HeinOnline Database Available at Library

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The Appellate Division Library now offers access to the HeinOnline database from legal publisher William S. Hein & Company in Buffalo. Simply click on the HeinOnline icon at any of our public access Internet terminals to connect and select “Enter HeinOnline” to log in to the system. Once logged in, select the collection you wish to search.

There are currently four collections from which to choose:

- Law Journal Library (with subsets of Most-Cited, Core U.S., or International Law Journals)
- Federal Register Library
- U.S. Supreme Court Library
- Treaties and Agreements Library.

All the material is in an image-based format, each page appearing exactly as in the original publication.

The Law Journal Library provides access to over 370 law-related journals, each from volume one to the most current issue available. Users can retrieve an article by citation.

New York Court Records to be Posted on the Internet

The New York State Unified Court System is planning to post court records on the Internet. The program to post case file information along with court decisions and dockets follows recommendations released in a report by the Commission on Public Access to Court Records to examine open access and privacy issues concerning court records. Court records, whether paper or electronic, will not contain compete social security numbers, financial account numbers, names of minor children and birth dates. The responsibility for ensuring compliance will fall on the filing attorney or self-represented litigant.

To see the press release dated February 25, 2004 see the NYS Unified Court System Web Site. For more complete information see www.nycourts.gov/whatsnew, scroll down to February 25, and click on the links for PRESS RELEASE and REPORT.
There is good professional news from the ranks of our law library staff. Jean-Paul Vivian (currently a circulation clerk) recently earned his Master of Library Science (M.L.S.) degree from the University at Buffalo’s Department of Library & Information Studies.

While this is great news for Jean-Paul we are equally pleased to have another degreed librarian on our staff. His new credentials will enable him to add some new responsibilities to his job, including some reference desk duties. Currently there is no possibility for a job promotion for him at this library.

Jean-Paul may be able to find greener pastures for himself elsewhere as there is a growing shortage of degreed librarians in this country. This situation results from the graying of the library profession, which is a phenomenon related to the demographics of the baby boom generation. The American Library Association statistics show the average age of librarians in this country to be 49 years with approximately 40% being age 50 or older. The national trends are nearly mirrored here at the Appellate Law Library where the librarians average 47 years of age.

Librarians in this country are aware of the looming problem and are taking steps to address the situation. One way has been to encourage clerical staff to pursue a master’s degree. Robert Cunningham, also from our library staff, is more than halfway through his M.L.S. program at the University at Buffalo.

To make sure current library students are aware of law librarianship as a potential career option, outreach programs have been instituted by the Association of Law Librarians of Upstate New York. Steve Weiter (their president and a law librarian here) recently spoke to UB students about the career opportunities within law librarianship. I also was a guest lecturer in a UB class and made attendees aware of the opportunities for a career within court law libraries. We are hopeful that such efforts will help result in many talented candidates for the next generation of law librarians.

For the present please join me in congratulating Jean-Paul on his academic accomplishments. He will undoubtedly continue to make valuable contributions to our organization. He is representative of the talented staff that we have worked hard to gather in order to serve you better at this library.

Dave Voisinet

Records and Briefs on Microfiche Recently Received at Library:

1st Department cases decided through 12/2001
2nd Department and 3rd Department cases decided through 12/2002
(Note: 1st—3rd Department cases decided after these dates are NOT available through our library at this time.)
4th Department cases decided through 12/2002
In addition, we have most of the recently decided 4th Department cases in paper format. Contact the reference desk at 530-3251 for more information.
Revised New York State Building Code

The new NYS Fire Prevention and Building Code became effective in January 2003. The Code no longer appears in NYCRR Volume 9B and that volume has been officially removed from the NYCRR set. The new text is published as eight separate documents by the International Conference of Building Officials, and is incorporated by reference into Title 19 of the NYCRR. Information about the new Code and its publication is available at the Web site of the New York Department of State, Division of Code Enforcement and Administration (www.dos.state.ny.us/code/ls-codes.html).

The Appellate Division Library owns two sets of the new Code. The reference set is housed in the New York Room and a circulating set sits with the New York treatises. We have retained the superceded Volume 9B NYCRR in a separate location. The old Code is often requested for matters regarding buildings constructed or modified under those regulations. Please note that the Codes of New York are copyrighted and not available for free online.

The print set of codes have not been updated since their publication in 2002. However, “code clarifications” have been published twice (January 2003 and October 2003) and are available online at www.dos.state.ny.us/code/codeclarif.htm.

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or search the full text by author, title or keyword across the entire journal collection or a single selected journal.

The Federal Register Library in HeinOnline includes all volumes of the Federal Register from its inception in 1936 through 1980. Historical regulatory research can now be done without having to use microfiche! The library is arranged by year/volume and issue number/date. Documents can be retrieved by citation or keyword searching. Hein plans to increase coverage of the Federal Register through 1992 by the end of this year.

The U.S. Supreme Court Library contains the text of the official U.S. Reports from Volume 1 (1790) through current slip opinions. In addition to finding cases by citation or keyword, users can search by case name. Once in an opinion, the table of contents for that particular volume of U.S. can be viewed as well as a listing of all citations found on each page.

HeinOnline’s U.S. Treaties and Other International Agreements Library, with coverage from 1776, is now the internet’s most comprehensive U.S. Treaty collection available. Treaties can be searched by keyword or using fields including treaty number, country, description, short title, and date. Results can be limited to treaties in force, those no longer in force, or all treaties.

Searchable databases of law review articles, older Federal Register volumes, U.S. Reports, and treaties are all available to you for free via HeinOnline. Come to the library and give it a try!
Selected New Books

KF 730 H67 2003

Construction damages and remedies / Leslie O’Neal-Coble et al — Chicago, Ill.: ABA, c2004.
KF 902 C655 2004

KF 3457.5 F56 2003

KF 4850 C58 2003

KF 8900 .A75 E4 2003-

KF 8900 L565 2003

Effective appellate advocacy, rev. ed. / Frederick Bernays Wiener — Chicago, Ill.: Section of Litigation, ABA, c2004.
KF 9050 W 45 2004

Staying out of trouble: what every attorney must know about ethics / New York: Practicing Law Institute, c2003- .
KFN 5076.5 .A2 S73 2003

KFN 5960 B66 2003