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# *Legal Beagle's Blog Post*

## Welcome (Back)!



August 5, 2022

The RWU Law Library staff would like to welcome all our Law School Students! We are excited to get to know the 1Ls students as you begin your law school journey. We are eager to welcome back the 2L and 3L students.

The library staff is here to help you have a successful academic year. We are ready, willing, and able to help students navigate our collection (print and digital), library services, technology, and more. The library offers an impressive array of services and resources to support your learning and research:

- Legal and non-legal research assistance in-person, via [Ask a Librarian](#), by email ([LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu](mailto:LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu)), or by calling 401-254-4547;
- [RWU LawGuides](#) covering a wide-variety of topics;
- [Guides on Study Aids](#) for the 1L and upper-class curriculum;
- [Study rooms](#);
- [Printing and copying](#);
- [Wireless printing](#);
- The [WebCatalog](#) to locate items in our collection and online;
- Access to [digital resources](#) on and [off campus](#);
- The [interlibrary loan service](#) to obtain an item not held at the law or [RWU libraries](#);
- Instruction on legal research and technology by our librarians;

To help you keep up to date on things going on in the Law Library we communicate the information in many ways. For students, faculty, and alumni to stay connected to the Law Library we have a [website](#), [blog](#), [Facebook page](#), [Twitter account](#), and [Instagram account](#).

The library is a great place to research and study. It is also a great place to chill out and de-stress. If you have any questions or just need a helping hand, stop by and say hi!

- The [Small Business Reference Center](#) in the Law Clinic Series: Business Start-Up guide - a digital resource providing access to full-text periodicals and books.
- [LexisNexis Courtroom Cast](#) in the Law Clinic Series: Criminal Defense guide – 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 guide- 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 guide - providing links to information on court forms, fees, rules and procedures, and more.

Even non-clinic students will find materials in these guides to be valuable beyond the confines of the clinics.

- Are you interested in preparing for your Trial Advocacy Class? Check out [LexisNexis Courtroom Cast](#).
- Do you want to know more about the work of [Operation Stand Down](#) Rhode Island with homeless and at-risk veterans?
- Are you interested in Project Innocence? Consider following the [Innocence Project Twitter](#) feed.
- Do you want to write a paper on the plight of hurricane refugees from Bermuda seeking to come to the United States? [ailalink](#) is a source worth exploring.

We are ready to assist you in developing the research skills needed for success as you are ready to experience this new phase of your education. Check out these guides and if you have any questions, don't forget to [Ask a Librarian!](#)

# Meet the Reference/Research Staff

August 19, 2022



Reference & Research Services staff (l to r): Jessica Silvia, Misty Peltz-Steele, Lindsay Koso, Erin Orsini  
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This summer brought many changes to the library staff--one retired, another moved closer to family, and two others moved on to new challenges that use their skills and experience working at the library. This month brought two new librarians to our library, joining two others that have become an integral part of our reference and research services.

Lindsay Koso L'22, joined us on August 8 as a reference librarian. During her studies at RWU Law, she was an avid researcher, self-proclaimed Bluebook nerd, and worked as a student library assistant. She was an articles editor for the RWU Law Review, secretary of the RWU chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and a mentor and member of the Honors Program. Prior to RWU Law, Lindsay had a career in cultural heritage preservation, management and advocacy.

Misty Peltz-Steele, joined the law library on August 15 as the Associate Law Librarian. Prior to joining RWU Law, she was the Associate Director at UMass Dartmouth's School of Law. She has prior experience as a law firm librarian, legal services staff attorney, investigator/law clerk for a public defender, and as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Misty is also no stranger to RWU Law, having interned at the law library while attending library school at URI.

In addition to our new librarians, our reference/research staff has two other continuing staff members. Erin Orsini, our Access Services Coordinator, and Jessica Silvia, our Faculty and Digital Services Assistant, answer questions from students and faculty on many topics, including

how to find materials in the library and beyond, help with digital resources access, how to use library technology, and much more.

As the law library director, I also provide reference and research services, but I couldn't do it without this team of wonderful professionals ready, willing, and able to answer your questions. If you cannot come to the library to ask us your questions, please remember to email us at [lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu](mailto:lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu).

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