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Golden Gate University Law Library's New Acquisitions List & News January 1996

NEW CARPETING WOWS EVERYBODY

The most noticeable recent change in the Law Library is the recarpeting of the Plaza level, made possible through the support of Dean Pagano. The orange which was there since the late 70's has finally seen its last days. It has been replaced by "Horizon Blue"--a light shade of blue with flecks of earthtones, throughout. The new carpeting makes a tremendous difference. The lighter color makes the space seem bigger and much more pleasant. Hopefully, it will have a soothing effect on our patrons--just the opposite of aggressiveness that the orange may have brought out.

Students and staff have complained for a long time that the orange sound-proofing ceiling baffles reduced the amount of light, added to their respiratory problems because of accumulated dust in the fabric and made the place feel like a cave. As an experiment, they were removed from the staff work area and the ceiling painted white.

The place now may resemble an operating room and sounds are louder. However, being an experiment, we will monitor the situation and try various modifications. When we are sure we have a satisfactory situation, as soon as funds are available and if we can get the appropriate administrative approvals, we will then do the Plaza level reading room.

We also hope sufficient funds will be available after the spring semester to continue our recarpeting project in the basement and to purchase new, larger study carrels and tables for the use of our students.

CD-ROM UPDATE

Those of you on the cutting edge of technology may wonder what happened to our CD-

ROM databases. Last summer, we mounted two networked CD-ROM towers with a capacity of 14 disks. Several Matthew Bender databases were available to faculty desktops and students in our computer lab. These databases were the first step toward the library's goal of lessening our dependence on paper-based resources and providing electronic access from remote locations.

Unfortunately, technical difficulties last August ended all access and brought progress toward our goal to a complete halt. The university's Office of Information Technology was finally able to restore network access for library staff last week. We continue to work with them to restore access for faculty and students.

LEGALTRAC GOES ONLINE

LegalTrac, the CD-ROM index to legal periodicals we have housed in one of the glass study carrels for several years, has been mounted on our automated catalog (OPAC). Patrons now have the choice of searching our catalog for specific books and journals, as well searching this index for specific articles contained within the journals we carry.

One very nice feature of this upgraded technology is that the program tells the user whether or not we actually carry the journal in which the article is found. (This is helpful since we do not carry every title indexed by LegalTrac.) Once the researcher knows whether we carry the journal, he or she can then check the OPAC to find out whether the library has received the desired issue. (The system will also tell the patron whether the issue is available, checked out or at the bindery.) This information was not available to patrons in the past without having to ask a staff member to search up to three separately-maintained

files housed in areas not accessible to patrons.

Instructions for using this feature are mounted on the library's OPAC's. Once OIT makes the OPAC available to the faculty's desktop and to faculty and students from home, you won't even have to come to campus to obtain the information.

IT'S SPRING TRAINING SEASON ONCE AGAIN

The spring semester has several annual rites, and the one being tackled right now is LEXIS and Westlaw training for first-years enrolled in Writing and Research. Computer Services Librarian **Mike Daw** has given three introductory lectures and is administering the hands-on training of over 200 students.

Mike is working closely with Writing & Research Director Michael Zamperini to see that every first-year student admitted in August of 1995 is trained on both systems. He has scheduled almost 50 hands-on sessions at the vendors' downtown training centers, January 29 through February 10.

The introductory lectures and training sessions are also open to all LLM students.

At the conclusion of this year's spring training, GGU will have achieved the milestone of having every law student trained on both of the systems. (In the old days, they chose one or the other on which to be trained.)

CALI AVAILABLE DESPITE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

CALI, computer-assisted legal instruction, is growing in popularity and use, so wouldn't you know it that technical problems have surfaced with its availability in the computer lab via the network. Not to be alarmed, however. Though the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has been unable to restore network access to the popular application, our enterprising staff has ensured that access is possible for our students and faculty via the hard drives of two public terminals in the Reference area. In the meantime, our staff continues in their efforts to get OIT to restore the accessibility and convenience we all enjoyed in the past.

Faculty members who would like exercises

downloaded need simply to let Computer Services Librarian Mike Daw know via cc:Mail, or by calling him at x6682.

NEW HIRES

Kristina Hansen recently assumed duties of our Serials Assistant and **Lourdes Paredes** was hired as our Administrative Assistant. Kristina is in charge of keeping track of our over 3,000 active subscriptions. She continues the project of converting their paper check-in records to online. Lourdes is a returnee to GGU. She was the Administrative Assistant for the Center for Professional Development from 1990 until the university closed it in 1993.

Welcome aboard Kristina and Lourdes!

NEW FACULTY SERVICES ASSISTANT

Joe Tally, the individual who worked behind the scenes to fill those faculty photocopy and interlibrary loan requests through Public Services Department, has moved on to a full-time librarian position at the San Francisco School of Psychology. He has been replaced by **Sharon Radcliff**, a librarian who has worked at San Francisco Public, Alameda Public and various libraries around town.

Joe completed his Master's degree in Library Science from San Jose State University, and worked here part-time for several months during his job search. Sharon has been a professional librarian for years. She wishes to gain experience in a law library and will also be working for us part-time.

Good luck Joe and welcome aboard Sharon!

DONATIONS

The Law Offices of Golden & Tingo, San Francisco, recently donated 226 volumes of *Cal 3d's* and *CalApp 3d's*. Alumna **Jean C. Gifford**, now of Sacramento, donated a full set of *West's California Codes*. The books are in excellent condition and are being used to replace the worn copies in our collection. It is generous actions like these which help us keep our collection in great shape (or add to it) without incurring high costs. A big thanks to these donors!

Edited by Brent Bernau

**THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT HEADINGS
FOR NEW BOOKS**

Subject Headings . . .

Americans with Disabilities Act	Real Property
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Securities
Antitrust	Study & Teaching of Law
Art Law	Taxation
Bankruptcy	Telecommunications Law
Banks & Banking	Torts
Church & State	Trial Practice
Civil Procedure	Trusts
Civil Rights	Women
Commercial Transactions	
Comparative Law	
Computer Law	
Constitutional Law	
Contracts	
Corporations	
Courts	
Criminal Justice	
Criminal Law	
Criminal Procedure	
Critical Legal Studies	
Educational Law	
Election Law	
Environmental Law & Policy	
Estate Planning	
Evidence	
Family Law	
Freedom of Speech	
Health Law	
Human Rights	
Immigration Law	
Insurance Law	
Intellectual Property	
International Law	
Jurisprudence	
Labor Law	
Land Use	
Landlord & Tenant	
Law & Literature	
Legal Research & Writing	
Libraries	
Practice of Law	
Professional Responsibility	

***SELECTED ACQUISITIONS,
JANUARY 1996***

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. Conservatory and provisional measures in international arbitration. -- Paris : ICC Publishing, 1993. JX6279.C765 1993
2. Contractual arbitration : program handbook, November 1994. -- Berkeley, Calif. : Continuing Education of the Bar, c1994. KFC1094.Z9 C66 1994
3. Dispute resolution : a 60-minute primer. -- Chicago, Ill. : American Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, 1994. KF9084..Z9 D57 1994
4. Mediation across cultures : a handbook about conflict & culture / by Selma Myers, Barbara Filner. -- Amherst, MA : Amherst Educational Publishing, c1994. HM136.M93 1994
5. Oehmke commercial arbitration / by Thomas H. Oehmke. -- Rev. ed. -- Deerfield, Ill. : Clark Boardman Callaghan, 1995- 2v. (looseleaf). Rev. ed. of: Commercial arbitration. 1987. KF9085.O36

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

6. ADA, accessibility for older persons with disabilities : training manual / produced by American Association of Retired Persons. -- Washington, DC : American Association of Retired Persons ; [Distributed by US GPO, 1995?] KF480.A32 A3 1995
7. Americans with Disabilities Act : a comprehensive overview / Department of Rehabilitation. -- [Sacramento, CA] : [State of California, Health and Welfare Agency, Dept. of Rehabilitation, 1994] KFC111.H35 A96 1994

ANTITRUST

8. Predatory pricing law : a circuit-by-circuit survey / Barbara O. Bruckman, editor ; Margaret C. Ling ... [et al.]. -- Chicago, Ill. : Section of Antitrust Law, American Bar Association, c1995. KF1627.P73 1995

ART LAW

9. Art, the art community, and the law : a legal and business guide for artists, collectors, gallery owners, and curators / edited by Stephen B. Smart with Mary Baxter. -- 1st ed. -- North Vancouver, B.C. : Self-Counsel Press, 1994. KE3968.A77 1994

BANKRUPTCY

10. Your legal guide to consumer credit : with a special section on bankruptcy. -- Chicago, IL : American Bar Association, Public Education Division, c1994. KF1040.Z9 Y68 1994

BANKS & BANKING

11. Uniform commercial code : revised Article 5, letters of credit (with amendments to Articles 1, 2, and 9) : proposed final draft (April 6, 1995) / the American Law Institute. -- Philadelphia, Pa. : Executive Office, American Law Institute ; Chicago, Ill. : National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, c1995. KF1028.Z95 U54 1995

CHURCH & STATE

12. Islam and human rights : tradition and politics / Ann Elizabeth Mayer. -- 2nd ed. -- Boulder : Westview Press, 1995. BP144.M39 1995

CIVIL PROCEDURE

13. Manual for complex litigation, third. -- [St. Paul, Minn.] : West Pub. Co., 1995. KF8900.M3 1995