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Library *notes*

"Patrons will be able to access library records on the network or on the Web."

Franklin Pierce Law Center Library
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Library acquires new automated system

Innovative Interfaces Innopac System, will be acquired by late February, this year. Innopac is currently installed in over 600 library systems serving thousands of libraries around the world. The Innopac system is the predominant library system among academic law libraries, providing integrated automation of the major functions of acquisitions, cataloging, serials management, circulation, interlibrary loan, and accounting. Once Innopac is fully functional, patrons will be able to access library records on the network or on the Web, and move seamlessly from bibliographic records for all titles held, to ordering, and circulation information.

by an outside vendor and will be loaded into the new system as soon as it arrives. The bibliographic records will provide the foundation database for subsequent addition of acquisitions, serials, and circulation records. The staff will begin bar coding during the February break and continue through May. When Innopac is operational the library will discontinue use of DataTrek GoPac on-line catalog and rely entirely on Innopac.

We are pleased and excited about Innopac's imminent arrival. Implementing Innopac is the top priority of the library staff during 1999 and we anticipate it will enhance library services for everyone.

*Judy Gire
Law Library Director*

In preparing for Innopac the library's bibliographic records have been prepped

Library Week: A week of fun and prizes

"Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library," is the theme of National Library Week, April 11 - 17. Throughout the nation, libraries will sponsor activities to bring attention to the importance of libraries in our lives. The theme points out the diversity of today's library in our technologically changing world. From books to disks to the information highway; the library can get you where you want to go.

FPLC Library once again will have a week of fun, prizes, and treats.

Last year's prizes included a current best seller, gift certificates for lunch, "get-out-of-jail" certificates (valuable for those who have overdue book fines), and more. Daily treats were offered at the circulation desk. Don't miss it!

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Lexis publishes *NH Law Bulletin*

LEXIS LAW Publishing Company has recently published the inaugural issue of *New Hampshire Law Bulletin*, edited by Susan Marshall, Esq. Susan is a 1980 graduate of Franklin Pierce Law Center and worked for New Hampshire Legislative Services for many years, most recently as Deputy Director and Chief Legal Officer. The newsletter, seemingly modeled along the lines of *U.S. Law Week*, will be published six times a year and promises to provide news from the legislative, executive and judicial branches of New Hampshire plus summaries of the text of many of the primary materials emanating from those branches.

The first issue is no disappointment. It provides an article written by Charles G. Douglas III entitled "1998 Evidence Update," and another article by Charles A. DeGrandpre on New Hampshire's recent adoption of the Uniform International Wills Act. It also provides miscellaneous news

items; summaries of recent court cases decided by the New Hampshire Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the District of New Hampshire, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; a separate section entitled "Court Rules, Orders and Bulletins" providing summaries, and another section giving full text of the "Proposed Amendments to Local Rules of U.S. District Court of the District of N.H." Another section gives legislative updates and deadlines, a brief chronology of events relating to the education financing issue, a selected listing of newly enacted 1998 RSA Chapter numbers and a list of repealed RSA Chapter numbers. Yet another section provides updates and deadlines relating to agencies and proposed rules, and summaries of some rules. This section also gives summaries of selected decisions from the New Hampshire Public Employee Labor Relations Board. Many of the sections listed above also include addresses or web

sites where one could obtain full text of the summarized documents.

The New Hampshire legal and governmental community is fortunate to finally have access to a newsletter of this caliber focusing on New Hampshire law. Although there will be some overlap between information given here and that provided in the *New Hampshire Bar News*, it seems that much of the coverage will be complimentary. Susan brings to the editorship a deep understanding about the inner-workings of New Hampshire government. The focus of this newsletter is to track all types of primary legal authorities and news relating to it. Perusal of the *New Hampshire Law Bulletin* will become essential for anyone interested in learning about current legislative, judicial, or administrative activity in New Hampshire.

The newsletter will be kept on reserve in the library. ♦

Shark bytes

It swims, it bites, it talks like a lawyer. It's Shark Talk, http://www.nolo.com/sharktalk/sharktalk_welcome.html, a fun online game which works like "hangman." Each day the definition of a legal term or phrase will be followed by a series of blanks. You choose letters to fill enough of the blanks to guess the term before you are eaten by the lawyer/shark swimming beneath your life raft. It's fun, it's educational, it's risky! Bring your shark repellent!

Try <http://www.nolo.com/dictionary/wordindex.cfm> to find the meaning of some puzzling legal term or question.

If your sense of humor requires frequent feedings, drop in on the New Hampshire based web site, **Rink Works**, <Http://www.rinkworks.com>. This web site presents online entertainment, humor, games, puzzles, movie reviews, and more. And if you think you are a stupid person, and have a hard time just staying alive, your troubles are over. Locate the section on, "Don't throw a brick straight up." This could be your own guide to life. Check it out even if you think the person next to you is stupid and you're a genius!

Library notes

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Editor: Paula Jewell

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from the reference desk

QUESTION: I am researching a Uniform Commercial Code case for my job, and the attorney I am working with said that N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. 382-A:2-207 (1994) is relevant to the issue she wants me to research. This section relates to "Additional Terms in Acceptance or Confirmation" for the contract. I have checked that RSA section and found the text of that UCC section which New Hampshire has adopted, along with Official Comments. There is one federal case listed in the annotations, two ALR articles which are related only marginally, and a CJS reference which did not help much either. How can I find more specific information explaining what this section means? I guess I also have to look for more cases from other jurisdictions, since there are none listed from New Hampshire. I only have a couple of hours and need to bring something useful back to the office!

ANSWER: There are a couple of quick places you can look which should do an excellent job explaining what this section of the UCC means and should give you many cases from other jurisdictions. If you prefer to do print research (the attorney may not be willing to pay for your online research!), you could use the *Uniform Commercial Code Reporting Service* (KF880.A2A4 and A5), the *Uniform Commercial Code Case Digest* (KF880.3.P5), and the loose-leaf treatise which goes with this set, William D. Hawkland, *Uniform Commercial*

Code Series (1998) (KF879.527.H38). The beauty of using the latter two tools is that they are each organized by code section and refer back to the first tool which provides full text of cases. Since you know the UCC section you are researching, Article 2-207, you can easily check each of these sources for more information without having to use an index. A quick check of 2-207 of the Hawkland treatise provides you with the text of that section, and the Official Comments (which you have already seen in the RSAs). Hawkland provides many internal cross references to other related sections of the UCC, and a page and a half of law review references to articles discussing Article 2-207. Then Hawkland provides 36 pages of detailed discussion on the meaning of 2-207 based on his research and expertise as an authority in the field, and provides many footnotes to relevant cases. This commentary will certainly help you understand the nuances of 2-207, and then you may look further at the referenced cases or to any law review articles which seem especially relevant.

Many of those case cites in Hawkland are to the *UCC Reporting Service* mentioned above. This is a specialized case reporter which collects and publishes cases interpreting the UCC. The *UCC Case Digest* previously mentioned provides an alternate approach; instead of finding case references in the Hawkland

treatise, you might have simply looked in the *Case Digest* under 2-207 to find digests of all interpreting jurisdictions, but without the Hawkland commentary. Once you find the cites, you can quickly access full text of the cases in the nearby *UCC Reporting Service*.

If your supervising attorney has given you permission to do online research for this client and has provided you with a billable

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password (since you cannot use your student passwords to use WESTLAW or LEXIS for research

for a fee-paying client), you can use either system to find UCC cases. WESTLAW has a "Commercial Law & Contracts" topical database which includes UCC Cases since 1945 (UCC-CS) and also provides electronic access to the Hawkland treatise (HAWKLAND). LEXIS has a "Uniform Commercial Code Library" (UCC) and provides many files giving access to court cases interpreting the UCC. For example, STUCC provides UCC cases from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and ALR annotations. LEXIS does not provide access to the Hawkland treatise. Searching in any of these specialized databases or files in either WESTLAW or LEXIS with a simple citation search "2-207" should produce good results; if you retrieve too many cases, you can narrow by adding additional terms to your search or by doing your search

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in a smaller, relevant database or file. To find relevant journal articles on WESTLAW you could check the Hawkland section previously mentioned, the CML-TP, which is the law reviews, texts and bar journal section of the "Commercial Law & Contracts" database mentioned above, or you might just do a search for "2-207" in TP-ALL to search all full text law reviews, texts, and bar journals. On LEXIS, you could search the BUSFIN Library and either the ABI or BIS files which both include coverage of the *Uniform Commercial Code Law Journal* (this journal is not available on WESTLAW); or you could do a more general

search of LAWREV Library and the ALLREV file to search full text of articles discussing "2-207".

Since your issue is based on a uniform law, even though there is little New Hampshire authority on the meaning of RSA 382-A: 2-207, there is a lot of applicable information from other sources. Whether you chose print or online sources, you can quickly and fairly painlessly pull together some very relevant materials on Article 2-207 which will help you in drafting a good contract for your client. ♦

By Cindy Landau
Assistant Law library Director

What's new in the IP Mall

Audio files of FPLC faculty and staff who have appeared on radio or television are now offered on the IP Mall. Two initial choices are:

- August 17, 1998 interview of Prof. Bill Murphy on the 1998 Microsoft Antitrust case. Broadcast on NH Public Radio, "The Exchange."
- Elizabeth Christian, Director of FPLC's Innovation and Creativity Clinic, on being named one of the top 20 best community development programs in America by the US Government's Department of Housing and Urban Development, recorded on WFTN/WSCY Radio, Fall 1998.

To visit, go to: <http://www.ipmall.fplc.edu/audio/fplchome.htm>

Another new section of the IP Mall contains jury instructions for both civil and criminal cases to be tried in Federal Court. Notes following each section contain supporting and relevant authority for the individual instructions. To visit, go to: <http://www.ipmall.fplc.edu/jury/fplchome.htm>

IP has exploded as a practice area, and legal publishers have produced dozens of new journals to fill the need to educate practitioners. The IP Library has purchased many of these new journals. The titles can be seen on our new periodical list - updated to Spring 1999. To visit, go to: <http://www.ipmall.fplc.edu/userguid/user4.htm>

AMORE

Attorney Member Online Research Exploration

The Reference Staff of the Franklin Pierce Law Center Library is pleased to announce the repeat schedule for AMORE, our legal research on the internet training program for members of the library.

Friday Feb. 19 3:00 - 4:00:
Introduction to Legal Research on the WWW featuring OLLIE (Online Law Library Internet Edition)

Friday Mar. 19 3:00 - 4:00:
NH and Federal Case law on the WWW

Friday Apr. 16 3:00 - 4:00:
NH and Federal Legislation on the WWW

Friday May 21 3:00 - 4:00:
NH research on CD-ROM: Focus on LOIS

Friday June 18 3:00 - 4:00:
WWW Search Engines: Know your machine

Friday July 16 3:00 - 4:00:
WWW Scavenger Hunt

All sessions will be held in the Online Training Center which is located on the first floor of the FPLC library. To reserve a spot in the class, or if you have questions, please contact Cynthia Lewis at (603) 228-1541, x1193 or clewis@fplc.edu.

We look forward to seeing you.



Legal Writing II / Moot Court materials

Soon first year law students taking Legal Writing II will become involved in researching and writing arguments for their appellate briefs and in preparation and presentation of their oral arguments. The library has a variety of materials which might help students with the writing and advocacy aspects of this work. The following list represents a selection of materials which focuses on either the advocacy and appellate brief writing or the oral argument preparation. Many of these materials also contain sample briefs or oral argument transcripts. (All but the Childress title and the U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs are currently on RESERVE).

Aldisert, Ruggero J., *Winning on Appeal: Briefs and Oral Argument*. Notre Dame, Ind.: National Institute of Trial Advocacy, 1996. KF 9050 .A43 1996. Chapter 5 is on Standards of Review.

Block, Gertrude. *Effective Legal Writing for Law Students and Lawyers*. 4th ed. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1992. KF250.B56

Calleros, Charles R. *Legal Methods & Writing*. 3d ed. New York: Aspen Law & Business, 1998. KF250.C345

Childress, Steven Alan and Martha S. Davis. *Federal Standards of Review*. 2d ed. Salem, N.H.: Butterworth Legal Pub., 1992. KF4575.C48 Volume 1 is *Civil Cases and General Review Principles*, and volume 2 is *Criminal Cases and Administrative Appeals*. Although the title suggests the scope is limited

to federal actions, the preface indicates that much of the material is relevant to state actions as well.

Dernbach, John C. *et al. A Practical Guide to Legal Writing & Legal Method*. 2d ed. Littleton, Colo.: Rothman, 1994. KF250.D7

Edwards, Linda H. *et al. Legal Writing: Process, Analysis & Organization*. New York: Aspen Law & Business, 1996. KF250.E39

May It Please the Court; Live Recordings of the [U.S.] Supreme Court in Session with an accompanying book providing background and transcript. New York: New Press, 1993. KF4748.M39


New Hampshire Supreme Court Records and Briefs. We do not maintain copies of these at FPLC Library. You may access them by docket number from the New Hampshire Supreme Court. You may also attend oral arguments for cases being heard. Also *Legal Writing and Oral Advocacy*. 2d ed. New York: Matthew Bender, 1993. KF250.P6

UCLA Moot Court Honors Program. *Handbook of Appellate Advocacy*. 3d ed. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1993. KF251.J65

U.S Supreme Court Records and Briefs. Washington, D.C.: Law Reprints. FPLC Library has microfiche copies of records and briefs from 1974/75 term to 1991/92 term. They are available on

LEXIS (GENFED library, BRIEFS file, from 1979/80 term to date). We also have records and briefs for patent, trademark and copyright cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court from the 1980/81 term to date in hard copy in the IP Library, KF3093.A1L3.

Can you find it?

A pen like this  is hidden somewhere in this issue. The first five readers to find it will receive a tasty treat. If you find it see Paula Jewell in the library.

The hidden illustration may be smaller or larger than shown, and, no, this one does not count!

book reviews

Money and Banking, 4th ed.

By David H. Friedman

Money & Banking provides a comprehensive overview of the role of money and banking in the U.S. and global economy, emphasizing basic concepts in the areas of bank regulation, monetary policy, interest rates, money creation, and foreign exchange markets.

The author is an economist, banking instructor, and professor, who has held major positions at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

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Burn Rate: How I Survived the Gold Rush Years on the Internet

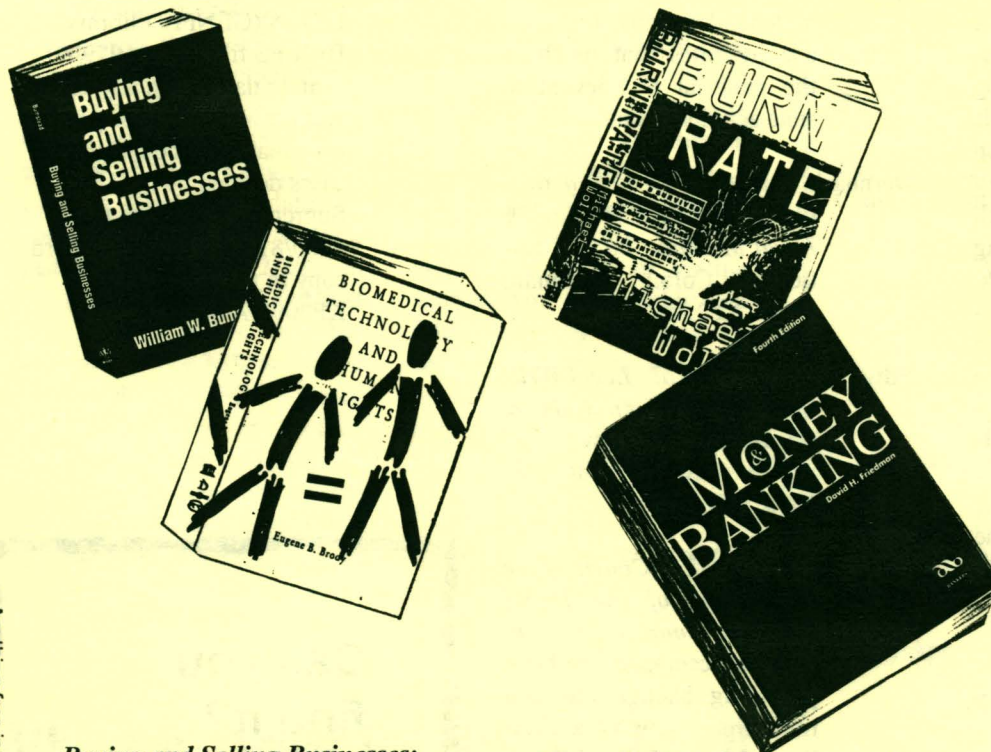
by Michael Wolff

For much of the 1990s, starting up a business on the Internet offered young go-getters with a taste for risk the fastest route to glittering prosperity. But the Internet entrepreneur knows that the chances of success and survival dwindle at the same rate as the case evaporates. Make the right deals, announce the right products at the right time, and the investors will beat down your doors with money. Falter, and the venture capitalists will eat you alive.

Michael Wolff was one of the first to see the potential of the Internet and one of the pioneers of new media. With mordant wit,

Burn Rate portrays life on the bleeding edge of capitalism, a realm where your savior the venture capitalist, may also be your undoing. A Faustian figure, the venture capitalist reveals to Wolff the secret workings of business, as well as the human dimensions of how companies are made, brought, and sold. But the price he asks in return is steep.

HD 69 .C6 W643 1998



Buying and Selling Businesses: Including Forms, Formulas, and Industry Secrets

by William W. Bumstead

U.S. business sales are booming again. With the majority of these sales involving businesses priced below One million dollars, opportunities abound for professionals who want to expand their practices to intermediary services for buyers and sellers of businesses.

Buying and Selling Businesses takes the guesswork out of buying, selling, and valuing businesses. Drawing on highly developed skills and decades of practical experience, author Bumstead explains every detail of every stage in the process - from arriving at an asking price to matching buyers to businesses, from negotiating a purchase agreement to closing the deal.

HD 1393 .B867 1998

Biomedical Technology and Human Rights

by Eugene B. Brody

This book presents a humane approach to the issue of health rights, recognizing that they are imbedded in an interpersonal web of privileges and obligations understandable in particular socio-economic and cultural contexts. As such, it reflects the author's long experience as a clinician, a scholar and an international health consultant. It is aimed not only at policy makers and those concerned with human rights and biomedical ethics in general, but at scientists, practitioners and students of medicine, public health officers, and other health professionals, especially those whose interests cross national and cultural boundaries.

R 724 .B76 1993

The above reviewed books will be kept at the circulation desk throughout February. They may be checked out for one week during this time

IP Mall ad brings cutting edge newsletters to IP Library

Glasser LegalWorks is a publisher of cutting edge publications on intellectual property, cyberspace, and electronic commerce. Glasser recently evaluated the FPLC IP Mall Web site and liked what they saw:

"Since we first visited with our good friends at the Franklin Pierce Law Center a couple years ago, this site has been drastically revised, resulting in a marvelously well detailed one-stop site for IP materials. The navigation bar resembles a family tree and offers an extensive menu of articles, materials for IP law students and perhaps the best library of links to IP resources on the Web. The site is lively and easy to get around; the IP researcher is advised to start the research here."



Based on this review Jon Cavicchi, IP Librarian, negotiated with Glasser to exchange subscriptions to their newsletters in exchange for a banner ad in the IP Mall.

The publications we are now receiving are:

Cyberspace Lawyer, which contains the latest information on the legal and business developments that online commerce require, including developments in intellectual property, contract law, business arrangements, multimedia and

entertainment, government regulation, criminal law, security/encryption and commercial topics. (GLCYLAW on WESTLAW) *Electronic Banking Law and Commerce Report* covers current issues in electronic banking, including application of security guidelines to industry standards of care and implications of electronic banking for low-income communities. Issues concerning what constitutes banking and commerce law will be tracked in futures publications. (GLEBLCR on WESTLAW)

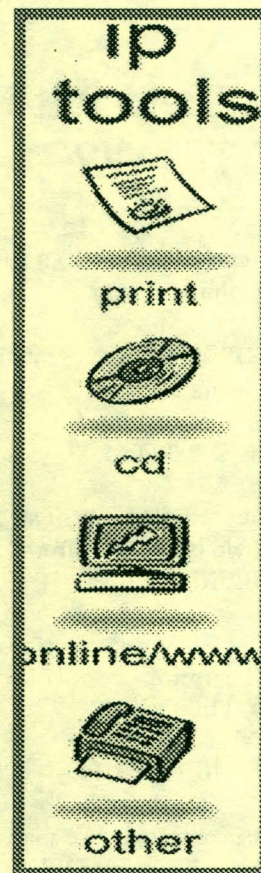
Wallstreetlawyer.com: Securities in the Electronic Age is a leading information source on how counsel and Corporate America are managing securities information on the Internet, including online shareholder information, investment advice, road shows, trading and IPOs. It also publishes monthly information concerning new Internet applications, industry trends, legal issues and key rulings affecting information dissemination on the Internet. (GLWSLAW on WESTLAW)

FYI - Glasser LegalWorks Seminars are on WESTLAW in the GLASS-CLE database which contains full text continuing legal education materials on a variety of current topics, including securities, online law, intellectual property, and others.

Also of interest to IP researchers, WESTLAW offers Modern Patent Law Precedent in their MPATLAWP database. Modern Patent Law Precedent is a dictionary of patent law legal terms and concepts published by Glasser LegalWorks. This one-volume treatise provides an alphabetical listing of over

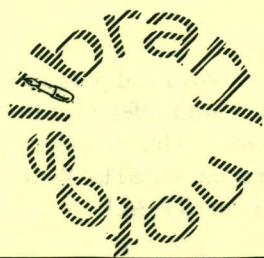
2000 key terms and phrases that are explained with references from over 3000 cases. This database can also be found on WESTLAW in IP-TP, TEXTS, and TP-ALL.

"...this site offers an extensive menu of articles, materials for IP law students and perhaps the best library of links to IP resources on the Web."



There are three kinds of lies: Lies, Damn Lies, and Statistics.
-- Disraeli

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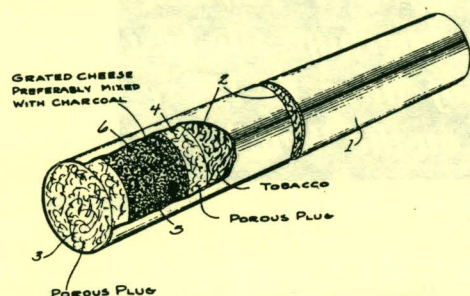
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CHEESE-FILTER CIGARET

Stuart M. Stebbings, P.O. Box 191, De Pere, Wis.

Filed May 12, 1964, Ser. No. 366,740

6 Claims. (Cl. 131-10)



A cigaret provided with a filter comprising grated particles of milk derived cheese mixed with particles of charcoal, said charcoal being present in the filter in

amounts equal to one-third to one-half of the filter material by weight, the remainder of the filter material comprising the said grated cheese which has a butter fat component of at least twenty percent.

Need help with LEXIS or WESTLAW?

Student representatives from both services are available in the Online Training Center.

The **LEXIS** student representative is **Jason Okai**

His help hours are:

Tuesdays: 1:00 to 5:00

Wednesdays: 2:30 to 5:00

He can be contacted via e-mail at: Jokai@fplc.edu.

24 hour help is available from LEXIS customer service:

1-800-45LEXIS

The **WESTLAW** student representative is **Jim Godron**.

His help hours are:

Tuesdays: 11:00 to 2:00

Wednesdays: 2:00 to 8:00

Thursdays: 10:15 to 1:15

Jim can be contacted via e-mail at: Jgodron@fplc.edu.

24 hour help is available from WESTLAW customer service:

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Interlibrary loan

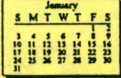

Spring semester is frequently a busy time for researchers. Moot court competitions, independent studies, class research, and real-life attorney research requirements may all contribute to the need for research material outside the Law Center Library collection. At these times, interlibrary loan may be the answer. Copies of articles and/or books may be borrowed from libraries across the country. Remember, interlibrary loan is not limited to legal material. Libraries with a wide variety of specialties as well as university and public libraries, make their collections available for loan.



Allow 3 to 10 days for the material to arrive, and be as complete as possible in your request. Forms are on the door of the interlibrary loan supervisor, Jean Everson. Once completed, they may be left in the office or slipped under the door after hours.

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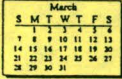
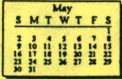
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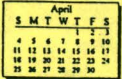

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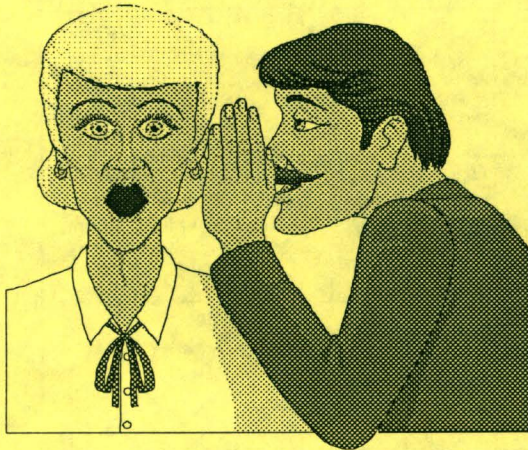
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30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED Memorial Day					

As the Citator Turns...



Have you heard?

Shepard's and WESTLAW are getting a divorce.

They've been together for so long.

The word is that *Shepard's* is going to shack up exclusively with LEXIS beginning in July of this year.

But WESTLAW has not been wasting any time. WESTLAW and *KeyCite* have been hot and heavy for the last couple of years.

Sound like a soap opera? You never know who is snuggling up with who in the legal publishing world these days. Recent fallout from the companies buying

companies' extravaganza resulted in *Shepard's* ending up in bed with LEXIS. I believe that WESTLAW saw the writing on the wall and developed *KeyCite* so as not to be alone when *Shepard's* departed.

For you, the legal researcher, this is a fairly significant development. On July 2, 1999, *Shepard's* will no longer be available on WESTLAW and will be available exclusively on LEXIS. Using *Shepard's* online has become a standard practice in law schools and in "the real world." Even practitioners who typically do not use the online services turn to an electronic version of *Shepard's* for an efficient, up to date report of where their case stands.

Now we must retrain ourselves to thinking of "Shepardizing" on LEXIS and "KeyCiting" on WESTLAW. While each company is ready to tell you how their service is superior, I believe that for the most part, *Shepard's* and *KeyCite* serve the same purpose. WESTLAW will phasing *InstaCite* and *Shepard's Preview* out and pouring all their efforts into *KeyCite*. Regardless of which service you use, checking your cases is a

crucial step in research.

Of course, the print version of *Shepard's* will continue. (There is no print equivalent to *KeyCite*.) However, researchers should be aware that when "shepardizing" a case, very recent decisions, which were formerly cited by the court docket number, are now being shown using a LEXIS citation. While I understand this to be a wise business practice on the part of LEXIS, I think many practitioners in the real world who use the print resource will be highly offended at being forced to use LEXIS in order to make sure that decisions being used in their research are still good law. Solo attorneys who cannot afford access to LEXIS will run the risk of not having the most current information for their clients while affluent large firms will have access to more current resources. Where is the justice in this business decision?

Ah but such are the dramas of the law librarians world. We eagerly await the next episode, perhaps "As the CD-ROM spins."

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