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November 2021 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

November 5, 2021

Ethical Duty of Technology Competence: Virtual Display

November 5, 2021



In 2012, the American Bar Association amended [comment 8 to Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1](#) by adding technology competence as a requirement of the duty of competence:

To maintain the requisite knowledge and skill, a lawyer should keep abreast of changes in the law and its practice, *including the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology*, engage in continuing study and education and comply with all continuing legal education requirements to which the lawyer is subject. (emphasis added)

Since then, 39 states have adopted this ethical duty of technology competence through changes to the court rules, court orders, and ethics opinions. How this has shaped up in practice varies greatly across states. Some states, like Florida, [mandate regular CLE training dedicated to technology](#). Others have teamed up with outside vendors such as [LTC4](#), [Procertas](#), and the [National Society for Legal Technology](#) to provide this technology training. Some scholars

argue that [law schools should providing technology training to law students](#) to build "a solid foundation" of basic technology skills for their careers.

Although there are few books that dedicate major coverage to this duty, there are many books aimed at helping attorneys meet this duty by exploring legal practice technology and in some cases by providing how-to guides on the use of specific technologies. Our virtual book display, [Ethical Duty of Technology Competence: A Display Guide](#), showcases some of these books, a website tracking the adoption of this ethical duty, and websites that may be helpful to learn more about technology

As always, if you have any reference or research questions, please contact us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

November 12, 2021

Study! Outline! Exams!

November 12, 2021



Need a little perspective on a complex issue in torts or contracts or evidence? Hit a thorny topic while working on your outlines and need some help fleshing it out? Need a little help practicing for exams? The library provides a variety of study resources that can help.

The library's collection provides RWU law students 24/7/365 access to the eBook collections of three major providers of study resources: [Lexis Digital](#), [West Academic](#), and [Wolters Kluwer](#). Many of the titles are also available in print on Reserve in the library.

Perspective & Explanation

As you review your class materials and what has been covered in class, the resources listed below are excellent sources for those extra bits a guidance and information that can make the difference in placing the content in context and filling any gaps in your notes. There are different series from each publisher. Each has a different style. By using the collection from the library, you can find the resource that meshes best with the mix of how each class was taught and your own learning style.

Useful series to add perspective and provide additional explanation on topics are:

[Lexis Digital Library](#): Understanding series, Mastering series

[West Academic Study Aids](#): Concepts and Insights series, Concise Hornbooks, Hornbooks, Law Stories, Short & Happy Guides, and Sum & Substance Audio

[Wolters Kluwer Online Study Aids](#): Glannon Guides, Inside series, Jumpstart series

Exam Practice

As exams approach, you may also be looking for resources which have aspects that provide assistance with preparing for exams. These are some of the series that you may find useful:

[RWU Digital Library](#): Questions & Answers series

[West Academic Study Aids](#): Acing series, Exam Pro series

[Wolters Kluwer Online Study Aids](#): Examples & Explanations, Friedman's Practice Series

Of course, don't forget that you can always reach out to the Academic Success team for assistance also if you need help.

Study Aids Guides

To find out which titles are available for specific law school classes, visit the Library's [Study Aids](#) page. If you need more help figuring out which study aid might best fit your needs, reach out to your law librarians at [Ask a Librarian!](#)

November 19, 2021

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

November 19, 2021



With the Thanksgiving Holiday just around the corner, we want to highlight an event many of us enjoy, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

While the Macy's Parade isn't the [oldest Thanksgiving parade](#), it is the [world's largest parade](#).

The Macy's Parade [dates back to 1924](#) when a group of Macy's department store workers marched down 34th street in Manhattan to the Macy's flagship store at Herald Square. That first parade featured the employees dressed in outfits, homemade floats and even [Santa Claus arriving at the store](#) as the finale.

By the 1930s, the parade was drawing over one million people and being broadcast on the radio locally. During this time [Mickey Mouse would make its first appearance as a balloon](#) in the parade. By the early 1950s the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade was being broadcast around the country.

While the Macy's Parade features wonderful floats and performances, the balloons featured in the parade are the lasting images and memories of a Macy's parade. Each year's new balloons are a snapshot into popular culture that year. This year's parade will feature a [new balloon of Grogu, aka Baby Yoda](#), from the Mandalorian TV show.

This Thanksgiving look to the Macy's Parade for stunning musical performances, joyful marching bands, decorative floats and, of course, the giant balloons. But be warned there might be a [mishap or two](#). Sorry Kermit!

November 23, 2021

Student Wellness

November 23, 2021



Soon it will be finals time again. The end of the semester can be extremely stressful. You often hear the terms “self-care” and “student wellness” during this time. It is important to take care of yourself, especially during times of high stress. Below you will find various tips and resources to help you stay well during times like this.

- Create a plan. Once you have an idea of what your finals schedule will look like create a study plan. [Time management](#) and planner suggestions can be found on the RWU [Law Academic Success Resources page](#).
- Schedule in breaks. Taking breaks help relieve stress and help us retain information. [One study shows](#) that breaks can help increase productivity. These breaks can include exercise, self-reflection, spending time with or video chatting with family or a friend, or just watching an episode of your favorite show. Check out the [Campus Recreation Center page](#) to find out about exercise classes, fitness center and aquatics center hours. Also, see the Law Library Libguide on [Stress Management, Mindfulness and Wellness](#) to learn about putting some fun into your life and finding reflective spaces on campus.

- Listen to your body. Being focused on your studies may lead to not fulfilling your basic needs. Use the HALT method to address your needs. HALT stands for Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired. These four states can affect your mood and behavior, ultimately damaging your work.
 - Are you Hungry - Make sure to eat while you are studying hard. Try to choose healthy foods that will improve your mood and give you energy. *Food for Thought: 10 Tips for Better Nutrition in Law School* offers 10 suggestions to help you maintain a healthy diet during law school.
 - Stay hydrated. Symptoms of dehydration include headache, muscle cramps, sleepiness, lack of energy, and irritability. To help you stay focused make sure to drink enough fluids and try to minimize caffeine intake. You can read more dehydration and concentration from the NPR article *Off Your Mental Game? You Could Be Mildly Dehydrated*.
 - Are you Angry or Lonely? Try to identify why you are feeling this emotion so you can address it. Asking for help is difficult, but remember your family, friends, and the RWU Law community all want you to succeed. You may need to take a break or you may need to talk things through with a friend, family member, or someone else. The Counseling Center on campus is available on week days from 8:30am to 5:00pm and has services available when the center is closed. [Visit their web page](#) to find out more information.
 - Are you Tired? You may be physically, mentally, and/or emotionally tired. Take a break; close your eyes and take a deep breath; go for a quick walk; grab a bite to eat; head to bed early and wake up ready to go. “‘Cramming’ information and sleep deprivation reduce your academic performance.” [This article](#) in Vital Record from Texas A&M Health explains why an all-nighter will not help your academic performance.

Self-care looks different for everyone. It is important to figure out the best way for YOU to manage stress and maintain your wellness especially when you may feel overwhelmed.

Remember the Law Librarians are here to answer your questions or to help point you in the right direction just [Ask a Librarian](#).

Good luck on your finals!