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Some Helpful Hints in Using the Law Library

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Depending upon your study habits, the Law Library may be seen as that quiet oasis for getting productive law school work completed, or as academic castor oil that must be swallowed on occasion, but otherwise avoided whenever possible. In any event, the law library will play a role in your law school career. Here are some tips on making your life easier when visiting the Law Library:

1. Your Samford I.D. card is your key to services in the Law Library. Additionally, it must be shown upon request to desk attendants who do not recognize you as a Cumberland student when entering the Library. Translation: at the beginning of your freshman year, you may need to show your I.D. card on a regular basis until you are recognized as a Cumberland law student by all the desk attendants. You also need to present it to check out books or folders placed on

Reserve by your professors. Also, using your Samford I.D. at WEPA print stations will speed up check-in before receiving your print job.

2. The bookstore sells numerous study aids that vary in usefulness, and are also quite expensive. Before deciding to buy, you may want to check out the study aids available on Reserve at the Circulation Desk. [The Guide to Study Aids](#), which has been distributed to all first year law students and is available on the web, is an excellent resource for determining what student aids are available for check out from the Reserve section.

These items on Reserve are almost always the latest edition and are available for use in the library for three hours at a time (and also can be checked out overnight three hours before the library's closing). Many of these student aids produced by West Academic are also available by clicking on "West Study Aids" on the database list of Beeson Law Library's webpage.

3. The Library requests that you reshelve all books that you use from the First Floor and in the periodical collection shelved on the Lower Level. Over the years, there have been many first year students unable to finish their assignments, victimized by thoughtless classmates who refuse to take the time to reshelve needed materials.

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LAW LIBRARY SCHEDULE
MONDAY-THURSDAY
7:00 A.M.-12 MIDNIGHT
FRIDAY
7:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
SATURDAY
9:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M.
SUNDAY
1:00 P.M.-12 MIDNIGHT



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4. Cellular telephones should not be used in the Law Library reading rooms. If you bring one into the reading rooms, you must put it on vibration mode. When you receive, or place a call, you must go to the photocopy room, west staircase, or outside the Law Library.

5. Conference room keys are available for three hour checkout at the Circulation Desk by student study groups. We urge students carrying on discussions within the library to use conference rooms in order to avoid disturbing other patrons. Even in the conference rooms, groups holding conversations should keep their voices down to avoid disturbing patrons in nearby study areas.

6. With the exception of Saturday, librarians are generally available most hours that the library is open. Do not feel embarrassed to ask a librarian for help finding materials. Often, freshmen law students believe that they are the “only student” who cannot find needed materials; in most cases, many students cannot locate them, but do not want to admit it to their classmates. At the same time, do not hesitate to let your Caruthers Fellow from LLR know when you do not understand an assignment.

7. Ignoring Law Library book due dates can do more than empty your pocket of change. Fines at the Law Library are as follows: \$1.00 per day per book for non-reserve items; \$3.00 per HOUR for reserve items (including conference room keys).

8. Some food and drink is permitted within the Law Library. Drinks with secure lids are permitted as well as “non-messy” food items (no fried chicken, pizza, gyros, etc.) Food and drink are NOT allowed in the computer labs nor at or near other computers, microform readers or other similar equipment in the Law Library.

9. The Law Library reading rooms should be used for research and study purposes; they should not become a meeting point for law student social groups. The noise problem is one which is being constantly brought to our attention by law students. Please consider classmates who, for various reasons, cannot study at home. This library is their only refuge for quiet study. If you wish to socialize, there are numerous places in the Law School, including the Great Room, where ample space is available. Please reserve the library facilities for your research and study needs only.

10. Your best option for photocopying an item is to use equipment called Scannx that is found in the First Floor photocopy room, as well as two other locations in the building (Second Floor east end, between the Lexis and Westlaw computer labs and the Lower Level west wall). This equipment allows patrons to scan documents and save them to a USB drive or email them at no charge. If you desire a hard copy, printers in the computer labs, as well as the WEPA stations, are available.

Reserve Material

Does your professor have material on Reserve for this semester? Click

[here](#)

for complete information.

The material is located behind the Circulation Desk in the Law Library.



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[Prestatehood Legal Materials](#)

This database, derived from the award-winning sourcebook, provides brief overviews of state histories from colonization to statehood. It also identifies a wide range of both readily available and hard-to-find materials from each state. This is an invaluable and comprehensive tool for researchers.

Sources include state codes, journals, digests, reports, surveys, and much more. Sources link to available documents whenever possible.

Recent Acquisitions

Listed below are recently received titles on Alabama law. Each title is shelved in Reference.

ALABAMA CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE FORMS.
KFA575/.A65/H65/2018.

Chiarkas, Nicholas L. 2018 CUM. SUPPL. to ALABAMA CRIMINAL TRIAL PRACTICE. 2nd ed.
KFA/575/.C48/1988.

Lester, Joseph L. ALABAMA EVIDENCE. KFA540/.S35/2018.

PERSONAL INJURY AND TORTS.
KFA195/.A53/P47/2018/v.1-v.2.



Programming Your Samford I.D. With Money

There are two kinds of “money” that can be added to your Samford I.D. card; one is Bulldog Bucks and the other is Dining Dollars.

Dining Dollars will be added when you purchase a meal plan at Samford. That money is “use or lose” by the end of each semester.

You may also add more Dining Dollars outside a meal plan to your card, getting a 10% bonus for amounts over \$100. These additional Dining Dollars expire at the end of the Summer semester in the year that the dollars were added. The other significant limitation to this program is that the money can only be used at Samford Dining facilities (including food trucks).

Bulldog Bucks allow cardholders to purchase food, goods and services anywhere the Samford Card is accepted on Campus. There is no expiration of cash added using this option; however, there is no bonus when adding money to your account.

Samford has made it very easy to add money to your card online using a credit card. Simply go to [Samford's GET site](#) and then log in with your Samford computer I.D. and password and set up an account with a credit card number. You can add a small or large amount. Another option is to add money to your card at the bookstore.

CALIcon18

Grace Simms, Information Technology Librarian, attended CALIcon18 in Washington D.C. held at the American University, Washington College of Law this past June. CALI (Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) lessons are used by law students across the country to supplement their studies. The conference was for anyone in legal education who use technology as part of their class.

In addition to attending the conference, Simms presented Teaching Tech to Law Students, which covered how she developed her Technology and the Practice of Law Class. The goal of the presentation was to help those who want to teach such a class, and to also hear from others who have already taught that type class.



Exerting Energy ... Encouragement from 1884

"It is only by exerting the energies of his own mind that a student can qualify himself for the bar. Any plan which would propose to make a lawyer of him without his doing the hard work for himself would be idle and visionary."

[1884 Catalogue of Cumberland University Law School, Plan of Instruction](#)



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Bending the Law Yoga Comes to the Law Library

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Through *Bending the Law Yoga*, Jessica Hunter hopes to help students find a sense of peace. The classes, offered once a month in the law library, are part of the *Contemplative & Mindful Lawyering* series, a joint effort between Ms. Hunter and Professor Lynn Hogewood. Professor Hogewood leads meditation sessions and offers classes about mindfulness techniques. Ms. Hunter leads the Yoga sessions.

“Yoga helps to lengthen the muscles while building strength and teaching how to remain



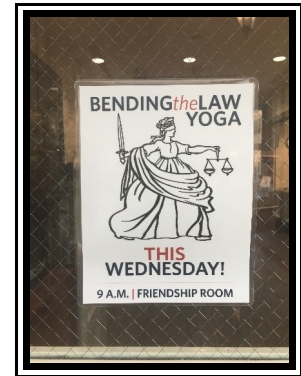
Jessica Hunter (left) poses with *Bending the Law Yoga* participants

calm in stressful situations,” says Ms. Hunter, a second-year law student and Dean’s Scholarship recipient from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She has been practicing Yoga since

2007. After beginning her practice, Ms. Hunter noticed a difference in how she was able to respond to stress; she credits Yoga with helping her to overcome social anxiety. Ms. Hunter has been leading Yoga classes at Cumberland since her first semester. Because the study and practice of law can often involve an enormous amount of stress, Ms. Hunter feels as though it is her purpose to share the Yoga techniques that have helped her to find calm throughout the years.

When Ms. Hunter first started offering the Yoga classes, they were held at Samford University’s Campus Recreation Center. (When the weather was nice, the classes were held outside.) She felt as though the Recreation Center was a little too far away from the law school and that the distance might have deterred some students from attending the classes, and she decided that holding the classes in the law library would make the classes more accessible to the law students. When asked how she likes the environment of the law library’s Friendship Room for the Yoga sessions, Ms. Hunter replied, “I absolutely love it! It’s so comfortable and the large windows bring in nice natural light so I don’t even have to turn the lights on. The carpeted floor is very nice as well for added comfort. It feels very

cozy, like you’re in your living room, and I typically prefer doing my yoga sessions in the comfort of my home, so it works great.”



Bending the Law Poster on the door of the Law Library

Ms. Hunter credits Alice Bullington, Law Library Administrative Assistant, with coming up with the name *Bending the Law* for the Yoga classes. Morgan Black, Marketing and Communication Manager for the Brock School of Business and the Cumberland School of Law, helped to design the poster for the classes.

Bending the Law Yoga is offered on the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00am. Ms. Hunter says, “You don’t have to go out and buy “yoga pants” if you don’t have them...gym shorts are fine or just some sort of comfy pants.” She also says, “My focus in the sessions is to keep it beginner level and some poses that people could even do in their seats between classes or

between studying/reading.” Ms. Hunter reached out to several major Yoga brands to ask if they would be willing to donate Yoga mats for the classes. She is grateful to Hugger Mugger for their donation of five brand new Yoga mats.

For more information about *Bending the Law Yoga*, please contact Jessica Hunter at jhunter5@samford.edu. For more information about the *Contemplative & Mindful Lawyering* series, please contact Professor Lynn Hogewood at ldhogewo@samford.edu.

Director’s Brief

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The law school year is off to a good start. I hope you are finding law library services meet your needs. If not, let us know. Again, early next semester, we will take our annual survey, but if you have concerns now, please don’t wait until then to let us know.

Over the past year, the law library has continued its migration from print resources to online resources. By relying on online subscriptions, we have been able to save subscription costs, while

expanding the number of titles available to our patrons.

We have noted heavy use of the law library so far this fall, which we take as a sign that students find the law library a conducive place to research and study. One consequence of such heavy use has been increased noise, for which I have received some complaints. Please be considerate of your fellow law students. If you are being disturbed by excessive noise, please let me, or another librarian know as soon as possible, as we can more effectively act if we receive the complaint while the disturbance is actually occurring.

Another area of concern is interference with the property of others. Under most circumstances, students or others should not leave their books, papers, and other property on a table or in a carrel for extended periods of time without permission from a law librarian. There are a few patrons who have such permission and when you find materials remaining on a table or in a carrel for an extended period of time, you should assume that permission has been granted and not disturb them. We have had recent issues with patrons removing such materials belonging to others. This is not acceptable. If you need something which

another patron has, and which belongs to the law library, ask a librarian and we will retrieve it for you. There is more than ample study spaces to accommodate all law students, so there should never be a need to remove material for a study space.

One final matter of concern is student leaving computers and smartphones unattended on tables and in carrels. While we have not had recent issues regarding theft of valuables, we have had in the past. I would caution against leaving valuable items unattended. The law library has security cameras throughout, but that does not mean that we will in any given instance be able to help you retrieve stolen items and, even if such materials are ultimately recovered, it may take considerable time.

Again, welcome and have a great year.



**Need study material?
Don't forget to check the
[Guide to Study Aids](#)
for the latest material
on Reserve!**
