

HEARSAY...

THE PATH TO SUCCESS IN LAW SCHOOL BEGINS AT THE LIBRARY

News From The University of Kansas School of Law Wheat Law Library

Calendar Update:

- THANKSGIVING BREAK (Nov.23-27)
- LAST DAY OF CLASSES (Dec.2)
- READING DAY (Dec.3)
- FINAL EXAMS (Dec.5-16)
- WINTER RECESS (Dec.17-Jan.19)
- SPRING CLASSES BEGIN (Jan. 20)

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E-RESERVES: STUDYING HAS NEVER BEEN THIS CONVENIENT

Have you ever settled in for a long night of studying at home only to realize that you forgot to make a copy of the practice exam your professor left on reserve at the library? If so, you will be especially appreciative of the library's new "E-Reserve" system.

Most reserve items are now only a mouse-click away because they have been digitized and made available through the KU Libraries online catalog. Although a few items remain available only in hard-copy form at the Circulation Desk, the vast majority of reserve materials are now available electronically through the E-Reserve system.

Feel free to ask a librarian for a quick demonstration of the E-

Reserve system, or get online and try it out for yourself. It is quick, convenient, and easy if you follow the procedures listed below.

HOW TO ACCESS E-RESERVES:

- 1) Go to the KU libraries home page at <http://www.lib.ku.edu>
- 2) Click on "Library Catalog"
- 3) Click on the "Course Reserve" tab
- 4) Select "Law" under the department pull-down
- 5) Narrow your search by instructor or course if necessary
- 6) Select your document!



The E-Reserve system is up and running. Visit the KU Library homepage for access.

The E-Reserve system is the latest development in the library's ongoing mission to improve accessibility and convenience for our patrons. We try to be "user-centered" in our approach and welcome any input you may have regarding how we can better meet the needs of the KU Law students and faculty that make up our core constituency!

M.L.I.M. Program Touts Success Stories

Sarah Shik (L'05) recently demonstrated the viability of the Master's in Legal Information Management program offered jointly through KU Law and Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management. Sarah, who will complete her MLIM degree

this semester, attended the annual AALL meeting (see story on page 2) with the goal of landing a job with an academic law library. It is safe to say that she was successful in her quest. After 18 interviews with a wide range of top-notch schools throughout the country, Sarah

eventually decided to accept Touro Law Center's offer to work at their new state-of-the-art law library. Sarah's success at landing a great job even before graduating demonstrates the potential of a KU law degree combined with the MLIM. Congratulations Sarah!



Allison, Charles, and Lauren promise to be excellent additions to the Wheat Law Library staff.

THREE GREAT NEW ADDITIONS TO THE WHEAT LAW LIBRARY

Allison Reeve, who will graduate from KU in May with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Spanish and Anthropology, was recently hired by the Wheat Law Library as a Library Assistant. You may recognize her because she was a student worker at the circulation desk for the past three years. Allison plans to pursue a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science upon graduation from KU and has already proven to be an invaluable addition to the Wheat Law Library Staff. She is actively

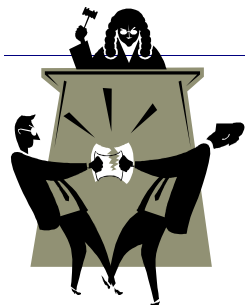
involved with a wide range of activities throughout the library, including technical services, cataloging, and circulation.

Our new Technology Support Technician, Charles Rigdon, received his B.S. in Information Sciences and Technology from Pennsylvania State University in May of 2004. Upon graduation he was hired by Universal Printing Company as an Information Technology Specialist. On May 24, 2005 he married a Missouri girl and thus moved to Missouri in July of 2005 to be closer to

her family. Charles began his employment with KU Law and the Wheat Law Library on the first day of classes, August 27 2005. His technical knowledge and skills benefit us greatly, and his office is on the second floor of the library in Room 200F.

Last but not least, the library recently hired Lauren Vanwardhuizen as a Library Assistant. Lauren received two B.S. degrees from Iowa State University in May of 2001 (Marketing & Transportation, Logistics and International Business). She received her M.A. in L.I.S. in December of 2004 and worked at the Pella Public Library before joining us at KU Law. Lauren is an asset to the library not only because of her substantial skills and experience, but also because her degree in Library and Information Science brings the total number of librarians with library degrees to six (with two more on the way).

We hope that you will take the time to meet and welcome our new staff members in continuation of the tradition of collegiality that makes KU Law such a great place to be!



The KORA project will aid researchers in determining what records are within the scope of the Open Records Act.

Kansas Open Records Act Project Update

The Kansas Open Records Act (K.O.R.A.) project is completing the initial research phase of identifying and gathering priority statutes. The project, headed by Law Professor Mike Kautsch, is a National Freedom of Information Coalition grant program designed to trace the evolution of exceptions to the K.O.R.A. through legislative history, statutory provisions, and case-law interpretations. In-

structional & Research Services Attorney Carolyn Clark has served as the Wheat Law Library's research liaison for the project and has been actively involved in collecting the necessary information. Ultimately, the project seeks to create a database of information relevant to the K.O.R.A. that will be accessible to the general public.

Conferences, Presentations Take Library Staff Around the Globe

The Wheat Law Library staff is committed to providing KU Law with world-class legal information services. To this end, many staff members have traveled extensively to attend conferences and make presentations. Some of the highlights are listed below.

A record-setting seven member-strong Wheat Law Library

entourage made the trip to San Antonio, TX this July to attend the annual conference of the American Association of Law Librarians. The KU delegation was further augmented by the attendance of recent KU Law grad and former Wheat Law Library reference staff member Sarah Shik, who was job-hunting in anticipation of gradu-

ating from the MLIM program this semester (see story on page 1).

Director Joyce McCray Pearson recently attended the annual conference of the International Association of Law Librarians in Italy.

Associate Director Joseph Custer has traveled every-
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The Wheat Law Library staff travels far and wide to stay on the cutting edge of legal information management trends.

TEN TIPS FOR BETTER LEGAL RESEARCH...

Whether you are a 1L working on Lawyering assignments or a seasoned veteran researching your writing requirement project, these tips can improve your research process:

- 10) Use the Index. It's that little book at the end of a set of resources. Fumbling your way through without using the index is the first step toward frustration.
- 9) Ask yourself: is this resource organized chronologically or by subject? Almost all legal research resources are organized either chronologically or by subject. Realizing this allows you to better understand the resources you are using.
- 8) Use the Research Subject Guides located across from the Circulation Desk (and available on the library website). These guides were created to give you a shortcut to finding relevant resources. Take advantage!
- 7) Use Meta-Sites when searching on the Internet. Obviously, this applies only to those who have completed Lawyering I! Meta-Sites, such as the Wheat Law Library website (<http://www.ku.edu/cgiwrap/kulaw/libraryindex.php>) and Washlaw (www.washlaw.edu), save valuable time because all of the links you need are there on one page.
- 6) Use Secondary Sources. Nine times out of ten, somebody struggling with primary resources could benefit immensely from taking a step back and looking at the big picture with a good secondary source.
- 5) Browse the stacks. If you find a resource that you like, take a look at the call number. If you go to the corresponding section in the stacks you are likely to find several more excellent resources. Keyword searching the online catalog simply cannot replicate this.
- 4) When you don't know where to start, Google. This is heresy to old-school researchers, but Internet search engines can save a lot of research time when used properly. "Properly," in this context, means do not rely upon them to the exclusion of all other resources!
- 3) Utilize official government resources. Courts, legislatures, and agencies are continuously expanding their online offerings. When dealing with a government entity, looking them up on the web is a no-brainer.
- 2) Always start early. Quality legal research always takes longer than originally planned. If you doubt this, take a look around the library the week before the Open Memo is due—it is not a pretty sight.
- 1) Ask a Librarian. That is what we are here for!

2005 FALL SEMESTER LIBRARY HOURS

Reference Assistance is generally available when library is open.

Note: Hours subject to change as needed

October 16 - November 21	REGULAR HOURS
November 22 - November 26	THANKSGIVING RECESS HOURS
Tues. 7:30 am - 6:00 pm	
Wed. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
Thur. - Sat. CLOSED	
November 27 - December 2	REGULAR HOURS
December 3 - December 16	EXAM HOURS
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am - 1:00 am	
Sat. 8:00 am - 1:00 am	
Sun. 10:00 am - 1:00 am	
EXCEPT Dec. 16 7:30 am - 5:00 pm	
December 17 - January 18	WINTER RECESS HOURS
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm	
Sat. - Sun. CLOSED	
(CLOSED Mon. Dec. 26, Jan. 2, & Jan. 16)	
January 19	RESUME REGULAR HOURS



BLUEBOOK RELAYS A SMASHING SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN

Thanks go to everyone who participated in the Barber Emerson Bluebook Relays on Friday, October, 28. The Relays are a great tradition and just one of the reasons that KU Law is such a great place to be. Our own Jeff Montgomery, Serials Manager, organizes the event every year and helps to arrange the prizes through Barber Emerson, a local Lawrence law firm. Thanks for all of your hard work, Jeff!





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**The Path To Success In Law School
Begins At The Library**

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
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As the largest and oldest law library in the state of Kansas, the Wheat Law Library is an integral part of The University of Kansas School of Law. It serves the law school and university community in legal and interdisciplinary scholarly pursuits and provides attorneys, judges, and the general public with access to legal information. Key components of this mission include collecting and preserving Kansas, national, and international legal documents; teaching legal information literacy; and serving as a legal information gateway by providing access to sources beyond the scope of the physical collection.

Wheat Law Library Staff

Carolyn Clark - Instructional & Research Services Attorney
Joseph Custer - Associate Director & Head of Collection Development
Katherine Greene - Automation & Acquisitions Librarian
Su Johnson - Circulation Department Manager
Joyce A. McCray Pearson - Library Director & Associate Professor of Law
Robert Mead - Head of Public & Faculty Services
Jeff Montgomery - Serials Department Manager
Allison Reeve - Library Assistant
Charles Rigdon - Technology Support
Christopher Steadham - Research & Reference Services Attorney
Marsha Tiemann - Cataloging Manager
Gale Troth - Accountant I
Pamela Tull - Outreach Services Librarian
Lauren Van Waardhuizen - Library Assistant

Conferences, Presentations Continued...

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where from Chicago to Hong Kong to present research papers and attend conferences. He also presented a paper, "American Libraries and Intellectual Freedom: Selected Issues and the Present Day Patriot Act" at an Oxford Round Table at England's University of Oxford in August.

Head of Public & Faculty Services Robert Mead recently attended the annual meeting of the Mid-American Association of Law Librarians in North Dakota. He has also presented at several CLE seminars.

Library conferences and presentations aren't the only things we have been up to. Circulation Manager Su Johnson recently

traveled to Washington D.C. as part of the Motet Singers ensemble. The group represented the state of Kansas during the Kansas State Day service at the National Cathedral on August 21, 2005.

Carolyn Clark and Chris Steadham were co-presenters at a Continuing Legal Education seminar in Overland Park on October 24. The seminar was entitled, "Find it Fast and Free on the 'Net: Advanced Internet Strategies for the Kansas Legal Professional."

She didn't have to travel for it, but Marsha Tiemann was recently promoted to Cataloging Manager. Congratulations Marsha!

**ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE WHEAT LAW
LIBRARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY,
APRIL 6, 2006**



The Wheat Law Library honors National Library Week every year by holding the annual meeting of the Friends of the Wheat Law Library. This year our guest of honor will be Robert Loyd, 1962 KU Law alum. Mr. Loyd and his fellow L'62 classmates recently purchased two new display cases for the library, and we hope to show our appreciation for his generosity. The meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 12:30 in the Rice Room. More information will be forthcoming, so for now just be sure to clear your calendar and plan on attending this wonderful tradition of the Wheat Law Library. Remember, many of the opportunities we enjoy at KU Law would not be possible without the generosity of alumni such as Mr. Loyd and the Class of '62!



RESOURCE-MOVE UPDATE:

The Newspaper Rack has been moved to the 2nd Floor Reference Area. Take a break from the books and see what is going on in the world.