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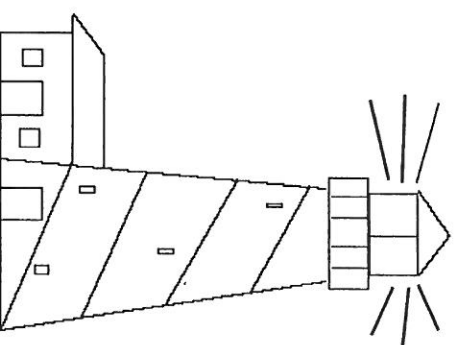
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Access the Law Library WebCatalog From Home!

Since Fall, we have been working to provide improved access to the Library's online catalog and to other resources through the world wide web. The address for the *WebCatalog*, which was unveiled at the start of the Spring Semester, is <http://lawlib.rwu.edu>. In addition to the usual features of an online catalog, the *WebCatalog* also provides links to the "Law Library's Home Page," to the "Electronic Journal Indexes and Journals" page, to the Library's "Legal Web Sites" page, and to the "Other Library Catalogs" page. These pages provide information on library staff, access to the Library's *TimeSavers* research guides, links to web-based journal indexes and to electronic journals, research links to sources for court opinions, statutes, and other legal resources, and links to other Rhode Island library catalogs and to other law school library catalogs. All of these pages are designed to enhance our patrons' research efforts and access to information.

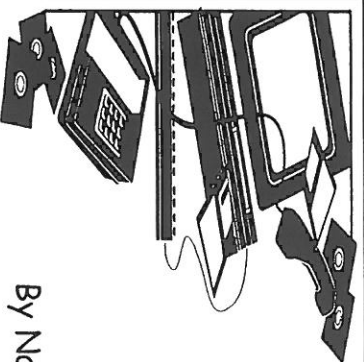
Most of the links are to sites which are available to everyone. Some are to sites which are available only to members of the Law School community through Library subscriptions. Access to the subscription sites is controlled either by password (*CAL* and *L.O.I.S.*) or by a computer's IP address (*AccessUN*, *Congressional Universe*, *CQ Researcher* & *CQ Weekly Report*, *Index to Legal*

Periodicals, *Index Master*, and *Legal Resource Index/LegalTrac*). For access to the passworded sites, please see a reference librarian for the password. Access to the sites controlled by IP address is currently only available from computers in the Law School, including workstations available to our patrons who are members of the bench and bar. In the future, software will be installed that will allow use of the Library's patron database to verify that the person seeking to access the subscription site is a student or faculty member and will forward the user to the subscription site. Our students and faculty will then be able to use our subscription services from home or office computers with Internet access.

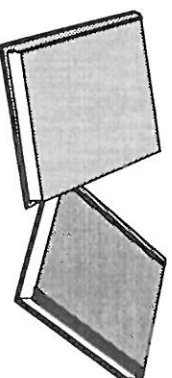


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Nan's Helpful Hints





By Nan Kelley Balliot, Reader Services Librarian

Job Hunting ?


Whether you are seeking legal or non-legal employment, the Law Library has a variety of sources for information on government and public interest employment opportunities, judicial clerkships, solo practice, and alternatives to law practice. These resources augment the collection of career materials in the Career Services Office library. Numerous directories are available for locating information on lawyers, law firms, judges, companies, and organizations. The Law Library also subscribes to several general and legal newspapers and magazines. They frequently contain insightful articles on "hot" practice areas, employment trends, salaries, and job search strategies in addition to advertised positions. Newspapers and magazines are also an invaluable tool for researching a prospective employer. LEXIS-NEXIS and WESTLAW have databases for researching lawyers, law firms, judges, companies, and organizations. You can also search the Internet for web sites of companies, law firms, and organizations in addition to legal and non-legal employment sites.

The following is a selective list of print materials, LEXIS-NEXIS and WESTLAW databases, and Internet web sites. Except where noted, print materials are located in the Law Library's Career Collection. So as to provide optimal use, materials in the Career Collection do not circulate out of the Library. Note: Books in the Career Collection have a light gray circular patch affixed to their spine or front cover.


 **For exploration of alternatives to traditional legal practice**, the following titles may be of interest. *JD Preferred!: Legal Career Alternatives* (KF297 .F44 1995) covers career alternatives in academic administration, alternative dispute resolution, ethics, insurance and risk management, international business, media, and technology. *Judgment Reversed: Alternative Careers for Lawyers* (KF298 .S77 1997) contains advice on how to use your legal skills in another field. *Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers, 3d ed.* (KF297 .M862 1994) is a general overview of alternatives to traditional law practice. *What Can You Do with A Law Degree?: A Lawyer's Guide to Career Alternatives Inside, Outside, & Around the Law, 3d ed.* (KF297 .A875 1997) provides information about law-related job options and job search resources.

 **If you want employment with the federal government**, these two titles are worthwhile reading. *Working for Your Uncle: The Complete Guide to Finding A Job with the Federal Government, 2d ed.* (JK716 .W67 1998) is a comprehensive guide describing what the jobs are, where the jobs are, how to get the jobs, and other tips for obtaining a job working for the federal government. *Now Hiring: Government Jobs for Lawyers* (KF299 .G6 N6 1997/98) has basic information on number of attorneys employed, anticipated openings, location of positions, nature of legal work, entry level qualifications, and contact information for obtaining an application.

site for job search strategies and jobs advertised is Hieros Gamos. Hieros Gamos has numerous links to legal and non-legal employment web sites. Hieros Gamos is at <http://www.lhg.org>.

 If you are want to be a solo practitioner or establish your own firm, there are several books with tips for getting started. If you are interested in practicing in Rhode Island, read *Successful Solo and Small Firm Practice Management in Rhode Island* (KFR77 .S83 1999) and *A Guide to Opening a Law Practice in Rhode Island* (KFR77 .G85 1993). Other available titles are *Flying Solo: A Survival Guide for the Solo Lawyer*, 2d ed. (KF300 .F58 1994), *How to Start & Build a Law Practice*, 3d ed. (KF300 .F66 1991), *Solo and Small Firm Success*:

Opening a Law Practice, With Forms, Checklists (KF318 .Z9 F74 1994), and *Getting Started: Basics for a Successful Law Firm* (KF318 .G48 1996).

 The following magazines and newspapers are suggested reading for additional information to aid you in your job search: *ABA Journal*, *American Lawyer*, *Boston Globe*, *Connecticut Law Tribune*, *Legal Intelligencer* (Pennsylvania), *National Law Journal*, *New York Law Journal*, *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, *Providence Business News*, *Providence Journal-Bulletin*, *Rhode Island Lawyers Weekly*, and *Lawyers Weekly USA*.



Staff Changes and Activities

Publications and Presentations

Gail Winson, Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law, is the author of *Historic Preservation Law: An Annotated Survey of Sources and Literature*, published in May, 1999. Librarians Lucinda Harrison-Cox, Emilie Benoit, Nan Balliot, and Elizabeth Tabor created a cumulative index of the *Rhode Island Bar Journal* since its inception in 1953. The index was a joint project of the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law. The index is scheduled for publication within the year. On Tuesday, May 18, 1999, Lucinda Harrison-Cox and Nan Balliot presented a continuing legal education program "The Internet & Legal Research" to members of the Rhode Island Bar Association. The program focused on factors to consider when using the Internet for legal research and included a "virtual tour" of selected law related web sites.

Promotions and Graduations

Two law library staff members were recently promoted. Stephanie Edwards was promoted from Acquisitions Librarian to Collection Services Librarian. As Collection Services Librarian, Stephanie has primary responsibility for collection development and technical services operations. Stephanie has worked in the law library since October, 1993 and previously spent seven years working in the Acquisitions and Serials Departments of the Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. She received her Master's degree in library science from Drexel University in 1994.

Former Acquisitions Assistant, Elizabeth Tabor, has been promoted to Acquisitions Librarian. Beth has worked in the law library since July, 1994. She worked in the library at Colby College while attending school there. Beth received her Master's degree in library science from Simmons College in 1998.

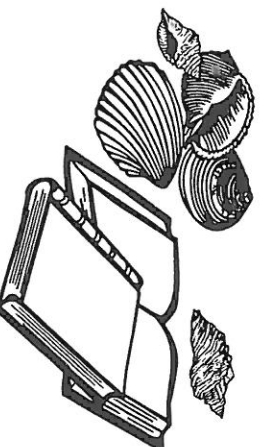
Emilie Benoit, part-time Reference Librarian, has recently earned her Master of Library and Information Studies degree from the University of Rhode Island.

The author initially describes law school and his stint as a summer associate. He describes his first law school class, by noting that “. . . [f]rom the perspective of the first-year law student, sitting at an assigned seat in an amphitheatric classroom, . . . the probing questions asked by a professor using the ‘Socratic method’ seemed like carefully targeted missiles. . . .” He notes that working as a summer associate is “like going to camp. You make a lot of money, go out for expensive lunches, and go home early. At the end of the summer, you return to law school with a permanent offer . . .”

However, the real value of this book to law students and new lawyers, lies in the author’s descriptions of the real world and his work as an associate at a fictitious Wall Street law firm he calls Crowley & Cavanaugh, a “composite of several firms and representative of many.” He discusses the economics and extreme importance of billable hours in a law firm environment, and other aspects of large firm practice. He skillfully describes all-nighters, which were often required of associates, to prepare for big cases. He describes having spent two weeks as an associate working with two paralegals until all hours every night including weekends, toiling at the rather mundane task of cataloging 87,000 pages of documents for an impending trial. After two weeks of cataloging, he was asked to prepare a list of questions which the law firm’s experts might be asked on cross-examination during the trial. He continued to work day

and night through a third consecutive weekend, poring through depositions and other documents preparing cross-examination questions for their experts. He describes feeling totally exhausted and haggard after the third weekend of non-stop trial preparation. On Monday morning, when he delivered his list of cross-examination questions to a senior associate, she told him that the case had settled on Friday. No one had told him.

This book is interesting, informative reading for law students or new lawyers who are planning their careers. If you choose the life style depicted in this realistic novel, then it might be helpful to know that the experiences you may encounter have been had by others before you, i.e. that you are not alone. On the other hand, reading this author’s account of life as a young associate may help you decide whether this type of practice would appeal to you, or whether an alternative type of law practice would be more suitable. All in all, *Double Billing* is a great read for law students and new lawyers.



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New Staff

Two new law library staff have been hired this spring. Lisa Lannon is the new Acquisitions Assistant. Lisa was previously employed as Circulation Supervisor at the Fall River Public Library. Other libraries that Lisa has worked in include the Phillips Memorial Library at Providence College and Rhode Island College’s James P. Adams Library. Lisa has a B.A. in History from Rhode Island College. Corrine Kilpeck-Bernal is the new Cata-

loging Assistant. Corrine was the Curriculum Materials Coordinator at the Ronald Williams Library at Northeastern Illinois University before coming to Roger Williams. Other library employment includes the Learning Resource Center at Mundelein College, Loyola University, and Cranston Public Library. Corrine earned her B.A. from Northeastern Illinois University.

