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Recent Articles for the Job Hunt

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It is never too early for law students to begin to prepare for finding the next clerkship or the first attorney position. Below are some articles written in the last year that provide advice on such preparation:

Baker, R. Lisle. Planning Your Career in Law Practice, 50 Suffolk University Law Review 1, (Winter 2017). Article discusses need for planning, self-evaluation and preparation when looking for a legal position in a manner much like the steps necessary for writing a well-researched legal brief.

Detliff, Teresa. Advice From the Inside: How I Got a U.N. Internship, Student Lawyer, Mar./Apr./May 2017, at 8. While a law student, author was hired as a legal intern for the United Nations at the International Criminal Tribunal. She provides advice on how to prepare and apply for such a position.

Employment Tips: How to Dress for an Interview, National Jurist, Spring 2017, at 7. Two experts give tips on what to wear and what not to wear to a law job interview.

Hermann, Richard L. Employment Insight: Compliance Careers: J.D.s Wanted, National Jurist, Spring 2017, at 8. Article discusses options available in pursuing careers dealing with regulatory compliance, both from the agency side and the industry side.

Mantis, Hillary. Job Search Hotline: Get Your Job Search Started Off on the Right Foot, National Jurist, Back to School 2017, at 38. Article gives advice on resumes, interviews and other important steps to take in pursuing a law position while in law school or right out of law school.

Mantis, Hillary. Job Search Hotline: 4 Ways to Make Your Resume Stand Out, National Jurist, Winter 2017, at 8. Career consultant to law students discusses different techniques to improve your resume.

Mo, Irene. Build Your Own: Maximize Your Job Prospects by Building Your Knowledge in Disciplines Beyond the Law,

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SUNDAY
1:00 P.M.-12 MIDNIGHT



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Student Lawyer, Nov./Dec. 2017, at 18. Author states that it is important to develop a deep level of understanding of disciplines outside the law in order to better work with experts in those areas as well as to bring concepts from other disciplines into your legal arguments. The article indicates that students should seek out opportunities to be exposed to other disciplines, and those will result in better job opportunities in the future.

Montgomery, Blake. 6,250:1: Remaining Relevant as a Rural Lawyer? It's All About Ratios, TYL, Winter 2017, at 7. Recently graduated small town attorney discusses the

advantages of practicing in a small town.

Moser, Annalee Hickman. Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Law Librarian?, Student Lawyer, Nov./Dec. 2017, at 4. Law graduate who originally intended to have a traditional legal career discusses her decision to become a law librarian. She discusses the roles that a law librarian performs, the necessary academic background for a law librarian, ways of getting started in such a career, and the job market.

Stevens, Ruth S. Alternative Careers for Lawyers: Where to Start? Michigan Bar Journal, Aug. 2017, at 58. Author emphasizes the value of your law school career development office and various books that provide guidance.

Tripoli, Lori. Job Search Advice: A Road Map to Career Success, National Jurist, Winter 2017, at 10. Article covers the concepts discussed in a book entitled "Roadmap: The Law Student's Guide to Preparing and Implementing a Successful Plan for Meaningful Employment." The basic premise of the book involves law students getting started early in their law school experience by thinking about specific goals to pursue in their career development process, self evaluating, and finding

ways to stand out in the job market.

Tucker, Lynae. Put Your J.D. to Its Greatest Advantage, Student Lawyer, Jan./Feb. 2017, at 10.

"J.D. advantage" careers are those that do not necessarily require a law degree but give a law graduate a leg up in obtaining such a job. This article discusses such career options as well as providing ways to narrow such a search.

Tucker, Lynae. Is Politics Your Passion?, Student Lawyer, Jan./Feb. 2017, at 18.

This article lists various types of political careers that law graduates may be interested in pursuing as well as discussing how to get your foot in the door of such a career.

If you have any questions concerning how to access these articles, please see the reference librarians, Ed Craig or Leigh Jones, for help.

Welcome Back
 for the
 Spring Semester!!

Exploring Sports and the Law: 10 Books for Your Reading List

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This time of year can be exciting for sports fans everywhere. Grand slam tennis is being enjoyed at the Australian Open. Spring training for Major League Baseball will begin in about a month. NCAA basketball will soon enter tournament season and March Madness will be upon us. Right now, football fans are preparing for Super Bowl parties. And, to the delight of college football fans in Alabama, a home team has just, again, captured a national championship title. Sports fans are really, really enjoying themselves, right now.

With all of the sports fun that is going around, it seems like a good time to explore the many ways that law and sport interact. In order to help you do that, the following books from the Law Library's collection are available for your use.

Adventure and the Law. Cecil C. Kuhne III. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2014. (KF1290 .S66 K84).

A collection of judicial decisions and analysis about the law as it relates to adventure sports and activities.

Careers in Sports Law. Marc Edelman and Geoffrey Christopher Rapp. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2014. (KF299 .D66 E34).

Practical advice offered to help maximize the chances of attaining a job in the field of sports law.

How to Play the Game: What Every Sports Attorney Needs to Know. Darren A. Heitner. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2014. (KF299-.S66 H45). Includes discussions about topics such as NCAA eligibility, sponsorships, ethics, and collective bargaining.

On Level Terms: 10 Legal Battles That Tested and Shaped Soccer in the Modern Era. Ted Philipakos. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2015. (KF3989 .P45). A look at "the history and inner workings of the game" from a legal perspective.

Sports and Antitrust Law. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2014. (KF3989.S655). Takes a look at cases and issues across antitrust-related topics.

The Little Book of Basketball Law. Melissa Altman Linsky. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2013.

(KF3989 .L56). "Each chapter title poses a question or premise, which the text then answers and discusses by telling the story of one or more cases."

The Little Book of Golf Law. John H. Minan. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2013. (KF3989 .M56).

Examines the function of golfers and golf courses within the context of a multibillion dollar golf industry.

The Little Book of Horse Racing Law. Charles A. Palmer and Robert J. Palmer. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2014. (KF3989 .P35). What is this book about? "[F]orcing an unruly world of colorful characters into a formal decision-making structure."

The Little Book of Skiing Law. Cecil C. Kuhne III. American Bar Association, 2013.

(KF3989 .K64). Examines "whether the particular risks the skier is about to encounter have been voluntarily assumed."

The Little White Book of Baseball Law. John H. Minan and Kevin Cole. Chicago: American Bar Association, 2009. (KF3.M563). A primer on how law shapes the game of baseball. Includes information

about antitrust issues, real estate law, and labor matters.

Congratulations

Missi Bennett, Law Library Assistant for Reader Services, achieved her five year service award from Samford University in January 2018. Many of you see Missi each day at the Circulation Desk. Congratulate her on this award!!



Don't miss the February issue of Check It Out!

Restatements of the Law in HeinOnline

Restatements of the Law is one of the most respected and well-used sources of secondary authority, covering nearly every area of common law. Although Restatements are not binding authority in and of themselves, they are persuasive because they are formulated over time with extensive input from law professors, practicing attorneys, and judges.

Current and archival restatements are available in HeinOnline. The user may browse by title or search titles using the section locator.

HeinOnline Restatements can be found at:

<http://heinonline.org/HOL/Idx?index=alirestateview&collection=ali>

Back Up Your Data!

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If you care about something – you should have it stored in at least two places. Here's an interesting article about storage methods and how they may fail in the future: <https://www.today.com/money/why-your-digital-photos-might-die-your-grandkids-see-them-1D80395921>.

You should also backup your data to protect yourself from hard drive crashes, viruses/malware, theft, and damage to your computer (liquid, etc.).

There are so many ways to store data – USB drives, backup hard drives, and cloud services. Remember that physical drives have a life span. I don't like to keep any backup hard drives for longer than four or five years. I recommend putting a "birthday" sticky note on the drive so you'll know when to start thinking about purchasing a new one. When a hard drive, (USB, DVD, etc.) fails, please don't throw it away. Bring any recyclables to me and I will have them destroyed.

Backup hard drives come in a variety of size options. Some are wireless while others need to be physically connected to the computer. I prefer the Western Digital brand of backup hard drives.

If you choose to use an external drive for data backup, do not leave it plugged into your computer all the time. In the event of a ransomware attack, your data will be safe if not connected to a device that is connected to the Internet. Leaving it plugged into a device connected to the Internet will allow the ransomware to attack the backed up data as well.

Apple makes it easy for you with Time Machine: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201250>.

As does Windows 10: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/17143/windows-10-back-up-your-files>.

For Windows 7 and 8 users, look here for the steps: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/17127/windows-back-up-restore>.

CDs and DVDs also fail over time. I don't recommend them as a solution for long-term storage.

With the cloud there are numerous choices. This website goes over many of them: <https://www.lifewire.com/online-backup-services-reviewed-2624712>

Most of these services will have a free option with a restricted amount of GB. After that, there will be monthly or yearly fees. I have used Mozy, Carbonite, and iCloud. All work well and are easy to access. With cloud services you may need to be concerned about security and lifespan of the company where your data is stored.

My advice is to keep your data in at least two places and stay on top of the integrity of the data. Even if you have printed your photos, you need to select the correct photo paper and the best method to preserve them.

Several students this past semester used iCloud, OneDrive, and others for cloud storage. For unknown reasons the backups had failed. Whether you use a physical drive or the cloud, check on the backups every so often to be sure they are running. You can do this by logging into the service or looking at the physical backup drive's content.

If you need help with any of the above – including choosing and using a backup drive, etc. – please email me at glsimms@samford.edu, Grace Simms, Information Technology Librarian.

Director's Brief

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Each winter, the Law Library conducts a short survey of our law students to determine how well we are addressing your research and study needs. Please take a few moments to visit the survey site on [Survey Monkey](#) and give us your responses. It will help us to serve you better in the coming year.

Winter 2017 Lucille S. Beeson Law Library Survey

1. When you visit the Law Library, are you able to find what you're looking for?

- Always
 Frequently
 Sometimes
 Seldom
 Never
 No Opinion

2. How satisfied are you with the overall services of the Law Library?

- Extremely
 Very
 Somewhat
 Not very
 Not at all
 No opinion

3. How helpful is the Law Library staff?

- Extremely
 Very
 Somewhat
 Not very
 Not at all
 No opinion

4. How satisfied are you with the information resources (books, periodicals, online databases, etc.) available through the Law Library?

- Extremely
- Very
- Somewhat
- Not very
- Not at all
- No opinion

5. How satisfied are you with Law Library's reference services?

- Extremely
- Very
- Somewhat
- Not very
- Not at all
- No opinion

6. How satisfied are you with Law Library's information technology services (computer labs, support, etc.)?

- Extremely
- Very
- Somewhat
- Not very
- Not at all
- No opinion

7. How satisfied are you with Law Library's hours of operation?

- Extremely
- Very
- Somewhat
- Not very
- Not at all
- No opinion

8. How satisfied are you with the resources available through the Law Library to locate information which you need (the online catalog, digests, indexes, etc.)?

- Extremely
- Very
- Somewhat
- Not very
- Not at all
- No opinion

9. How easily can you find the books and journals you need in the library catalog?

- Extremely
- Very
- Somewhat
- Not Very
- Not at all
- No opinion

10. How do you typically access the library catalog?

- I use the Search box on the Law Library web site
- Other (please specify)

11. Have you used a Research Guide found on the Law Library web site?

- Yes
- No

Please suggest any Research Guides you would like included on the Law Library website:

12. How satisfied are you with the Law Library's physical space and furnishings?

- Extremely
- Very
- Somewhat
- Not very
- Not at all
- No opinion

13. Please provide any comments you would like to share concerning the Law Library, its staff, services and/or programs, including, but not limited to, changes you would like to see made.

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