Dear Colleagues,

We hope your semester is going well! Here in the Law Library, we are all busy and eagerly anticipating the arrival of Spring. We hope that you are having a productive semester. This issue of the Law Library Newsletter introduces you to the new tax resource, IBFD, and a legislative history of Dodd-Frank, as well as V-LEX, a database for international legal materials.

The Law Library will be sponsoring the Diversity Month Community Read again. The book we will be discussing this year is Little Bee by Chris Cleave. We will be forwarding more details shortly.

Please read on for the latest news in the legal information world.

Peace,
Filippa

Law Library Acquires IBFD Database

International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation is a major research vendor specializing in global tax surveys, tax analyses, tax treaties and tax treaty case law. Tax News Service is part of this database. BC aw Library has just acquired access to the IBFD electronic platform. Interested in tax treaties? Need to compare transfer pricing structures across countries? Want to create comparison charts of corporate tax policies from various countries? IBFD will be your resource for these and other research projects. In addition, we now have access to e-books published by IBFD such as this recent title, Tax Treaties: Building Bridges Between Law and Economics. Access to IBFD is available both on campus and remotely; use the Law Library's database list as your starting point.

Mark Melly Returns as Law Library RA

Law Library Research Assistant returns for Spring, 2011. Mark Melly, class of 2012, has returned this semester as the law library’s research assistant. If you wish to use the services of the law library research assistant during the Spring semester, please contact Mark Sullivan, sullivmb@bc.edu., or contact the Law Library Research Assistant mailbox, lawlibra@bc.edu.
Educational Technology Spring Programs and Survey

Join Educational Technology for our two Spring Programs (and lunch) for faculty!

On February 8th we will showcase CALI’s MediaNotes software that allows instructors to annotate videos of students’ lawyering exercises to provide feedback as they develop lawyering skills. With MediaNotes, users can add notes and tags to videos to identify students’ strengths and areas of improvement, and students can review this feedback on their own schedule. On April 12th, LexisNexis Representative Ellen Padlick will join us to introduce the newest versions of CaseMap and Lexis for Microsoft Office.

Location: EW115A; Time: 12-1PM. Click here to RSVP by 1/24/2011

Because lunch is provided, be sure to RSVP by the deadline.

Please take a moment to help us learn more about the faculty’s education technology interests and practices by completing our survey. Click here.

New Library Resources

BCLL now subscribes to the National Law Journal in PDF format – useful for those pesky Bluebook citation formats. You can find the current issue and back issues in the Law Library’s A-Z List or in Quest. Remember that coming in through our links allows you to authenticate from off-campus.

We’ve also started a subscription to Supreme Court Insider, which is from the same publisher. It offers news coverage, interviews, videos, and statistics covering the US Supreme Court. If you want automatic email alerts to the Supreme Court Insider (daily while the Court is in session; weekly at other times) contact Deena Frazier and she will arrange for you to receive these alerts.

Rare Book Room News

Please visit the Law Library’s Daniel R. Coquillette Rare Book Room to view our Spring 2011 exhibit: The Michael H. Hoeflich Collection of Roman Law Books. In December 2009, Michael H. Hoeflich, John H. & John M. Kane Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Kansas School of Law, donated his fine collection of antiquarian and modern Roman law books to the Boston College Law Library; here are few highlights. Of the exhibit We hope to see you in the Rare Book Room soon!

V-Lex Database Now Available

The Law Library recently subscribed to the V-Lex database, which provides full text access to primary and secondary sources from around the world. V-Lex has legal material from 133 countries around the world, as well as documents from the European Union and international law sources. It has extensive coverage of United States and United Kingdom legal material, but its real value comes from access to the primary and secondary sources of foreign jurisdictions. One drawback for V-Lex is the lack of English language translations for the foreign law materials. Despite this language issue, V-Lex marks a major advancement in legal research for anyone interested in foreign or comparative law. Access to V-Lex is through the Law Library’s web page; click on the Research link, and then the Alphabetical List of Databases to V-Lex.