

# The Foggy Notion

News of the Hastings Law Library

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**H**appy new year and welcome back. I hope you had a relaxing break and are rested and ready for the new semester. You are that much closer to your goal whether you are a 1L, 2L, 3L or LL.M. candidate. By the way, if you haven't thought of a motto for this year, you can use my brother's:

**FUN FOR ME IN 2003.**

## Research Assistance

Do you ever look in that big, fishbowl-looking room as you enter the Library? Well, that is the Reference Desk. The people working in that room are Librarians and they will help you with your research, your paper topics, and your "where do I find the ..." questions. All you gotta do is ASK.

The Reference Desk is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and we take turns there on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Come see us.

## Library Hours for MLK Holiday

- ▶ Friday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am - 10 pm
- ▶ Saturday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 10 pm
- ▶ Sunday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 10 pm
- ▶ Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 11 pm

## Attention 1Ls!

Now is the time to sign up for **Lexis and Westlaw training**. You

REALLY NEED to learn about BOTH of these products and, heck, the 50-minute classes are offered practically every day of the week so you can definitely squeeze them in somehow.

There are two 3-ring binders at the Reference Desk in the Library and you can just fill in your name and email address to get the class you want.

The Westlaw classes will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Library and the Lexis classes meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

To get the times you want, make sure you sign up early!

## LEXIS-NEXIS Class Times:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Dates in January</i>
9:40 a.m.	8, 10, 14, 16
10:40 a.m.	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21
11:40 a.m.	6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21
12:40 p.m.	9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20
1:40 p.m.	6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 20, 21
2:40 p.m.	6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
3:40 p.m.	8, 9, 13, 15, 16

WESTLAW Class Times:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Dates in January</i>
9:40 a.m.	8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 22
10:40 a.m.	7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 23
11:40 a.m.	8, 13, 15, 22
12:40 p.m.	7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 23
1:40 p.m.	8, 13, 15, 22
2:40 p.m.	7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 23
3:40 p.m.	7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23

You Asked For It

A library user wrote in our Comments and Questions binder that “cell phone usage is rampant in the library” and asked “what will we do to ensure a reasonable study environment.”

We agree that there is a lot of cell phone usage in the Library and that it is disruptive. We are doing what we can to enforce our rules prohibiting cell phones in the Library by posting signs and asking users to take their calls outside.

But we can only do so much. We need your help. Please be courteous of others and turn off your cell phones as soon as you enter the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

Remember that if your study break involves a conversation on your cell phone, you’re probably disturbing

someone else who is still trying to study. Thank you for your cooperation.

New VCRs & a DVD

The Library now has 3 new VCRs and a new DVD player all with new headphones. Two of the VCRs are in the media alcove at the far end of the Circulation Desk. The other VCR and the DVD player are in the Micrographics Room.

Each unit has headphones attached and if you want to watch a video in a group, there are 2 more headphones available to borrow from the Circulation Desk. The new headphones have improved sound quality due to advanced technology in the mini-amplifiers, and, best of all, they are really comfortable.

Webpage Watch

The Library’s website at [library.uchastings.edu/library](http://library.uchastings.edu/library) has all sorts of useful info. One page to check out later this month and in February is the “Class Pages” link. Each time the Reference Librarians do a presentation for a class, we put the info onto a webpage for you. You can find old ones at Legal research > Class pages > Library Presentations.

These pages provide background or introductory material, links to helpful websites, and in some cases, step-by-step instructions to help you with your research. New versions coming soon.

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