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MOOT POINTS

NOTES FROM THE SARITA KENEDY EAST LAW LIBRARY

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Director's Message



Greetings! Welcome back to the newly furnished library. Over the winter break from December 9, 2011 to January 16, 2012, the library had to be closed for re-carpeting and installation of a fire alarm system. The original carpet lasted for over 25 years and was overdue for a replacement. The fire alarm had been outdated and did not work well. Thanks to your cooperation and patience, we were able to close the library and get these two important projects done. The result is a refresh looking facility with improved safety. During the construction some carrels and study tables in the reading room on the first floor were relocated to create easier access to research materials. In the reading room on the second floor, some book stacks were removed to open up more space for sitting area. I hope that you will enjoy all these improvements in the library. In the next few weeks we will fix any minor issues regarding the carpet, furniture or book stacks. All comments and suggestions are welcome. Please see me or email me at rhu@stmarytx.edu.

Bob Hu, Director of the Library.

Library Hours and Schedule of Events

Monday-Thursday
7am—12am

Friday
7am—10pm

Saturday
9am—10pm

Sunday
10am—12am

View our monthly calendars on our website: www.stmarytx.edu/law/library.

Special Congratulations!



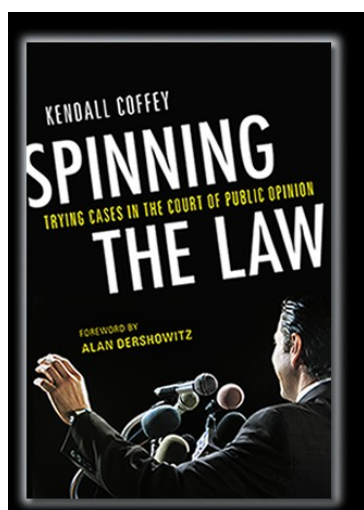
Congratulations are in order for two of our very own librarians, Mike Martinez and Katy Stein for their publication "Cost Effective Legal Research" in November/December 2011's issue of San Antonio Lawyer magazine!

Way to go, Mike and Katy!





New and Notable Book Review



Library Renewals & Fines Policy

Users are allowed one renewal per circulation period so long as items are not wanted by another patron. Reserve items can be checked out for 4 hours. There will be **no extensions or renewals** allowed on Reserve Items. These are high-demand items and should be returned promptly once users are finished with them.

Users with overdue items are charged \$1 per item per day (50 cents per hour per item for reserve materials), and items overdue for more than 3 weeks are deemed lost. The replacement cost for a lost item is the dollar amount of the item plus a \$25 replacement fee.

For more on the library's access and policies, look on our website under the Patron Information tab.

By Katy Stein
Faculty Services Librarian

Spinning the Law: Trying Cases in the Court of Public Opinion

Written by Kendall Coffey

New and Notable KF390.5 .P8 C64 2010

In an age where every year seems to have its own trial of the century, lawyers are frequently called on to argue their case not only before a jury, but also the media. This may seem like a new development, but in Spinning the Law: Trying Cases in the Court of Public Opinion attorney and author Kendall Coffey demonstrates that the media has always played an important role in high-profile cases. From the trials of Socrates and Joan of Arc to Martha Stewart and Kobe Bryant, Coffey illustrates how public opinion can color and shape how a case proceeds, and even affect the ultimate judgment of the court.

Mr. Coffey's book takes the reader on a journey through a sea of celebrated and sensational cases, examining how attorneys engage the media to put their client's best case before the public. Mr. Coffey is not merely theorizing, the election lawyer and media analyst speaks from substantial experience- he served on legal teams for the Elian Gonzalez case and the 2000 presidential election recount. He discusses his role in those cases at length, not simply celebrating his media victories, but also carefully examining his

mistakes. For those more interested in practical advice than insider stories, chapter 11 provides a "Media Primer for Spinners," a guide for attorneys who want to develop effective media messages. The advice encompasses everything from speaking loudly in hearings when reporters are listening, to avoiding potential perils when considering a press conference, and the importance of building relationships with reporters.

Spinning the Law is an exciting read for anyone curious about the mechanics of high-profile cases, and a must-read for law students aspiring to be the next Mark Geragos or Allan Dershowitz. Mr. Coffey states in his afterword that he, like most lawyers, has "tried to practice [his] profession within the limits of its rules and realities, both written and unwritten." His honest assessment of the complicated relationship between lawyers and the media, and its potential affect on a client's case teaches lessons that the reader will not soon forget.

Spinning the Law is available in the law library's New and Notable collection, located on the first floor of the library, near the entrance, next to the Rare Book Room.



Recent Faculty Publications

by Liana Morales, Library Assistant

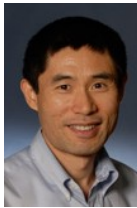
Here is a list of the latest publications available by our professors. Congratulations and all the best for the continued scholarly achievement of our talented faculty members!



■ **Professor Jeff Addicott**, published a law review article called American Punitive Damages vs. Compensatory Damages in Promoting Enforcement in Democratic Nations of Civil Judgments to Deter State Sponsors of Terrorism. It appears in the University of Massachusetts Roundtable Symposium Law Journal 192 (Winter 2010).

Professor Jeff Addicott served as co-editor for the book *Globalization, International Law, and Human Rights* (Addicott, Bhuiyan, & Chowdhury editors, Oxford University Press, 2012). He was responsible for both the preface and introduction, as well as detailed editing of each chapter.

Also in print by Professor Addicott, "Labeling Mexican Cartels as Terrorist Organizations," an article published by *Managing Security Today*, January 2012 issue. It is found on pages 23-24.



■ **Professor Chenglin Liu** published an article entitled "Is 'USDA Organic' A Seal of Deceit?: The Pitfalls of USDA Certified Organics Produced in the United States, China, and Beyond" in the *Stanford Journal of International Law*. 47 Stan. J. Int'l L. 333 (2011).



■ **Professor Jamie Lund** has published an article called Property Rights to Information in the *Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property*, volume 10, issue 1 (2011). The article is available online at: <http://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/njitip/vol10/iss1/1/>.



■ **Professor Bernard Reams** has recently published a nine-volume legislative history called *Health Care Reform: A Legislative History of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Public Law No. 111-148* (2010) (William S. Hein & Co. 2011)(with Michael P. Forrest).



■ **Professor David Schlueter** has published the 7th edition of the *Military Rules of Evidence*. The original edition, first published 30 years ago, has been cited in 365 judicial opinions and 187 books and periodicals. Professor Schlueter has authored Sections II, III, V, IX and X.

Professor Schlueter has also published the *Federal Criminal Procedure Litigation Manual* (2011) (with Saltzburg).

Once again, a big congratulations to all of our faculty who had their work published in 2011! May their success continue.



Michael Ariens' book "Lone Star Law" has recently received well-deserved critical praise from the San Antonio Express News!

Visit
tinyurl.com/6vhn8cj
for the review.

Our Library By the Numbers

Acquisitions and Cataloging: 2,715 volumes, 301 titles

Circulation of Items/Times: 1290

Faculty Requests: 28 requests which took 50 hours to complete

Interlibrary Loans: 14 (Dec. 2011 only)

Library transactions
from
Dec. 2011 - Jan. 2012

The Library Re-Carpeting Project is Complete!

The library officially re-opened on Tuesday, January 17th . Visitors can now enjoy an updated look when they enter the library. The massive project was several months in the making. From December 9, 2011 through mid-January 2012, the library was under around-the-clock construction. Along with the carpet replacement, the library was fitted with a new fire alarm system. Here is a brief scrapbook of some of the ways everyone at the library prepared for the project.



Reserve books were temporarily removed from the shelves. (Dec. 2011)



Everything in everyone's offices was packed up in boxes. (Dec. 2011)



Lucia, James, and Johnny (not pictured) from Computer Administration played an integral role in the temporary relocation. (Dec. 2011)



Elizabeth and Diana packed the library's artwork with care. Among the items to be protected were the colorful paintings by Brother Cletus and notable alumni portraits. (Dec. 2011)



In the first days following the completion of the project, debris and other potential hazards were removed. (Jan. 2012)

The carpet installment company worked on the library one room at a time, shifting boxes and equipment. Each box was labeled with detail to make reorganizing easier. (Jan. 2012)



Bob Hu, director of the library talked to a contractor about stacks moving. (Jan. 2012)

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Our Mission Statement

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

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.

Sarita Kenedy East Law Library Food & Drink Policy

Enjoy Snacks But Leave No Trace

Beverages

All beverages must have secure lids to prevent spilling.
No food or drinks are allowed in the computer lab or any library computer.
Clean up after yourself and report any spills to the circulation desk.

Food

Please be considerate of the facilities and other patrons when eating in the library, and avoid foods that are noisy, odorous, or greasy. Please see examples of the types of food allowed in main library spaces below. You may eat meals and foods of all types in the second floor student lounge, or on the patio. Foods that may damage materials and disturb patrons are prohibited in all other library spaces.

Unattended food will be removed and discarded. Food may not be stored at student carrels.

Allowed	Not Allowed
Pretzels	French fries
Nuts	Pizza
Granola Bars	Burgers & Sandwiches
Grapes or Raisins	Ice Cream
Bagels	Soups & Salads
Cookies	Food Requiring Utensils

The library staff reserves the right to require that a patron consume food outside the library if that patron's food consumption is disturbing the study environment for other library patrons.

Thank you for your help in making the library a pleasant place to study.