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ABOUT NOTRE DAME’S LAW LIBRARY

The Law School computing areas, the law library near 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: 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 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 43 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/~lawlib/ describes the library’s services and collections and provides access to a wide range of electronic research resources.

W elcome to Notre Dame Law School’s Kresge Law 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 340,000 print volumes, 6,400 serial titles, and 308,000 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.

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.

Carpent 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 microfile/microfilm materials and 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.