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News and Events

Your Law Librarians are working hard to update our web page, and the updates will be loaded soon. Please visit us at http://internet.ggu.edu/law_library/index.htm and take a look! We hope the site is a bit easier to use and has more useful information to offer. Further additions and updates will follow.

Also, be sure to check out the Database page at <http://library.ggu.edu/screens/lawdb.html>. We have added links to several of our online subscriptions, including **Matthew Bender's Authority, Hein-On-Line**, and the **United Nations Treaty Collection**. These are routed through our proxy servers, so if you are entering the site from campus, you will be taken directly to the database. If you are accessing the site from off campus, you will need to enter your university ID information.

About Authority

Matthew Bender's Authority offers most of their major titles online, including some that we do not have in print at no extra cost. Authority provides effective search capabilities across multiple titles, and you can print just the pages or forms that you need.

About Hein-On-Line

"Hein-On-Line is an ever-expanding, comprehensive, image-based collection of legal periodicals.... One of the best features is that Hein-On-Line, being image-based, provides the exact page images of legal journals, meaning that you can view the page as it originally appeared in hardcopy (footnotes are where they belong!).... Hein-On-Line provides each journal from its inception and continues to the most current volume allowed under contract between Hein and the journal.... Currently, there are more than 180 journal titles available, and by the end of 2002, more than 5.5 million pages will be available."

About the United Nations Treaty Collection

This is the U.N.'s database of treaties, reports, and other supplemental publications. Click on "Access to Databases" toward the bottom of the page to choose from a drop-down menu or from links on the page. You can search by popular name of the agreement, by title, or by key word. The advanced search option allows you to search by participant's country name, type of agreement, or signature/adoption date. This is the official source of United Nations International Agreements.

New Staff

Steve Feller recently joined our staff as Reference Librarian and Adjunct Professor. Steve hit the ground running by teaching a Graduate Legal Research class just a couple weeks after joining us. Most days he is found at the Law Library's Reference Desk, guiding students to the various legal research materials in the Library. Steve has a strong background in California legal research and holds a J.D. degree from John F. Kennedy University School of Law where he taught Legal Research & Writing. He spent two years as a Reference Librarian at the California Supreme Court Library and is currently engaged in private law practice specializing in criminal appeals and working toward his M.L.S. degree from San Jose State.

Ryun Lee joins our technical services staff as Assistant Cataloger. He holds his M.L.S. degree from McGill University in Canada. This is Ryun's first professional position in the United States. Prior to emigrating from Hong Kong, he worked at the Chinese University of Hong Kong where he was an assistant in the Acquisitions department, then project coordinator in the Systems department.

New Acquisitions

As you can see from the attached listings, many titles have been added recently to the collection. The titles available from Hein-On-Line and Matthew Bender's Authority are being added to the catalog along with numerous new book acquisitions. Because the listing is so long, we ask that you pass it along to your colleagues with the attached routing slip. If you would like your own copy, please email Janet Fischer at jfischer@ggu.edu and she'll be happy to email you a copy.

We have also completed a major reevaluation of our **Reference and Open Reserve** collections. Updated editions have been ordered for important reference works, and updated and replacement editions have been ordered for all Hornbooks and Nutshells! You will now find all current Hornbooks and Nutshells in the Open Reserve collection.

We have also evaluated our collection of **CEB tapes and program handbooks**, and some new materials have been ordered. CEB tapes and program handbooks will now be kept on the first 2-3 shelves of the Open Reserve collection on the Plaza level, rather than down in LLB2. If you are a student in need of some quick advice on a particular subject, or an attorney needing to fulfill some MCLE requirements, please take a look!

Book Reviews

Developing Legal Talent: Best Practices in Professional Development for Law Firms, by Ida O. Abbott, Esq. Washington, DC: National Association For Law Placement, 2001.

This collection of articles addresses the needs of newer associates. Abbott discusses what firms must do so that associates are happier in their jobs and firms are able to retain a higher number of associates. Professional development includes sharing information, providing training and mentoring, providing resources so attorneys may do the job asked of them, delegating responsibility, and giving and accepting feedback. She offers examples from the best practices of top law firms and practical suggestions for the "care and feeding" of new associates.

Winning Jury Trials: Trial Tactics and Sponsorship Strategy, 2nd ed., by Robert H. Klonoff & Paul L. Colby. Newark, NJ: LexisNexis, 2002.

This small volume explains simply and clearly how to choose evidence and witnesses to present at trial. The authors' central theme is sponsorship, or ownership, of evidence and when it is in the litigator's best interest to "own" damaging evidence or to not sponsor weak evidence. Considered by many to be the best book on the subject, Winning Jury Trials offers insights for both experienced litigators and new attorneys.

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