SPRING 2014 ORIENTATION
Every two days now we create as much information as we did from the dawn of civilization up until 2003.

• Eric Schmidt, Google CEO
dawn of human kind through 2003

= every two days
Legal information

• Approx. 100 million new cases are initiated in state courts each year.

• Approx. 378,000 new federal district court cases are filed each year.

• Approx. 55,000 federal appeals are filed each year.

• Westlaw adds 150,000 search terms to cases each year.
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Getting Oriented to Law School

This guide is intended to help new law students get oriented to law school and identify study materials for first year classes.

Some things to keep in mind:

1) Check out study materials at the Reserve Desk to see what works for you. If you decide you like a resource and want your own copy, look for a used copy online.

2) Some recommended study aids:

- **Hornbooks** - Hornbooks are one volume legal treatises written primarily for law students and covering typical law school classes. They summarize and explain points of law, as opposed to casebooks, which provide edited cases. Hornbooks can be used to supplement casebooks.

- **Nutsheils (West's Law in a Nutshell Series)** - You can think of these books as a succinct statement of the black letter law. "Don't let their small size fool you: West's Law in a Nutshell series represents succinct yet comprehensive overview of the law in over a hundred different legal areas. Nutsheils have a loyal following who swear by their easy-to-understand treatment of the law, and they are a great illustration that learning the law doesn't have to be dry and confusing."

- **Questions and Answers** - This series uses multiple choice and short answer questions to test your knowledge.

- **Examples and Explanations** - This series allows you to test your knowledge by applying legal concepts to hypotheticals.
What is CALI?
CALI stands for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. CALI is a non-profit consortium of U.S. law schools that develops and distributes legal education lessons. Lessons include interactive Q&A's on particular legal topics, overviews and reviews, and podcasts.

How do I register for CALI?
You should receive a CALI registration code during law school orientation. Visit the MSLaw CALI page for registration instructions. If you need a code, contact Mary Kilpatrick.

What is Lexis?
Lexis is an online research system that allows you to search for cases, statutes, forms, news, and other information. Currently, you can research both traditional Lexis and Lexis Advance.

How do I register for Lexis?
You will receive a registration code and training for Lexis in your Writing and Legal Research course, which most students take during the second semester. For information on registering your password, visit the MSLaw Lexis page. If you need a code, contact Shukla Biswas.

What is Westlaw?
Westlaw is an online research system that allows you to search for cases, statutes, forms, news, and other information. Currently, you can research both Westlaw Classic and Westlaw Next.

How do I register for Westlaw?
You should receive a Westlaw registration code during law school orientation. If you need a code, contact Shukla Biswas. See the MSLaw Westlaw page for registration information.

What is TWEN?
TWEN is the West Education Network. It is an online course management system that allows your professors to post syllabi, course materials and assignments online for your use. TWEN allows your 24 hour access to your course materials that professors may have posted.

How do I access TWEN?
You can access TWEN using your Westlaw password. See the MSLaw TWEN page for more information.
CALI Spotlight

Law Schools Team Up with CALI to Harness Skills of Law Students, Develop Online Tools for Low-Income Litigants

Faculty developing course kits that will be offered to all 200+ CALI member schools

CHICAGO—December 27, 2012 – The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI®) will announce at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Schools in New Orleans on January 6, 2013 that they have reached agreements with faculty members from six law schools to develop course kits as part of

CALI Topics

Select a CALI Topic to find CALI Lessons and related material. Contracts lessons reflect UCC Revised Article 1.

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LESSONS: CONTRACTS

Acceptance

This lesson deals with one aspect of contract formation, acceptance. Acceptance is the manifestation of assent that is made by the offeree in response to an offer. In this lesson, you will learn how a party can accept an offer at common law. The lesson takes up issues such as the manner of acceptance, who can accept, silence as acceptance, rejection and counter-offer. The lesson ends with a short analysis exercise on the subject of acceptance.

Lesson Completion Time: 1 hour
Lesson ID: CON61
Author(s):
Jennifer Martin,
Matthew McKinnon,
Joseph Grohman,
Ronald Brown.

Accord and Satisfaction

This lesson explores discharge of a debt by accord and satisfaction. It can be run either as an introduction to the study of accord and satisfaction or as a review after you have completed your study.

Lesson Completion Time: 1 hour
Lesson ID: CON68
Author(s):
Scott Burnham.
LESSONS: TORTS

Advice to a 1L From a Law Professor Podcast

A Question and Answer session with Prof. McFarland, author of several of CALI's lessons in Tort Law and Civil Procedure. Prof. McFarland has been teaching for over 30 years. His comments in this podcast about the first semester of law school focus on the Socratic method, preparing for class, note-taking during class, class participation, "riding out" that "lost at sea" feel common during the first few weeks of law school, the appropriate use of study aids, advice about law school exams, and general advice on doing well in law school.

Download:
Lesson Completion Time: 14:56 minutes
Lesson ID: LCS05P
Author(s):
Douglas McFarland.

Assault

This lesson identifies the law of the intentional tort of assault, and challenges the student to apply unusual fact situations to that law. The exercise explores the tort of assault as it has developed to cover modern settings.

Lesson Completion Time: 45 minutes
Lesson ID: TRT18
Author(s):
Douglas McFarland.

Assumption of Risk
Additional CALI Lessons

- How to Brief a Case
- Preparing for Your First Semester of Law School
- Where Does Law Come From
- Writing Better Law School Exams

- Also: free ebooks!
Federal Rules of Civil Procedure

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Nutshell

Torts

Edward J. Kionka

Thomson West
Examples & Explanations
About the Information Resource Center

An introduction to the Information Resource Center

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In order to access professors’ course materials on TWEN, you must first register your Westlaw password and create a username and password. Then, follow the four steps below.

1. Sign in to your Westlaw account and choose TWEN at the top of the screen.
2. Select Add Course.
**Library Basics**

We are here to serve MSLAW students, alumni, faculty and staff. Remember... we're here to help. If you need something, please don't hesitate, ask.

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**Use of cellular phones is strictly prohibited. Phones should be off or on mute in the library.**

Electrical outlets for laptops are located along the external walls and on some pillars.

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Please place books removed from the library shelves on the book carts at the reserve desk for re-shelving. **Please do not leave them on the tables.**

**Reserve Desk**

**Copying and Printing**

Copying and printing require the purchase of a copy card. The card costs one dollar and you may purchase and add money to your card using the copy card machine across from the Reserve Desk. Each copy or print costs 12 cents.

Copy machines are located across from the Reserve Desk at the front of the library.

The Computer lab contains two high-speed printers. You may also download the wireless print driver to print remotely from your laptop. Unfortunately, there is no Apple driver for the Pharos system as of yet.

- Wireless Print Driver Win 7 32 bit
- Wireless Print Driver Win 7 64 bit
Massachusetts School of Law Library
The North Head Lighthouse in Ilwaco, Washington, close to Cape Disappointment State Park (Washington State Coastal Atlas)