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 Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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Using sources to apply for judicial clerkships

by Jennifer L. Gross

Reference Librarian

Judicial clerkship season is upon us! If you are planning on applying for any judicial clerkships, it is a good idea to locate as much information as possible about the judge you will be applying to. There are several good sources in the library that can be used to locate information about clerkships, or about both federal and state judges.

An excellent source for locating information about federal and state clerkships is the NALP Judicial Clerkship Directory. This resource is available to you on Lexis. The library and file identifier is **CAREER ; JCLERK**. This directory is updated constantly as changes occur and includes U.S. federal judges, state judges and magistrates who anticipate judicial clerkship openings. It contains information about application requirements and salary, as well as the type and number of clerks the judge has hired in the past. For tips on searching this database, click on the little blue "I" or, consult a reference librarian.

One of the best sources for locating information about federal judges is the *Almanac of the Federal Judiciary*. The *Almanac* is shelved in the reference office at call number KF 8700 .A9. It contains an enormous amount of useful information about federal judges, including noteworthy decisions and lawyer evaluations.

The *Almanac* consists of two large binders. One binder is red and the other is blue. Because the *Almanac* is a looseleaf, it is generally updated very frequently. The latest update was in November, 1999. Volume one, (the red binder), is organized by circuit. Each circuit is filed under a separate loose leaf tab. It contains profiles of Federal District Judges. Volume two (the blue binder), contains profiles of U.S. Supreme Court and Federal Circuit Court (Courts of Appeal) Judges. Volume two is also organized by circuit.

Another good source for information about judges is the *Judicial Yellowbook*. The *Judicial Yellowbook* does not contain as much information as the *Almanac*. For example, it does not have lawyer evaluations. However, the *Yellowbook* does contain information about state judges, which the *Almanac* does not. The *Yellowbook* is located in the Reference office at call number KF 8700 A19 J835. In addition, it is available on both Westlaw (**JUDYB**) and Lexis (**CAREER ; YBJUD**).

Good Luck!

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Ask Madam Librarian

Ask Madam



Good library patrons, I must abandon my former Q and A format this month to answer a load of queries on a common theme: the end of the world. I realize struggling through law school may plant such apocalyptic notions in your heads, but fear not, they are merely “the very coinage of your brain,” to borrow a word from Shakespeare. Y2K came and went and we’re all still here, sipping lattes (in covered containers) in the state room and studying (with politely draped power supply cords), thank you very much. It has come to my attention that the heat (or blasting cold) does resemble the Inferno, but we haven’t gone to hell in a hand basket just yet. The occasional afternoon without water has also been troubling, but I can

assure you, this is a small sacrifice in the name of progress. Our fabulous maintenance crew replaced some pipe fittings, which were decayed beyond recognition and threatening to burst. One urgent afternoon spared us from a week of sewage smells. Perhaps next time, we will have more warning about the water shut-off. If not, might I recommend the fine facilities at the Texaco Star-Mart down the street? Until then, future lawyers of the 21st century, study hard and remember this: the real millennium isn’t due for another 325 days.

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Madam Librarian assures anonymity. Please put your questions for her in the ‘Ask Madam Librarian’ box at the Circulation Desk or email her at m librarian@hotmail.com

Lexis, Westlaw reps announce office hours & training sessions

Law students looking for assistance with either Lexis or Westlaw online services can meet with the respective student representatives during their office hours.

Janet Traut, Lexis representative, is available the following days and times:

Mondays	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Wednesdays	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Thursdays	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.		

Mark Jackson, Westlaw representative, will be in the following days and times:

Mondays & Wednesdays	Noon - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays	4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fridays	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Both Janet and Mark hold their office hours at the main computer lab in the library. In addition, training sessions with incentives will be held to feature new services and provide refresher courses.

In February, Lexis will bring online Case Summaries and Core Concepts, making searches easier. Training sessions on these new services will be available with the chance to win Coach Leather Goods, or gift certificates from Amazon.com and Blockbuster Video. For more information on these sessions, contact Janet by email (jetraut@aci.net) or by calling 270-3368.

Westlaw will offer a few refresher courses on basic skills. Plus, advanced Westlaw classes will be available to help refine research skills and make the most of research time. Information about these courses are posted on the bulletin board near the lab or contact Mark by email (jaxlaw@worldnet.att.net).

For other Lexis or Westlaw information, check the bulletin board outside the reference office.



Staff happenings . . .

Reference Librarian **Jennifer Larraguibel** married Thomas Blake Gross on November 4, 1999 at the Wee Kirk O’ The Heather on Las Vegas Boulevard. Blake is an audit chemist with I.T. Corporation.

Rob Taylor has left Technical Services to become the front office assistant manager at the Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas Resort in Henderson, NV. Rob was the acquisitions assistant.

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