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Dear Colleagues,

Interested in knowing how a fellow faculty member is using Bloomberg Law in his research? Have you found the latest content added to HeinOnline? These topics and more are covered here in the spring edition of the Law Library newsletter. We hope that you will find many useful resources and suggestions to apply in your teaching and research.

We also hope that you can join us for the fourth annual Diversity Read on March 15 at noon. We will gather in the Law Library's conference room to share in a brown bag lunch and to discuss diversity issues in our BCLS community. This year, the law students chose the community read title for our diversity discussion by popular vote: *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. Copies are available in print and on the Law Library's Kindles for you to check out.

Remember that we always welcome your suggestions and comments.

Peace,



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Spotlight on Faculty Use of Library Resources: Brian Quinn and Bloomberg Law

This is the first in a series of articles focusing on a faculty member's creative and expert use of research resources. Professor Brian Quinn is a frequent and longtime user of Bloomberg Law Dockets. One of the librarians recently discussed with Professor Quinn the many ways in which he uses Bloomberg Law Dockets.

Can you describe for me how you use Bloomberg Law Dockets?

Quinn: I used Bloomberg Law Dockets just the other day for my mergers and acquisitions class. I pulled the judge's letter opinion in a consolidation case in Delaware's Court of Chancery and used the letter opinion and



other documents in the case to demonstrate the process. Instead of just hearing a lecture, the students can see the documents that must be filed, the procedures that must be followed, and the elements that must be met before a consolidation is approved in court.

Do you use Bloomberg Law Dockets for scholarly research as well as classroom teaching?

Quinn: I used Bloomberg Law Dockets in my research for my recent article on shareholder litigation. I was able to access shareholder complaints, summary judgment materials, including briefs, affidavits and exhibits and, of course, the trial court opinions in shareholder lawsuits. I've also used Bloomberg's courier retrieval service five or six times to get copies of court pleadings and opinions which aren't available online.

Could you describe that service?

Quinn: As long as you know the name of a case, the court in which the case is filed and can reasonably identify the documents you need, the Law Library can order the documents from Bloomberg Law. Bloomberg Law sends someone to the court to get copies of the documents and emails scanned images within a day or two. I've used this service both through the Law Library and on my own to get copies of documents from state courts in California, Texas, New York and Delaware.

Is there anything else that you particularly like about Bloomberg Law Dockets?

Quinn: The Docket Alert feature is great. I use Bloomberg Docket Alerts to track business litigation in Delaware's Court of Chancery. Bloomberg emails me whenever something is filed in the matters I'm following. I'm able to access court pleadings and opinions in Delaware within an hour of filing. The interface has improved. Bloomberg used to have a DOS interface. The new HTML interface is much easier to use. Court dockets are starting to become available on other services like Westlaw and Lexis, but Bloomberg Law Dockets seem to be the most comprehensive, plus the documents on Bloomberg Law are scanned images of the actual documents filed in court.

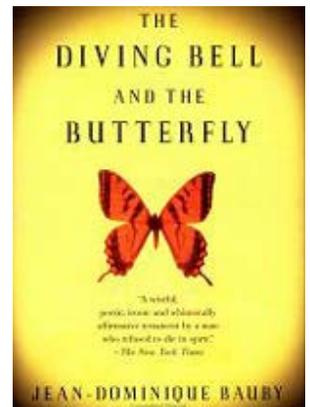
Any interested BC Law student or faculty member can obtain a Bloomberg Law password by contacting a reference librarian or emailing lawref@bc.edu.

Law Reviews at Your Fingertips

Members of the BC Law community have access to the full runs of more than 1,600 law reviews (over 39,000 volumes) through HeinOnline. HeinOnline also includes a wide variety of primary source materials and additional secondary legal materials, all in PDF format. Access HeinOnline databases through the Quick Link on the Law Library Home page. To learn more about HeinOnline, attend our lunchtime information session on Thursday, February 23, from 12:05-12:50pm, in Law Library 155.

4th Annual Diversity Read

This year marks the fourth annual Diversity Read event, a lunchtime discussion of a text selected for its diversity theme. *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* is the title chosen this year by law students' popular vote. It is the autobiography of Jean-Dominique Bauby, a journalist who suffered a stroke and was left with intact mental status and near-total physical immobility. He authored this book letter-by-letter, by blinking to select each letter to be recorded. Copies of the book are available to check out in print or on the Law Library's Kindles. Drop by the Information desk to check out a copy. We welcome everyone to discuss their reactions to the book on Thursday, March 15th, at 12pm in the Law Library Conference Room. We'll supply cookies; feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.



E&R librarians begin teaching with iPads



As part of a university pilot program on teaching with tablet computers, the Library's Education and Reference (E&R) librarians have begun using iPad 2s in their upper-level legal research courses. Since the introduction of the original iPad, attorneys have quickly discovered the many benefits of using tablets for conducting legal research on-the-go, reviewing documents when away from the office, and keeping up with email. As tablet use becomes more commonplace in the practice of law, E&R librarians believe it is important that students are exposed to using tablets for legal research.

In class, iPads have been wirelessly mirrored over the in-room projectors through the use of an Apple TV, allowing students to follow along on the projector's screen as presentations are displayed and legal research is conducted in iPad apps. Some E&R librarians expect to show students the benefits and drawbacks of using some iPad apps for legal research, such as WestlawNext, Lexis Advance, and CCH, along with Bloomberg Law and BNA in the mobile browser. The E&R librarians are also using their iPads for reviewing and commenting on assignments and final exams through the use of apps such as GoodReader, FileBrowser, Dropbox, and Pages.

New Popular Viewing Acquisition - *The Good Wife*



The law library has recently acquired Seasons 1 and 2 of CBS's hit show *The Good Wife* on DVD. The show stars Julianna Margulies as Alicia Florrick, the wife of a scandal-ridden Illinois state's attorney, played by Chris Noth. After her husband is jailed on corruption charges, Alicia returns to work as a junior litigation associate at a medium-sized Chicago firm.

The Emmy and Golden Globe-winning show focuses on a wide variety of civil and criminal legal issues, in and out of the courtroom. There are many scenes that would be good for classroom viewing. Plus, it's a blast to watch. The third season is airing now, so catch up by checking out the DVDs! They are located in the reference area in the popular DVD collection - just grab the case and exchange it for the discs at the circulation desk. Happy viewing!

Specialized Research Advice for Your Students

Wouldn't you like to read better researched papers this term? Your Faculty/Library contact can help by providing research consultations with your students. If you don't already have a research consultation link on your class web page, talk to your Faculty/Library contact about getting one added.

150th Civil War Anniversary

The 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War has focused renewed attention on this important era of American history. On October 19, 2011, Legal Information Librarian Mark Sullivan presented a program to interested students and staff which examined the shift in focus of Civil War research from military strategy and the political ramifications of the war to more personal and civilian-oriented aspects. During the presentation, he reviewed some exciting new research databases which have developed thanks to the expansion of the internet.

Civil War - Mark Sullivan



