Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Visit a Success

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg visited the VU campus this week to deliver three insightful lectures.

Ginsburg spoke on Tuesday, at 10:00am at the VUCA on “The Workways of The Supreme Court. This lecture was aimed at members of the VU Law community.

At 4:00pm, Ginsburg addressed the public at the Chapel on the subject of, “The Supreme Court: A Place for Women.”

On Wednesday, at 9:00am, Ginsburg lectured the Constitutional Law II class here in Tabor hall: “Remarks on Judicial Independence.”

While in Valparaiso, Justice Ginsburg dined at a local restaurant, Clayton’s. She had lunch with faculty here in Wesemann on Tuesday, and was a dinner guest at the home of VUSL Dean Jay Conison.

Justice Ginsburg has a long-standing relationship with VUSL. She participated in the VUSL summer program at Cambridge in 1994 and in 1997. Along with our very own Prof. Rosalie Levinson, Ginsburg taught a class, “Gender Discrimination,” during the 1997 summer program.

As a part of that summer program, Justice Ginsburg met with students and discussed constitutional law issues, giving the students a rare chance to hear first hand of the Constitutional Law in the Supreme Court. These were the Forum’s mistakes, not Dean Conison’s. The same goes for the problems in the Financial Aid material so generously provided by Kim Jenkins, and some of the Organizational Announcements. Mistakes were made. Sorry.

Update from Your Student Bar Association

by William Trowbridge, President of the SBA

As the new school year begins, so does the new Student Bar Association Administrative Board (SBA Board). This year promises a SBA Board that will be more cognizant of student concerns, more adaptable to changing circumstances, and more willing to participate and sponsor activities that will develop the growth and image of the law school in the community. All students are encouraged to participate in the SBA Board’s decision-making process by engaging Board members in dialogue to declare your concerns, ideas or visions.

Among business already conducted this year, the SBA has sponsored the orientation-day picnic, and co-sponsored (with SELA, MELC, DTP, ATLA, and PDF) the first annual “The keg speaks for itself” party. Additionally, the first meeting of the year resulted in a new policy for our fax machine (see services below), the setting of the Cardozo Cup (GO 3LA’s!), the nominations of student-faculty committees, the beginning of a search for a new and larger refrigerator, and the implementation of a gift system for student birthdays.

Additionally, services being provided in the SBA office this year include:

Fax machine service: Use of the fax machine will be free of charge for the first five pages to students using it for student business; .25 cents for each page thereafter. For non-student business, it will cost .25 cents per page.

Pop (or soda if you prefer): The SBA sells different varieties of pop for .35 cents each.

Grade Distributions: Copies of the grade distributions for each and every class within the last two years are available for your viewing.

Professor Evaluations: The results of the professor evaluations for the last few years may be found in the SBA office.

Mail Slots: Mail slots for each SBA Board member and for every active student organization are located on the Northeast wall of the SBA office.

Suggestion Box: A suggestion box is located on the door of the SBA office.

This year’s Student Bar Association Administrative Board consists of the following students:

President-- Bill Trowbridge
Vice-President-- Jewell Harris
Secretary-- Heather Scheel
Treasurer-- Mike Lipsky

For a complete listing of SBA members and Student Organizations here at VUSL, please turn to page 4

Whoops!

We—the Powers that Do Things over in room 202—would like to apologize for the hasty and haphazard editing in Vol. 29, #1 of The Forum.

“Ginsburg” as in Justice Ginsburg is spelled like so, not with an “e.”

Dean Jay Conison’s article contained numerous textual and spacing problems. These were The Forum’s mistakes, not Dean Conison’s.

1L’s Elected
to the SBA

Congratulations to the winners of the recent election for first year student representatives.

1L Faculty Rep.
Deanne Redmon
1L Representatives
Lisa Beck
Ryan Kutansky
Barbra Stockbury

Good luck to you all


Effective today, VUSL’s student newspaper, The Forum will begin to utilize the long thin, awkward spaces on pages usually left blank by most, lesser, publications. Editors are quoted as saying “This is a conservation issue. We abhor the wasted, long narrow spaces that other newspapers leave. These spaces are a rare and precious natural resource. What will we do with them?”

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Stuff YOU oughta know about...

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Less Serious Stuff

More... Laws to make Mom ashamed of your new profession

What does YOUR future hold?

(Ok. You got us. We haven’t a clue. But read...)

Law School Horrorscope
Dear Editor:

This letter is written concerning events that took place at the SBA sponsored picnic at Kirkoff Park on Sept. 4, 1998. As a fellow "picnicker," I was disgusted at the behavior of a few dogs and their owner’s lack of responsibility. These dogs were brought to the picnic, unleashed, and allowed to run all over the place.

...dogs, running around sniffing each other as dogs do...

This included circling the tables and knocking into those innocently sitting at the picnic tables. I saw one student who commented to a dog owner about the mushy slobber left on this poor guy’s arm as he walked by one of the dogs. The dog owner merely laughed.

Another disturbing sight was when an unsuspecting law student left his plate containing his hamburger on a picnic table. A dog pulled the paper plate with his hamburger on top and sat down. Eventually she let the owner of the plate in on the fact that her dog had "handled" his hamburger.

Be responsible with your dogs

Or how about the little girl who was knocked down by two dogs chasing each other under the shelter (yes, the shelter that housed the food table). As the little girl stood up, noticing her skinning knitted, she was consoled by the dog owner who told her that the dog was only a puppy and not responsible. I agree, the dog was not responsible, she, as the dog owner, was responsible.

For anyone who was at the picnic and thinks they weren’t affected by these dogs, you may want to rethink that. These dogs, running around sniffing each other as dogs do, were later seen in the ice tubs. If you had a can of pop, you were affected. There is an element of courtesy and health concern.

Make no mistake, I am not a dog hater. But come on, have some respect for the rest of us. Be responsible with your dogs. Don’t unleash them and allow them to run where the food is to be cooked, served, or eaten. There’s plenty of room at Kirkoff (sic) Park for all of us, including dogs with responsible owners.

Dear Concerned Student

Thank you for speaking out on this issue. You were not the only one who noticed this situation. This editor overheard similar gripes during the picnic, and personally witnessed some licking of cold pop cans by canine picnickers.

Kinda gross. I took that as a sign to switch over to drinking beer. Obviously some other folks, like yourself, weren’t so easily satisfied. Any other thoughts?

The Editors

What has happened to those classifieds?

Dear Editor,

I am 3L and I remember my first year of law school that The Forum had classifieds and ads. What has happened to those classifieds and will you consider having them in the paper again?

Something Missing

Dear Something Missing,

We here at The Forum has decided that we will have a classified section. The section will be for jobs. Career Services has a pretty comprehensive computer based system for that. We will open the classifieds for law students to place ads to sell items, make announcements, and place personal messages.

We are hoping that the students will use the classifieds to say Happy Birthday or Happy any other Holiday to other classmates or professors.

The Editors

...the signs in the hallway...I find them cluttered, unorganized and unhelpful...

Dear Editor:

I noticed that The Forum has a new column "Upcoming Events." I really find this helpful because there are so many different signs in the Hallway some old some are new. I find the signs cluttered, unorganized and unhelpful.

I really prefer a more organized approach to making announcements for various school organization events. I hope that the various school organization would cooperate placing all these announcements and upcoming events in one area in the hallway. I also wish that the students in these organizations would be responsible for removing old announcements and maintaining the new ones.

Announcement Annod

Dear Announcement Annod,

Thank you for complimenting our new column. I feel the same way you do about these organizations would be responsible for removing old announcements and maintaining the new ones.

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"Let the people know the truth and the country will be saved." — Abraham Lincoln...but what is 'truth,' anyway?—Anonymous

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Please feel free to contact The Forum with any concerns or comments.

Dear Editors:

A few of us were not actively engaged between classes and had the opportunity to peruse your little periodical. How tacky! And who was this sad, pathetic and likely non-ruling class scribbener hiding behind the pseudonym "Confused in Valpo"? Such ill-informed and naive opinions no doubt exist, but is it necessary to give them space in your quaint little paper?

Why, aren’t you aware that attorneys have enough image problems already? It is a crime how little respect is shown to your so-called newspaper. My goodness. What a waste. Don’t you people have pressing social obligations?

Disdainful

Disdainful:

You are quite right. We were out of the office suite for a long weekend and the copy boy evidently decided to make announcements for various school organization events. As dear old Grandmama used to say when we left her off to the home, "the cream floats to the top." Of what purpose is it to question this natural and necessary process of selection? This sort of unproductive musing seems destined to stir up the rubble and get them questioning our fees. That could lead to the end of civilization as we know it. How gross.

"Confused in Valpo" would be better served, I would suggest, to concentrate upon developing a well rounded and comprehensive investment plan. The chosen leaders in this society, it is our responsibility to make certain the economy remains healthy and viable; golf course development continues at a rapid pace and Lexus salespeople maintain full employment. Such is the burden we must bear.

Metaphysical mumbling, as expressed in this awful letter, would be better left to our paid idealists in the universities. If the quality of that particular letter is any indication, a new university might be most suitable.

Since I have gone to the trouble to dictate this much, I’d also like to express some little fondness I have for your so-called newspaper. My goodness. What a waste. Don’t you people have pressing social obligations?

Disdainful.

Dear Editors:

The Forum is here.

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We are under no obligation to print anything we receive.

Message From the Dean

The Upcoming ABA/AALS Inspection
Jay Conison, Dean of VUSL

To begin, I wish to thank the editor of The Forum for giving me the opportunity to write to you on a regular basis. Law school newspapers can be invaluable mechanisms for exchanging information and ideas. Other members of the law school administration will be communicating with you through The Forum as well (for example, news from the library and the career services office can be found elsewhere in this issue). But more important, I encourage students and student organizations to provide news and articles. Your contributions will help further our already strong sense of community.

This week, I would like to talk to you about an important visit to the law school coming this semester. On November 11-14, the ABA and the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) will send an inspection team here. To understand what this visit involves, and why it is important to us, it helps to understand the role of the ABA and the AALS.

the ABA evaluates each accredited school once every seven years

The American Bar Association accredits law schools. We have been ABA-accredited since 1929. As part of an ongoing process, the ABA evaluates each accredited school once every seven years, a key part of that evaluation process is an on-site inspection. ABA accreditation is important because it enables graduates to take the bar examination in any state. The AALS, unlike the ABA, is not an accrediting agency; rather, it is a membership association that promotes high standards of teaching and scholarship. However, it is important to remain in good standing with the AALS because membership serves as a kind of "Good Housekeeping" seal of approval. We have been a member of AALS since 1930.

The purpose of the ABA inspection is to determine whether the school in question continues to meet the ABA's standards. These standards, for the most part, are concerned with the quality of the educational program (you can review the standards at www.abanet.org/legaled/standards.html). The AALS piggybacks on the ABA inspection. The purpose of the AALS inspection is to ensure that the school continues to comply with the AALS bylaws (you can review these at www.aals.org/bylaws.html). There is substantial overlap between the ABA standards and the AALS bylaws, although there are some differences in emphasis.

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Some schools find the ABA/AALS evaluation process fun; others find it painful. In either case, the process has ancillary benefits. One is that it requires the school to go through the exercise of carefully and critically examining itself. Self-examination is as useful for a law school as it is for an individual. For the law school, self-examination is performed mainly through a written self-study, prepared by the faculty, which describes the school, its programs, its strengths, its weaknesses, and its plans for dealing with any weaknesses. The self-study is a serious document: preparing it usually takes a year or more.

the evaluation process gives incentive to the school

To begin another benefit of the evaluation process is that it gives incentive to the school to correct problems and guidance for making itself stronger. The ABA evaluation process culminates in a site examination report that contains the examiners' factual findings about the school and conclusions about the school's compliance with the ABA standards. In the report, the ABA may require corrective action or raise concerns. It may also require later reports from the school about its progress in certain areas. The AALS proceeds similarly.

A third important benefit of the visit is the opportunity to exchange information. The school that is evaluated can learn a great deal, not only from the written report, but also from discussions with inspection team members. The school can learn how important issues have been addressed at other schools. Conversely, inspection team members, and the schools from which they come, can benefit from the visit by learning about the inspected school's programs and seeing how it has handled important issues. For example, I will be on a team inspecting the University of Seattle School of Law in the spring, and I look forward to the visit as an opportunity to learn how another school is dealing with matters of interest to us.

You will have many opportunities to interact with the inspection team

Finally, the evaluation process provides still another benefit for those schools savvy enough to realize it. For one should not underestimate the value of the inspection as an opportunity to show off the school and help build its image with some important visitors. At some schools, the evaluation process is an occasion for carping and complaining; at others, it is an occasion for taking pride in the school's accomplishments. As I emphasized in my last column, we have a great deal to be proud of here—the quality of our teaching, the sense of community, our clinical opportunities, and the faculty's scholarship, to name a few items. We should not pass up this chance to let other people—people who are in a position to spread the good word—know about these features of our school, and know that we are proud of them.

You will have many opportunities to interact with the inspection team. Team members will visit as many classes as possible (so be prepared!) and they will hold one or more meetings with students. At those meetings, you will have a chance to share with the team your views on the school and help to educate them about Valpo Law. I hope you enjoy the visit and the opportunity to discuss our school and programs with others. I will keep you posted about the visit schedule as I learn further details.

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The Forum
Upcoming Events

Health Law Association-Announcement

The Health Law Association will be purchasing washable bears in primary colors to donate to a local ambulance company. The bears will be given to children who access their services and need comforting. Approximately 200 bears will be purchased with the profits made from the Health Law run/walk last spring semester. The Health Law Association’s first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 1998 in Pelzer class room during chapel break. If you are interested in becoming a new member contact: Dan Stephens-president, Tricia Curtis-vice-president or Andrea Welch-Treasurer.

General: Law School Organization Announcements

Any organization interested in placing announcements of meeting times and events in the Forum is welcomed. To find out the Forum deadlines and procedures for making announcements contact Jesse Green or Andrea Welch at the Forum, phone # 465-7831 or email: forum@valpo.edu

Artists/Poets/Coffee-drinkers

VUSL's Brauer Museum is beginning a new program this year—a Wednesday Evening Coffee Hour. It is described as "an informal salon that will be organized by University students working with museum director Rira McCarthy." The coffee hours will feature a variety of programs from poetry readings to dance interpretation. VUSL students, faculty and guest performers will be featured.

VUSL Forum breaks ties with VUSL

The Forum's editorial board announced last Saturday night at the Northside that the Forum will break all diplomatic ties with VUSL and become its own sovereign jurisdiction. One relatively unimportant source stated "VUSL will no longer have "most favored law-school status with us. We are thinking of calling up some other schools, just to see what kind of offers we get..."

As of sometime soon, the Forum will begin acting as an autonomous zone, refusing contact with "those people over in Wesemann Hall." Citing "irreconcilable differences" as the motivation, Forum editors plan to make it work by barricading themselves in their luxury suite in Heritage Hall till "the end of time or all the beer is gone..." According to someone sitting at the bar, future submissions to the Forum should be, "folded up in a tiny wad and dismissed with prejudice..."

Active Student Organizations

(And People to Contact)

--American Trial Lawyers Association (ATLA) President: Jeff Barkes
--Black Law Students Association (BLSA) President: Darnell Mask
--Christian Legal Society President: Amy Alderink
--Democratic Law Society President: Pati Cintorin-Bastin
--Federalist Society President: Bill Zwick
--Hispanic Law Student Society (HLSA) President: Jesus Rivera
--International Law Society President: Makedonka Papuckoski
--Jus Vitae President: Charla Hauser
--Midwest Environmental Law Caucus (MELC) President: Shawn DeMorse
--Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (PAD) President: Stacy Prince
--Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity (PDP) Magistrate: Michael Mulchay
--Sports & Entertainment Law Association (SELA) President: Scott Andresen
--Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity (DTP) Dean: Heather School
--Equal Justice Alliance (EJA) President: Jane McNiven
--Women Law Students Association (WLSA) President: Susan Gainey
--Health Law Association President: Daniel Stevens
--VUSL Indianapolis Bar Association President: Mike Lipsky
--Student Bar Association President: Bill Trowbridge

If your organization is active, but not listed, please contact Bill Trowbridge at the SBA and/or Jesse Green or Andrea Welch at The Forum.

Get Involved!

Current Members of the SBA

3L Faculty Rep. Camille Anderson
2L Faculty Rep. Penny Meyers
1L Faculty Rep. Deanne Redmon
ABA Rep. Wally Werderich
3L Rep's. Jason Klawon Kim Lewis Bill Zwick
2L Rep's. Shawn Bartley Mike Jasaitis Jennifer Smith
1L Rep's. Lisa Beck Ryan Kutansky Barbara Stooksbury

September

In Progress

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The paintings of Javier Chavira are on display here in the Atrium until October 23.

Career Services. The next round of on-campus interviews. Remember...you can't participate if you don't train on the new On-line Career Services system.

Sept. 16-Nov 1 Salvador Dali. "Prints and Processes" Works of the famous sur realist, from the Salvador Dali museum in Florida, will be exhibit ed at the Brauer Museum on east campus. The exhibit includes tools and plates used in the creation of Dali's works.

September 18 4:30pm CARDOZO! Fun! Competition! Beer! Kirchoff Park

September, 30 4:00pm Reception for Javier Chavira, the artist who's works are displayed in the Atrium. Info? Ruth Crnkovich, 464-5948

September 22 11:00am. Open Meeting with Dean Jay Conison in the Stride Courtroom. Open agenda, but if you have an issue to raise, please contact the Dean prior to the meeting.

October

October 2-3 9:00am-noon. "Reading Writing and Retaliation: Violence in Our Schools" Conference/fest at the VU union.

October 16-18 Homecoming! Lots of nifty stuff happening over at the undergraduate campus on all three days. Highlights:

October 16 3:30pm Women's Soccer. Valpo vs. Illinois at Eastgate Field.
October 17 7:00pm Women's Volleyball. Valpo vs. Western Illinois at ARC
October 17 10:00am Homecoming Parade. "It's a Valpo World" Kretzmann Hall and then west...
October 18 1:30pm FOOTBALL! Valpo vs. Butler at Brown Field.
October 18 5:00pm Women's Volleyball. Valpo vs. Chicago State at ARC For more info call the Homecoming Hotline 1-800-833-6792 ext. 23


The Forum

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Editor in Chief Jesse Green
Managing Editor Andrea Welch

Staff: Susan Gainey, Gail Peschel, Shawn Bartley, Mike Lipsky, various other people who drop things in our box. You're invited.

--Open to all--

The Forum is NOT in Wesemann. We are next door, in Heritage Hall, upstairs in Room 202 (past the racquetball courts but before you get to the sauna). Ask the doorman.

Submissions should be saved on disk or sent via email. Please! Word or WordPerfect are best. The deadlines are posted on our door, on the SBA board, and on our board.

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Job Search Strategies
by Gail Peshel, Director of Career Services

Here are some job search strategies that work. They are endorsed by career services offices around the country and by Kinnon Walton, author of Guerrilla Tactics: For Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams who will be at the law school on October 14 to share her insights with you!

- Participate in our on-campus interview program. Review the employers interviewing on campus, drop off some resumes, and register via computers. Stop by Career Services if you have any questions or wish to learn more about the computer resources now available to you.
- Send resumes now. If you are seeking a position with a medium to large sized firm, NOW is the time to send letters. (The number of attorneys in what are termed medium to larger-sized firms varies by city. Anita, Lisa or I can help you establish which firms should be targeted this semester.)

The person you least expect may refer you to a job!

- Send resumes next semester. If you are interested in small to medium sized firms, next semester is more appropriate since most smaller-sized firms will hire then.
- Allow us to proofread or help you develop your cover letter. We will be happy to help you prepare your letter. Just stop by!
- Update your resume. We'll be glad to help.
- Regularly review the C.S. website, database and bulletin boards and apply to employers of interest. Stop in Career Services and learn how to access the computer information.
- Participate in informational career fairs. Approximately 75 attorneys will gather at John Marshall Law School on November 7 for the sole purpose of talking to you and answering your questions. This is an opportunity to learn more about work in 75 different practice areas and to gain contacts in your fields of interest!
- Participate in Job Fairs. The National Association for Public Interest Law Career Conference will be held November 6, 7 & 8 in Washington, D.C. Other job fairs are available. Stop in and talk with Anita about where and when they will be held.
- 3Ls: Consider clerking or finishing your pro bono work this semester. Employers are interested in practical experience, and working in your targeted city can demonstrate a focus to that city. Check the project notices posted on the bulletin board, talk with Gail or Anita, or review opportunities through Pro Bono Students America, which is now on the internet.
- Compete for Mock Trial, Moot Court, Negotiations, and Client Counseling teams.
- Participate in clinic. Employers are interested in practical experience.
- Read Career Services information. This includes periodicals that list jobs, employer lists, employer information, and numerous books on practice areas or listing attorneys who practice in specific areas as well as information available on the internet.
- Attend developments in your field as if you were already practicing. This will give you confidence and improve your interviews.

In case your dream job doesn’t materialize, consider your second choice

- In case your dream job doesn’t materialize, consider what your second choice is and pursue it too. Use the Career Services database, internet, Lexis, and Westlaw to make a list of employers you’d consider based on location, areas of practice, and size.
- Contact Valparaiso University grads near your targeted geographic area. (Network—The truth is, the majority of today’s jobs are obtained through networking tactics.)
- Talk to your professors and let them know where and what type of employment you are seeking. (Network)
- Become a member of the State Bar Association where you plan to practice. Learn about issues important to that legal community through publications and conversation.
- Join any special practice sections in which you have an interest. Members are often provided with a membership list — which can help in your targeted mailings to employers.
- Join other bar associations — city, practice area, local and national associations can provide networking opportunities, information, resume referrals, and mentor programs. A number of association applications are available in Career Services.
- Attend continuing legal education seminars and mingle. Meet attorneys practicing the kind of law you wish to practice.
- Talk to friends of your parents—the person you least expect may refer you to an attorney or a possible job.
- Tell everyone you meet you’re looking for a job.

- Review copies of other school’s postings for full time positions. Even if you aren’t ready to apply for an attorney position, reading current job notices can provide a good perspective of what employers in your area seek in candidates. Postings from approximately 110 other law schools are received regularly in Career Services.
- Publish an article (perhaps something you have already written?) Check Galileo for the library book listing numerous publishers who may include your article in an upcoming publication.

This list is not all inclusive, but it’s a start! For additional ideas specific to your job search, please stop by Career Services. Lisa, Anita and I look forward to talking with you.

VULCAN
(VU Law Library Comments and News)

by Michael J. Bushbaum, Educational Services Librarian

Welcome to what we hope will be a continuing column on the law library and the services we can offer to make your law school career more successful. This first column will cover some of the new features in the computer labs and give you important information about accessing and printing from Lexis and Westlaw in the computer labs.

New and important

First, as you may have noticed, the main floor computer lab has had all new equipment installed, including a new network printer that was hooked up on September 10th. This means that if you are printing from the main floor lab, your print jobs will print to the network printer in that lab. If you are printing from the second floor lab, your print job will print from the network printer in that lab.

Lexis and Westlaw Access

Next, as of Monday the 21st of September, you must sign in on the network as either lexis or westlaw if you wish to access either of these services. You do not need to enter any password. Once you have logged in with either of these usernames, you will still have access to all the network software, but you will not be able to print to the network printers. You will, however, be able to print to the standalone printers (located in the main floor computer lab) for Lexis and Westlaw. So, if you are in the middle of writing your research paper and find that you need to access Lexis, you will need to save your work, log off, and log back into the network using lexis or westlaw as your username. You can then continue to work in the network. When you are finished and are finally ready to print, you will again need to save your work, log off and then log in using your user name and password. So, remember, to access Lexis or Westlaw, you must sign in with the user name of lexis or westlaw.

all new equipment

Infotracs

When you need to look for law review articles in Infotrac or (LegalTrac) you may encounter what look like error messages. The problem actually stems from the program design itself, and is not something that we can control. So, anytime you get an error message that says that disk E has expired or that access is denied, just click on the OK button and continue. But, if you have done this and you cannot get access to Infotrac, please let John Obermann or a librarian know. Remember also that because of program and hardware constraints, you cannot access Infotrac from the outside ring of computers in the second floor lab. In this lab, only the center pod of computers have the capability to access Infotrac. Good news in that all the computers in the main floor lab have Infotrac access.

Last, for those of you who haven’t taken advantage of our new reference desk, allow us to extend an invitation to stop by. After conducting a number of focus groups last spring, we decided to staff a reference desk in the library. Our hours for this service are chapel break Monday thru Thursday, 1:30 — 4 Monday thru Thursday, and 2:00 — 4:00 on Friday. At other times you can always look us in our offices or around the library. If we are busy with our other duties, we might send you to another librarian or ask that you make an appointment for a later time, but if we can, we always try to help immediately. Remember too, that a reference librarian is on duty till 9:00 pm Monday thru Thursday and Sunday afternoons from 1:00 until 5:00.

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More Laws to make Mom ashamed of your new Profession...

NOTE!! All of the following are paraphrased and not quoted exactly, except where indicated by quotation marks. These Duties, Statutes, Laws, Rules and Penalties have been heavily edited to make them easier to read and to highlight the humorous, which might not be as obvious buried in the original archaic legalese. Though I have tried to keep these excerpts accurate, much has been left out, wording has been changed and supporting sections have sometimes been combined. The real world ain’t this funny.

It is a felony for a warehouseman to issue a receipt for pot ashes if he is not in possession of the pot ashes at the time he issued the receipt. 750.278

It is a felony to damage pipes belonging to a steam company if the value of the damaged pipes is over $500. If the value is less, it is only a misdemeanor. 750.282

It is a misdemeanor to possess with intent to sell boatels made of paper, scraps and portions of hides unless they are marked in letters 1/8” high with the words “Imitation Leather.” 750.290

...It is not unlawful to possess frog parts...

It is a misdemeanor to intentionally defraud the owner of a boarding house by a “false show of baggage.” 750.291

It is a misdemeanor to falsely record a cow's production of butter fat on an official form. 750.295

It is a misdemeanor to publish in a newspaper untrue information concerning the possession of prizes awarded to seeds. 750.299

It is a felony to kill a mule for the purpose of defrauding an insurance company. 750.300

It is not a misdemeanor to participate in recreational card playing if it is conducted at a senior citizens housing facility where at least 15 members are more than 60 years old, the card playing occurs between 9am and midnight, the senior citizens do not bet more than 25 cents per bet, and the total winning from each hand do not exceed $5. 750.303(a)

It is a misdemeanor to win anything by gambling. 750.314

It is a misdemeanor to lose anything by gambling. 750.315

It is a felony to transport dynamite by stage, if the stage carries passengers. 750.327

It is a misdemeanor to sell dynamite to a minor. 750.327

It is a felony to enter a horse in a contest of speed under an assumed name. 750.332

It is a misdemeanor to use “indecent, immoral, obscene, vulgar or insulting language” in the presence of any woman or child. 750.337

...a misdemeanor to sell dynamite to a minor...

It is a misdemeanor for a physician to keep on exhibition a deformed human being or “human monstrosity.” 750.347

It is a misdemeanor for a museum to exhibit diseased or deformed human bodies or parts thereof, if such would be indecent in the case of a living person. 750.348

It is a misdemeanor to molest or interfere with someone while that person is pursuing their lawful occupation. 750.352

It is a misdemeanor for an architect to neglect to insert a clause in building specifications calling for temporary water closets to be used by workmen, unless the building is already equipped with such closets. 750.355

It is unlawful to remove insect larvae from trout streams MSA 13.1632

It is unlawful to carry a slingshot near wild animals unless you have a valid hunting license. MSA 13.3350(202)

It is a misdemeanor to use scalding to injure, capture or kill homing pigeons, if they belong to someone else. MSA 13.1452

All fish in the Great Lakes, with in the jurisdiction of the State of Michigan, are the property of the State of Michigan. MSA 13.1491

...the legal difference between “minnows” and “wigglers...”

It is a misdemeanor to hunt edible frogs between November 16 until the Friday immediately proceeding the opening of Black Bass season in the following year. MSA 13.1711

It is not unlawful to possess frog parts between November 16 until the Friday immediately proceeding the opening of Black Bass season in the following year if the frog parts were harvested from frogs legally taken during that season. MSA 13.1712

It is a misdemeanor to rescue impounded goats MSA 28.264

II) Statutory Duties of the Prosecutor

...the Prosecuting Attorney is required to enforce the “Mattress and Comforts Act...”

The Prosecuting Attorney is the ultimate arbiter of lake levels in the county (MCL 281.61 et seq: MSA 11.300(1) et seq.)

The Prosecuting Attorney must approve, in writing, the firing of any veteran who works for the county (MCL 35.402: MSA 4.1222)

The Prosecuting Attorney responsible for determining if an alien should be deported for conviction of any crime involving “Moral Turpitude.” (MCL 49.21 et seq: MSA 5.781 et seq)

The Prosecuting Attorney is responsible for compelling relatives to support a poor person. (MCL 401.3MSA 16.123)


The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to prosecute for violations of “Telegraph Company Licensing Permissions.” (MCL 484.204: MSA).

The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to protect the public from “adulterated consumer products.” (MCL 10.127: MSA 3.1001(127).

The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to insure that Army and Navy surplus items “offered for sale are identified as such.” (MCL 429.131-133: MSA 19.402(1)-402(3).

The Prosecuting Attorney is required to enforce the “Mattress and Comforts Act.” (MCL 429.31: MSA 18.391).

The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to enforce laws regarding the sale of second hand watches; (MCL 445.814-816: MSA 19.734-738).

The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to enforce laws regarding closeout sales. (MCL 442.21 1216: MSA 19.401 (1)-406 (6).

The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to enforce health code violations in public swimming pools(??!!); (MCL 333.12533: MSA 14.12533)

The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to enforce the act fixing standards for climax baskets for grapes. (MCL 290.135: MSA: 12.1165).

The Prosecuting Attorney has specific duty to enforce the law prohibiting the locking of doors of vehicles whose business it is to carry passengers for hire (MCL 256.531: MSA 9.1671)


These particular laws were taken from the Criminal Law of the Great State of Michigan, where this Editor spent his summer waiting that state’s taxpayer’s monies doing things like...well, like looking up these laws and listing them. In future issues we will bring you similar examples of Indiana law which, we are certain, will prove to be just as silly.
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Law School Horrorscope

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today sucks. Your planets are all funky and hungover. That morning class you blew off last week? Well, friend, you missed the key to the whole subject. Kiss your Final goodbye. You might as well start career shopping. We hear there is a shortage of welders, and fast food workers are in demand. "Fries with that, sir? Make a little extra money doing citas for a Capricorn.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Oh boy, are you in trouble. The Dean got wind of that little Outline Marketing scheme you cooked up. What a way to find out you need the Dean’s recommendation to sit for the Bar. No sweat, though. The last time VUSL suspended students, it was only for a year. Think of it as a vacation. Steer clear of any Aquarius outdoors.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Your lucky day. Your roommate almost certainly will not take that chance. And sit in the back row. Trust us. And ditch that annoying system crash. Every time. Don’t

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Suggest you check your locker. You aren’t going to pass your classes this semester. Pay attention! The little pig symbol means plaintiff. Don’t loan outlines to a Cancer.

Leo (July 23-Aug, 22): You legal eagle you! Today is your day. Go ahead! Raise your hand. No matter what you didn’t do the reading. Any of it. All semester. Today, you are hot. You can’t miss. Shine and glow. Show ‘em you are proud of your opinions, unfounded though they are. Remember, this is the law. No one really knows what the hell they are talking about anyway. Just act like you know.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Good day to skip a class. Hell, skip em all! You deserve a little break. You did your reading! Some of it. One time. Anyway, all work and no play make the law student a boring person. Come on! The gaming boats are open. And the trust fund is just sitting there. If you are in the computer labs, stay to the right of Aquarius.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Libra! This is your month! (or at least your issue of the Forum). You are free! The stars are...um, well they are aligned. At least the good ones. The bad ones are, well, they don’t count. So cut lose. Drop a class you hate. Only good can come of it. Promise! Don’t pay your bills. No one will mind. And ditch that annoying (in) significant other! Send ‘em packing. You deserve better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Ouch. Give it up. Your outline, the one you have been counting on? Look again. It is from 1973. Too late now to catch up. Your best bet is to cheat like hell. Luckily your astrological outlook is so miserable right now that you have nothing to lose! And that "simple? Nope. Better get over to the clinic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Yawn. Nothing happening. Your stars and planets and asteroids and stuff are just sitting there, channel surfing. This might be a good time to alphabetize your hornbooks, or transmogrify all of last years class notes to recordable CD. Possible trouble spot? If you are involved with a Sagittarius, then get to a clinic.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect a few bad body-function days. Hard to say what might stop working. Take precautions. Bad time for legal research, too. You will discover you are absolutely incapable of getting all those little periods in the right place in your citations. Just hire it out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): The number “three” will cause you to fail an important class. But if you take it to the boats you’ll win big. But only if you guess correctly what to do with the number three. We here at the Forum will tell you...if the price is right. Don’t bother to take notes this week. You will mysteriously remember every word you Profs say.

Predictions featured in The Law School Horrorscope are allegedly attributable to that Wise and Well-connected sage, Midorisan. Legend has it that they are dictated to his secretary who places them in a bottle, seals it, and launches it across Flint Lake. This sacred bottle is collected by an Unknown Person, checked for valuables, and then, somehow, on the evening of the New Moon nearest our deadline, it mysteriously finds itself at the Posh and Sumptuous offices of the Forum, floating in the hot tub on our upstairs deck.

If you are reckless and foolish enough to plan your life around these arcane and arbitrary nodes of BS, don’t come running to us when Stuff happens...

Think for yourself, schmuck.

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READ IT!
ACROSS
1. Freshwater fish
4. Heathen
9. Cooking device
12. Brew
13. Empty
14. Mingled reverence
15. Slicing
17. Snart
19. Spring flower
21. In favor
22. Places
24. Side bone
26. First man
29. One better
31. Part of week
33. Fuss
34. Lithium symbol
35. Auricle
37. Affirmative
39. Above
40. Attention (abbr.)
42. Make taffing
44. Fruit
46. Paper measurement
48. Tie —— Toe
50. Rodents
51. Unruly crowd
53. Behavior judgment
55. Send out of country
58. Not the best
61. Plural verb
62. Knowledgeable

DOWN
1. Opening
2. Winglike structure
3. Re-establish price
4. Liquid measure
5. Ire
6. Southern state (abbr.)
7. Pismire
8. Kind of tide
9. Far East religious building
10. Boring tool
11. Born
16. Published newspaper
18. National gun group (abbr.)
20. Free
22. North ——
23. Bring together
25. Inlet
27. Parent
28. Acts gloomy
30. Tap lightly
32. Yes vote
36. Rodent
38. Jack ——
41. Interfere
43. Scottish cap
45. Trilling
47. Cow sound
49. Snake
52. Seek bush
54. Grass stalk
55. Beaver construction
56. Age
57. Small number
59. Ogle
60. Soak flax
63. Morning time

64. Cereal grass
65. Damage
66. Wanderer
67. So

Answers on page 7
(Correct answers available for $5 from Forum staff members)