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January 2018 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

January 5, 2018

Welcome Back! Hot Cocoa & Prepare for Practice!



Welcome back!

Ready to start fresh in the Spring semester? Try our Prepare for Practice programs!

On January 10th and January 11th from 11 am to 1 pm in the Law School Bistro, the librarians will be distributing information about the [Prepare for Practice Certification Programs](#).

The Prepare for Practice Certification Programs are [two certification programs](#). The legal research program is a free, online program via [Bridges](#) designed to refresh and enhance students' legal research skills. If you complete the research certification program requirements, you can receive a Certificate in Legal Research Skills for Practice.

The technology program is also free and taught in the Law Library throughout the semester. You can view the [calendar of class dates online](#). If you complete the technology certification program requirements, you can receive a Certificate in Basic Technology Skills for Practice.

Both of these certificates can help distinguish your resume from others.

Not only will the librarians be passing out information, but they will also be serving hot chocolate!

To learn more about the classes and how to complete certification, stop by the library's table in the Law School Bistro area (and warm up with some hot cocoa!)

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

January 12, 2018

Visit from Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Make way for the [Notorious R.B.G.](#)!

On Tuesday, January 30 th U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will be visiting the RWU School of Law for a “fireside chat” with 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Senior Judge Bruce M. Selya.

Justice Ginsburg, the second woman appointed to the Supreme Court, has served on the Court since 1993. She has long been a pioneer for women in law, starting during her days at Harvard Law where she became the [first woman](#) to serve on the Harvard Law Review. As [Dean Michael Yelnosky has said](#), “It is hard to overstate the impact Justice Ginsburg has had on American law and specifically on gender equality. Before she became a judge, she brought cases before the Supreme Court that first established the principle that government discrimination against women violated the Constitution’s equal protection clause. As a Supreme Court justice, she and her colleagues have built on that foundation a jurisprudence ensuring women ‘equal opportunity to aspire, achieve, participate in and contribute to society based on their individual talents and capacities.’”

In preparation for the upcoming visit of Justice Ginsburg, the Law Library has created a [book display](#) devoted to works written by and about this historic figure.

In addition to the display, the Library also has additional resources for finding more information about Justice Ginsburg and for researching the Court and other “Supremes.” One such resource is Bloomberg BNA [United States Law Week](#), where you can access opinions, news about and transcripts of oral arguments, reviews of past terms, previews of upcoming terms, and much more. They even have [podcasts](#) that you can tune in to on your way to school or your internships!

If you have any questions about Supreme Court research, be sure to contact one of your friendly RWU Law Librarians at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu or stop in to see us at the reference desk.

January 19, 2018

Champions for Justice 2018

One of the best annual traditions here at RWU Law is Champions for Justice and the Public Interest Law Auction. These two events which are held together at the Omni Providence Hotel this year [on Friday, January 26, 2018](#) are fun, meaningful, and benefit the many social justice programs within our law school community such as Alternative Spring Break, the Pro Bono Collaborative, the Public Interest Clinical Externships, the Public Interest Summer Stipends, and the Law Clinics. This year the event will be honoring **Judge Edward C. Clifton, Luis Mancheno, Esq. L’13, and Barton Gilman LLP.**



Every year the library tries to think of something fun to donate to the auction portion of this event. This year we are offering a nerdy fun experience with the law librarians at [Riffraff](#), a brand new super hipster bookstore and bar now open in the Olneyville neighborhood of Providence. Sounds fun, right?

Be sure to bid on this and other fun experiences to connect with members of the bench, bar, and your friendly neighborhood law librarians. We will see you at the event!

January 26, 2018

Dive in to Study Aids!

Study aids can be a wonderful resource

Study aids can be a wonderful resource to help you understand the concepts taught in class and apply them to practice questions. Using [study aids](#) throughout the semester, and not just in the weeks before an exam, can be especially helpful.



If you are interested in learning how to study smarter and effectively use study aids, join the Law Library and the Office of Academic Success on Friday, February 9 at 11:30am in room 262. We will be discussing how to make the best use of study aids and will show you how to quickly find resources available for you to use as students. If that isn't incentive enough, there will also be pizza!

In the meantime, you can get a head start on studying from home with the Law Library's E-Study Aids Collections.

The Law Library has two digital study aids collections available for you to use both on and off campus: the *RWU Law Digital Library* and *West Academic Online Study Aids*.

The [RWU Law Digital Library](#) provides access to a variety of titles from LexisNexis, including:

- eBooks: Understanding Series, Questions & Answers, Law Students Guides, Legal Research Guides, Mastering Series, and Skills & Values Series.

[West Academic Online Study Aids](#) provides access to both eBook and audio study aid content including:

- eBooks: Nutshells, Concise Hornbooks, Acing Series, Black Letter Series, Law Stories Series, Short & Happy Guides, Turning Point Series, and many more!
- Audio: Sum & Substance and Law School Legends.

Want to know the coolest part? All study aids from the *RWU Law Digital Library* and *West Academic Online Study Aids* are available for unlimited simultaneous use!

These resources are available by selecting RWU Law Digital Library –[LexisNexis](#) or [West Academic](#) from the Law Library's list of digital resources.

Please [contact a librarian for the code](#) to access the *RWU Law Digital Library*. For off-campus access to the *West Academic Online Study Aids* and to save notes/highlights, register on campus using the "Create an Account" option at the top of the opening page.

If you are looking for study aids for a particular class, subject specific e-study aids (and much more) can also be found in the [Law Library's Study Aids LawGuides!](#) These guides are organized by class subject, including guides for all 1L classes and many of the 2L and 3L classes.

In these guides you will find links to the Law Library's popular print and eBook study aids; audio and visual resources (such as the Sum & Substance Audio series & LexisNexis Courtroom Cast); and online, print, and eBook resources you can use to test yourself on concepts from class.

Don't forget, if you have any questions or need assistance using the Law Library's study resources, please ask your friendly librarians! You can stop by the reference desk or email us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.