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Legal Beagle's Post

Prepare for Practice

Posted by Library Blog on 01/07/2016 at 09:32 AM

According to a New York Daily News article, a [Harvard study](#) about seniors “found that drinking two cups of hot chocolate a day could help sharpen cognitive skills.” This is good news for all of you chocoholics and particularly good news this week when the librarians will be staffing an information table and serving hot chocolate outside the Law School Bistro on January 13th and January 14th from 11 am – 1 pm.

The librarians will be distributing information about the [Prepare for Practice Certification Program](#). The Prepare for Practice Certification Program is designed to refresh and enhance students' legal research skills in preparation for summer and permanent jobs. If you complete the certification program requirements you can receive a Certificate in Legal Research Skills for Practice which can distinguish your resume from others.

For the first time, we will be offering some of the classes online. To learn more about the classes and how to complete certification, stop by the library's table in the Law School Bistro area (and join us for some hot cocoa!) on January 13th and January 14th from 11 am – 1 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the reference librarians at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.



Legal Beagle's Post

Near or Far, The Library's Where YOU Are

Posted by Library Blog on 01/15/2016 at 11:26 AM

Whether you are snowed in at home this semester (or not!), this email is just a reminder that the [RWU Law Library](#) collection and services are here to complement and advance the scholarship, practice skills education, and intellectual life at RWU Law.

If you are doing research this semester, connect with us via our [website](#), our [blog](#), our [Facebook page](#), our [Twitter account](#), or our [Pinterest page](#). We hope our information connects with our students, faculty, and alumni.

There are the many ways in which the RWU School of Law Library can help you have a successful spring semester. The knowledgeable, friendly, service-oriented [staff](#) are available to assist you in using our various services and resources that include:

- Legal and non-legal research assistance in-person, via [Ask a Librarian](#), by email to LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu, or by calling 401-254-4547;
- [RWU LawGuides](#) covering a wide-variety of topics;
- Guides on [Study Aids](#) for the 1L and upper-class curriculum;
- The [interlibrary loan](#) service to obtain an item from another library;
- [Study rooms](#);
- [Printing and copying](#);
- [Wireless printing](#);
- The [WebCatalog](#) and [Law Journal Finder](#) to locate items in our collection and online;
- Access to [digital resources](#) on and off campus;
- Instruction on legal research and technology by our librarians in the classroom, in the library, and remotely. (Check the [Law Library Computer Lab/Events Schedule](#) for programing dates and times.)
- WestlawNext, Lexis Advance, and Bloomberg training offered by trainers Mark Frongillo, Steve Albro, and Eric Malinowski, respectively. (Check the [Law Library Computer Lab/Events Schedule](#) for programming dates and times)

The library is a great place to research and study. It is also a great place to thaw out! If you have any questions, need any help, or just want to complain about the weather, stop by and say hi.



Legal Beagle's Post

What is CALI?

Posted by Library Blog on 01/22/2016 at 02:20 PM

The center for [Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction](#) (CALI) is a non-profit law school consortium whose [mission](#) includes to assisting a diverse audience in the effective use of technology in legal education. It was incorporated in 1982 by the University of Minnesota Law School and Harvard Law School. In 2015, nearly every US law school is a member, including RWU Law.



When someone talks about CALI he/she may be referring to:

- CALI [Lessons](#) (online interactive tutorials in legal subjects)
- CALI [Excellence for the Future Awards](#) (given to the highest scorer in a law school course)
- The State of [California](#) (see #12)

During your 1L orientation you received a pack of [Time Trial cards](#). The last card in that pack contains your login information for CALI. CALI has so many fantastic resources for [research](#), for the study of [substantive law](#), and for general [legal fun](#).

CALI is also a source for free [eBooks](#), including the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Civil Procedure, Criminal Procedure, and Evidence, and for [Lawdibles](#), 10 minute audio recordings by law professors answering specific law school questions.

If you have questions about the resources available on CALI or if you need CALI login information, stop by the reference desk or email us at LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu

Legal Beagle's Post

Time Management

Posted by Library Blog on 01/29/2016 at 02:14 PM

Trying to figure out how to do a lot of work in a limited period of time is difficult. It is one of the most difficult parts of law school and of law practice. Mastering time management skills can lead to greater success meeting deadlines and minimizing stress.

There are many, many resources on this topic available online. For example, there are many helpful articles on [Entrepreneur.com](#) and on the [Psychology Today website](#). There are even online guides specifically written for [law students](#).



In addition to what you can access easily for free online, there are many resources in the law library's collection on this topic. Examples included in our Law Practice Collection are [How To Do More in Less Time: The Complete Guide To Increasing Your Productivity and Improving Your Bottom Line](#) and [Coaching For Attorneys: Improving Productivity and Achieving Balance](#).

While one of our [favorite articles](#) on this topic is online, one of our favorite resources for learning more about time management is upstairs. The [RWU Academic Success Program](#) is a phenomenal resource for learning time management skills. This program provides a comprehensive variety of presentations and workshops which emphasize study skills and exam-taking methods for all first-year students, and

individual one-to-one academic counseling sessions for students at all stages of their academic careers.
For more information on this program, email Kathy Thompson at kthompson@rwu.edu.