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Legal Beagle's Post

Congrats, graduates!

Posted by Library Blog on 05/09/2016 at 09:35 AM

For the graduating 3Ls, this is undoubtedly one of the most exciting times. You can take off your backpack, put away your highlighters, relax and enjoy the [Commencement festivities](#).

While this is your first time being a law graduate, it is not your first time at a graduation. It is interesting to note that so much about graduation is ritual.

For example, the song [Pomp and Circumstance](#) is well known as "the Graduation song." However, it is interesting to note the song wasn't always associated with graduation and some people think it is associated with "Macho Man" [Randy Savage!](#)

Another graduation tradition is the cap and gown. It appears that this tradition grew out of practicality more than fashion. According to several online sources, including [this one](#), "The academic dress worn by graduates during Commencement dates back to the Middle Ages when flowing gowns kept scholars warm in cold and drafty buildings." Hopefully, graduation will be warm and sunny this year!

Although you will be transitioning to the next phase of your education and career, please remember that the law library is always here to be of service. In the short term, we have information on our website about [post-graduation access](#) to some of our subscription databases.

Graduates have until June 30, 2016 to redeem their LexisNexis Rewards points. You will receive an email reminding them of this. Also, on July 1st your view of the Lexis Law School Home Page will switch from your current view to the graduate view. This new view will provide career and job search info and you will be awarded 10,000 Graduate Rewards points that can be redeemed for LexisNexis eBooks and online subscriptions for Lexis Practice Advisor, Lexis for Microsoft Office, and Law360.

Long term, information about alumni privileges can be found on the library's [RWU Law Alumni Services page](#). Always remember that the librarians are here to provide reference assistance even when you are in practice and not in class.

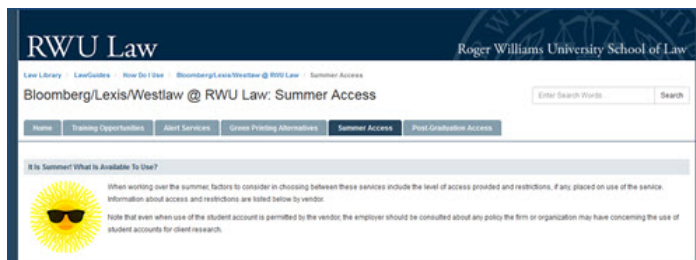
Good Luck! Congrats! We will miss you!



Legal Beagle's Post

Summer Access to Subscription Databases

Posted by Library Blog on 05/12/2016 at 10:32 AM



Bloomberg Law, Lexis, and Westlaw offer summer access to continuing students as explained in our LawGuide [Bloomberg/Lexis/Westlaw @ RWU Law: Summer Access](#).

Information about using Westlaw during the summer can be found at <https://lawschool.westlaw.com/marketing/display/MI/473>.

Information about using Lexis during the summer can be found at

<https://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/lsp/b/weblog1/archive/2016/03/28/summer-access.aspx> (login required).

In addition, most digital resources will be available to continuing students working remotely this summer.

Just use your RWU ID card to log in from wherever you are working.

If you are looking for a legal-themed beach read this summer, also check out our print collection, specifically our collection of [true crime books](#).

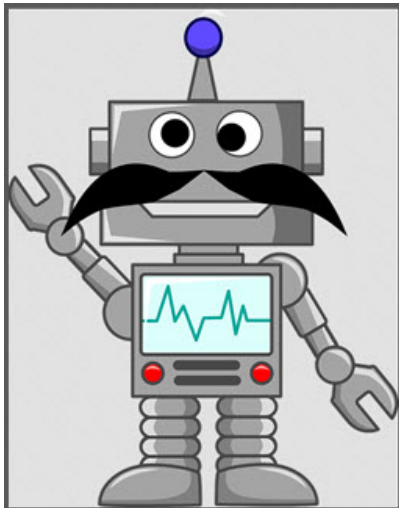
If you have any questions about our databases and services, please contact us at

lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu!

Legal Beagle's Post

Greetings from Bristol, RI!

Posted by Library Blog on 05/20/2016 at 10:41 AM



Q: Why did the robot go on summer vacation?

A: He needed to recharge his batteries.

Whether you are spending your summer interning, clerking, or recharging your batteries, if you are away from the RWU Law Library remember that the librarians are still here to take your calls and help with your research.

- Call us. We can be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (401) 254-4547.
- Use our [Ask a Librarian](#) chat service.
- Email us. We can be reached at LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu.

Not only are the librarians available for research help during the summer, but our LawGuides are accessible online 24/7. You can also look forward to new postings on our blog, the Legal Beagle, during the summer as well as our occasional posts on [Facebook](#).

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Have further questions? Need additional help? Contact the Law Library!

Legal Beagle's Post

Memorial Day

Posted by Library Blog on 05/27/2016 at 11:16 AM



According to [36 U.S.C. §116](#), the last Monday in May is Memorial Day. The United States' most solemn holiday has roots all the way back to the 1800s.

On May 11, 1950, Congress passed a joint resolution which requests that the President issue a Memorial Day proclamation each year. This year's proclamation can be found on the [White House's website](#).

This Memorial Day we ask that you take time to remember the men and women who died serving in our military from all generations and from all wars. Let their sacrifices be honored with peace.