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# October 2016 Library Blogs

## Legal Beagle's Post

October 7, 2016

### Baseball & the Law!

Posted by Library Blog on 10/07/2016 at 10:37 AM

As the Red Sox roll through the playoffs, please take a peek at the newest book display in the library. It is about Baseball & the Law. The books displayed are only part of the collection of resources highlighted on our [website](#) and available in our collection. The books are also featured on the library's [Pinterest page](#).

After perusing the library's collection, please check out a law review article authored by RWU School of Law Dean Michael Yelnosky in which he explains why Chad Oldfather is "out in left field" for criticizing judges who use baseball metaphors in opinions. Both articles are available via HeinOnline:

- Michael Yelnosky, *If You Write It, (S)He Will Come: Judicial Opinions, Metaphors, Baseball, and "The Sex Stuff"*, [28 Conn. L. Rev. 815](#) (1996)
- Chad M. Oldfather, *The Hidden Ball: A Substantive Critique of Baseball Metaphors in Judicial Opinions*, [27 Conn. L. Rev. 17](#) (1994)

Also take a look at this classic humorous law review student note, *Aside. The Common Law Origins of the Infield Fly Rule*, [123 U. Penn. L. Rev. 1474](#) (1975), about the relationship between baseball's infield fly rule and the common law.

Baseball is one of the great American pastimes, with especially strong roots in New England. But do you know how being a lawyer is like being a professional baseball player? A [blog post](#) Lawyers, Baseball Players and Social Media on "Lawyernomics" compares the skill sets of both:

#### Lawyering Skills

- Writing
- Speaking

- Listening
- Managing client relationships
- Knowing the law of your specialty

#### Ball-Playing Skills

- Hitting
- Throwing
- Catching
- Base Running
- Knowing how to play your position

For help with your research related to sports law, stop by the reference desk or email one of the librarians at [lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu](mailto:lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu). Whether you stop by or not, please take a moment to enjoy this Red Sox-related [song!](#)



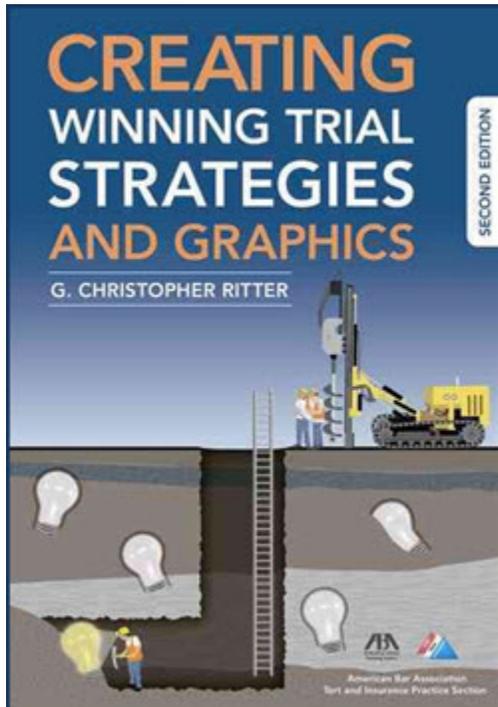
## ***Legal Beagle's Post***

October 14, 2016

### **Juries, Technology and Information**

Posted by Library Blog on 10/14/2016 at 01:22 PM

Are you interested in pursuing a career in litigation? Would you like to know how to make your case more persuasive to judges and juries? These resources may help!



[Creating Winning Trial Strategies and Graphics](#) by G. Christopher Ritter is now available in its second edition. Mr. Ritter is a former trial lawyer and part of the litigation strategy and graphics firm The Focal Point LLC. In *Creating Winning Trial Strategies and Graphics*, he expands on the process that all trial lawyers must follow to make their cases more persuasive and easier to understand. The process clarifies and develops essential tools that jurors and judges need so they can evaluate, retain, and understand complex issues effectively. Future and current trial attorneys will therefore learn how to simplify their cases by filtering out what is distracting and unimportant.

Taking the reader step-by-step through the graphics process, Ritter also provides dozens of examples and illustrations intended to help lawyers strengthen their argument and convey information in an organized, clear, and convincing manner.

More information about *Creating Winning Trial Strategies and Graphics* can be found at its dedicated [website](#), which provides additional animations, graphics, videos, and resources. The book itself can be found in the library's lending collection at [KF8915.Z9 R58 2015](#).

With iPads becoming ever-present in courtrooms and depositions, as lawyers using them for everything from keeping organized to presenting evidence, the trial lawyer of today may benefit from staying up to

date on app releases. Find a good list of helpful legal apps at Robert Ambrogi's blog post [40 Suggested Apps for Trial Lawyers, Part I](#) and [Part II](#), on "Bullseye."

For more information about how juries make their decisions, be sure to also check out:

- [Powerful Deliberations: Putting It All Together for the Jury](#) by G. Christopher Ritter and
- [Jury Decision Making: The State of the Science](#) by Dennis Devine.

For more information about how digital technologies are impacting trial lawyers, check out:

- Neal Feigenson, [Law on Display: The Digital Transformation of Legal Persuasion and Judgment](#).

These titles are available from the library's lending collection.

## ***Legal Beagle's Post***

October 21, 2016

### **Jeopardy!**

Posted by Library Blog on 10/21/2016 at 01:54 PM



Friday, October 28

6:00 p.m.

School of Law

Appellate Courtroom 283

The annual RWU School of Law Jeopardy game is quickly approaching, hosted again by our very own Professor of Law David A. Logan. (Move over Alex Trebek!) Sponsored by the Sports & Entertainment Law Society (SPENT), the annual Jeopardy game pits the 1L, 2L, 3L, Faculty, and Alumni teams against each other to see who will come out victorious!

In the spirit of America's Favorite Quiz Show®, let's test your Jeopardy knowledge against questions famous contestant Ken Jennings failed to respond to correctly:

- Answer: A tree that's a national symbol of Slovenia, or a Texan U.S. president's first name.
- Answer: The dollar sign may have originated as Ps, an abbreviation for this other monetary unit.
- Answer: This 11-letter word for sleight of hand is from the French for "light of hand."

The New York Times published the questions (wait, answers!), along with the correct and incorrect [responses](#), as part of their coverage of Jennings' 74-game winning streak. They also documented Jennings' final [episode](#) and the time he was defeated by IBM's super computer [Watson](#).

You can find more about Jeopardy and other topics by subscribing to the New York Times. Thankfully, the Law Library now offers **complimentary digital access** to faculty and students! Sign up while on campus with the following steps and enjoy!

- Connect your laptop or phone to *Students1* or *Faculty/Staff*
- Go to: <http://nytimes.com/grouppass>
- Create an account or renew your account

**NOTE:** You must renew the account annually, so be sure to add the expiration date to your calendar!

If you have any questions, please stop by the reference desk or email one of the librarians at [lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu](mailto:lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu). While none of our librarians have been on Jeopardy, we are all still pretty awesome. For more information on librarians who *have* been on Jeopardy, see this [post](#) and this [post](#).

### ***Breaking News!***

You have the opportunity to watch one of our Law Librarian colleagues, Ken Hirsh, on Jeopardy. His appearance is scheduled to air on Thursday, October 27th, just in time to aid in preparing for the RWU School of Law Jeopardy match.

# ***Legal Beagle's Post***

October 27, 2016

## **Marine Law Symposium**

Posted by Library Blog on 10/27/2016 at 09:11 AM

Date: Fri, 11/04/2016 - 8:30am

Location: RWU School of Law, Bristol, RI



The RWU School of Law Marine Affairs Institute will be hosting the Marine Law Symposium "[Legal and Policy Approaches to Reduce Marine Debris in New England](#)" on November 4, 2016.

Marine debris poses a serious threat to New England's coastline. Every year, derelict fishing gear, plastic bottles, plastic bags, cigarettes, abandoned vessels, and other debris washes ashore in New England. This debris causes negative social, environmental, and economic impacts, such as decreased aesthetic value, harm to coastal ecosystem health, and damage to vessels and gear. These challenges create complex management problems for coastal managers and attorneys, who work to mitigate the creation of new debris and remove and manage debris that washes ashore.

This Symposium will discuss the adequacy of U.S. law and policy to prevent the creation of new marine debris and to remove debris once it is created. Keynote speakers for the event are Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Dr. Sandra Whitehouse, Senior Policy Advisor at Ocean Conservancy.

Panel and discussion topics at the Symposium include:

- The NOAA Marine Debris Program in the Northeast;
- Current Legal Status of Marine Debris Threats;
- Case Studies: How New England States are Struggling with Marine Debris and Developing Effective Reduction/Management Strategies; and
- Moving Forward: What are Some Effective Strategies for Managing Marine Debris?

For any questions regarding this event, please contact [marineaffairs@rwu.edu](mailto:marineaffairs@rwu.edu) or 401-254-5392.

In addition, the Law Library provides access to information on maritime and admiralty law in a variety of formats. The [Admiralty & Maritime TimeSaver](#) is a guide to selected materials in the Law Library's collection and other resources.