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Improved Off-campus Access to Law Library Databases

Posted by Library Blog on 01/11/2010 at 12:00 AM

The Law Library staff worked during the holiday break to improve off-campus access to the law school's various research databases. Changes no longer need to be made to your favorite web browser's settings in order to access these databases.

When accessing a particular database from the WebCatalog or the law library's web pages, you will be prompted at an Off-Campus Database Login page to type in your name and the barcode located on the back of your law school ID. Should you receive an error message, contact the law library to verify that your patron record is up to date!

Some of the databases which use the new procedure for off-campus access are the Bureau of National Affairs topical reports and libraries, CCH Intelliconnect, Constitutions of the Countries of the World Online, Foreign Law Guide, HeinOnline, Justis for U.K. materials, LexisNexis Congressional, the Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises 1800 - 1926, Oxford Reports on International Law, and the United Nations Treaty Collection.

New Law Library Database Subscription: Justis

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The Law Library subscribes to the Justis database to offer its patrons full-text access to all United Kingdom legislation in force or repealed from 1235 to the present. Full-text statutory instruments are also searchable in Justis. Statutory instruments set out detailed provisions under the authority of the enabling Acts of Parliament. Coverage of the statutory instruments is from 1671 to present. These documents are available as pdf files.

In addition, searchable articles in the Justis database contain press releases and announcements from most of the major government departments in England and Scotland. Coverage begins 1998.

For off-campus access to Justis, click on its link from the WebCatalog or the law library's web pages and type your name and the barcode located on the back of your School of Law ID at the login prompt. Click

on the "continue to Justis" button from the "sign on" dialog box. You do not need to enter a user ID, password, or client code.

Contact a Reference Librarian if you need assistance with using Justis.

Free Legal Research Resource for Law Students - L.O.I.S. Primary Law Library

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The Law Library provides free access to the L.O.I.S. Primary Law Library to all currently enrolled students. The L.O.I.S. Primary Law Library offers full-text access to federal and state cases, statutes, administrative regulations, and court rules. Cases and statutes may be retrieved by citation and cases by party names. There is keyword and field searching of documents. Free 24/7 technical support is provided. Content is continually being added.

Unlike LexisNexis and Westlaw, the L.O.I.S. Primary Law Library is free to law school students who work for attorneys and firms while still in law school. Registered users also receive six months FREE access after graduation.

Contact a Reference Librarian to obtain the School of Law's access code when signing up for the L.O.I.S. Primary Law Library.