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MOOT POINTS

NOTES FROM THE SARITA KENEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

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Director's Message



Greetings! As you begin the new year of 2011, the library staff is standing ready to help. A new program that was just started by the library offers free newspapers to students, faculty and other readers. As you enter the library, you will see a newspaper rack holding the *San Antonio Express News*, *New York Times*, and *USA Today*, which is located by the information bulletin wall outside the Reading Room on the first floor. I hope that you will take advantage of this free news service.

Helping students become better researchers is a primary role of the library. Throughout this semester, the library staff will offer short research workshops on various topics. This month, we offer a workshop on how to use the *Congressional Universe* database, taught by one of the librarians. Other topics may be offered later on. In addition, the librarians offer individual research paper consultations to guide students on how to do research. To sign up for a consultation, contact Charles Finger (Email: cfinger@stmarytx.edu), or another librarian.

Bob Hu, Director and Professor of Law

Library Hours and Schedule of Events

Monday-Thursday
7am—12am

Friday
7am—10pm

Saturday
9am—10pm

Sunday
10am—12am

February 14
President's Day
No Classes

February 22-24
Bar Exams

March 12-13
Closed

March 14-18
Spring Break
Reduced Hours

View our "January", "February" and "March" calendars online at stmarytx.edu/law/library, click "Monthly Calendar"

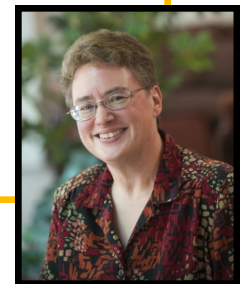
Meeting Pat Wall, Filing Supervisor

Q: What do you like most about your job?

It satisfies my mild OCD. I really do love filing and the autonomy it provides works with my personality.

Q: What kinds of books do you like to read in your spare time?

I like thrillers and bios, and a genre known as "faction," which combines a historical story with fictional characters. My favorite book, "Pillars of the Earth" is a good example. As for thrillers, I like to read John Grisham and Mary Higgins Clark.



Q: Tell us something about yourself that people may not know about you.

I've taken survival training. We basically were placed in the middle of nowhere, left to build a fire, make shelter and find things to eat. I'd never been more hungry in my life, but I enjoyed it and I know I can fend for myself if I were out in the wilderness.

Q: What is a ballpark figure of how many volumes you file in a month?

Probably 125 titles, more or less. I wouldn't know how many volumes each of these sets have, however.

Q: Have you made any resolutions for the new year?

I really don't normally make resolutions but, I've lost 75 pounds in the past and am still aiming to lose at least 10 more, so this year I'm going to take care of it.

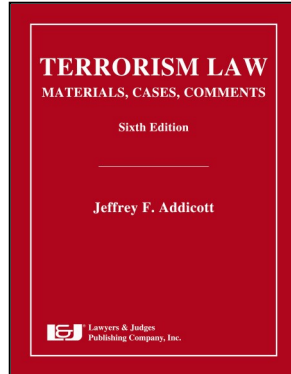
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Recent Faculty Publications

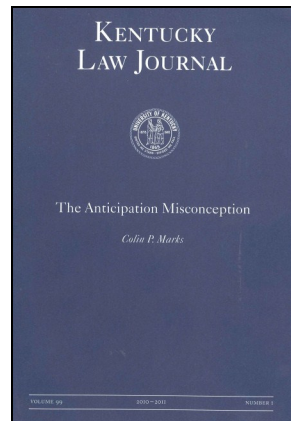
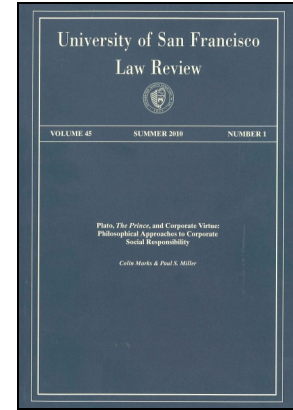
by Liana Morales, Library Assistant

Congratulations to each of these professors and all the best for their continued scholarly achievement!



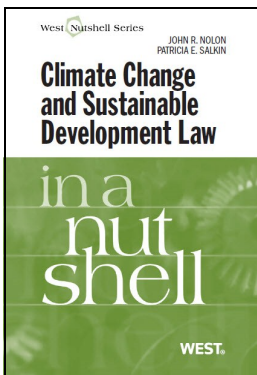
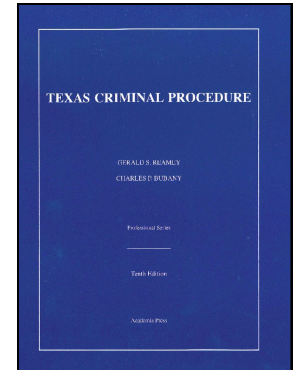
◀ **Professor Jeff Addicott** published the 6th edition of *Terrorism Law: Materials, Cases, Comments*.

▶ **Professor Colin Marks** and Paul S. Miller published an article in the *University of San Francisco Law Review* called “Plato, *The Prince*, and Corporate Virtue: Philosophical Approaches to Corporate and Social Responsibility,” Issue 1, volume 45, Summer 2010.



◀ **Professor Marks** has also published an article called “The Anticipation Misconception”, for the *Kentucky Law Journal*, Issue 1, Volume 99, 2010-2011.

▶ **Professor Gerald S. Reamey** and Charles P. Bubany co-authored the 10th edition of *Texas Criminal Procedure*.



Notable New Acquisition

By Liana Morales

Climate Change and Sustainable Development Law in a Nutshell

Written by John R. Nolon and Patricia E. Salkin

Reserve KF3783 .N65 2011

Now available from West's popular “In A Nutshell” series is this book, which is full of information on a front-page topic. Complete with legal background, systems and policy about every arising issue in climate change and sustainable development.

Our Library By the Numbers

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 3811 volumes, 257 titles

Circulation of Items/Times: 2769

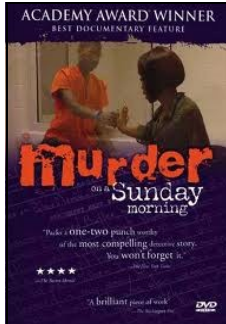
Faculty Requests: 16 requests which took 38 hours to complete

Interlibrary Loans: 129

Library transactions
from October through
December



Legal Film Showcase



By Mario Leyva
Evening Circulation Desk
Supervisor

Murder on a Sunday Morning (2001)

Directed by Jean-Xavier de Lestrade

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Nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the Academy Awards, “Murder on a Sunday Morning” chronicles the arrest and trial of a 15-year old boy accused of murdering a woman at a motel in Jacksonville, Florida in 2000. Ordinarily, my experience in viewing criminal documentaries is that they typically approach it via the prosecution’s standpoint. However, this documentary approaches it from the perspective of the public defender’s office which is what makes this particular documentary different and notable.

The synopsis of the case is straightforward. Mary Ann Stephens and her husband are taking a walk outside of their hotel’s breezeway when an individual attempts to accost Mrs. Stephens and take her handbag. When she resists, she is shot at point-blank range and dies instantly. Two hours later, Brenton Butler is arrested on the way to a Blockbuster blocks away to apply for a job and Mr. Stephens identifies him as the boy who shot his wife. Butler later signs a confession in police custody.

This is where the holes of the case get filled with formerly absent facts and new knowledge is brought to light by Patrick McGuiness, Butler’s attorney from the public defender’s office. McGuiness attempts to piece together a timeline of events and focuses attention on the supposed confession and positive identification by Mr. Stephens. What he discovers are shocking and troublesome events that cast doubt on the conduct and professionalism of detectives in the Jacksonville Police Department and also arouses suspicion about their true motives. McGuiness masterfully questions and probes witnesses and detectives involved in the case. On the opposite side, we see the effects this trial has on Butler as well as the emotional turmoil it causes his family members. Director Jean-Xavier De Lestrade’s ability to incorporate a human story while maintaining the authenticity of a trial environment is superb in this riveting docudrama.

The conclusion of the case must be seen for oneself to gain a deep appreciation for the responsibilities that many public defenders have in representing their clients and what can possibly occur when dedication and the truth are on exhibit. I highly recommend this documentary to any student looking for a non-fiction film to watch as an entertaining diversion to their routine of mundane studying.

I give this film a 9 out 10 rating.



“Being composed of human beings, the Court has doubtless made mistakes and will make them in the future, regardless of who may be its justices.”

- Charles E. Whittaker



Blawg Roll:

Ernie the Attorney

www.ernietheattorney.net

Based out of New Orleans, this blogger chronicles his true-life adventures as a lawyer in the Big Easy. He also offers highly readable insight and commentary about current issues in the law profession as well. It’s worth a look.

Popular Reading Review: Crash Into Me

by Liana Morales

Crash Into Me: A Survivor’s Search for Justice

Written by Liz Securo

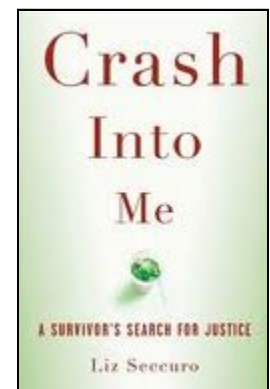
Popular reading HV6561 .S43 2011

Early reviews of this book have been resoundingly positive and with good reason. In “Crash Into Me: A Survivor’s Search for Justice”, author Liz Securo begins in 2005 with a letter of apology from a man she never thought she’d hear from again—a man who had raped her 21 years earlier. Thus a terrifying experience is resurrected. This time around, she seizes the chance to bring him to justice. Following Liz Securo’s heartbreak,

struggle for justice, and eventual triumph is a vastly moving reading experience that kept the pages turning until the very end.

She has an excellent way with words and will no doubt affect the reader in an important way, alerting to the at-times unfair system of justice she encountered both as a 17-year-old and again two decades later. This memoir is definitely a necessary tome for those interested in advocating victims’ rights. I highly recommend.

Check this selection out from our Popular Reading section, located on the first floor of the library, near the entrance and next to the Rare Book Room.



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Sarita Kenedy East Law Library of St. Mary's University supports legal education and scholarship by providing outstanding service and information resources.

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

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Our library is the winner of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award and the Texas Society of Architects Honor Award and is well-equipped with multimedia collections, labs, wireless Internet, and helpful, knowledgeable staff. Law students of the university have access to quiet study areas, 136 private carrels, 17 conference rooms, and two classrooms.

Come visit us or see us online.



New Films Now Available for Check-Out!

by Liana Morales

Come by and see what exciting films about the law are now available. Here are a few examples.

- *Beyond a Reasonable Doubt* (2009), a thrilling drama starring Michael Douglas, Jesse Metcalfe and Amber Tamblyn.
- *Boomerang* (1947) stars Dana Andrews as an attorney fighting for the innocence of a man accused of a notorious murder. Directed by legendary filmmaker Elia Kazan. A must-see for fans of film noir.
- *Character* (1997) from the Netherlands, is about a young man who wishes to become a lawyer against all odds. Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film in 1998.
- *The Gingerbread Man* (1998) based on a story by John Grisham, and featuring an all-star ensemble with Kenneth Branagh, Robert Downey, Jr., Robert Duvall, and Daryl Hannah.
- *A Voyage Round My Father* (1982), a tender and humorous story about the relationships of an aging lawyer and his quirky family, starring Laurence Olivier and Alan Bates.

The DVD section is on the first floor of the library at the