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Dear Students,

Here we are at mid-semester. We hope your semester is going well! Please take a moment to look at this fall issue of the Newsletter, which includes announcements about several new library resources. If you’re preparing an oral presentation, you might like to watch an expert in action through the Library’s subscription to AudioCasefiles. Or, you might like a little help or feedback from our own in-house expert, Technology Support Specialist, Chester Kozikowski. Those of you working in a clinic may find the new online access to materials from the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education library especially valuable. Last but not least, the final item is an invitation to everyone at BC Law to read and discuss The Color of Water, by James McBride.

The Law Library is both an intellectual resource and a service organization. I am delighted to see you stop at the Information Desk, confer with a research librarian, bring your laptop to the computer help desk, or collaborate with a colleague while in the Law Library. Our mission is fulfilled when we successfully meet your information needs. We wish you a happy and productive fall semester.

Peace, Filippa

Jump Start Your Research Paper at the BC Law Library!

Legal information librarians Karen Breda and Denise Sharif will be offering several Jump Start Your Research Paper sessions during the common lunch hour, in the Law Library’s Computer Lab #253.

- Karen: Tuesday, October 28th @ 12:30-1:30
- Karen: Tuesday, October 28th @ 6:00-7:00
- Denise: Wednesday, Nov. 5th (this is an Administrative Thursday) @ 12:30-1:30
- Denise: Tuesday, Nov. 11th @ 12:30-1:30

AudioCasefiles - Courtroom Video, Podcasts on How to Outline?and More!

The Law Library subscribes to AudioCasefiles, a product that offers audio
versions of popular casebooks. AudioCasefiles has expanded their coverage to include video of trials and certain hearings in selected trial courts. Practice areas covered by these trial videos include patents, product liability, mergers and acquisitions, and more. As a teaching tool, certain arguments are produced as separate videos, which are accompanied by a law professor’s analysis of the counsel’s presentation. Interested? Log on to AudioCasefiles AudioCaseFiles to watch Attorney Mark Lanier give his closing argument in the latest Vioxx trial; his Powerpoint presentation is titled “Desperate Executives” and focuses on corporate greed.

Interested in a podcast to help your outlining skills? There is a series of academic support podcasts on AudioCasefiles as well.

All BC Law students and faculty have access to the offerings on AudioCasefiles. You must log in and register first; be sure to log in using the BC network since the system will recognize your status using the BC I.P. address.

Practice Your Own Presentations @ the Law Library

Classes may require you to give a presentation in a setting you are unfamiliar with and may be unable to simulate in small rooms or groups. To help you become more prepared for these situations, the Law Library is offering a new service that will allow you to reserve space in one of our computer labs to practice. Additionally the Faculty & Technology Support Specialist, Chester Kozikowski, will be available to answer questions that you may have about the technology or software.

If you are interested in practicing your class presentations prior to the class, we hope this new service will help you feel at ease with the process and technology available to you here at the BC Law Library. Reservations are available throughout the semester; please contact Chester.Kozikowski@bc.edu to schedule a time or with any questions.

Resources:

- [A Flexible Alternative to PowerPoint](#) by Richard Olivo, Derek Bok Center, Harvard University
- [A Bout of Presentation Formats: PDF as an Alternative to PowerPoint](#)
- [Powerful Pointers for Presenters](#)
- [Really Bad PowerPoint (and how to avoid it)](#)
- [Ten Tips to Improve Your Presentations with PowerPoint](#)

Video Interviews of SCOTUS Justices on Brief Writing, Oral Advocacy & More

Bryan Garner’s videos “are raw and unvarnished, like what might happen if you turned a videocam on yourself in your garage and started talking.” In this [article](#) from the Legal Times dated 3/11/08, reporter Tony Mauro introduces Garner's video collection to the legal world.

The collection of [videos](#) on LawProse.org were shot at the Supreme Court and star eight of the nine justices speaking passionately, sarcastically, angrily, into the camera as they answer questions about brief writing, oral advocacy and their own love-hate relationships with the written word. Legal writing guru Bryan Garner interviewed the justices a year ago or more, and has made the interviews available to the public on his website, LawProse.org.

25 Greatest Legal Movies
For more lawyers in the movies, follow this link to the ABA Journal cover story for August 2008. Legal movie titles were gathered from responses to an ABA poll of 12 prominent lawyers who teach film or are connected to the business.

Interested? Check out these movies in the Law Library's Feature Films Collection!

Kindle for Book Fans!

In this recent review by a Boston College Legal Information Librarian, she explains why "in the space of six weeks, I went from Kindle-skeptic to Kindle-enthusiast."

For Google Fans - Google Scholar Meets HeinOnline

Google Scholar is now indexing law journals in HeinOnline. This will make the more than 1,100 titles in the Law Journal Library searchable in the Google Scholar interface.

New Database: Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Online Library

This new database from MCLE provides unlimited online access to MCLE's entire collection of practice handbooks, checklists and forms, as well as much of the content in their printed course materials. More than 5,000 forms, 3,000 articles, and 94,000 pages of CLE content are searchable by keyword, date, practice area, and more.

If you already have an online account with MCLE, visit http://proxy.bc.edu/login?url=http://www.mcle.org/, sign in as usual, and click the "Quick Links" drop-down menu to get to the MCLE Online Library.

If you do not yet have an online account with MCLE, you must register before using the database for the first time. Visit http://proxy.bc.edu/login?url=http://www.mcle.org/, click "create new account" in the yellow box, and fill out the form. You must use your BC email address. When you finish, click "create account" at the bottom of the page and wait a few minutes before signing in.

Come and visit Frank William Oliver's Law Library in the Rare Book Room

You are invited into the library's Daniel R. Coquillette Rare Book Room to view our newest exhibit: "A LITTLE LIBRARY" - THE PRIVATE LAW LIBRARY OF FRANK WILLIAMS OLIVER. Highlights include a magnificent German Bible from 1693; a book that once belonged to Clarence Darrow; a rare first edition of Webster's Dictionary, dated 1828; and Frank Oliver's delightful bookplate (shown here). The exhibit will remain on view through early December 2008. The Rare Book Room is generally open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but will be closed occasionally for class visits and special events. Please leave all food, drinks, and water bottles outside the room.

Click here for more information.

How to Use Social Networks to Market Yourself
The September 2008 issue of Law Practice Today, an online publication from the American Bar Association, features this short article about how lawyers use social networks to market themselves.

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BC Law Community Read: The Color of Water

The BC Law community is reading James McBride’s The Color of Water. McBride grew up in the Red Hook projects in Brooklyn. The book is both the author’s memoir and a tribute to his mother. It is the powerful story of a man’s search for identity, of growing up as the son of a black minister and a white Jewish mother, of being brought up in an evangelical African American Christian Church by a mother who was born an Orthodox Jew.

During the week of January 26 ? 30, 2009, BC Law will be hosting book discussion groups at various times and locations around the school so that all interested members of the community will have an opportunity to join a discussion group and share their insights about the book.

Please read The Color of Water so that you will be able to join in the BC Law community read. There are several copies available on Permanent Reserve at the Law Library. More information will be available as our discussion week draws near. If you have any immediate questions, please contact Professor Anzalone at (617) 552-6809 or at filippa.anzalone@bc.edu.