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From the Director's Office ...

Trends in the Law Library

I was privileged this past spring to take a sabbatical from my regular duties in the law library. In addition to writing an article[1] and attending a meeting of experts in Geneva, Switzerland concerning the WIPO Development Agenda, I also attended a conference on *The Future of the Law Library* in Amelia, FL. It focused on trends in legal education, in legal publishing and in the ways students do their research, affecting libraries for some time to come.

Courtesy of Bill Petros

In legal education, there are:

- More skills training programs than ever, including more on legal research training to help people master the ever-changing methods of legal research;
- Expanding LL.M. programs, creating new library service demands and new collecting needs;
- Distance education programs developing and creating a demand to meet information needs in new ways.

Legal publishers will continue print alongside electronic publishing. They are:

- Seeking a predictable revenue growth of 4-5% per year;
- Indifferent about whether that increase comes from print or electronic materials;
- Developing new research methodologies that would "push" relevant information to the researcher even as the research is on-going.

Students today are more comfortable with technology than ever before. They are:

- Multi-taskers, frequently bouncing back and forth between tasks such as e-mail, classwork, research and writing, and IMing with their friends, all the while listening to their favorite music on their I-pods.
- Connected wirelessly to the networks wherever and whenever, both through their cell phones and through their computers;
- More likely to begin their research with Google than by going directly to the relevant state code.

Despite these interesting trends, it is clear that the role of the research law library is secure. It still provides:

- A place for study, research, and reflection;
- Access to the important historical literature of the law, most of which is still not available electronically; this is particularly important to both legal academic libraries and to those law firms that have down-sized their print collections in the expectation that the academic libraries will continue to maintain their collections;
- A repository for the most authoritative sources of the law;
- A staff that provides expert teaching and professional guidance in the ever-changing and ever more complex world of legal information.

Law libraries are changing rapidly both as a part of and in response to these trends. The law library of the future may look somewhat different from the law library of the past. Its role of identifying, collecting, and organizing the best information for its users and providing the professional staff to teach and assist users in finding information will undoubtedly remain for some time to come. We at Georgetown, are grateful for the support of the Friends of the Library which is helping us to adapt to these trends, even as we maintain the high quality programs for which we have become known.

Robert L. Oakley
October 11, 2005

[1] "Fairness in Electronic Contracting: Minimum Standards for Non-Negotiated Contracts," *Houston L.Rev.* (forthcoming 2005).

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Website Redesigned

The Library has launched a completely redesigned website to help our patrons get the information they need as efficiently as possible. The product of months of planning, the website organizes hundreds of pages into the eight major categories you see on our homepage. Alumni who come into the Library are welcome to use any of the databases listed in "Our Online Collection." Everything else in the website is accessible to any user, both on campus and off. Of particular interest are the *In-Depth Research* section, which links to our extensive guides to legal research, and *Find It Fast*, where we keep track of the best web pages and other resources for information on all US jurisdictions, on many foreign jurisdictions, on international law, and on almost 100 legal topics, from Accounting to the United Nations. Come see us at http://www.ll.georgetown.edu.

Current Updates on Legal Research

The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926

One of the newest and most notable acquisitions in our library is *The Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800-1926,* a digital database that provides a wealth of historical materials in law and law-related subjects.

The Making of Modern Law (Thomson-Gale) is a digital collection of over 21,000 works (10 million pages) from the United States and Britain, published from 1800 to 1926. It includes casebooks, treatises, local practice manuals, form books, works for lay readers, pamphlets, letters, speeches, proceedings, and much more.

It is difficult to describe the wonder of *The Making of Modern Law*, but it helps to put the materials into a time-period perspective. The years covered represent the administrations of 29 U.S. Presidents, from John Adams to Calvin Coolidge, and the reigns of six British monarchs, from George III to George V. Events include Slavery, the Trail of Tears, the Industrial Revolution, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Suffrage Movement, Prohibition, and World War I. The legal history and evolution represented are invaluable.

The Making of Modern Law database is easy to use: You can browse, or search by title, author, subject or keyword. Each of the pages is searchable and each work is entirely accessible in its original format, including full text, table of contents, index, illustrations and front matter. The search capability is simple to understand, and employs such enhancement tools as *Search Operators* and *Proximity* (Lexis and Westlaw users will find it similar to terms and connectors searching), truncation, and date ranges. It also includes advanced page navigation options, searches by entering a page image number, a printed page number, or by using a list on the side of the screen to navigate between pages with matches for the search term.

As with all of our databases, access to *The Making of Modern Law* is available to Friends of the Library, Law Center Alumni and Public Patrons in our library, and on the network at any Georgetown University campus. Please visit the Williams and Wolff Libraries and explore our print and electronic collections.

For more information about *The Making of Modern Law,* including a list of the sources and subject headings, please see the Thomson Gale web site at *http://www.gale.com/ModernLaw/.*

Reunion 2005

On Friday October 21, 2005, both the Williams and Wolff Libraries will host Open Houses from 4 to 6 p.m. Friends of the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library can take tours of both libraries, and see historical displays tracing our history from 1887 to the present. Please join us!

E-mail Alert!

If you would like to keep current on the latest lectures, book signings and other events at the Law Center, please send us your updated e-mail addresses.

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Supreme Court Nominations Guide

Soon after Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announced her resignation from the U.S. Supreme Court this summer, the Reference Department in Williams Law Library created a research guide to inform our students, faculty and visitors about the process of Supreme Court nomination in anticipation of the upcoming Supreme Court nomination to replace her. In late August, the Library of Congress selected the guide for inclusion in its historic collection of Internet materials related to the Supreme Court. The research guide continues to be a work in progress. As new developments unfold and new information becomes available, relevant sources will be added to the guide. Visit our guide often as the nomination process continues, at *http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/supreme_court_nominations.cfm.*

Literary Alumni

Neal P. Gillen (L'64)

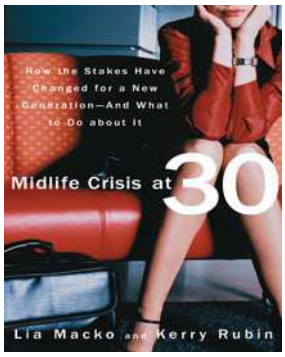
Released earlier this year by Author House, *Capitol Punishment* is **Neal P. Gillen's (L'64)** second novel. In Gillen's thriller, the deaths of activist Congressmen and Senators in peculiar accidents stir the interest of a Park Police detective, who perceives a connection in these seemingly random events. As the detective mines the Washington funding raising scene attempting to link prominent lobbyists to the bizarre events, the deaths mount. When the House Majority Leader dies in an apparent hunting accident on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the cases are linked together.

Courtesy of Bachrach

Gillen introduces colorful characters focusing on issue politics, the Washington fund raising colossus, and the calculating mind of an obsessed perfectionist who reshapes Congress, ridding it of ideologues interfering with his legislative agenda. According to the *Washington Post*, *Capitol Punishment* is "a murder mystery worth noting ..."

Lia Macko (L'96)

Lia Macko (L'96) has co-authored *Mid-Life Crisis at 30*: *How the Stakes Have Changed for a Generation and What To Do About It* with Kerry Rubin (Rodale Books, March 2004). This non-fiction work examines issues of women and power, documenting work/life conflicts unique to high achieving Gen X women. It also offers a narrative-driven field guide providing stories of prescriptive value from accomplished working women including cable guru Gerry Laybourne, political advisor Mary Matalin, former Vice Presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, financial strategist and bestselling author Suze Orman, Academy award winning actress Susan Sarandon and many more. Among other venues, the book was featured on NBC's *Weekend Today* and CNN's *American Morning*. National print publications, including *O: Oprah* and *Glamour* magazines have also profiled the book.



Lia graduated magna cum laude from The American University in Washington, DC, and obtained a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1996. Her own experiences and internal questions motivated her investigation of Gen X women and power. She has served as an executive in the cable news world. In recognition of her professional accomplishments, Lia appeared on the cover of the September 2000 issue of *Working Woman*, a special edition profiling "20 Women under 30: The Ones to Watch."

From the Past

Edward G. Hudon (L'47, L'50), Law Librarian

Edward G. Hudon was born in Brunswick, ME in 1915. After graduating from Bowdoin College in 1937, he worked for the state of Maine until 1941 when he accepted a position at the Library of Congress. While working in there, Hudon attended evening classes at the Georgetown Law School from 1941to 1950, ultimately earning an LL.B in 1947 and his LL.M in 1950. He then received a Masters of Science in Library Science from The Catholic University of America and a SJD from the George Washington University Law School, in 1956 and 1962 respectively. Hudon worked as an assistant librarian for the Supreme Court from 1947 to 1966, when he returned to Maine to serve as assistant US attorney. In 1972, he returned to Washington to accept an appointment as librarian for the Supreme Court, a post he held until 1976. Throughout his professional career he authored pieces on varied subjects, including an historical sketch of the Supreme Court library, and several legislative histories and texts on freedom of speech and insurance. Hudon died in his home state in 1994 at the age of 79.

Georgetown Law School in the 1950s

An Invitation

Our library is an active institution, even more so now that we occupy space in two buildings. Every day, we work with students, faculty, public patrons, alumni and Friends. If you are not currently using our services, we invite you to visit, call or e-mail us, or consult our Web site when you need information or assistance with legal research. Our catalog, research tips and guides, tutorials, federal and state government information, and other reference sources are easily accessible online from anywhere. Check us out!

Web site

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu

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Hours during the academic year

Monday - Thursday
- Williams Library: 8:00 a.m. - midnight
- Wolff Library: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Williams Reference Desk: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wolff Reference Desk: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday
- Williams Library: 8:00 a.m. - midnight
- Wolff Library: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Williams Reference Desk: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Wolff Reference Desk: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
- Williams Library: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Wolff Library: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- Both Reference Desks: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
- Williams Library: 10:00 a.m. - midnight
- Wolff Library: 12 noon - 11:00 p.m.
- Both Reference Desks: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Note that special hours apply for holidays and the summer months. Please call 202/662-9131 if you plan to visit us during these times.

Tours

Tours of the Williams and Wolff libraries can be arranged by calling Duncan Alford at 202/662-9144 for Williams Library tours, and Marylin Raisch at 202/662-9159 for Wolff Library tours, or by inquiring at the Williams or Wolff Reference Desks.

For inquiries and contributions to the Friends Program, or to renew your annual support, contact Anne Ferola in the Law Center Development Office at 202/662-9885 or e-mail her at: af273@law.georgetown.edu.

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