

The Foggy Notion

News of the Hastings Law Library

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We've gone wireless. You can now be "unplugged" in the Library. How? Just borrow one of the network cards from the circulation desk and use it to log into the "WiFi" server for wireless connections.

The network cards are available to Hastings students for a 24-hour check-out period.

Other Computer Related News

The LRC has just installed four USB cables on four printers in the Library's computer lab for laptop users that DO NOT have parallel connections. (The parallel connections in the LRC are the existing off-white cables with two rows of gold pins labeled "laptop"). The new USB cables are black cables attached to the red/orange network cables and the off-white parallel printer cables. These cables are located in rows 2, 3, 4 and 5. (Additionally, there is one cable in the computer alcove across from Reference.)

In most cases, they are attached to a laptop for printing by having the distinct USB symbol on the cable's purple ending facing up. Once you insert the cable, turn on the computer and proceed to follow any instructions on the screen. Then send your job to the printer.

Priceless...

When you're ready to go to court the most important preparation you need to do

is to make sure that the law you are relying on is current. Publishers make this easy by issuing pocket parts to many codes and treatises. A pocket part is a pamphlet-type supplement issued usually once a year and placed in a pocket in the back of the main volume. This way, the information has been updated without being re-published.

A volume with a missing pocket part is absolutely no use to anyone searching for the most current information. This is also true for bound volumes that have had pages torn out, and looseleaf binders with missing chapters.

Replacing these materials is time consuming, costly and a great inconvenience to other patrons, faculty and staff. Think of it this way –
Replacing a pocket part: \$15.
Replacing a bound volume: \$50.
Time and energy to fix such problems: priceless...

Got Research?

The following is a list of some of the library presentations on legal research taught by the Law Library staff. Most of the presentations were made for specific classes but you might find the research guides and webpages helpful.

Access these from the Library's homepage by clicking on the [Legal Research](#) button, then click [Class Pages](#):
◦ [Bioethics and Law](#)

- Current State and Local Government Problems
- Environmental Law
- Immigration Law - Legislative History Research
- International Human Rights
- Land Use Regulation Writing
- Legal History of Immigrant Groups in the United States
- Local Government Clinic
- Science and the Law
- Tax Concentration Seminar
- Useful Lexis and Westlaw Legislative Databases

Did You Know?

Lexis-Nexis launched in 1973 with a few thousand documents online. Now there are more than four billion. As of this writing, Google says their search engine looks at 3,307,998,701 web pages.

So far Lexis (and Westlaw for that matter) have got Google beat. Not only do both services have more documents, but both of their search engines are easier to use, more sophisticated, and produce more honest results.

Articles of Interest

Salil Mehra, *Copyright and Comics in Japan: Does Law Explain Why All the Cartoons My Kid Watches are Japanese Imports?*, 55 RUTGERS L. REV. 155-204 (2002).

Donna M. Balducci, Note, *American Taxpayers Bear the Burden of Beating Iraq in the Courtroom*, 31 HOFSTRA L. REV. 819-848 (2003).

Sarah Krakoff, *Mountains Without*

Handrails...Wilderness Without Cellphones, 27 HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. 417-469 (2003).

2Ls and 3Ls

Hurry, hurry, hurry, get your one-of-a-kind CALI CD at the Reference Desk before we run out. A \$9.95 value, yours for NOTHING. ZERO, ZIP, NADA, FREE!

Money, Money, Money

The Big Day is coming for the U.S. Treasury: October 9th is the day that the redesigned \$20 bills will be issued in banks around the country. Although the \$100 bill is the most counterfeited overseas, the \$20 is the most popular to counterfeit here in the USA.

The most noticeable new security feature is the appearance of a pale orange and pale blue tint on the front, and little peachy-colored speckles on the back of the note.

What with today's modern computers, digital scanners, and laser printers, an experienced counterfeiter can learn to copy a new note in as little as two years. With over four billion \$20 bills in existence, the Treasury can't change the note's look too often but they do plan to redesign the bill every 7-10 years.

The new \$50 note is expected out in 2004 and a new \$100 bill in 2005. The \$1 or \$2 bills will not change but new \$5 and \$10 notes are in the works.

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