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About Notre Dame's Law Library

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 collection contains 324,000 printed volumes, 6,200 serial titles, and 294,000 microform volume equivalents. The library seats 476 people, 241 at individual study carrels.

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

Library Hours

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<td>Circulation Desk</td>
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Special hours will be posted for holiday and break periods.

Services

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 setting your cell phone on vibrate, rather than audible, 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 library. Request forms are available at the Circulation Desk. Electronic forms are available on the library's Web page.

Library Etiquette: The 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 reader/printers are in the microform room, microform annex, and large compact storage.

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

Photocopying: The library has two photocopier machines for patron use. These copiers are in the computing room on the main floor. Copy cards, in $1, $5, $10, and $20 increments, are available from the nearby vending machines. The copiers also take coins at a cost of 10 cents per copy. Copy cards purchased in the law library cannot be used for Hesburgh Library copies and vice-versa.

Public Workstations: Five workstations are available in the main reading room for public access to the library catalog, the Internet, and CD-ROM resources. 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 Materials: 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 47 PCs and two Macintosh computers, charging the passively powered printers. A wireless network is available throughout the library along with more than 100 wired connections for law student laptop use.

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. Pay phones for personal calls and a house phone to call campus numbers are located in the basement. House phones are also available on each of the stack levels.

Theft: Patrons are strongly cautioned against leaving valuable 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 Library Web site at www.nd.edu/~lawlib/ describes the library's services and collections and provides access to a wide range of electronic research resources.