamar Winslow, and Matthew Treadwell, Information Technology. Congratulations and best wishes to each of them in their future endeavors!
The Making of Modern Law: Primary Sources II, 1763-1970

The Making of Modern Law: Primary Sources II, 1763-1970 is a fully searchable digital archive of United States state and territorial codes, municipal codes, and constitutional conventions and compilations. This collection’s easy-to-use search engine makes it possible to seek out one-time information throughout dozens of disparate texts, allowing for the thorough researching of nearly every aspect of American legal development.

The term “primary sources” is used not in the historian’s sense of a manuscript, letter or diary, but rather in the legal sense of a case, statute or regulation. Sourced from the Harvard Law School Library, the Lillian Goldman Law Library at Yale and the Law Library of Congress, The Making of Modern Law: Primary Sources, 1763-1970 brings together in one place many of the important documents that have been lost, destroyed, or previously inaccessible to researchers of American legal history around the world.

Topics addressed in this collection include:

- Debate over slavery and race law after Reconstruction
- Crime and punishment (penal codes)
- Native American & U.S. Government relations
- African Americans and women’s right to vote
- Progressive Era and New Deal legislation
- Due process
- Health and safety codes
- Business and corporate law
- Revenue and taxation
- Welfare and labor
- Transportation
- And more!!!

To learn more about this database, see Gale Cengage’s product information page, or a friendly research librarian.
The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has a rich history that has shaped the culture of Indiana as well as the worlds of sports and racing. A new digital collection made possible by the collaboration of the motorsports organization and the University Library at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis captures that history through more than 14,000 images.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Collection features highlights from the Speedway’s 100-plus years with photographs taken from 1879 to 1997. The photographs can be viewed online due to an ambitious digitization project, funded by grants from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Indiana State Library.

Some of the highlights include the very first public event at the Speedway, the 1909 U.S. National Balloon Championship. That helium-filled-balloon competition took place at the Speedway more than two months before the oval was completed. Other historic moments represented in the collection are the 1909 motorcycle race, dominated by “Cannon Ball” Baker, and the first Indianapolis 500 Mile Race in 1911.

This online collection will allow users from across the world to explore the storied past of the iconic Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Users can browse the collection by searching for drivers by name or searching for particular races by year.

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Collection is one of more than 60 online Program of Digital Scholarship Collections created by the IUPUI University Library and its community partners. These unique online repositories, containing digital images of historic documents and objects, were created with the help of local organizations such as the Conner Prairie Interactive History Park, in nearby Fishers, and the Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper.

-Source: IUPUI Press Release

Getting a Better Bead on Bloomberg Law

Fall 2012 marked the first year of Bloomberg Law’s inclusion in the 1L Legal Research Curriculum at NDLS. As Bloomberg Law continues to grow in popularity, Michael J. Robak’s timely article “Getting a Better Bead On Bloomberg Law” explores “the larger changes that have transformed Bloomberg Law in the past four years . . . and discusses Bloomberg Law’s ‘killer app’—unlimited access to docket searching and retrieval, including PACER docket and documents.”
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.

Get Gear @ Rec Sports & Go Camping!

Take advantage of the summer weather, your love of the great outdoors, and the many lovely campgrounds and state parks in Indiana!

What’s that you say? You don’t have a sleeping bag, backpack, or a tent? Rec Sports to the rescue!

At RecRegister you can rent all of these things (as well as a sleep pad) and then take a break from exploring our legal system to investigate Indiana’s natural beauty instead!

Annual South Bend Blues & Ribs Festival

Saturday, Jun 22 2:30 p.m.
Morris Performing Arts Center South Bend, IN

A great afternoon of some of the tastiest ribs, refreshing beverages, and the greatest blues music in the region. Bands include J.R. Clark, from Kalamazoo; from Kansas City, Trampled Under Foot; recent Grammy nominee Ana Popovic & the 9 piece band Mo’ Bett; and headliners Kim Wilson and the Fabulous Thunderbirds. The event is a fund-raiser for the Miracle Park Project and special needs programs in the South Bend Parks & Recreation Department.

EnviroFest 2013

Friday, Jul 12 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wellfield Botanic Gardens Elkhart, IN

Join the Elkhart Environmental Center and 88.1 WVPE for EnviroFest! Visit environmental exhibits and peruse vendor tables featuring local food, products and services. Enjoy live entertainment, crafts and more. Music starts at 5:30 with Bryan Edington.

Urban Adventure Games

Saturday, Jul 27 7:00 a.m.
College Football Hall of Fame South Bend, IN

Bike the banks of the St. Joseph River, cruise through the legendary campus of Notre Dame and discover the heart of downtown South Bend and surrounding areas as you navigate a top secret map to locate and complete a variety of challenging checkpoints. Conquer them all in the shortest amount of time, and your duo will be crowned the next Urban Adventure Champions!

Art Beat

Saturday, Aug 17 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Downtown South Bend South Bend, IN

Art Beat 2013 is a day-long showcase of over 300 visual, performing and culinary artists from the Michiana area. Stroll the streets of downtown South Bend during this free, family-friendly event.

Art Beat showcases local communities’ artists and creates awareness of the role that downtown organizations and businesses play in the artisans’ promotion and success.

2013 Potawatomi Park Concert Series

Sunday night concerts have been held in Potawatomi Park since 1954, and they have always been free to the public. Concert times are 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

The 2013 Concert season features:

- June 23: Kellirae & Craig
- June 30: Michiana Jazz Assemblage
- July 7: Twin City Concert Band
- July 14: Los Hermanos Bueno & St. Adelbert's Folk Dance Troup Terra Vive (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- July 21: The Valleyaires
- July 28: Truth in Jazz (7:00-9:00 p.m.)
- August 4: The Summer Quarter
- August 11: The Pat Heiden Quarter
- August 18: Ruby Jazayre & The Sisters of the Nile (7:00-9:00 p.m.)
- August 25: Michiana Concert Band

For questions call: (574) 299-4765
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