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Legal Beagle's Blog

Exercise Your Rights – To Vote and Learn More about Election Law

Posted by Library Blog on 10/05/2012 at 09:10 AM

Exercise Your Rights – To Vote and Learn More about Election Law

November 6, the day for state-wide voting in the general election in Rhode Island, is fast approaching! To learn more about acceptable forms of ID to be in compliance with the state's new Voter ID law, check out the Office of the Secretary of State [Rhode Island Voter Information Handbook 2012](#). The *Handbook* contains information about voting procedures and the text of the state referenda.

For those who are interested in current election law issues, the [Election Law Blog](#) and [Election Law @ Moritz](#) are great resources. Professor Richard L. Hasen's [Election Law Blog](#) covers election law, campaign finance, legislation, voting rights, initiative, redistricting, and the Supreme Court nomination process. [Election Law @ Moritz](#), published by the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, covers developments in the laws dealing with voter registration, voter ID, early and absentee voting, provisional balloting, poll workers and polling place procedures, recounts and election contests, and other related issues.

For a more in-depth scholarly discussion of election law issues, visit the website of the [Election Law Journal](#) where you can view tables of contents of issues beginning with Volume 1. Numerous articles are free to download. All of the articles from the *Election Law Journal* are available on Westlaw.

For those who enjoy political satire, expand your horizons beyond Jon Stewart and Steven Colbert and get acquainted with the [Mark Russell](#) and [Art Buchwald](#).

Finally, if you want to locate additional resources for election law, check out the Georgetown University Law Library's [Election Law Research Guide](#).

ResearchFest: Because Knowledge is Power

Posted by Library Blog on 10/10/2012 at 11:38 AM

Research Fest

Because Knowledge IS Power

Tuesday, October 23

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bay View Room, 2nd floor of the law school

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Because participation means that you can also enter to win prizes, or score snacks and giveaways throughout the day!

Spotlight on Study Aids: Carolina Academic Press Mastering Series

Posted by Library Blog on 10/19/2012 at 08:52 AM

The Law Library's collection of study aids includes the Carolina Academic Press *Mastering Series*. These study aids are easy-to-read with key terms emphasized and explained. Like the nutshells and concise hornbooks study aids, references to secondary sources are minimal to enable the reader to concentrate on the major concepts being discussed.

Key features of the *Mastering Series* are:

- A list of bulleted points that introduces each chapter by providing the reader with an overview of the material that will be covered.
- Checkpoints at the end of each chapter for reviewing the key concepts.
- A Master Checklist at the end of each book for reinforcing what has been covered.

Here are the titles currently shelved in the Law Library's Reserve collection:

- [*Mastering Appellate Advocacy and Process*](#) (KF9050 .L66 2011)
- [*Mastering Bankruptcy*](#) (KF1524 .K86 2008)
- [*Mastering Civil Procedure*](#) (KF8841 .H75 2011)
- [*Mastering Contract Law*](#) (KF801 . R87 2011)
- [*Mastering Corporate Tax*](#) (KF6464 . M664 2009)
- [*Mastering Corporations and Other Business Entities*](#) (KF1355 .H37 2009)
- [*Mastering Elder Law*](#) (KF390.A4 B73 2010)
- [*Mastering Evidence*](#) (KF8935 .E23 2008)
- [*Mastering Intellectual Property*](#) (KF2979 .K86 2009)
- [*Mastering Property Law*](#) (KF561 .W55 2011)
- [*Mastering Secured Transactions : UCC Article 9*](#) (KF1050. N69 2009)
- [*Mastering Tort Law*](#) (KF1250 .M328 2009)

Mediation: A Growing Field

Posted by Library Blog on 10/26/2012 at 01:28 PM

An article in the October 2012 issue of the *ABA Journal*, [*Making Mediators: As the Field Grows, So Does the Need for Negotiation Skills*](#), notes that “cutbacks in Court budgets, the high cost of discovery, crowded dockets and emphasis on result-oriented ‘value billing’ have created the elements of a perfect storm for a mediation wave.” Kimberly Taylor, chief operating officer of

[JAMS Arbitration Mediation and ADR Services](#), has seen a slow but steady increase in demand for mediation services especially in the middle part of the country. JAMS Arbitration Mediation and ADR Services, with 27 offices nationwide, is the largest private provider of alternative dispute resolution services, averaging about 10,000 cases a year.

If you are interested in a career as a mediator, check out these two books in the Law Library's Career Collection:

- *Mediation Career Guide: A Strategic Approach to Building a Successful Practice* ([Career, KF299 .M435 2001](#))
- *Becoming a Mediator: Your Guide to Career Opportunities* ([Career, KF9084 .L68 2004](#))

There are local, regional and national associations for mediators. An association's website is a great resource for networking/job searching, news about developments in the field, publications, training programs, conferences, and events. Here are a few associations for your consideration:

- [Association for Conflict Resolution](#)
- [National Association for Community Mediation](#)
- [American Arbitration Association](#)
- [Association of Attorney Mediators](#)
- [Rhode Island Mediator's Association](#)

For information on books, journals, and online resources for mediation, consult the RWU Law Guide [Law Clinic Series: Mediation](#).