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Dear Class of 2015,

Welcome to the excitement and activity of the fall semester here at Boston College Law School. The Law Library staff enjoyed meeting you during the orientation sessions. It is wonderful to see you here in the Law Library on a daily basis; we hope that you will spend many productive hours with us over the course of your 3 years at BCLS. We want to share with you some helpful tips to enhance your law school experience, such as Courtroom View Network as a source of audio files of your casebook contents and CALI exercises to solidify your reading. And to welcome you to New England, home of ice cream lovers (yes, New Englanders eat more ice cream than residents of other regions of the U.S.!), we have a quick guide to some excellent ice cream shops. These topics and more are covered here in the fall edition of the Law Library newsletter.

Remember that we always welcome your suggestions and comments.

Peace,

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Congratulations to our Scavenger Hunt Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Law Library Scavenger Hunt and thank you all for getting to know the law library during orientation. Please stop by often!
Text a Librarian!

BC Law Library offers reference assistance by text message. Text your simple, quick questions to 617-70-BCLAW to get legal reference help on the go. The legal information librarians will respond during ordinary reference hours. If your question is received after the reference desk is closed, a response will be sent the following day when reference services are available. For more in-depth questions, please stop by, email or call the reference desk.

BC Law Library Mobile Site

BC Law Library has a mobile website to allow smartphone users easy access to library hours, contact information, online catalog searching, research guides, library news and events, and the live BC Shuttle tracking. Point your mobile browser to http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/library/m to access all of this information on the go.

Listening to Your Casebooks?

BC Law students have access to Courtroom View Network, a database containing mp3 files for cases in popular law school casebooks. To use Courtroom View Network, point your browser to the Law Library's database list and select Courtroom View. You'll need to register with your BC e-mail address to use this site; just click the “Sign up” button right on Courtroom View’s homepage.

Westlaw, Lexis and Bloomberg Law

Boston College Law Library subscribes to three comprehensive legal research platforms, Westlaw (including WestlawNext), Lexis (including Lexis Advance) and Bloomberg Law. Students access all of these platforms through individual username and password combinations. Activation codes for each platform were distributed to the 1L via email on August 28, 2012. If you have lost or forgotten your password, or if you have any problems accessing Westlaw, Lexis or Bloomberg Law, please see Karen Breda, Law Library Room 255A, (617) 552-4407, bredaka@bc.edu. Other questions and problems involving Westlaw, Lexis or Bloomberg Law should be directed to the Westlaw, Lexis and Bloomberg Law student representatives on duty in the Law Microforms Room 100 or to the Information Desk. Students may also use Lexis, Westlaw and Bloomberg Law Live Help or may email a legal information librarian at lawref@bc.edu.

Westlaw’s and Lexis’s subscription agreements restrict the use of student passwords to “educational use.” Permissible educational uses include research for law classes, work on law reviews, work for moot court competitions and other law student activities, career development, practicing your legal research skills, work as a legal research assistant for law faculty, unpaid public interest legal internships and work for internships done for law school credit. However, you cannot use your student passwords for commercial purposes, such as research for a law firm. Giving the results of your Lexis or Westlaw research to anyone else, whether or not you are paid for it, violates Boston College Law School’s educational services contract and is strictly prohibited. Bloomberg places no restrictions whatsoever on students’s use of Bloomberg Law. Bloomberg encourages students to use Bloomberg Law for all purposes, including research for law firms.

Rare Book Room Event for Students

Responding to numerous student requests for programming in the Rare Book Room, the Curator of Rare Books, Laurel Davis, will be giving a tour of the current exhibit, “The Law Among Nations,” to interested law students. If there’s interest, she will also pull out some “treasures” from the Rare Book Room stacks for students to peruse and enjoy. The event will be on Tuesday, October 23rd from 12:30-1:30pm. We will meet in the Law Library Conference Room 279 initially to enjoy cookies and lemonade and to drop off backpacks and bags. Then, on to the Rare Book Room! In the meantime, remember that the Rare Book Room is open from 9-5 and is a great place to study in peace.
Get up to speed with CALI

Do you want to get up to speed in your classes? Confused about a particular concept and would like more detailed explanation? If your answer to these questions is “Yes!” then CALI is a perfect solution for you. CALI is the acronym for Computer Assisted Learning Instruction. Most U.S. law schools, including BCLS, belong to the group which promotes self-paced learning of legal topics through computerized instruction. You can take a CALI lesson in hundreds of legal topics. Register for free CALI access by pointing your browser to www.cali.org. When prompted, enter the BC Law code: BOSCOLstu16. Need help? E-mail your question to lawref@bc.edu.

Holmes – Meet the New Library Catalog

Use the BC Libraries’ improved discovery tool, Holmes to search for books, articles, course reserves and other materials in the BC collection and beyond. When you are on the law library homepage, you will see the search bar featured prominently near the top of the screen or you can go directly to the main Holmes search page to run a more advanced search. When you run a search in Holmes you will see three tabs above the search box, BC Collections, Articles, and Course Reserves. Use the BC Collections tab to find material physically located in one of the BC libraries and some electronic material. Articles include journal articles from a variety of sources although it does not include everything in the BC libraries’ databases. To find course reserves, sign in on the top right of the main Holmes search page and use the link for My Course Reserves. Also, sign into your Holmes account to request books from other BC libraries. Please link to Holmes Help for more information.

For your sweet tooth!

New Englanders love ice cream. After extensive research, two members of the library staff compiled a 'Best of' guide to their favorite local ice cream spots. Here are 3 of their top choices:

White Mountain Creamery
19 Commonwealth Ave.
Chestnut Hill, MA 02467
www.whitemtncreamery.com
617-527-8790

White Mountain (located across from the BC main campus), has a solid and much deserved reputation.

Emack & Bolio’s
1663 Beacon St.
Brookline, MA 02445
www.emackandbolios.com
617-731-6256

A great choice on a warm day when you can eat outside and people-watch in Washington Square!

JP Lick’s
46 Langley Road
Newton Center, MA 02459
www.jplicks.com
617-964-9200

A great neighborhood ice cream shop. Prices are fairly reasonable and the ice cream is very good.