

# RESOURCES *and* ACTIVITIES

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## THE D'ANGELO LAW LIBRARY

Occupying five floors in the central building of the Laird Bell Quadrangle, the D'Angelo Law Library combines one of the finest print collections in the country with the latest technology in electronic text and information access. The print library, numbering nearly 600,000 volumes, includes a comprehensive common law collection and extensive civil law collection. The electronic collection includes access to campus networked information sources, Internet information sources through the Law School Web Page, the Library's Online catalog, and Lexis and Westlaw. Lexis and Westlaw are full databases whose contents duplicate over 100,000 volumes of United States, foreign, and international law in the Library, as well as provide access to a wide range of business, economics, social science literature, along with national and world news. Faculty and students have unlimited access to all sources from library and home terminals, along with unlimited downloading and printing capabilities, Numerous fulltext and bibliographic databases on CD-ROM are available in the reference area of the John P. Wilson Reading Room. The goal of the Library is to provide students and faculty with the best possible access to all forms of legal information. The Library's unique design—bookstacks surrounded by student carrels and faculty offices—is a physical expression of the Law School's community of scholarship and teaching.

The D'Angelo Law Library World Wide Web server—accessible at URL <http://www.law.uchicago.edu/Library/index.html>—provides law students and professors with access to a variety of legal and economic information sources on the Internet with a simple and consistent interface. Statutes, cases, foreign laws, treatises, international law, articles, working papers, catalogs, bibliographies, statistics, directories, news stories, and electronic discussions are all available through this service. Using the Web Page, the research centers at the Law School publish their research electronically to the world. The Law School Web Page is linked to UCInfo, the University's campus-wide information system.

The D'Angelo Law Library is part of the University of Chicago Library System, incorporating the main Joseph Regenstein Library and several departmental libraries, including the John Crerar Science Library and the School of Social Service Administration Library. The staff of the D'Angelo Law Library is available to help students locate appropriate materials in the Law Library and elsewhere in the University library system.

## COMPUTER SERVICES

Computer services at the Law School are maintained and continually upgraded by the School's Computer Services Department and the D'Angelo Law Library. These services are designed to facilitate student work in all areas of legal coursework and research.

The D'Angelo Law Library provides personal computers and access to computer network services from multiple locations. The two student computer labs, one devoted to Macintosh users and one to Windows users, are located on the second and third floors of the D'Angelo Law Library. Each caters to students needing to do word processing, or wanting to use word processing and Lexis and Westlaw concurrently. All of the computers are loaded with a variety of additional software. Both are used for training students to use the campus networked and Internet information sources, e-mail programs, the Library's Online catalog, and Lexis and Westlaw. All of the Macintoshes and Windows machines provide faculty and students with downloading and printing capabilities. Additional terminals allowing students to access Lexis and Westlaw, e-mail, and the Internet are located on the east side of the John P. Wilson Reading Room.

Most study areas in the Library are wired for connection to the Campus Network. From these areas, any student with a properly configured laptop computer will be able to access the library on-line catalog, e-mail, the Internet, Campus Network databases, Lexis, and Westlaw without having to use the Student Computer Lab.

## ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

*The University of Chicago Law Review*, founded in 1933, is one of the country's pre-eminent legal journals. Managed and edited by students, the *Review* publishes articles and book reviews by leading scholars along with comments written by students. In addition to participating in the editing and publication of legal scholarship, staff members have the unique opportunity to develop their own skills as writers and scholars. The *Review* emphasizes student works; on average, half of each issue is devoted to student comments. In recent years, about 15 percent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to join the *Review* on the basis of either academic performance or excellence in an annual writing competition. Students may also join the staff during their second or third years by completing a publishable comment through the topic access program.

*The University of Chicago Law School Roundtable*, founded in 1992, is an annual student-edited interdisciplinary law journal. The *Roundtable* publishes articles and student-written comments that combine law with at least one other discipline, such as anthropology, economics, game theory, history, international relations, literature, medicine, philosophy, political theory, public policy, or theology. In the past, the *Roundtable* has sponsored symposia in which leading scholars from several fields gather to discuss a single topic. The journal then edits and publishes their papers, along with the several open articles and student-written comments. Symposia topics include "Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe," "Intermediate Punishments: Viable Alternatives to Prison?," and "The Legal and Ethical Implications of the Human Genome Project." This year, the *Roundtable* will sponsor several interdisciplinary programs including discussions by leading scholars on direct democracy as well as student work-in-progress luncheons. Students wishing to join the *Roundtable* either write a proposal for an interdisciplinary comment during the summer, or participate in the Topic Access program, in which students complete a substantial interdisciplinary comment to be submitted for publication during the year. The Topic Access program is also open to graduate students in other departments of the University.

*The University of Chicago Legal Forum* is a student-edited journal, published annually. Each volume of the *Legal Forum* is devoted to a topic of current legal interest and contains articles by leading academics and practitioners, as well as student-written comments. The professional contributions to each volume are presented at an annual symposium held at the Law School. Students may join the *Legal Forum* either through the annual writing competition, which is held during the summer, or by developing a comment topic of their own. Members of the journal work on their own contributions, organize the symposium, and edit the articles submitted by symposium participants. Volume 1997 will be entitled "Environmental Law."

The Hinton Moot Court Competition, founded in 1954 and named for Judge Edward W. Hinton (Professor of Law, 1913–36), is open to all second- and third-year students. The competition affords all students the opportunity to further develop skills in writing and appellate advocacy. The focus of the preliminary fall round is on oral argument. After studying the briefs and record of an actual case and participating in several practice arguments with student judges, each competitor must argue both sides of the case to panels of Chicago attorneys. Twelve students advance to the semifinal round, where they work to brief and argue another case. A panel of faculty members and judges hears the semifinal arguments and selects the four best advocates. In the spring, the four finalists work in teams on yet another case. A panel of distinguished judges presides at the final argument, which is one of the highlights of the academic year. This panel selects the Hinton Moot Court champions and the Llewellyn Cup champions. The competition is conducted by semifinalists from the previous year, who constitute the Hinton Moot Court Committee.

The Mandel Legal Aid Association is the student organization associated with the work of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic. The Association provides advice on the content, structure, and staffing of the clinical education program. The Mandel Clinic, under the direction of Randolph N. Stone, has a staff of six full-time attorneys who are clinical professors or clinical lecturers of law in the Law School, and a social worker who is also a field instructor at the University's School of Social Service Administration. The clinical program is described more fully elsewhere in these *Announcements*.

The Law Students Association is the student government organization. Its president, five representatives from each class, and an LL.M. representative are elected annually by the student body. LSA organizes extracurricular activities, funds student groups, and, through student liaisons which it selects from among the student body, communicates student opinion on academic and other matters to faculty committees. LSA also sponsors the weekly Wine Mess for students and faculty.

LSA supports a variety of student groups, including:

- the American Civil Liberties Union, a local chapter dedicated to promoting discussion of civil rights and related issues;
- Amicus, a group which provides networking opportunities for law students' spouses and significant others;
- the Asian-American Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Asian-American students at law school;
- the Black Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of African-American students in law schools;

the Edmund Burke Society, a conservative debating society;

the Chicago Law Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing funds for Law School students to work on public interest legal projects;

the Chicago Law Society, a group committed to discussing legal and social issues from a variety of perspectives;

the Christian Law Students, organized to discuss the relationship between legal education, the legal profession, and Christianity;

the Comparative Legal Studies Abroad Program, which organizes group trips to various countries to meet with law makers, practitioners, and scholars;

the Environmental Law Society, organized to discuss the legal aspects of environmental issues;

the Federalist Society, a local chapter of a national society organized to discuss political issues from conservative and libertarian perspectives;

the Health Care Law Society, organized to discuss the legal aspects of medical and public health issues;

the Immigration and Refugee Law Society provides hands-on legal experience to students by providing the opportunity to represent aliens awaiting deportation hearings;

the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Society sponsors speakers to address a variety of issues including trademark, patent, and media law;

the International Law Society, organized to examine the legal systems of other countries and their relationship to the Anglo-American legal system;

the J.D./M.B.A. Student Association, providing information to students interested and involved in the J.D./M.B.A. program;

the Jewish Law Students Association, a group concerned with Jewish issues of legal interest and legal issues of Jewish interest;

the Latino/a Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Latino/a students at the Law School;

the Law School Democrats and the Law School Republicans, promoting political awareness of issues and topics on the national, state, and local level;

Law School Trivia, an annual trivia tournament;

the Law Women's Caucus, committed to understanding and improving the role of women in law school, the legal profession, and society;

the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Law Students Association, a group that provides support and sponsors programs regarding the legal status of bisexuals, lesbians, and gay men;

Neighbors, a volunteer community service organization;

the *Phoenix*, the Law School student newspaper;

the Poetry Society, dedicated to the study of literature and its relationship to law;

Scales of Justice, an a cappella singing group;

Street Law, an organization that send law students to local high schools to teach legal issues;

the Law School Musical;

the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, a volunteer student program that prepares annual income tax returns for indigent Chicago residents;

and Wine Mess, which organizes the weekly cocktail party for faculty and students.