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October 2018 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

October 5, 2018

Women in Law



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This October we are celebrating women in law. On October 4th, the Women's Law Society of Roger Williams University School of Law held its annual [Women in Robes event](#). This year the event celebrates the first sixty years (1920-1979) of female attorneys in Rhode Island.

In addition, the library is displaying a selection of titles from our collection. The books and some additional resources are featured [on this online guide](#).

HeinOnline provides a great collection, Women and the Law , which brings together books, biographies, and periodicals dedicated to women’s roles in law. This searchable collection contains more than 685,000 pages of contemporary and historical works related to women’s roles in society and the law. One particular gem of this collection is [a photograph from 1969](#) presenting a Women Lawyers Day Proclamation to Ada L. Sawyer the first woman admitted to the bar in Rhode Island.

Speaking of Ada L. Sawyer, for the past year our library staff has been working to compile a list of the earliest Rhode Island attorneys, released for the first time at the Women in Robes event.

The women on this list paved the way for all female attorneys in the state and deserved to be remembered and celebrated. Congratulations to these pioneers!

October 12, 2018

Hands-on Resources: The Law Clinic Series LawGuides



October 12, 2018

A funny thing happened on the way to writing this post. When the Legal Beagle came calling for comments on this story, our Associate Law Librarian Lucinda Harrison-Cox saw an opportunity to look at the Clinic LawGuides series from a different point of view. Over the last few weeks, Lucinda spent quality hands-on time reviewing the content and organization of each guide to improve them significantly. Why is the Legal Beagle telling you this?

Perhaps because one of the sterling aspects of the RWU Law experience is the opportunity to obtain hands-on experience by participating in clinical programs. These guides highlight resources specific to the needs of each clinical program:

- [*Law Clinic Series: Business Start-Up LawGuide*](#)
- [*Law Clinic Series: Criminal Defense LawGuide*](#)
- [*Law Clinic Series: Immigration LawGuide*](#)
- [*Law Clinic Series: Veterans Disability LawGuide*](#)

In addition to the obvious books, journals, and digital resources on related to each clinic's focus, the guides include specialty databases, organization websites, legal and other blogs, Twitter feeds, and other items available to enhance your research or knowledge of the specific area of law. Some examples include:

- [LexisNexis Courtroom Cast](#) in the *Law Clinic Series: Criminal Defense LawGuide* – providing students with the opportunity to watch and listen to real courtroom video as they prepare for trial and learn from the expert commentary and analysis on how to present a case.
- [ailalink](#) in the *Law Clinic Series: Immigration LawGuide* - providing searchable access to the forms, statutes, regulations, cases, the leading publication in the field – Kurzban's Immigration Law Sourcebook, and more.
- The [Court/Agency Resources](#) section in the *Law Clinic Series: Veterans Disability Appeals LawGuide* - providing links to information on court forms, fees, rules and procedures, and more.

Even non-clinic students will find some interesting materials included. You may want to know more about the work of [Operation Stand Down Rhode Island](#) with homeless and at-risk veterans, have a use for a [Pocket DACA](#) app, or wish to follow the [Innocence Project Twitter](#) feed.

Check out these guides and if you have any questions, don't forget to [Ask a Librarian!](#)

October 19, 2018

Diversity in the Judiciary



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Diversity is foundational to our work at Roger Williams University School of Law and to the work of the US justice system. One of the ways in which diversity impacts justice is in the diversity of the judiciary. On the topic of diversity in the judiciary, Justice Sonia Sotomayor once stated, “A different perspective can permit you to more fully understand the arguments that are before you and help you articulate your position in a way that everyone will understand.” In that spirit, we present to students a small collection of books on display this month to highlight resources about diversity in the judiciary. We have this display on the low shelves to the right as you walk into the library and [online](#).

For more information on diversity in the judiciary or in the legal profession, check out the [ABA’s Diversity and Inclusion Portal](#). Also, see this ABA Toolkit on [Implicit Bias & Judges: How Innate Attitudes Shape Behavior, Even On the Bench](#).

On the topic of diversity and closer to home, Andy Workman, the RWU Interim President stated in a recent email: “It will take our continued collective engagement to prepare ourselves and our students for a reality and future that is global, diverse, multicultural and interdependent.” May this collection help prepare you for a future that is diverse and multicultural.

October 26, 2018

Halloween Obsessions and LP Review Sessions!



October 26, 2018

Imagine enjoying a nice, leisurely stroll through a haunted corn maze when all of the sudden Jason pops up with a chainsaw, causing you to take a tumble and hurt your ankle. If one of your first thoughts is whether a breach of duty occurred, then you are definitely thinking like a lawyer!

Stop by the Law Library on Halloween to trick or treat yo' self to some candy and read about some real-life spooky cases (including ones with chainsaw wielding horror characters).

You can also take a short study break and browse some of the Law Library's more eerie and magical titles, such as:

- [*The Little Book of Holiday Law*](#)– read about Halloween pranks that went awry.
- [*The Judge Who Hated Red Nail Polish & Other Crazy but True Stories of Law & Lawyers*](#) – this book gives a much needed answer to the age old question: would the law protect you from buying a haunted house?
- [*The Law and Harry Potter*](#)– if you still pine for your letter from Hogwarts, take a look at this book where legal academics from around the world look at the depiction of law and legal institutions in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter novels.

If you need a little break from the law, you can also take a short walk to the undergraduate library and check out a classic thriller, maybe one by macabre master [Stephen King](#). Law students have borrowing privileges at the undergraduate library, so enjoy!

LP1 students: before you go off to enjoy the Halloween fun, don't forget that your mandatory Research Review session is on Monday, October 29th at 12:15 p.m. in room 283. Hopefully reviewing legal research doesn't scare you too much...