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Special points of interest:

- Meet your new Bloomberg Reps!
- 2012 Summer Research Experience Survey results.
- Information about digital access to U.S. Supreme Court records and briefs 1832-1978.
- A comparison: Bloomberg v. Lexis Nexis v. WestlawNEXT

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Letter from Ed Edmonds

This issue of the Law Library News offers a number of useful articles highlighting research collections and one introducing two new Bloomberg Law representatives: Noelle Petruzelli-Marino (Bloomberg Law Relationship Manager) and Chris Bartkowsk (Bloomberg Law Student Preference Manager). You will see both of them in the commons this semester as Bloomberg Law increases its footprint on campus.

I would, however, particularly like to call to your attention the summary of our 2012 summer research survey that appears on [pages 4-5](#) with a link to the entire results on our web page.

We pay very close attention to the responses to the survey in managing our information resources and how we teach Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research. The input from all of our students is quite valuable to us, and we thank everyone who participated.

-Ed Edmonds



Photos by Susan Good



The Making of Modern Law: U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs, 1832-1978

This historical legal research [database](#) contains the world's most comprehensive online collection of records and briefs brought before the nation's highest court by leading legal practitioners—many of whom later became judges and associates of the court.

It includes transcripts, applications for review, motions, petitions, supplements, and other official papers of the most-studied and talked-about cases, including many that resulted in landmark decisions centering on:

- The interpretation of the Constitution and its amendments
- Judicial review and the role of the courts in American history
- States' rights and national sovereignty
- Free enterprise, banking, and commerce
- Discrimination and modern civil liberties
- Intellectual property and technology
- Evolving nature of race, gender, faith, and identity

And much more!

The Making of Modern Law: U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs, 1832-1978 serves the needs of students and researchers in American legal history, politics, society and government, as well as practicing attorneys.

For more information about this database, see Gale Cengage's [product information page](#), or a friendly research librarian.

Indiana Skills

[Indianaskills.com](#) primarily focuses on career and training opportunities associated with short-term training programs of two years and less: certificates, certifications, and associate degrees.

It is designed to help **Job seekers** and **career counselors** find career opportunities and short-term training programs that best match their skills and interests, are in high demand, and have competitive wages.

However, it is also a useful site for law students and other researchers and policy makers who can use [Indianaskills.com](#) to gather workforce supply and demand data such as: recent employer job postings by occupation, education, skill, certification, and wage levels; recent graduates by type and level of training; and training programs.

Additionally, if you have friends or family in Indiana who are not just looking for a job, but a career, they may be interested in consulting the list of [Top 10 Certifications Requested by Indiana Employers](#) (e.g., Registered Nurse (RN), Commercial Drivers License (CDL), etc.) or the [detailed report: "A Quest for Clarity: Identifying the Market for Short-Term Training Opportunities and Industry Recognized Credentials in Indiana"](#) by the National Center for Higher Education Research Management Systems ([NCHEMS](#)).

-Deb Fox



The Clarence Darrow Digital Collection at The University of Minnesota Law Library

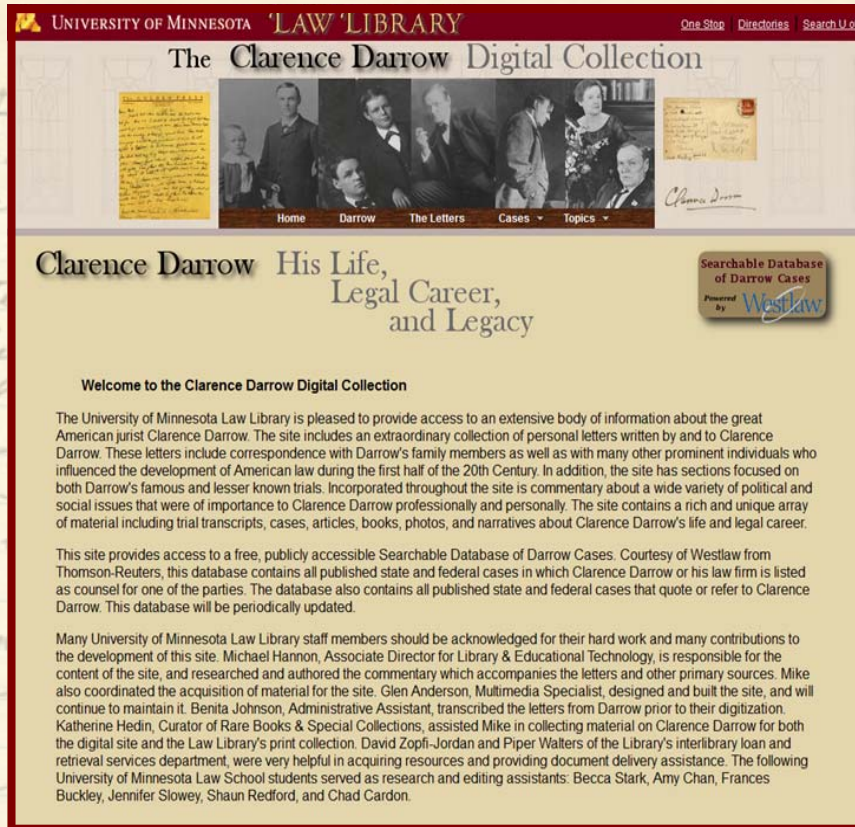
The [University of Minnesota Law Library](#) provides access to an extensive body of information about the great American jurist [Clarence Darrow](#) who practiced law in Chicago for nearly fifty years.

The site includes an extraordinary collection of [personal letters](#) written by and to Clarence Darrow. These letters include correspondence with Darrow's family members as well as with many other prominent individuals who influenced the development of American law during the first half of the 20th Century.

The site also has sections focused on both Darrow's famous (e.g., [Scopes](#) and [Prendergast](#)) and [lesser known state and federal cases](#) as well as a section devoted wholly to [Illinois trials](#).

Throughout the site, users will find commentary about a wide variety of political and social issues that were of importance to Clarence Darrow professionally and personally. The site contains a rich and unique array of material including trial transcripts, cases, articles, books, photos, and narratives about Clarence Darrow's life and legal career.

A free, publicly accessible [Searchable Database of Darrow Cases](#) (courtesy of Westlaw from Thomson-Reuters) is available for advanced search queries. The database contains all published state and federal cases in which Clarence Darrow or his law firm is listed as counsel for one of the parties. The database also contains all published state and federal cases that quote or refer to Clarence Darrow.



Many University of Minnesota Law Library staff members should be acknowledged for their hard work and many contributions to the development of this site.

Michael Hannon, Associate Director for Library & Educational Technology, is responsible for the content of the site, and researched and authored the commentary which accompanies the letters and other primary sources. Mike also coordinated the acquisition of material for the site.

Glen Anderson, Multimedia Specialist, designed and built the site, and will continue to maintain it.

Benita Johnson, Administrative Assistant, transcribed the letters from Darrow prior to their digitization.

Katherine Hedin, Curator of Rare Books & Special Collections, assisted Mike in collecting material on Clarence

Darrow for both the digital site and the Law Library's print collection.

David Zopfi-Jordan and **Piper Walters** of the Library's interlibrary loan and retrieval services department, were very helpful in acquiring resources and providing document delivery assistance.

The following University of Minnesota Law School students served as research and editing assistants: Becca Stark, Amy Chan, Frances Buckley, Jennifer Slowey, Shaun Redford, and Chad Cardon.

-Adapted from *The Clarence Darrow Digital Collection* [homepage](#)



Off the Shelf (**death-match edition**) ... A review of selected legal resources

Bloomberg Law v. Lexis Nexis v. WestlawNEXT



By the time you have completed your 1L Legal Research course, you are pretty familiar with the various players in the three-way **BLA-WEXIS** battle for supremacy. As your research needs and area of specialization develop, you are likely to favor one of these platforms over the other two.

If you've got questions about each databases' relative strengths and weaknesses, you can always consult with a friendly research librarian, or your BLA-WEXIS rep and student reps.

However, if you are looking for a detailed cross-platform analysis, you should check out David Leone's (a law librarian at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis in TN) series of blog posts "*Comparative Review of Online Legal Research Platforms*". [Part 1](#) covers Bloomberg Law, [Part 2](#) focuses on Lexis.com/Lexis Advance, [Part 3](#) reviews Westlaw (with an emphasis on WestlawNEXT), and [Part 4](#) is a dissection of the relevance and helpfulness of the same search query's results on all three platforms.

-Chris O'Byrne

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Summary of the 2012 Summer Research Survey

Every fall since 1999, the Law Library Research Department has surveyed returning 2L and 3L students about their research experiences as summer law clerks, associates, and research assistants. The annual survey helps the legal research instructors determine if our students are equipped with the research skills needed to perform well in their summer jobs.

Dwight King, Chris O'Byrne, Trezlen Drake, and Warren Rees teach the 1L Legal Research class. (Recently retired librarian Patti Ogden also taught many of the 2012 respondents.) Warren and Ed Edmonds, Associate Dean for Library and Information Technology, teach Advanced Legal Research courses for 2Ls and 3Ls. All instructors are proud that, over the years, NDLS students have reported confidence in their research skills, with many rating their skills as better than those of their peers from other schools.

In total, two hundred sixty students (51% 2Ls and 49% 3Ls) responded to the 2012 survey—46 more than have responded to earlier surveys. The survey was conducted from September 17-28. The Research

Where Did You Work?	Response Count		Combined % of 260 Respondents
	2L	3L	
Law Firm (51+ attorneys)	10	46	22
Not-for-Profit Agency	20	9	11
State Agency	10	16	10
State Judiciary	18	7	10
Research Asst. for NDLS Prof.	22	3	10
Other	12	13	10

Which of These Print Sources Did You Use?	Response Count		Combined % of 188 Respondents
	2L	3L	
State Statutes/Codes	41	43	45
Books	33	46	42
Federal Statutes/Codes	35	24	31
Journals	23	17	21
Reporters	22	18	21

Department raffled off Amazon gift cards and Dwight's homemade apple pies to encourage student participation. You may see all of the results and read additional student comments online, but below are a few highlights.

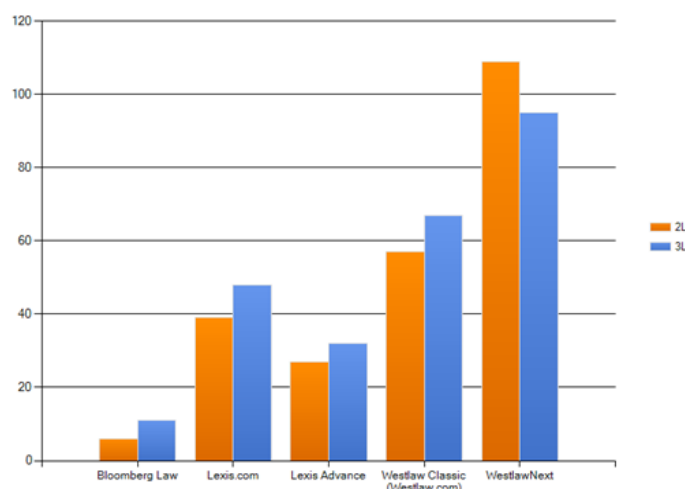
-Dwight King

**Read all the results
[here!](#)**

What Percentage of Your Research Time was Spent Using Print Materials v. Electronic?

	Response Count		Combined % of 256 Respondents	
	Print	Electronic	Print	Electronic
100%	1	81	4	32
70% or more	7	226	3	88

Which of the following did you use during your summer employment?



Of the 260 respondents:

- 79% used Westlaw Next
 - 109 2Ls and 95 3Ls
- 48% used Westlaw Classic
 - 57 2Ls and 67 3Ls
- 34% used Lexis.com
 - 39 2Ls and 48 3Ls
- 23% used Lexis Advance
 - 27 2Ls and 32 3Ls
- 7% used Bloomberg Law
 - 6 2Ls and 11 3Ls

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS:

Apple Pies by Dwight King

Trevor Currie

Kristy Engler

Jacquelyn Fradette

Joe Molosky



Amazon Gift Cards

\$100 Benjamin Risacher

\$50 Kelly Lockman

\$50 Nick Kamenjarin

\$25 Krista Giannattasio

\$25 Courtlyn Roser-Jones

\$25 David Humen

\$25 Michael Hagerty



How Do Your Research Skills Compare with Those of Your Peers from Other Schools?

	Response Count		Combined % of 260 Re- spondents
	2L	3L	
Much Better	9	11	8
Better	40	47	34
Same	37	42	30
Worse	2	2	2
N/A (Worked Alone)	45	25	27

Meet your new Bloomberg Law Reps!

Hello! I'm Noelle Petruzelli-Marino, Notre Dame's new Bloomberg Law Relationship Manager.

After graduating from Rutgers University School of Law-Newark, I clerked for the Hon. Laura M. LeWinn, J.A.D. (retired) in the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Supreme Court. Upon completion of my clerkship, I then practiced as an employment law litigator in New Jersey and New York for a boutique firm specializing in discrimination, harassment, and whistleblower cases.



In July 2012, I joined Bloomberg Law, and I am very excited to be working with everyone at Notre Dame! I will be on campus throughout the semester, but please contact me at npetruzelli@bloomberg.net if you have any questions!

Hi, I'm Chris Bartkowski, your Bloomberg Law Student Preference Manager.

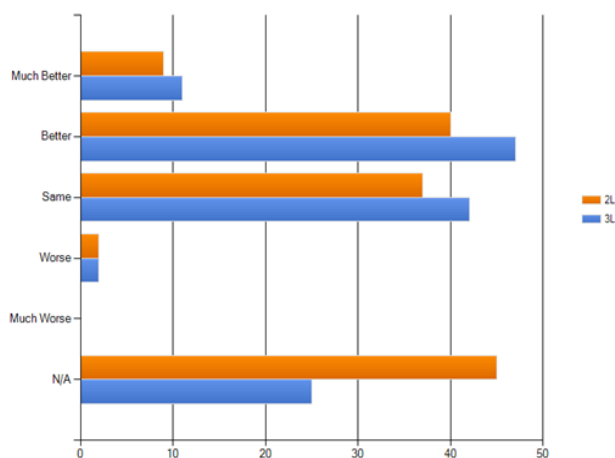


I received my J.D. degree from St. John's University School of Law. Before joining Bloomberg Law, I practiced in New York and Ohio, working mainly on securities litigations and insurance subrogation cases.

Like my colleague, Noelle, I will be on campus at various times throughout the year, and will post information about upcoming training classes.

You can always contact me directly at cbartkowski@bloomberg.net, or reach out to the Bloomberg Law 24/7 Help Desk at 1-888-560-2529 or WebHelp@Bloomberg.net.

How would you rate your research skills compared with those of your peers from other schools?



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Around the Bend

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

MBA Blood Drive



The [MBA Program](#) will be hosting their first blood drive of 2013 on **Thursday, January 31** from **11 am until 6 pm** on the first floor of the Mendoza Student Lounge, and they would love to have some professors and other students join them. Please use the following [link](#) to register to donate (sponsor code: Irish)

January is historically the slowest month for blood donation, and with the current flu epidemic, fewer would-be donors will be eligible to donate. The blood drives the South Bend Medical Foundation conduct in January on Notre Dame's campus are extremely important to saving the

lives of those in need of blood products in our community. Please sign up to donate today.

16th Annual Symposium on St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday, Jan. 31, 7:00 pm

[Saint Mary's College Student Center: Student Center Lounge](#) Notre Dame, IN

Saint Mary's College is pleased to announce that [Lisa Sowle Cahill](#), the J. Donald Monan Professor in Theology at Boston College, is the speaker for the 16th Annual Symposium on St. Thomas Aquinas. Cahill's lecture is titled "[Aquinas and Natural Law: Resources for Women's Equality.](#)"



Theatre IV presents "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad"

Monday, Feb 4 9:30 am

Price \$8-\$12

[Century Center Bendix Theatre](#) South Bend, IN

Co-produced by the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia. Performed by [Theatre IV](#), this stirring drama with music is a classic tribute to the

great American who freed herself and hundreds of her people from the bonds of slavery. Her courage helped to change the world. Share her adventurous life in this accurate and deeply moving musical history lesson. (Recommended for grades 4-8) Event Descriptors: History, Language Arts, Biography, Multi-Cultural, Music, Family Ties, Self-Esteem, Women's Studies.



Special Q & A with David "Sonny" Lacks

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 7:30 pm Free Admission

[Saint Mary's College: Carroll Auditorium, Madeleva Hall](#) Notre Dame, IN

Join David "Sonny" Lacks, son of Henrietta Lacks in a special Q & A as he discusses the information surrounding Rebecca Skloot's book "[The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#)". Henrietta's cells, taken without her consent, have been used to further scientific research surrounding cancer, AIDs, gene mapping, and countless other pursuits.

Author Rebecca Skloot- "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"

Wednesday, Feb. 27, 7:30 pm Price \$5-\$10

[Saint Mary's College: O'Laughlin Auditorium](#) Notre Dame, IN

Henrietta Lacks (HeLa) was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine.

The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. [Rebecca Skloot](#) has written more than 200 feature articles, personal essays, book reviews, and news stories.

*****Book-signing to follow*****

Winter Walk

Sunday, Feb. 17, 1:30 pm



Walk a mile to benefit the women of [St. Margaret's House](#), a day center in South Bend that improves the lives of women who struggle with economic poverty.

You may pre-register [online](#) or bring your registration form on the day of the walk.

Ask your family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor you. Prizes will be given to those with the most contributions and to teams with the most walkers.

Valentine's Day Pie & Cookie Sale

Help us offer to spay/neuter pets for local low income families

\$12: Strawberry Pie; \$10: Cherry Pie OR 1 doz. Valentines Cookies

Place Your Order by email [Michelle Whaley](#) or call 574-274-3874 or 1-9343. Orders must be placed by Monday, February 4th.

Pickup Date: Thursday, Feb. 14th, 11:00-2:00 pm, La Fortune-Dooley Room

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February 15 for the March/April issue
May 31 for the Summer issue (May-August)
August 15 for the September/October issue
October 15 for the November/December issue.

Send contributions, questions, or comments to **Chris O'Byrne** (cobyrne@nd.edu).



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