Library Confidential

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New Supreme Court Exhibit

The DuFour Law Library is celebrating this year’s Alumni Reunion Weekend (October 27th & 28th) with an exhibit honoring CUA Law’s rich history with the Supreme Court of the United States. Over the past century, several alums have been appointed to various positions at the Court, including the first female African-American clerk to serve in the Supreme Court, the former Deputy Chief Clerk of the Court, and the current Reporter of Decisions of the Supreme Court. Stephen Margeton, Professor Emeritus, served as Librarian of the Supreme Court from 1985-1988. In recognizing the importance of CUA Law to the legal community, Supreme Court justices have often made the short journey from Capitol Hill to Brookland to teach, judge, and join us in celebrating milestones in the law school’s history. You’ll see the exhibit in the library later this month, featuring documents, artifacts, and photographs that highlight this extraordinary relationship.

A New Title in the US Code

Title 34 of the US Code, empty since 1956, now has a name. As of September 1, the new Title 34, Crime Control and Law Enforcement, contains editorially reclassified sections of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure, Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Title 34 is now home to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-351), and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-322), among other laws.

Website of the Month: ABA Legal Fact Check

In August, the American Bar Association launched this new online resource to inform the public on what the law says about current events. Find it at http://abaglealfactcheck.com. According to the new ABA president, Hilarie Bass, the site “will use case and statutory law and other legal precedents to help set the record straight by providing the real facts about the law.” Recent posts have addressed the scope of the president’s pardon power, the constitutionality of affirmative action, and the question of whether individuals can be forced to participate in the national anthem.

Events Archive

This semester the library has launched an online archive for past Events, Lectures and Symposia hosted by CUA Law. Go to scholarship.law.edu to learn more about conferences and speeches that are an important part of our school’s history.

Textbooks in Library

The library buys textbooks for all 1L and other required courses, as well as for all staple courses. They can be checked out for three-hour periods from the Circulation Desk. While not meant to replace purchased or rented textbooks, they can be handy when you find you left your copy at home.