

Friends of the Edward Bennett Williams Law Library

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Friends' Initiatives

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, the Library has been able to undertake several new initiatives this year:

Teaching with Technology

This past summer, the Library purchased a **SMART Board™**, an exciting new piece of equipment that is already reshaping the way we teach research skills to students. In effect, the SMART Board™ is a large, touch-screen computer monitor, which, at three feet by five feet, is big enough to be read clearly by students anywhere in our Computer Learning Center or in a small or mid-sized classroom. The SMART Board™ greatly enlarges the displays of internet sites, digital documents and PowerPoint presentations. In our initial online research training of the entire first year class, the SMART Board™ allowed the instructors to demonstrate rather than describe and to lead the students by showing examples. It has encouraged the interaction with students by allowing them to suggest searches or strategies which the instructor can perform, and the entire group can evaluate the results. This is a far cry from using markers on whiteboards, and is proving very popular.

Meg Collins, the Head of Reference, coordinates the teaching efforts of the Library and has already used the SMART Board™ in a number of classes. "The SMART Board™ is a great step forward for us, and the students have really responded well to it. I think they appreciate being able to see exactly what we're trying to teach them, and they like the fact that questions can be answered visually and publicly, instead of individually over a single computer

monitor." So far, the comments from students have been overwhelmingly positive, and all of those who serve as instructors feel this technology allows them to reach their students more effectively.

Over the course of an average year the Library holds approximately one hundred instructional classes, reaching well over a thousand students. Most of these offerings can be adapted to take advantage of the SMART Board™ technology, and will change the way we present the



Photo courtesy of Bill Petros

Librarian Doug Lind demonstrates the SMART Board™.

GULC Fast Facts

25 years ago ... 1977

Library purchases the first Lexis computer for students, available for 20 minutes per user, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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information in those classes. Thanks to the SMART Board™ and the Friends, this is an especially exciting time to be teaching legal research to students.

Preserving the Law Center's History

Some of the many treasures of the Law Center Archives are the early student and alumni publication, *Res Ipsa Loquitur*, and the student newspaper, *Georgetown Law Weekly*. *Res Ipsa Loquitur* started publishing in 1936, and served as the student newspaper and alumni magazine, until 1994 when it was replaced by the all-alumni publication *Georgetown Law*. The *Georgetown Law Weekly* began in 1966, and was originally part of the legal writing requirement program. These two publications, along with a very early *The Hoya, Law School Edition* (1933-1936), are rich in historical photographs and information about the Law Center. We continuously pour through the pages of these publications for a glimpse at our past, and to answer questions from alumni and family members on their days at the Law Center. They are in fragile condition.

With the support of the Friends, the Library is moving forward now to preserve permanently these historical records in digital form. This project will allow us to provide better

access to both the photographs and text in these materials and save our fragile originals from high use. We also hope that this project will allow us to make some or all of these resources available on the web. Watch for further developments in this project by the end of the academic year.

The Library is grateful to the Friends for helping us with these important projects.



May 1962 issue of *Res Ipsa Loquitur*.

Friends' Events

Book Signing

Earlier in the spring, members of the Friends were invited to a book signing for **Professor Louis Michael Seidman's** new book, *Our Unsettled Constitution* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001). In this provocative new book, he offers a new view of judicial review, arguing that judicial review is important, not merely because the Supreme Court is the final authority, but because it "unsettles," or destabilizes outcomes produced by the political process, thus creating "no permanent losers nursing deep-seated grievances An 'unsettling' Constitution helps to build a community founded on consent by enticing losers into a continuing conversation." At the book signing, several scholars offered comments and critiques of Professor Seidman's work.

Library Open House

The Friends sponsored a Library open house and book talk on May 31, 2002, during Reunion Weekend. Librarians provided tours, conducted classes on web-based legal

research, and advised alumni on rare books, book preservation, and international legal research. Story boards on display in the Library's 2nd floor atrium showed the history of the Library from the early days when it was in the lower level of the Capitol building until now. Alumni enjoyed seeing the pictures of the Library as it was when they were at Georgetown and comparing it to today's first rate facility.

Alumnus and local author **Tim Junkin (L'77)** spoke at the open house about writing fiction in general and his new novel, *Good Counsel* (Chapel Hill: Algonquin Books, 2001), in particular. Set in D.C. and along the Chesapeake Bay, the book raises important questions about how far an



attorney should go to win a case for her client. It has been adopted for use by a number of law schools in teaching legal ethics. Following the talk there was a reception in the 5th floor atrium, and Tim signed copies of the book.

Coming Up

This fall the Friends will again sponsor a Library open house during Reunion Weekend. All the Friends are encouraged to attend. Faculty member **Father Robert F. Drinan, S.J. (L'49, L'51, H'91)**, will be speaking about his new book: *The Mobilization of Shame - A World View of Human Rights* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001). In this book, Father Drinan begins with the establishment of the United Nations, then follows the human rights movement

through to such recent events as the indictment of Milosevic and the ad hoc tribunals relating to the Balkans and Rwanda.

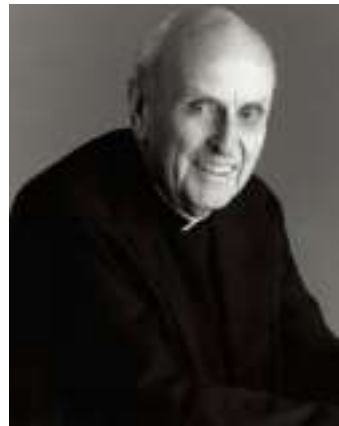


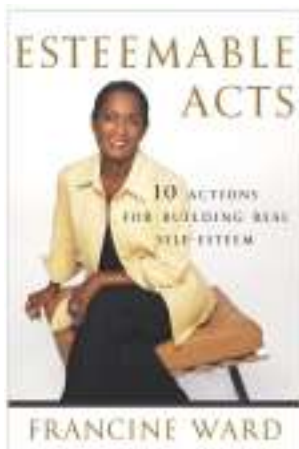
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He discusses such issues as women's worldwide struggle for equality and the global revolution in the rights of children. Father Drinan's interesting and provocative talk will take place in the library's 5th floor atrium lounge on Friday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Literary Alumni

Francine Ward (L'89) - In *Esteemable Acts: 10 Actions for Building Real Self-Esteem*, published by Broadway Books (Random House, 2003),

Francine shares her proven strategies for building real and lasting self-esteem. Living proof that actions speak louder than words, she leads a life that far exceeds the wildest dreams of her youth. By age eighteen, she had dropped out of high school and was battling drug and alcohol addiction. A few years later, she was struck by a car and told she'd never walk again. Flash-forward twenty-three years and meet a very different



Francine Ward: Georgetown Law Center graduate, marathon runner, successful businesswoman, & tireless community leader. The secret to her miraculous turnaround? Esteemable acts.

Samuel Wolff (L'82, L'83) is a partner with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. in Washington, D.C., where he practices securities law. Sam has co-authored eleven books in an annual series published by West Group entitled *Emerging Trends in Securities Law*. He is also co-author of two multi-volume treatises: *Securities and Federal Corporate Law*, and *International Capital Markets and Securities Regulation*. Prior to joining Akin Gump, Sam served as Deputy Chief of the Office of



International Corporate Finance at the SEC. After graduating from Brown University in 1979, Sam attended the Law Center, earning his J.D. in 1982 and his LL.M (Securities Regulation) in 1983. He also holds an S.J.D. from the University of Wisconsin School of Law. Sam is married, has one son and, in his spare time, plays drums in a rock band.

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20 years ago ... 1982

Robert L. Oakley is appointed Law Librarian in July 1982, coming from Boston University School of Law.

An Invitation

Our library is an active institution. 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!

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Hours during the academic year

Monday – Thursday

Library: 8:00 a.m. - midnight

Reference Desk: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday

Library: 8:00 a.m. - midnight

Reference Desk: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

Library: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Reference Desk: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Library: 10:00 a.m. - midnight

Reference Desk: 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 library can be arranged by calling Susan Ryan at 202/662-9142 or inquiring at the Reference Desk.