



Law Library News

New and Improved Training Offered at Library

We are pleased to once again offer free Internet and LEXIS instruction taught by our reference staff. Because of new wireless technology in the library's computer lab, classes with a "hands-on" component are now being offered. In addition, The Appellate Division Fourth Department is an Accredited Provider approved by the New York CLE Board. Accordingly attorneys can receive New York MCLE credit for the following Fall 2004 programs:

Lexis Basics October 5 or 6 (1.5 CLE credits)

New York Legal Resources on the Internet October 20 or 21 (2.0 CLE credits)

Federal Legal Resources on the Internet November 16 or 17 (1.5 CLE credits)

New York Legislative History December 8 (1.0 CLE credits)

For more information or to get a copy of the registration form go to the library's Web site at www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4/lib/training.html or contact Judy Weiner via e-mail at jweiner@courts.state.ny.us or by phone at 530-3267.

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Evening Hours Resume in September

Consider visiting the library in the evening until 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Evening library staff includes a reference librarian.



Parking is free at the meters on East Avenue after 6:00 p.m.

Evening hours are available from September through June.

(No evening hours December 23–December 30)

Director's Column

"I want to again thank Justice Pine for her many years of service as Library Trustee."

On May 20th of this year the library hosted a ceremony to honor and thank Associate Justice Elizabeth W. Pine for her ten years of service as Library Trustee. Justice Pine took over the position following the sudden death of Associate Justice James H. Boomer in November 1993.



The position of Library Trustee has traditionally been filled by the senior resident Associate Justice of this court. While the duties and responsibilities of the position are somewhat vague and certainly not the most onerous in the busy life of an Appellate Division Justice, they are important and more than merely ceremonial. The Library Trustee assists the Presiding Justice in the oversight of the library and has served as an influential advocate for the library's requests for additional funding, new employee positions, and other matters impacting our operations. The Trustee also assists the Library Director in formulating service policies and rules and acts as a sound board for making personnel decisions, and for determining financial and budgetary priorities.

In my fourteen years as Library Director I have been privileged to work for two Associate Justices who were each perfectly suited for the role of Library Trustee. Both Justices Boomer and Pine have been real bibliophiles and library lovers who freely gave time and energy helping me make this library a showcase legal research facility of the New York Unified Court System. During the past twenty years the library nearly doubled its collection, budget, and staff, merged into a state of the art new facility, inaugurated a computerized catalog, and greatly expanded its public services. This era of unparalleled growth would not have been accomplished without the strong support and sage advice of these two outstanding Trustees.

The May 20th ceremony was a well attended, warmhearted, and festive occasion. Presiding Justice Eugene Pigott, Chief Clerk JoAnn Wahl and I each expressed our appreciation to Justice Pine, as well as presented her with flowers and a plaque of thanks. Justice Pine was given her chance for rebuttal - and in typical fashion downplayed her own role in the library's successes and put the spotlight on the library staff. We thank her for her kind words, but want to publicize that there is no more important member of our team than Justice Pine.

After some fun and celebration, life returned to normal within our institution. Although the ceremony is over, the good feelings linger. On behalf of my staff and the many attorneys and pro se users of this library, I want to again thank Justice Pine for her many years of service as Library Trustee.

Dave Voisinet

Finding U.S. Supreme Court Briefs on the Internet

by *Betsy Vipperman*

There are several sites on the Internet with Supreme Court information, including briefs, available for free.



The Yale Lillian Goldman Law Library selects briefs for its Curiae Project based on how often a case is cited in chosen historical and constitutional texts. Accordingly, the emphasis is on significant and historical cases. Quick searching can be done by party name and/or citation. Advanced search options include *U.S. Reports* citation, author, title of the document, date submitted to the court, or text keyword.

curiae.law.yale.edu

For more recent cases, FindLaw's Supreme Court Center has briefs beginning with the 1999 Term listed within each term alphabetically by case name. In addition to the briefs, FindLaw provides hypertext links to lower court decisions, Supreme Court docketing information, oral argument transcripts, and other resources that might be of interest.

supreme.lp.findlaw.com/supreme_court/resources.html

The Solicitor General's Office offers the government's viewpoint at a website including all briefs (except responses to "in forma pauperis" petitions) it has filed with the Supreme Court since July 1, 1998. These briefs are grouped by Supreme Court Term during which they are filed (as opposed to the Term they are argued or decided), and can be searched by keyword, type of brief, or subject. Selected briefs from 1982-1996 are also available, searchable only by keyword.

www.usdoj.gov/osg/briefs/search.html

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Selected New Books

Letters for litigators: essential communications for opposing counsel, witnesses, clients, and others / Daniel I. Small and Robin P. West — Chicago, Ill.: ABA, c2004.
KF 250 S63 2004

Negotiating and drafting contract boilerplate / Tina L. Stark, ed. — New York, N.Y.: ALM Pub., 2003.
KF 808 N46 2003

Punitive damages: a state by state guide to law and practice / Richard L. Blatt et al — St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson/West, c2004.
KF 1250 B53 2004

The family limited partnership deskbook / David T. Lewis and Andrea Chomakos — Chicago, Ill.: ABA, c2004.
KF 1380 L49 2004

The ABC's of the UCC, 2nd ed. / Fred H. Miller and John D. Lackey — Chicago, Ill.: ABA, c2004.
KF 1609 M55 2004

Advertising and commercial speech : a First Amendment guide, 2nd ed. / Steven G. Brody and Bruce E.H. Johnson — New York, N.Y.: PLI, c2004- .
KF 1614 D48 2004-

Expungements : freedom from the disability of a legal record, 3rd ed. / J.D. Eastman — Sparta, N.J.: U.S. Law Books.COM, c2005.
KF 9751 E27 2005

Military criminal justice: practice and procedure, 6th ed. / David A. Schlueter — Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis, c2004.
KF 7620 S35 2004

