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# NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

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## NEW RESEARCH GUIDE AVAILABLE

A new Research Guide, "Guide To Using the OPAC," is now available both in print on the carousel next to the Reference Desk and on-line.

Mastering the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC), which the GGU libraries have named "GOLDPAC," takes a bit of practice but it is a powerful tool for accessing the resources of the law library.

GOLDPAC includes not only all of our book and periodical titles, but also all of the on-line titles to which we subscribe through our databases, including all the Matthew Bender *Authority* titles, titles through the LLMC-Digital database, and Hein Online.

Just remember, when looking up an item in GOLDPAC, you'll need to make note of both the LOCATION and the CALL NUMBER. Online titles will have an active link in the record.

"Guide To Using the OPAC" offers several examples of how to search by author, title, and subject. All of our Research Guides are available at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/studentstudyaids>.

## ABOUT THAT ENTRANCE GATE...

Most of you have been very cooperative about bringing your GGU ID card to swipe at the entrance gate to the law library. However, there are several people who chronically "forget" their card which forces the student assistant at the desk to look them up in the database to grant access. We have started to keep track of these few "forgetful" people, and if, after a warning from staff, they cannot remember to bring their card, they will be denied access to the law library. Please remember to bring your ID card to campus!



## LLMC-DIGITAL

LLMC is a non-profit library cooperative which works to reformat legal materials and government documents onto microfiche. Its fiche collection – growing at a rate of nearly 10,000 volumes per year – is available for online browsing and searching via the database LLMC Digital.

According to the LLMC, LLMC Digital currently comprises "the world's largest collection" of law and government related documents in microform, and the collection encompasses a broad range of both U.S. and international materials. The collection includes both court reporters – like the California Reports – as well as rare and hard to find items like common law materials and reports from India, Iraq and more.

To access LLMC Digital, go to the Law Library's website, and click on "The Virtual Library" link. You will be redirected to a list of electronic databases, and one entry will be for LLMC Digital. From within LLMC Digital you may search their entire holdings, search a specific collection (for example "Common Law abroad: British India") or you can check to see if they provide access to a particular resource you have in mind.

If you have any questions about how LLMC Digital works, or about how it can advance your own research goals, please see a reference librarian.

*Notes From the Underground* is a bi-monthly law school-wide newsletter distributed electronically. We hope you find our newsletter useful and informative.

## LAW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday  
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Friday  
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday  
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday  
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

## STUDY ANNEX HOURS

Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

[http://www.ggu.edu  
/lawlibrary](http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary)

Comments or questions about our newsletter?  
Email Janet Fischer at [jfischer@ggu.edu](mailto:jfischer@ggu.edu)

## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

We maintain a list of full-time faculty publications at <http://www.ggu.edu/lawlibrary/specialcollections/facultypubs>  
Please contact Janet Fischer at [jfischer@ggu.edu](mailto:jfischer@ggu.edu) if you would like to change or update your listings.

## CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL OPINIONS

Did you know that only about 8% of the over 11,000 California Court of Appeal Decisions are published? The Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules for Publication of Court of Appeal Opinions is taking public comments on proposed amendments to Rule 976 to further clarify which opinions may be published. The full press release may be found at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov/presscenter/newsreleases/NR63-05.PDF](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/presscenter/newsreleases/NR63-05.PDF).

## COMPUTER LAB UPDATE

The labs offer two web browsers, Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox. Firefox offers many features and protections that IE does not, but some websites may not function properly with it. Firefox offers:

- Tabbed Web browsing. Open multiple web pages from the same window with **Control-T**. This is invaluable in neatly organizing your online research.
- Strong pop-up blocking, spyware protection and less virus susceptibility.
- Better handling of web e-mail attachments (ironically, it works better with Hotmail).

The Law Library Labs recommend using Firefox as your default browser both in the lab and on your own laptop. You can download a copy from [www.mozilla.org/](http://www.mozilla.org/).

Reminder: Lab computers do not allow you to save your work on the hard drive. You **must** have a USB flash drive (preferred) or floppy disk to save changes.

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