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# MOOT POINTS

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Friday

7 AM—Midnight

Saturday

9 AM—10 PM

Sunday

10 AM—Midnight

Circulation Desk: (210) 436-3436

<http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/>

## RECENT NEWS

Congratulations to Brandon Vasquez, Circulation Supervisor, for graduating with his MBA from St. Mary's University School of Business in December 2006.

## NOTABLE NEW ACQUISITIONS

*The Lawyer's Guide to Fact Finding on the Internet*, Carole A. Levitt and Mark E. Rosch. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2006. Ref KF 242 .A1 L48

This single-volume directory describes in detail hundreds of free and subscription websites useful for fact-finding by legal professionals. Also includes basic research strategies for the Internet

*The United States Government Internet Manual*, Peggy Garvin, ed. Lanham, MD: Bernan Press, 2007. Circ ZA 5075 .G68 2007

The fourth edition of this frequently updated publication is intended as a companion to the official United State Government Manual. Features detailed descriptions of over 2000 government websites and includes extensive name and subject indexes.

*Gale Encyclopedia of Everyday Law*, Jeffrey Wilson, ed. Detroit: Gale Thomson, 2006. Ref KF 387 .G27 2006

A two-volume encyclopedia for the layperson on subjects of practical legal interest. Features 240 brief articles arranged in 26 broad subject categories and numerous subcategories. Each article includes an extensive print and website bibliography as well as a list of relevant organizations and agencies.



## From the Director's Desk

Greetings! I am pleased to present the first issue of the Law Library newsletter after a nine-year long hiatus. Things change, but we remain committed to serving you – the students, faculty, and staff members of the St. Mary's School of Law and the University community. In this issue, you will find brief introductions and articles about the library staff, information and resources. We hope that you will find some of these items informative.

Over the last year or so we've been busy improving the physical facilities while providing better services and easier access to the collection and resources. The facility projects undertaken include installation of a closed-circuit security monitoring system, recarpeting of the staircase, replacement or repairs of the broken windows and leaky roofs. In addition, audio/visual equipment was installed or made available to support presentations in Rooms 106 and 224. These efforts should make the library more secure, safer, and user-friendly.

On the collection development front, we reorganized the microfiche room and the entire faculty library. A popular reading area for newspapers and magazines was retooled to make it more usable and comfortable. Moreover, we added several electronic databases to our resources (for example, the Checkpoint tax database and Loislaw). On the staff side, we hired a full-time assistant (Sara Paz) to give speedy interlibrary loan service while offering better circulation coverage during the evenings and weekends. We also created the professional position of Electronic Services Librarian, and brought Mr. Paul Miller on board to enhance the library's electronic products and services.

Good things are happening at your library. We are glad to have achieved a few things in a short period of time. There is still more for us to do to improve your experience with the library. Please let us know how we are doing and what you wish to see. Walk-in visits to my office are welcome. If you wish to drop a note, there is a Suggestion Box outside the Alumni Room across from the Circulation Desk. You can also email me at [rlhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rlhu@stmarytx.edu). We look forward to helping you.

- Bob Hu, Director & Assistant Professor of Law





# REFERENCES TO REFERENCE



Frequently patrons will ask for information on attorneys, both for practical and research purposes. In today's *References to Reference*, I will briefly highlight some directories that I have found personally useful in answering these requests.

A major starting place for contact and biographical information on attorneys is the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, an annual, multi-volume publication located in our Reference collection at **KF 190 .M3**. Attorneys are listed by state and city, and most entries include a brief professional biography and contact information (e.g. street address, telephone number, fax number and web-site address, if available). Separate entries for many firms are also included. A free web version of the directory, including many of the same features as the print version, is available at <http://www.martindale.com>. The web version can be searched by city, state, and practice area.

A similar title—*West Legal Directory*—is available free on the web only at <http://www.findlaw.com> (click on Find Lawyers!). Although less comprehensive than the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, it includes many of the same features, including individual attorney and firm biographical and contact information. The directory can be searched by city, state, and practice area.

A more selective list of U.S. attorneys is available in the annual, two-volume print title *The American Bar*, located in our Reference collection at **KF 190 .A47**. A selective list of foreign and international bar attorneys is also included. Entries are arranged geographically and by firm name and include brief biographies. An alphabetical name index is also featured.

Biographical data and contact information on Texas attorneys is available in the *Texas Legal Directory*, an annual, multi-volume publication located in our Reference collection at **KF 192 .T45 T43**. The directory includes contact information and also brief biographies for many entries. Entries are listed by city, county, and practice area. An alphabetical index of individual attorneys and firms is also included. The *Texas Legal Directory* is the official directory of the State Bar of Texas.

For guidance in using these or other reference sources in our library, please speak with any of our reference librarians, by telephone, fax, e-mail, or in person.

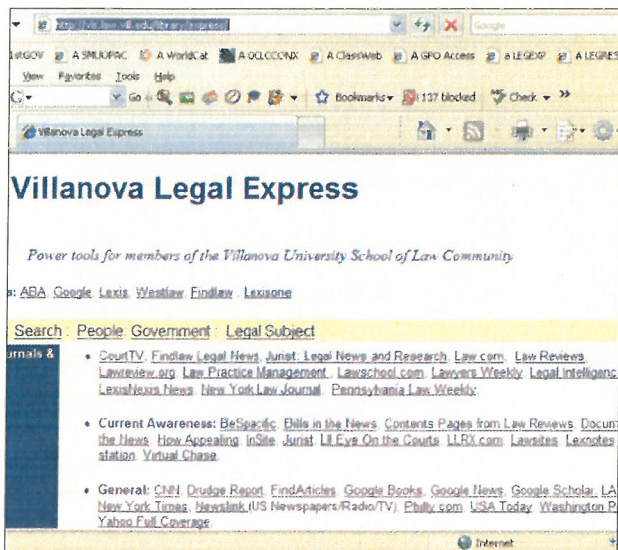
- Garry Stillman, Reference Services Librarian

## WEBSITE WONDERS

### Villanova Legal Express

Villanova Legal Express, located at URL <http://vls.law.vill.edu/library/express/>, is a website maintained by the Law Library, Villanova University School of Law. It contains links to many major legal and non-legal websites, which will be of interest and use to anyone in the legal profession. The website is laid out in a very well organized format, with links grouped together by categories such as Legal Journals and News, Search/Portals/ Subject Guides, General Reference etc. This site is an excellent choice for the homepage on any lawyer's or law student's web browser.

- Lee Unterborn, Cataloger & Reference Services Librarian



## GETTING TO KNOW US

Paul S. Miller arrived at the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library on August 1, 2006.

Born on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1966, the son of Richard A. Miller and the former Nancy J. Sawyer, he was raised in Dallas, Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his Bachelor of Fine Arts (1989) and Master of Library and Information Science (1993), Tyler School of Art, Temple University, where he was awarded a Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture (1992), and the School of Law, Fordham University for his Juris Doctorate (1999).

He has worked at the Broward County Public Library, the Brooklyn Public Library, the library for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the Law Library at Fordham University. He also practiced law at the firm of Stull, Stull, and Brody in New York.

He's not dead yet. His wife, Christina Mathews, his cats, Circe and Medea, and his dogs, Sarah and Tobey, wait patiently.

### Activities of Electronic Services:

- Developing procedures for making new electronic services available to the law school community
- Update the Databases and Technology Resources pages on the library web site.

I anticipate seeking comments on the web page design next month. With luck, the page will be up by the end of the spring semester.

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