

# The Foggy Notion

News of the Hastings Law Library

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## New Library Newsletter

**W**elcome to the first issue (in a long time) of the Hastings Law Library newsletter.

This monthly newsletter, written by the Hastings Library staff, will spotlight Library policies, legal research tips, new sources, how-to-do-it guides, subscription databases, and other items of interest.

## Getting to Know the Library

If you didn't get a chance to explore the Library last semester then here is some information about us:

**Library hours:** The regular Library hours for January are:

*Monday-Friday* 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

*Saturday* 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

*Sunday* 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend hours are:

*Friday, 1/18* 8:00 AM - 10:00  
PM

*Saturday, 1/19* 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

*Sunday, 1/20* 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

*Monday, 1/21* 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM

**Webpage:** The Library's webpage, <http://library.uchastings.edu/library/>, has information about the Library's services and hours. Under Legal Research you'll find the Hastings Law Library Legal Research Guides with research information

on topics such as compiling a California legislative history and where to begin your international human rights research. You'll also find useful links to our Subscription Research Databases, Legal Information on the Internet, and Library Catalogs Online.

***Need help? Ask us!:*** The Reference Desk is located on the fourth floor. The staff at the reference desk can assist in locating periodical articles and books on particular subjects, as well as help you identify unfamiliar citations and references. Consult a librarian for advice in planning your library research; they are good sources of information on how to use the variety of research tools and computer services available in the Library.

During the academic year, the Reference Desk is staffed according to the following schedule:

*Monday - Friday* 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

*Saturday* 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

***Library Online Catalog:*** The Hastings Online Public Access Catalog (or HOPAC) allows you to search by title, author, subject, or keyword; you can easily determine whether the item you are looking for is in our collection, where it is located, and if it is checked out to another library patron.

***Borrowing items:*** Law students can check-out most library materials for a

month. Be sure to have your student ID card with you when you want to check-out anything. You can renew materials by presenting them to the Circulation Desk. If a book you need is checked out to someone else, you can recall it by filling out a form at the Circulation Desk. When a recall is placed on a book, the loan period is reduced to one week.

**Computer Lab:** The Learning Resource Center (LRC) is the student computer lab located in the Library on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. It offers computers, laser printers, an image scanner, a high-speed text scanner, typewriters, paper cutter, an electric hole puncher, and an electric stapler. Please, no food or drinks allowed in the LRC.

### You Asked For It

This space will be used to answer questions or respond to comments that come our way via the *Library Comments and Questions* binder (near the pillar by the Reference Desk). Recently someone wrote that it is cold on the fifth floor.

The 200 McAllister Street building was designed and built during the energy conservation of the 1970s. There is no centralized heating system. Any heat in this Library is coming from the bodies, computers, or light fixtures that you see in the Library.

### Training for 1L's

Westlaw and Lexis training for first year students is available in the Library. The sign-up sheets are at the Library Reference Desk. **Sign up early because**

**classes fill up fast.** Lexis training will be from January 7<sup>th</sup> through January 22<sup>nd</sup> and lasts 50 minutes. Westlaw sessions are one hour long and will be offered January 7<sup>th</sup> through January 18<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you have trouble remembering where to go for the training (this is so silly it works) -- Lexis has an X and so does SIX as in 6<sup>th</sup> floor. The Westlaw lab is on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

### Did You Know?

Anyone who is a resident of California can apply for a San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) card. In addition to borrowing privileges, a SFPL library card also qualifies you for access to the full text of newspapers, magazine and journal articles, and other reference works available through their website at <http://www.sfpl.org>.

Another advantage to having an SFPL library card is that you can borrow books directly from their collection, which is often faster than waiting the 1-4 weeks it can take for them to arrive on interlibrary loan.

### Attention: JOURNAL MEMBERS

There is now a full set of the *U.S. Reports* on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor in the core collection. These volumes may be pulled for work in your cite-checking carrels.

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