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No matter what you're doing this summer the Law Library has your back!

Got a summer job?

Great! Need access to the legal research databases you've come to know and love like Bloomberg Law, Lexis, and Westlaw? Fortunately, they all offer summer access to current students! To get the details about permissible uses of these databases, visit our [summer access page](#).

In addition, other databases will be available to current students this summer. Find all RWU Law licensed databases in our [Digital Resources guide](#) and log in using [Single Sign On](#).

Graduating?

Will you soon be saying goodbye to law school? Now you can take your good friends, Bloomberg Law, Lexis Advance, and Westlaw Edge with you wherever you happen to go. We have obtained extended access for these legal research tools for our recent grads. Visit our website for more information about [post-graduate access](#) to these databases.

The Law Library also permits alumni to check out library materials and provides free access to HeinOnline's Law Journal Library. Our [RWU Law Alumni Services](#) page provides more details about both services.

Questions about Legal Research?

Do you remember the 10 minute rule? The 10 minute rule still applies while you're taking summer classes or working on summer jobs and externships or even after you graduate. The 10 Minute Rule is, if you cannot figure out how to do some legal research that you need to do within 10 minutes, contact a law librarian and ask for some help. Writing to lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu will send a message to everyone on the Law Library reference staff. Remember, you are not bothering us when you ask for help, we get paid to provide you with research training and assistance. It is very quiet in the library in the summer, so we hope you will reach out. We are also available by telephone, online chat, and a new exciting post-covid option—in person.

Visit our [Ask a Librarian page](#) for all the various ways to connect with the Law Library.

Have a wonderful summer!

May 13, 2022

Congratulations to the Class of 2022!

May 13, 2022



Congratulations to the Class of 2022 on completing your work here at RWU Law. Your class spent most of its time studying and learning during a global pandemic and still you have reached this milestone. We look forward to [celebrating with you!](#)

It is important for you to take some time to enjoy your accomplishment and think about what you have just finished. Your 1L year, widely considered the [hardest year of law school](#), was abruptly interrupted by the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Remember when you went away for Spring Break and the world changed? (We do...and we hope you enjoyed your extra week of Spring Break!) During that time, the Legal Beagle reminded you that the [library can come to you](#).

Then came your 2L year and you adjusted to classes back in-person, hybrid, or still remote. Or your professor was in the classroom and you were online or you were in the classroom and the Professor was remote? The point the Legal Beagle wishes to make is that the “new normal” you stepped into was one that required flexibility, patience, and most of all, perseverance.

Your 3L year has been a little bit more “normal” but still filled with all the challenges of the last couple of years. Your return to life with many in-person activities has also come with preparation for the Bar Exam and your upcoming career as a lawyer.

Looking back on all you have accomplished, it is not just resilience for the sake of resiliency, or flexibility for the sake of flexibility. The experiences you have had the last three years have prepared you to step into your new career with patience, flexibility, and determination. The Class of 2022 is ready to step into the world and fight for their clients, to maintain healthy work/life balance, to thrive both in-person and virtually, and most importantly, to leave a positive influence on this world.

Congratulations again and never forget—we are your library for life.

May 27, 2022

Summer Holidays: Memorial Day

May 27, 2022



For many, Memorial Day is the unofficial start of summer. Americans often take advantage of the three-day weekend to take short vacations, visit with family and friends, or have barbecues. Officially, it is an American holiday observed on the [last Monday of May](#) to honor the members of the U.S. military who died while serving.

[Memorial Day's origins](#) began three years after the Civil War. Local tributes had previously taken place in various towns and cities across the US with local citizens decorating the graves of the Civil War dead with flowers and reciting prayers in springtime. In 1868, the first large observance was held at Arlington National Cemetery on May 30. The day, known as [Decoration Day](#), was organized by the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization of Union veterans, led by Maj. Gen. John A. Logan. It is believed May 30 was chosen because it was not the anniversary of any particular battle and flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

Northern States continued to observe Decoration Day in the following years, by 1890 many had made Decoration Day a state holiday. Southern States continued to honor the Civil War fallen on separate days. After World War I, the day came to observe all those who had died in U.S. wars. The name changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day. After WWI, the United States adopted the [red poppy flower as a symbol of remembrance](#) to commemorate the sacrifice of those who have given their lives for their country. Other nations wear the red poppy on November 11 known internationally as Remembrance Day or Armistice Day and in the U.S. as Veteran's Day.

In 1968, Congress passed the [Uniform Monday Holiday Act](#) establishing Memorial Day as a federal holiday and making the day of observance the last Monday in May. The change went into effect in 1971.

Across the country celebrations and memorials are held to remember the fallen. Veteran's organizations sell poppies at various locations on [National Poppy Day](#), the Friday before Memorial Day, to help raise funds to support veterans in numerous ways. Arlington National Cemetery has a ceremony placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and decorate each grave with a small American flag. Placing flags on each grave is known as "[Flags In.](#)" Locally, cities and towns have parades, concerts, and memorial services to commemorate the day. Operation Stand Down RI will present [Boots on the Ground for Heroes Memorial](#) at Fort Adams in Newport May 27 – May 30, 2022. The memorial will honor the lives of U.S. service members killed in action post 9-11 in the Global War on Terror.

Whatever you do this Memorial Day weekend, be safe, have fun, and take a moment to remember all those members of the U.S. military who died while serving.