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Roger Williams University

Ralph R. Papitto

School of Law

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Roger Williams University Law Library. Our collections and services are designed to meet the specific needs of the faculty and students of the Ralph R. Papitto School of Law. This *Guide* serves as a general introduction to the resources, services, and policies of the Law Library.

The collection contains approximately 245,000 volumes. Because an increasing number and variety of legal publications are produced in electronic format and because computers are used in many aspects of the modern law practice, the Law Library features the integration of technology into its collections and services. The WebCatalog is available through the Internet, as are many library publications and resources.

Access to the LEXIS/NEXIS and WESTLAW/DIALOG services, Internet, and CD-ROM publications is provided in three separate computer labs. The Library also contains facilities and equipment for using research materials in microform, videocassette, and audiocassette formats. Word processing, research-related, and instructional programs are available to students in the labs.

The entrance to the Library is conveniently located near the main entrance to the law school building. Its open design and academy-style furnishings provide an attractive, comfortable, and quiet place for study. A mixture of individual carrels, large tables, comfortable lounge areas, and group study and seminar rooms provide a variety of seating and study options for patrons pursuing their academic endeavors.

The staff members, including seven professional librarians, look forward to assisting you in pursuing your legal research through the use of the collection and the wide array of other resources available through the Library.

Gail I. Winson, Director
Fall, 1999

ACCESS POLICY

The Roger Williams University School of Law Library is a private institution and serves primarily the faculty and students of the law school. University faculty, faculty from CRIARL member institutions, members of the bench and bar, and law students from ABA-approved schools are welcome to use the collection on the premises. Undergraduate students from Roger Williams, students from CRIARL member institutions, and other members of the community are allowed to use the Library by special arrangement with the Director.

HOURS

Library hours for Fall and Spring semesters are as follows:

Monday - Thursday:	7:30 a.m. - Midnight
Friday:	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday:	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - Midnight

Library hours for the Summer semester are as follows:

Monday - Thursday:	8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Friday:	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday:	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Library observes special hours for intersession periods and holidays. These hours will be posted on the board at the Library's entrance.

CIRCULATION POLICY

Upon presenting a Law School ID card, law school faculty and students may check out library materials under the following circulation policies:

Two Hour Reserve - These materials, which include items on course reserve, hornbooks and nutshells, are checked out from the Circulation Desk and may not be removed from the Library.

Forty-Eight Hour Reserve - When the Library owns three or more copies of a hornbook or nutshell, copy three and above are allowed to circulate outside the Library for a forty-eight hour period.

Three Week Circulation - Single volume monographs from the classified collection are allowed to circulate for three weeks.

Audiovisual Room and Study Room Keys - Room keys circulate for three hours and may be renewed subject to the Room Reservation Policy.

RENEWALS. Most items not requested by another patron may be renewed once.

FINES accrue on overdue Reserve materials, including keys, at the rate of \$.50 per hour for each hour or portion of an hour that the Library is open. Fines accrue on general circulation materials at the rate of \$.50 per day for each day.

Materials not returned after two notices are declared lost. The patron will be charged the price of the item, a \$5.00 processing fee, and the accrued amount of the fine.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

* *LAW LIBRARY WEB SITE*. The Library maintains a web site providing access to library information and research guides, links to legal research web sites, and a link to the WebCatalog. The address of the Library's web page is: <http://www.rwu.edu/law/library>.

* *WebCatalog*. In addition to the usual features of an online catalog, the WebCatalog provides links to all of the materials on the Library's web site, to web-based journal indexes and electronic journals, and to selected Rhode Island and law school library catalogs. The WebCatalog also includes a database providing searchable records for Congressional documents from 1970 to 1996. The WebCatalog can be accessed from off campus through the Law Library web page or at <http://lawlib.rwu.edu>.

* *ONLINE / WEB-BASED LEGAL RESEARCH SERVICES*. The Law Library subscribes to a variety of online and web-based legal research services including: West Group's WESTLAW/DIALOG, Reed Elsevier plc group's LEXIS/NEXIS, and Law Office Information Systems (L.O.I.S.) PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY. These services are accessible from the Library's computer labs. All students and faculty are given the opportunities for training. Individual passwords are issued to eligible users for those services requiring passwords.

* *CALI / COMPUTER-ASSISTED LEGAL INSTRUCTION*. As a member of the CALI Consortium, the Law Library receives over one hundred legal education exercises covering many curricular subjects. These exercises, which are excellent study and review aids, are available on CD-ROM, in the student computer labs, and through the CALI web site. The Library also subscribes to several interactive videodisc programs which can be checked out from the Circulation Desk for use in the library.

* *CD-ROM PUBLICATIONS*. The Library subscribes to selected CD-ROM products which are available through the student computer network. They can be accessed from computers in the Library's computer labs and through PCs located on the hexagon workstations in the Library.

SPECIALIZED COLLECTIONS & RESOURCES

* *REFERENCE COLLECTION*. General legal and non-legal almanacs, directories, indexes, bibliographies, atlases, dictionaries, statistical source books, and other basic reference materials are kept in the Reference Collection. Usually only the most recent edition of a reference work is kept in Reference. Selected older editions are available either in the general collection or in the superseded collection.

* *RESERVE COLLECTION*. This collection includes course reserve materials, legal texts called hornbooks and nutshells, interactive videodiscs, audio and video tapes, and back issues of general and legal newspapers. Older editions of many of the hornbooks and nutshells are available in the general collection.

* *MICROFORMS*. The microfiche and microfilm collections are housed in a separate room off the reference area in the front of the library. There are two reader/printers in the room which scan the microform image and print it out on a laser printer, providing very high quality printouts. Both machines are equipped with film and fiche carriers, motorized image rotation, and zooming and focusing features. There are also two microfiche readers in the room. Copies are 10 cents per page and can be made by coin.

To assist patrons using the microform collection, a guide to the collection is located in the Micrographics Room. The *Microform Guide* may also be found on reserve and at the Library's website in .pdf format.

LIBRARY SERVICES & FACILITIES

* *AUDIO/VISUAL AND STUDY ROOMS.* There are twelve small rooms which can be used for group study or audio/video review. Three of the rooms are equipped for videotape playback. One room is equipped for interactive video use and for videotape playback. The eight other rooms are primarily used for study groups. Use of these rooms is governed by the Room Reservation Policy.

Under the Room Reservation Policy, students, faculty, and staff of the Roger Williams University School of Law may reserve AV rooms for audio/visual playback or group study use and may reserve study rooms for group use. Advance reservations may be made for three hours per day. Individual law students may use the study rooms during times when the rooms are not reserved for group use. Reservations may be made by telephone. The reservation book and detailed policy are located at the Circulation Desk.

* *COMPUTER LABS.* A total of forty-six PCs in three separate labs provide access to wordprocessing, Internet, email, CD-ROMs, LEXIS and WESTLAW. Printing is controlled using Print Manager software. Printing is 10 cents per page using a debit card purchased from a dispenser in the library. The labs are managed by the University Information Technology Department. Use of the labs is limited to Law School faculty and students. Access to the computers is generally on a first come-first served basis. However, use of the labs can be restricted for instructional purposes and the Library reserves the right to establish special reservation policies during peak use times.

* *INTERLIBRARY LOANS.* RWU School of Law students and faculty in need of items not available in the Law Library's collection may request that an item be obtained from another library. The OCLC interlibrary loan system is used to request titles from other libraries throughout the country. Books borrowed from Rhode Island libraries are often delivered in one to two days by a service funded by the Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services.

* *PHOTODUPLICATION.* There are two copiers available in the library for use by library patrons. Copies are 10 cents per page and can be made by coin or by using a debit card purchased from a dispenser in the library.

* *PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY.* Accommodations are included in the furnishings of the library for use of the facilities by patrons who are physically challenged. One section of the Circulation Desk is lower in height. Each of the computer labs has at least one surface which is high enough to accommodate a wheel chair. There are also study carrel spaces of wheel chair height and a lower surface for some of the stand-up online catalog stations. The circulation staff will also retrieve items from shelves when needed.

* *REFERENCE ASSISTANCE.* Professional reference assistance is available during the academic year Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 either at the Reference Desk or on call. Weekend reference service is available on Saturdays from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

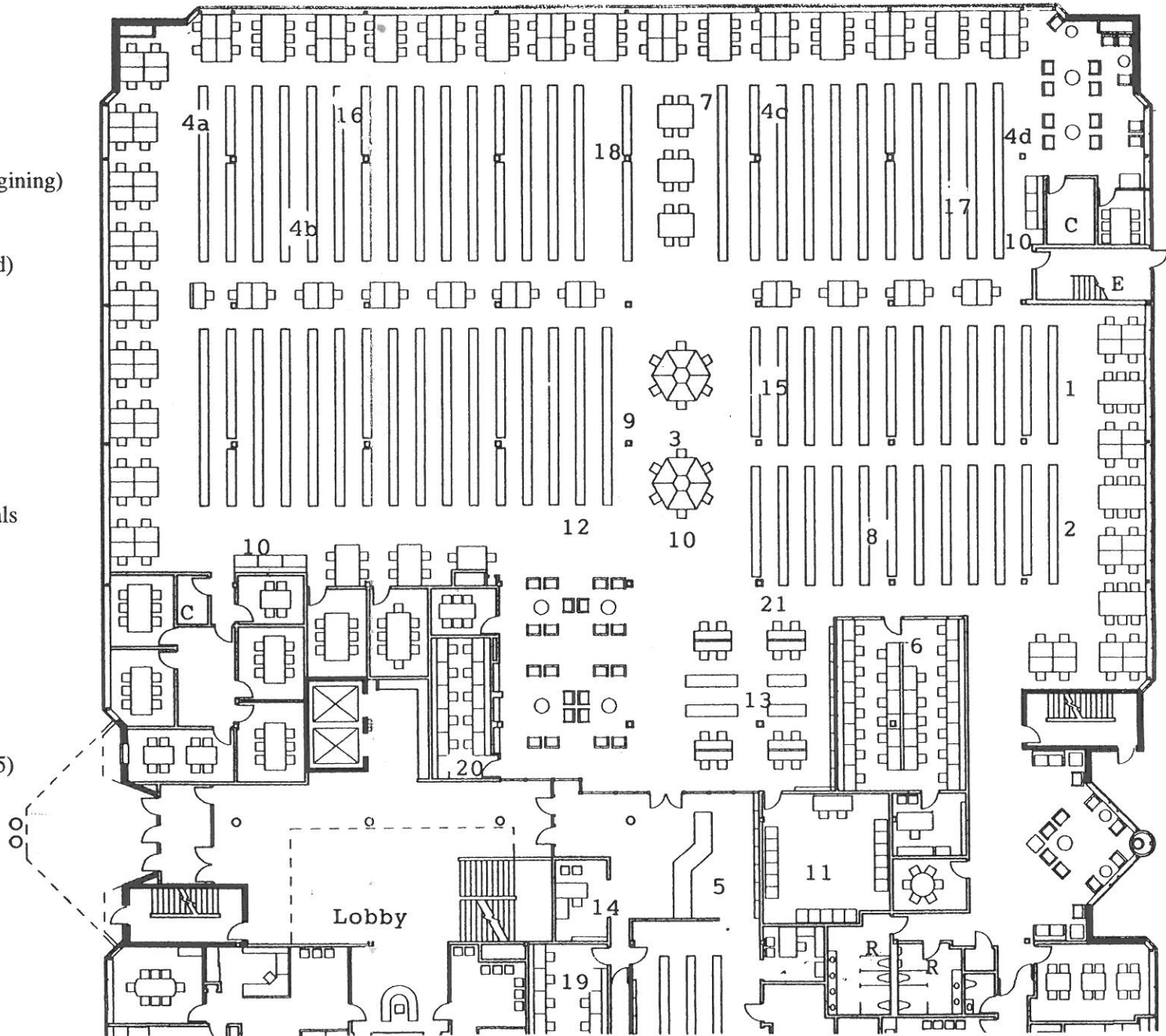
Students are encouraged to meet with a reference librarian before starting a research project in order to obtain advice on how to begin their research and to learn what library services are available to assist them. Librarians conduct orientation tours for all first-year students and all incoming students are given a copy of this *Guide*.

Other tours of the Library can be arranged by contacting the Public Services/Electronic Resources Librarian, the Reader Services Librarian or one of the Reference Librarians. Additional copies of this *Guide* are available at the Circulation Desk. The *Guide* is also available on the web.

FLOOR PLAN & LOCATOR

- 1. American Digest System
- 7. American Jurisprudence 2d
- 2. American Law Reports
- 3. CD-ROM Workstations
- Classified Collection
- 4a. A (General materials-begining)
- 4b. KF (Law-United States)
- 4c. KFA (Law-States)
- 4d. Z (General materials-end)
- 5. Circulation and Reserve Desk
- 6. Computer Lab
- 7. Corpus Juris Secundum
- 7. Encyclopedias
- 8. Federal Reporters
- 9. Indexes
 - CIS Indexes
 - Current Law Index
 - Index to Legal Periodicals
- 3. LegalTrac
- 10. Online Catalog
- 11. Microform Collection
- 12. Periodical Collection
- 9. Periodical Indexes
- 13. Reference Collection
- 14. Reference Desk
- 15. Regional Reporters & Digests
- 16. Restatements of the Law (KF395)
- 17. Rhode Island materials (KFR)
- 18. Shepard's Citators
- 19. Training Lab 1
- 20. Training Lab 2
- 21. United States Statutes & Codes
- 7. Words and Phrases

C=Photocopier
 E=Emergency Exit
 R=Restrooms



LC CLASSIFICATION OUTLINE

The Library uses the Library of Congress classification system to arrange the treatise collection. The following broad outline of that system may be of some assistance in locating materials.

A	General Works
B	Philosophy-Religion
D	History
E-F	American History
G	Geography
H	Social Sciences
J	Political Science
K	Law
KD	United Kingdom
KE	Canada
KF	United States
KFA-KFW	Individual state materials, Alabama - Wyoming
KJ	Europe
KK	Central Europe
KL	Southeastern Europe
KM	Soviet Union
KN	Asia
KQ	Southeast Asia
KR	Africa
KTA	Australia
KZ	Law of Nations
L	Education
P	Language and Literature
Q	Science
R	Medicine
S	Agriculture
T	Technology
Z	Bibliography. Library Science

LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

In addition to this *Guide*, the Library prepares other publications designed to assist patrons.

The *Microform Guide* is available in the Micrographics Room and at the Reference Desk. It provides an alphabetical listing of the microform sets with a description of their contents, coverage, and any aids or indexes available.

TimeSavers is the Library's ongoing publication series. This series of bibliographies and guides provides information pertaining to resources available on selected subjects and legal research techniques. The titles available in this series are listed below and are regularly updated; other titles will be prepared as needed.

Selected Bibliography for Law Review Writers and Editors (no.1)
Introduction to the Study of Law (no.2)
Materials on White Collar Crime (no.3)
Selected Bibliography for Legal Research and Writing (no.4)
Using Indexes to Legal Periodical Literature (no.5)
Materials on Appellate Advocacy, Brief Writing, and Oral Argument (no.6)
Newspapers in the Law Library (no. 7)
Sources of Information for Bar Examinations and Admissions (no.8)
Pathfinder on Researching Current Federal Legislation (no.9)
Selecting a Topic (no.10)
Selected Materials on Legal Ethics (no.11)
Selected Materials on American Indian Law (no.12)

The first of the *TimeSavers International Series* is:

Researching Treaties and Other International Agreements

The Library also publishes a newsletter, *Law Library Illuminations*. The newsletter provides information on recent additions to the collection, research tips, and other topics of interest.

This *Guide*, the *Microform Guide*, and the *TimeSavers* are also available through the Law Library web site in .pdf format. Suggestions for publications and for column topics are welcome.

LIBRARY RULES AND REGULATIONS

* *FOOD AND BEVERAGES* are not allowed in the Library at any time. A cafeteria is available on the lower level of the Law School.

* *LOST AND FOUND* is maintained at the Law School Reception Desk. Items found in the Library are promptly delivered to the Reception Desk.

* *PAGERS AND CELLULAR PHONES* should be turned off or set to provide an inaudible notification to the user. Cellular phones should not be used in any area of the Library except the study rooms.

* *PAGING, MESSAGES, AND SIGNS*. The Library cannot page patrons and does not take messages for patrons. Any messages or signs left in the Library are subject to removal. The Library does not accept personal items for "hold" or "pick up" for patrons or delivery services.

* *PERSONAL SAFETY*. When the fire alarm sounds, library users must immediately evacuate the building through the fire exits noted on the library map.

* *QUIET STUDY*. Patrons should respect the rights of others by keeping noise levels as low as possible. This policy applies to all areas of the Library except the circulation and reference desk areas.

* *RESHELVING*. Library users are expected to reshelve their own books before leaving the Library.

* *SECURITY SYSTEM*. The Law Library uses an electronic security system to prevent unauthorized removal of Library materials. Patrons in possession of improperly charged out materials will set off an alarm and trigger the locking mechanism on the security gate when attempting to exit.

* *SMOKING* and the use of all other tobacco products is prohibited in all areas of the Library.

* *TELEPHONES* located at the Circulation Desk, Reference Desk, and in Library offices are not for public use. Patrons in need of a public phone will be directed to the phones located outside the Law School elevators.

* *UNAUTHORIZED REMOVAL, MUTILATION, DEFACEMENT, OR MARKING* of library materials or equipment is prohibited.

LIBRARY STAFF

Administration

Gail Winson, Director - B.A., Moravian College, 1966; M.S., Drexel University, 1970; J.D., University of Florida, 1979.

Kathy Donato, Secretary - Diploma, Sawyer School of Business, 1983; attended Roger Williams University.

Public Services

Lucinda Harrison-Cox, Public Services/Electronic Resources Librarian - B.A., Rutgers University, Camden, 1979; J.D., Washington and Lee University, 1982; M.S.L.S., Catholic University, 1990.

Nanette Kelley Balliot, Reader Services Librarian - B.A., 1977, J.D., 1980, University of Maine; M.L.I.S., University of Rhode Island, 1994.

Emilie A. Benoit, Reference Librarian - A.B., Brown University, 1972; J.D., Suffolk University, 1977; LL.M., Boston Univ., 1991; M.L.I.S., University of Rhode Island, 1999.

Donna Miller, Circulation Coordinator - Attended Worcester Junior College.

Richard Segel, Circulation Assistant - B.A., Roger Williams College, 1981.

Pam Cabral, Public Services Assistant - Mt. Pleasant High School, Business Degree.

Collection Services

Stephanie Edwards, Collection Services Librarian - B.A., University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1978; M.A., 1982, Ph.D., 1987, Bryn Mawr College; M.S., Drexel University, 1994.

Elizabeth Tabor, Acquisitions Librarian - B.A., Colby College, 1994; M.L.I.S., Simmons College, 1998.

Kathleen MacAndrew, Catalog Librarian - B.A., California State University, Long Beach, 1981; M.L.S., Simmons College, 1987.

Lisa Lannon, Acquisitions Assistant - B.A., Rhode Island College, 1994.

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**LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
FOR ASSISTANCE**

Administration	254-4531
Circulation/Information	254-4546
Reference Librarian on duty	254-4547
Interlibrary Loan requests	254-4548
Requests for book purchases	254-4539
Gift offers	254-4539

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