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Dear colleagues,

We look forward to working with your summer research assistants as they embark on their assignments this summer. The law librarians have been contacting faculty members to arrange meetings to review your research projects; we will schedule individual sessions with your R.A. students to aid them with your projects. During the summer, you may hear more noise than usual when you drop by the Law Library - we are beginning a thorough stack cleaning project. There will be quiet study areas available even during the cleaning process.

This newsletter issue highlights some recent acquisitions and offers a brief overview of the ABA inspection process scheduled for March 2012. Enjoy the summer weather!

Peace,

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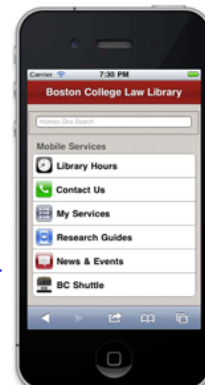
**Text a Librarian!**

BC Law Library now offers reference assistance by text message. Text your simple, quick questions to 617-70-BCLAW to get legal reference help on the go. The legal information librarians will respond during ordinary reference hours. If your question is received after the reference desk is closed, a response will be sent the following day when reference services are available. For more in-depth questions, please stop by, email or call the reference desk.



**BC Law Library Mobile Site**

We have recently launched a mobile website to allow smartphone users easy access to library hours, contact information, online catalog searching, research guides, library news and events, and the live BC Shuttle tracking. Point your mobile browser to <http://www.bc.edu/schools/law/library/mlaw/library/m> to access all of this information on this go.



**3 Ways to Upload Documents to a Kindle**

Imagine that you are about to attend a conference in another state and that you want to upload documents from your laptop or PC onto a kindle for easy packing. There are at least 3 ways to do this.

The fastest and easiest method is to email documents to your kindle. Simply send the documents as email attachments to your kindle's email address, e.g. johndoe@kindle.com. If you don't know your kindle's email address, you can find it by going to Amazon.com>Your Account>Digital Content>Manage Your Kindle. Be sure to register your own email address in "Your



Kindle Approved E-mail List" in the Manage Your Kindle page at Amazon.com first, otherwise your kindle will reject the email as spam.

Another easy method is to use your kindle's USB cable to connect your kindle to your laptop or PC. This method works particularly well for MP3 files downloaded from iTunes, Audible or Amazon, but will also work for .doc, .docx, .pdf and .txt files.

Yet another method is to download documents directly from a website which has a "download to kindle" link. Westlaw Next has a "download to kindle" link within its drop-down menu from the "download options" icon. However, before you ask Westlaw Next to download a document to your kindle, you need to register Westlaw Next's email address in "Your Kindle Approved E-mail List" in the Manage Your Kindle page on Amazon.com. Westlaw Next's email is @westlawnext.com.

### Sarah Westlake Sculpture

The lovely sculpture Fantasy Garden #51: Pungo River Grass has been installed in the BC Law Library. This



beautiful piece was created by Sarah Westlake in collaboration with Harry Jones. Merle Westlake made a gift of the sculpture to the McMullen Museum of Art here at BC. We are fortunate to have this sculpture on loan from the McMullen Museum; we hope our law students will enjoy viewing it here in the Law Library. This

[link](#) leads to a brief description of Sarah Westlake's work. Please stop by and admire the sculpture in its location near the Information Desk on the main floor of the Law Library.

### New Chinese Law Resources

The Law Library has recently updated and expanded its collection of Chinese legal resources. In addition to iSino Law, a comprehensive, dual-language, electronic library of Chinese law primary sources and legal forms, the Law Library now subscribes to the China Law & Practice database (CLP). CLP has full-text translations of Chinese business and procedural statutes, case law, a legislative digest, scholarly articles, indexing, business law alerts, a "deals and dealmakers" feature and a "people and places" feature. Both databases are accessible via the alphabetical list of databases on the Law Library's research webpage. The Law Library also recently added two important print Chinese law sources as well: the 2-volume *China Law Deskbook: Legal Guide for Foreign-Invested Enterprises*, KNQ 78 .B87Z56, and the *Draft Civil Code of the People's Republic of China* (in English translation), KNQ 500 .D73. The *Draft Civil Code*, the result of five years of work by a committee of 26 Chinese civil law scholars, is currently before the Legislative Affairs Committee of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress.



### BC Law Readies for an ABA Site Visit in 2012

BC Law is getting ready for its sabbatical accreditation. An important component of the law school accreditation process is the site visit. BC Law's site visit, which is required by the American Bar Association, will happen next spring--from Sunday, March 25 - Wednesday, March 28, 2012

The ABA provides the rubric for law school accreditation with its *Standards and Rules for Approval of Law Schools*. Site teams are organized by the ABA's Office of the Consultant on Legal Education. There are different types of site visits: regular site visits for fully-approved law schools, which take place every seventh year; visits to provisionally-approved schools, which take place each year; visits to schools seeking provisional approval; and any special site visits that may be ordered by the Accreditation Committee or the Council in accordance with the *Standards and Rules of Procedure*.



So who is on site team ? Teams usually have between 5 and 7 members. They are:

- 1) a chair - the person who runs the whole process and may come out to BC Law before the March visit;
- 2) a faculty member who represents the ABA and the AALS-- usually this person will report on the faculty;
- 3) a practitioner and/or an academic who is not a lawyer--in my experience this person usually examines law school finances;
- 4) a law school professor or two who will look at student issues and the program of legal education at the school;
- 5) a law library director --who usually looks at the law school's library and technology; and

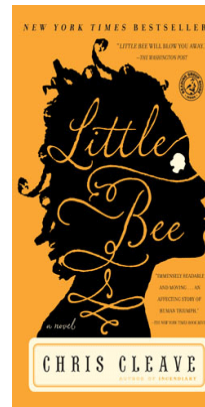
6) a clinician - this faculty member usually looks at the clinics, the research and writing program, and experiential learning at the law school.

Richard Schmalbeck is going to be the chair of our site team. He is the Simpson Thacher & Bartlett Professor of Law at Duke University. He has also served as dean of the University of Illinois College of Law, and as a visiting professor on the University of Michigan and Northwestern University law faculties. He teaches in the area of tax. His recent scholarly work has been focused non-profit organizations, and the federal estate and gift taxes. He served as an advisor to the Russian Federation in connection with its tax reform efforts. He is co-author of a federal income tax casebook. Professor Schmalbeck graduated from the University of Chicago, and later from its Law School, where he served as associate editor of the University of Chicago Law Review. Prior to beginning his teaching career, he practiced tax law in Washington, D.C.

We will keep you informed about site visit and the accreditation process as the year progresses. This is a time for a school to examine its programs and services, so be on alert for opportunities to weigh in at focus groups, town meetings and the like.

### Diversity Read

The Law Library was thrilled to host its Third Annual Diversity Read on March 15, 2011. In 2009, this community reading event was launched to encourage a discourse about issues of difference, diversity and identity through discussion of a book that explores those themes. The Law Library organizes the discussion annually as part of Diversity Month at BC Law. This year's book was *Little Bee*, a novel by English writer Chris Cleave. *Little Bee* is a dual narrative novel that explores the story of a young Nigerian woman who has fled her war-torn home country and has sought refuge with an English magazine editor, Sarah O'Rourke. The perspective switches from chapter to chapter between Little Bee and Sarah as their intertwined pasts are revealed and explored. We were excited to have a lively discussion of the novel that included participants from the faculty, staff and student body. We anxiously await the Fourth Annual Diversity Read in 2012 and welcome any suggestions for books! Past books were James McBride's *The Color of Water* and Ann Patchett's *Run*.



Thank you again to all of the wonderful folks who participated in the discussion!



### Westlaw, LexisNexis & Bloomberg Refresher Sessions

The representatives for Westlaw, Lexis Nexis and Bloomberg held refresher sessions for the faculty and librarians in mid-May. Mark Frongillo demonstrated Westlaw Next, Lisa Blanck discussed upcoming changes to Bloomberg Law and Ellen Padlick demonstrated Lexis Nexis's new legal research platform, LexisNexis Advance. If you missed the refresher sessions or would like individualized training, please contact the representatives directly to arrange a one-on-one training session.



For Westlaw or Westlaw Next contact Mark Frongillo at [mark.frongillo@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:mark.frongillo@thomsonreuters.com); for LexisNexis or LexisNexis Advance contact Ellen Padlick at [ellen.padlick@lexisnexis.com](mailto:ellen.padlick@lexisnexis.com) and for BloombergLaw contact Lisa Blanck at [mlito:lblanck@bloomberg.net](mailto:mlito:lblanck@bloomberg.net).

### Summer meetings with Law Library Liaison

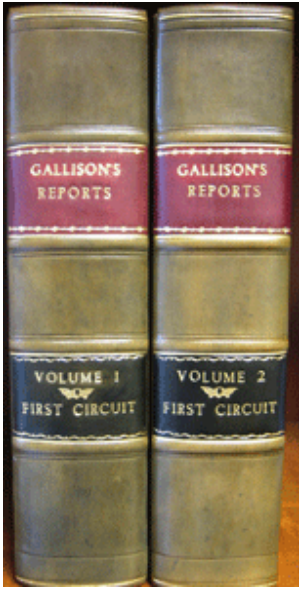
Summer provides us all with important opportunities to focus on research and teaching in the upcoming academic year. Your law library liaison will contact you soon to inquire about scheduling a meeting with you and your research assistant, to discuss your upcoming research and teaching projects, or to provide you with up to date information on library services and resources. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your law library liaison.

### Rare Book Room News: New Acquisition - *Gallison's Reports*

We recently acquired a first edition of the *Reports of the Cases Argued*

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Please ask your RAs to stop by the library, preferably on their first day



*and Determined in the Circuit Court of the United States, for the First Circuit.* The new acquisition consists of two beautiful volumes, published by Wells and Lilly of Boston in 1815 and 1817. At the time of publication, the court was primarily a trial-level court, and the judges rode circuit hearing cases. In 1891, our current Courts of Appeals were created and decisions were published in West's *Federal Reporter*. In 1911, the original, federal circuit courts were abolished.

These lovely volumes are known as *Gallison's Reports*, after John Gallison, who served as the Reporter of the First Circuit of the United States from 1812-1815. Gallison was a native of Marblehead, Massachusetts and the nephew of Chief Justice Sewall of the Supreme Judicial Court. Most opinions in these volumes were rendered by Justice Joseph Story and involved questions of admiralty and prize law.

We are excited to welcome *Gallison's Reports* to our collection!

of work, and introduce themselves to us so we can get to know them and help them with your summer projects. We will make sure they know the basics of getting materials for you, and provide some helpful hints, including the best ways to get materials for you from other libraries.

Also, please let us know if there are any kinds of training we should offer that might help them do their research more efficiently.

We look forward to working with them over the summer.