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The Notre Dame Law Department was established in 1869. The first published mention of a law school library was not until 20 years later when the Columbia Law Times described the small library of 2,500 volumes as "spacious, well-lighted," and "well-ventilated."

In these early years development of the law library's collection and staff was slow. The Law School did not appoint the first law librarian, John Whitman, until 1925. His selection coincided with the Law School's accreditation by the Association of American Law Schools. By 1930, after more than 60 years of existence, the library had only grown to 10,000 volumes. This modest collection did not require a large staff. In fact, in 1942, a single librarian, Lora Lashbrook, oversaw the entire operation while serving concurrently as teacher of research methodology, law school registrar, and secretary to both the dean and the faculty. Marie Lawrence succeeded to the post of librarian in 1945. She guided the collection for almost 25 years. At her retirement the library stood at 69,000 volumes — still quite small by American Bar Association standards.

The enlargement of the library's physical space in 1973 came under the leadership of the next librarian, Kathleen C. Farnham. Expansion and increased funding of the library, made possible in part by a gift from the Krege Foundation, were welcomed but were nevertheless insufficient for the library's continued growth. In 1985 the University committed itself to building a library that would support scholarship of the highest order, and it needed a librarian to spearhead that campaign. Roger F. Jacobs, then the librarian of the U.S. Supreme Court, became the fifth Notre Dame law librarian.

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The library occupies four floors. Enter through the main entrance adjacent to the north end of Eck Commons. (Eck Commons is the bridge connecting Bolichini Hall of Law and Eck Hall of Law.)

The collection contains 370,000 print volumes, 2,200 print serial titles, 327,000 microform volume equivalents, and over 42,000 electronic resource titles. The library seats 550 people, 152 at individual study carrels. Nine professional librarians, 14 support staff, and numerous student assistants comprise the library staff.

The primary mission of the Krege Law Library is to provide the necessary scholarly foundation for legal research and to provide space for independent and collaborative study for Notre Dame Law School faculty and students. The law library supports the curricular and scholarly interests of the Law School by acquiring and providing access to print and electronic resources, and by offering formal and informal guidance in their use. Secondly, the law library supports the legal research requirements of the larger University community.

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 user or for course reserve.

Carrel Reservations: The following students are eligible for a carrel: LLM/JSD students, law journal students, research assistants, the International Moot Court team, the Appellate Moot Court team, and the AA/J/Barristers trial teams. First-year students are not eligible for carrels. For details, stop by the Research Services Assistant's office, Room 2301.

Catalog: Encore is the online catalog for the law library. Designated workstations for access to Encore are located on Level 2, 1, and the Lower Level. The KF collection (American law) begins on Level 3 and continues down to Level 1. Books on subjects other than American law have call numbers from A-Z (excluding KF) and are located on the Lower Level. To search other campus libraries, see the Hesburgh Libraries.

Copying and Scanning: The photocopier on Level 2 can also scan e-mail. Students may pay for photocopies with Donor Dollars added to their ID. (Go to food.nd.edu to add more Donor Dollars.) Scanning is free. An overhead scanner for books and other documents is located in Room 2317.

Library of the law school website at http://law.nd.edu/library describes the library's services.

Interlibrary Loan: Law faculty and students may borrow materials not available in the law library or the Hesburgh Libraries through interlibrary loan using the ILLiad borrowing system 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. Anyone violating library policies may be ejected.

Lost and Found: See the Circulation Desk for lost and found materials.

Microforms: The microfiche/microfilm materials and reader/printers are located east of the Main Reading Room on 2nd and at the south corner of the Lower Level.

Parking: All-day visitor parking is available at the corner of North Eddy Street and Holy Cross Drive for $2.

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. You may not receive or place personal phone calls on library phones.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located at the north end of each floor.

Reserved Material: Materials on reserve may be requested at the Circulation Desk and checked out for two hours, overnight, or seven days. ND law students may select prior exams at both the Circulation Desk and on the law library website.

Student Computing: The Law School computing areas, available only to ND law students, include the Computer Lab and the Instruction Lab located on Level 3. They are equipped with 30 PCs and three Macs sharing three laser printers. The LexisNexis printer is also in this area. A wireless network is available throughout the library.

Study Rooms: ND law students and faculty may reserve one of these 26 rooms for four-hour blocks of time. Sign up at the law library website or at the Circulation Desk.

Suggestions and Comments: We welcome your views about the library. Please address your comments or concerns to any staff member.

Theft: Do not leave valuables unattended. Immediately report theft to University Security/Police (631-5555) or the Circulation Desk (631-7024).

Website: The Krege Law Library website at http://law.nd.edu/library describes the library's services and collections.