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# RES IPSA LOQUITUR

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## Remember to Watch Your Belongings!



by **Linda Fariss**

As final exams and the holidays approach, I thought it would be a good time to remind you to be careful about leaving your personal belongings unattended in the Library. Theft problems typically increase as the semester draws to a close and we have recently had a few reports of personal items missing from carrels. What can you do to protect your belongings from theft?

- Obviously, do not leave easily removed items, such as a walkman, on your carrel or a table when you are not there.
- NEVER leave your laptop on a carrel or table without being secured. If you have not yet purchased a security cable for your laptop, do so now and use it! Each carrel and table has been equipped with a security bolt. Please, please do not leave your laptop without securing it.
- We frequently have trouble with books being stolen near the end of the semester. Make sure to put your name in each of your textbooks. If your name is in a stolen book and someone tries to sell it, the bookstore will return it to you.

- If you notice any suspicious activity in the Library, please report it to a staff member immediately.

During the summer we installed security cameras in the lobby of the Library. Hopefully, these will deter a potential thief. Security cameras may assist us in identifying a thief, but they are not foolproof. The best way to keep your belongings from being stolen is to never leave them unattended! If you do have something stolen, please report it to the IU Police and a Library staff member immediately.

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## New Periodical Index Available Through Westlaw

Researchers seeking articles about British or European law now have an important new source at their disposal. The Legal Journals Index, which indexes articles from journals published in the United Kingdom and Europe, is now available on Westlaw as the LJI database.

The Legal Journals Index covers over 430 publications that pertain either to British law or the law of the European Community and its member states. All are published in English. Many of these journals are in the collection of the Law Library, but are not indexed in any of the other periodical indexes available to our patrons. These include such important titles as the *European Competition Law Review*, the *Review of European Community and International Environmental Law* (*R.E.C.I.E.L.*), and the *European Environmental Law Review*. Therefore, the Legal Journals Index fills a significant gap that has existed up to now in our periodical index coverage.

Coverage begins with 1986 and includes records for all articles that are a page or longer in length. However, some articles even shorter are indexed as well. A document within the index consists of either a bibliographic entry or brief article abstract. Given the wide range of periodical titles indexed, records exist not only for articles, but also for case

comments, book reviews, editorials, and for certain types of European Community primary source documentation, i.e. legislative texts, Commission decisions, and parliamentary questions and answers.

As with all Westlaw databases, the documents can be searched by field. However, a number of unusual fields exist for the LJI database, including a keyword field that permits one to search for terms derived from a controlled thesaurus of subject descriptors. It is also possible to search for references to legislation cited, to search abstracts only, and to search for companies mentioned in the text of the article.

Of course, there are some disadvantages to the way the Legal Journals Index is presented on Westlaw. For example, it is not possible to jump from the beginning of a retrieval set to the end, which is a problem if the number of citations retrieved is large. However, these are limitations imposed by the Westlaw software, which should be updated continuously.

All in all, the availability of the Legal Journals Index in electronic format should contribute greatly to utilization of journals concerned with British, and especially with European law. All those interested in following European legal developments should become familiar with it.

*Ralph Gaebler*  
*Foreign and International Librarian*

### Suggestion Box

**Suggestion:** It's absolutely disgusting that people leave the library newspapers on the floor in the bathrooms. Please put a stop to this discourteous, reprehensible, shameless, and uncouth behavior.

**Response:** I'm not sure what else to say, it seems you have said it all!! I certainly agree with your sentiment. I will once again ask that people please do not remove the newspapers and magazines from the library lobby area. If you must remove them at least have the courtesy to return them to the proper place when you are finished. Thanks.

**NEW AND  
NOTEWORTHY:  
The Envelope Please**



*The Encyclopedia of the American Constitution, 2<sup>nd</sup>*. Edited by Leonard W. Levy and Kenneth L. Karst. New York: Macmillian Reference, 2000. [Ref. KF 4548 .E53 2000 v.1-6]

The American Library Association's Reference and User Services Association has, since 1974, annually presented the Dartmouth Medal. The award "honors the creation of a reference work of outstanding quality and significance." Over the years the winning title has come from a variety of disciplines, including law, but regardless of the subject, these books usually become standard sources in any quality reference collection. A few past winners that can be found in the Law Library's collection include: *The Encyclopedia of Sociology* (Ref. HM 17 .E5 1991), *Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia* (E 185.86 .B542 1993) and *American National Biography* (Ref. CT 213 .A68 1999.) We also own the 1987 winner, *The Encyclopedia of the American Constitution* (KF 4548 .E53 1986).

No doubt another fine group of reference books will be nominated for the 2001 award. To date, a second edition of a past winner has never won. Enter the second edition of *The Encyclopedia of the American Constitution*. The second edition includes all the articles from the first edition (many of them updated), as well as those from the 1996 supplement. In addition, the new edition includes

more than 350 new articles. The Indiana University School of Law Faculty is well represented in this collection with five faculty members contributing articles: Prof. Craig Bradley ("William H. Rehnquist"), Prof. Daniel Conkle ("Establishment Clause"), Prof. Kevin Brown (Afrocentric Schools), Prof. Gene Shreve ("Choice of Law and Constitutional Rights"), and Prof. David Williams ("Radical Populist Constitutional Interpretation" and "Right of Revolution").

The six volume set follows standard encyclopedic format: articles arranged alphabetically by subject. Extensive cross-references lead the reader to other related articles. A "List of Articles" and a "List of Contributors" precede the articles in the first volume. Appendices (in volume 6) include: "I: The Call for the Federal Constitutional Convention," "II: Articles of Confederation," "III: The Constitution of the United States," "IV: Resolution Transmitting the Constitution to Congress," "V: Washington's Letter of Transmittal," "VI: The Birth of the Constitution: A Chronology," and "VII: Important Events in the Development of American Constitutional Law." These are followed by a Glossary, a Case Index, a Name Index, and finally a Subject Index.

Only time will tell if the *Encyclopedia of the American Constitution* will be the first title to ever repeat as a Dartmouth Medal Winner. While waiting for the answer, why don't you browse through its pages and decide for yourself if it is a worthy candidate.

*Dick Vaughan*  
*Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian*

**The Roar of the Crowd ...**



As the end of the semester approaches, more and more law students will be searching the library for a quiet study haven. Therefore, when preparing for exams or finishing that final research paper, please remember to keep noise to a minimum. Now that first-year writing & research training is completed and most of our tours are over, the library staff also be working to keep the stacks quiet. Please carry on all conversations as quietly as possible, and please do not attempt to

talk to people on adjoining floors. Also remember not to hold the first floor door open while conversing in full voice to people in the lobby. Finally, please bear in mind that none of the library study rooms are sound-proof and that those studying nearby can hear you.

As always, if there's any way the library staff can assist you with your end of the semester work, please feel free to come to the Reference Office!

*Keith Buckley*  
*Collection Development Librarian*

## Welcome Board of Visitors

The IU School of Law's Board of Visitors will be meeting at the School on Friday, November 10th. In preparation for their visit, the Law Library has composed a display to highlight the purpose of the Board and introduce its members. This article summarizes the functions and makeup of the Board.

The Board of Visitors' role is similar to that of a corporation's board of directors. The Board advises the Dean in his effort to maintain and improve the School's national standing. The Board also promotes the School's programs, students, and leadership within the state and nationwide. The Board assists the School in securing the cooperation and support of the bench, bar, and the citizens of the State of Indiana regarding issues and challenges facing legal education. Last but not least, Board members support the fund-raising activities of the School personally and encourage others to contribute their efforts as well.

The membership of the Board of Visitors is composed of legal professionals and lay persons interested in the School. Although most are I.U. Law graduates, other law graduates and non-Indiana residents may be members. New members are recommended by the Dean of the School to the President of Indiana University. The President then submits the list to the Board of Trustees, which may make appointments at its discretion. Representatives of the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana University School of Law Alumni Association, and the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court serve as ex-officio members. Each appointed member of the Board serves a three-year term of office and may be reappointed at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The ex-officio members serve on the Board as long as they hold the designated office in the organization they represent. Officers are selected by the Board each year for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary.

*Liz Larson*  
*Reference Librarian*  
*and*  
*Marianne Mason*  
*Documents Librarian*

## New IUCAT Coming Soon!

When you return from semester break, you will find a new and quite different online catalog. The new IUCAT, scheduled for implementation January 4, 2001, is web-based and will allow much more flexibility in searching. It will also allow you to move easily between the catalog, other resources on the Web, and Windows applications. In the meantime though, while our current online system undergoes data conversion, we are presently unable to add new records to the database or make significant changes to the records already there. However, your ability to search the catalog, check out materials, request items on interlibrary loan and confirm receipt of current issues of journals has not been affected.

Watch future issues of *Res Ipsa Loquitur* for announcements and instructional aids concerning the new IUCAT.

*Nonie Watt*  
*Head of Technical Services*

## Working the Halls

Please welcome **Theresa Mangus**, our new Law School Business Manager and **Dot Robling**, the new Services Coordinator in the Career Services Office.

### Happy November Birthdays to:



**Prof. Jost Delbruck** on the 3rd ☿ **Prof. Dan Conkle, Heather Rayl, and Frank Burleigh** on the 10th ☿ **Prof. Doug Boshkoff** on the 11th ☿ **Dick Vaughan** on the 12th ☿ **Asst. Dean Mark Hilycord** on the 17th ☿ **Prof. Tom Schornhorst** on the 18th ☿ **Prof. Cathy Crosson** on the 21st ☿ **Asst. Dean Angela Lieurance** on the 28 ☿ **Pat Schrems** on the 29th

### LAW LIBRARY THANKSGIVING BREAK HOURS NOVEMBER 21 - 26, 2000

Tuesday, Nov. 21	7:30 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 22	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday, Nov. 23	Closed
Friday, Nov. 24	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday, Nov. 25	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, Nov. 26	Resume Regular Hours

If you need to ship personal effects from your home overseas, here are a few things to remember: Step 1: Always pack your items securely. Your luggage or parcel will be enduring a slightly rougher ride with a courier than it would if you were simply taking it on a plane as it will likely travel in multiple different vehicles and be stacked on top of or under other parcels along the way.Â Step 4: If you are sending your luggage to avoid excess baggage fees, remember to send it before your day of travel to ensure it is waiting for you at your hotel when you arrive. Fast Lane International ships thousands of personal effects every day, including excess baggage, golf clubs, skis and other personal items. Remember to collect all your belongings after they have been scanned. Duty free shopping. Duty free items bought before your flight are to be carried as hand baggage. Liquids and gels will be sealed into clear carrier bags at the duty free shop, and the bag must remain sealed until you reach your destination. Prohibited items.Â Watch your belongings. Never leave your baggage unattended when you are at the airport. There are luggage lockers available at several locations within the airport complex. Securing Your Belongings. While traveling, what we carry on our back is minimal and represents the most important things we decide to take with us. In a way, our bag and our belongings are the closest things we have to a concept of "home"™. Therefore, it can be upsetting if our bag or belongs get stolen or lost. In this article, we will cover some ways to protect our belongings while on the move.Â As for the non-violent robberies, it is important to remember that most thieves select their victims in advance by two major factors which are how valuable your possessions are and how easily they can rob you. The best protection is to not flaunt your valuables. For example, not using your iPhone in crowded streets and not parading around other valuables. One of the best ways to take care of your belongings and avoid theft is to get some TSA approved locks. What these locks will do is allow you to lock your suitcase so that no one can open your suitcase and take your personal belongings. The important thing to keep in mind is that all locks of travel items must be TSA approved. If locks are not TSA approved, they will be rejected and cannot go on the flight with you. TSA locks come in all shapes and sizes so you can find one that fits with your travel baggage. Get a Reliable Airline Approved Carry-On. The next thing on your list is to get a reliable carry on. You may ask, why carry on? Well with a carry-on you will be able to more accurately keep an eye on your belongings.