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Interested in learning more about health law? Want to keep up with the latest developments on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and other health-related legislation? Through the Law Library, you can access many health law resources including databases, books, and journals!

One of these resources, BNA Health Law Resource Center, is a one-stop shop research platform that brings together the latest health law news and analysis, along with many primary sources.

Two of the top draws of this platform are BNA’s Health Care Daily Report and BNA’s Health Law Reporter. BNA’s Health Care Daily Report features the latest developments on all items health care related, reported on a daily basis. BNA’s Health Law Reporter gathers weekly news, cases, and commentary on legal practice areas that have an impact on hospitals and health care providers.

The BNA Health Law Resource Center also makes it easy for you to research based on topic, with specialized pages for information on health law and business and taxation; fraud, abuse, and compliance; health information and technology; health insurance and benefits; hospital and provider regulation; Medicare and Medicaid; and pharmaceuticals and life science. These pages
include the latest cases, headlines, legal analysis, state and federal laws and regulations, agency documents, practice tools, and key documents.

You can also compare health care law on the state level with the state law chart builders and check out popular blog posts.

The BNA Health Law Resource Center is just one resource from Bloomberg BNA Premier. Through the Law Library you have access to BNA resource centers in:

- antitrust and trade regulation,
- bankruptcy law,
- benefits practice,
- corporate law,
- ediscovery,
- environment and safety,
- intellectual property law,
- labor and employment law,
- and privacy and data security law.

Remember, your friendly RWU Law Librarians are here to assist you with your research! Stop by the reference desk or contact us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu to make an appointment for a research consultation.

March 9, 2018

Gender & Sexuality Law Book Display

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This month the library is highlighting books on gender and sexuality law with a new book display!

The last two decades have seen drastic increases in discussion and research on the topics of gender and sexuality in the law. High profile Supreme Court cases, like Lawrence v. Texas, 539 U.S. 558 (2003) and Obergefell v. Hodges, No. 14-556, slip op. (U.S. June 26, 2015), have addressed some key issues relating to gender and sexuality and likely will hear more in the new future. For court opinions and information about the court, the Supreme Court’s website and HeinOnline’s Supreme Court Library are both excellent resources to keep up to date and read the full opinions.

If you are interested in learning more about gender and the law specifically, HeinOnline also has a Women & the Law section devoted to books, biographies, and periodicals related to the role of women in society and the law. The collection allows you to research the progression of women’s roles and rights is society over the past 200 years.

If you would like to learn more about gender and sexuality law and the Law Library’s collection, see our LawGuide. You can also find the books from the display featured on our Pinterest page.

Research relating to gender and sexuality law usually includes, to some extent, multidisciplinary resources. Because of this, you may need to use materials accessed outside of the Law Library’s standard legal databases. For resources related to gender and sexuality studies generally, the University Library has a research guide devoted to the topic. This guide links to various reference materials and research databases, as well as helpful primary sources. Law students have borrowing privileges and database access privileges at the University Library, so enjoy and research away!

For help with your research related to gender and sexuality law, stop by the reference desk or email one of the librarians at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

March 23, 2018

Law School Mental Health Day
If there is one universal fact we all know, it is this: law school is hard.

This upcoming Wednesday, March 28th, is National Mental Health Day at law schools nationwide. This day of awareness was created to help break the stigma associated with severe depression and anxiety among law students and lawyers.

To celebrate National Mental Health Day, Phi Alpha Delta, the Office of the Dean of Students, and the Student Bar Association will host attorney Daniel Lukasik as he speaks about Stress, Anxiety and Depression in the Legal Profession. Mr. Lukasik has been recognized as one of the “Best Lawyers in America,” partly due to his trial advocacy skills, but also in light of the approach he takes to each and every client thanks to something that he lives with every day: depression. Mr. Lukasik has become very vocal and open about depression and mental illness, specifically in the legal community. He has created a blog, Lawyers with Depression, where he posts his comments surrounding advancements in the treatment of depression and mental illness and has guest blogs from leading psychologists and psychiatrists. The event will be on Thursday, March 29th from 3:30- 4:30pm in Room 283.

To help address the everyday needs of the RWU Law community, the law school has recently created a Wellness Committee, comprised of current students, staff, and administration. The Committee recently launched a Student Wellness page on the law school website highlighting resources available to students. This page contains information on how to access counseling services on campus; how to contact the Dean of Students Office and the Office of Diversity and Outreach; information on fitness and recreational services on campus, including waterfront activities; upcoming wellness-related events; and, more!

One of the resources highlighted on the Student Wellness page is a LawGuide created by the Law Library to help you find ways to manage the always-present stress of law school in serious ways and not-so-serious ways. The guide includes information on wellness and the law generally, the
various reflective spaces at RWU, and ways to bring some fun into your life while in law school (it is possible!).

While law school may be hard, remember that there are resources available to help make the journey easier. We are all in this together!