First-Year Students

First Year Orientation Handout

Welcome!

The Kathrine R. Everett Law Library extends a special welcome to the first year law students at UNC. The Law Library occupies an essential place in the lives of law students and faculty. Law students spend a great deal of time in the Library studying and doing legal research. The Law Library staff is a group of highly skilled persons who are here to assist you with your legal research needs. The staff welcomes your suggestions and comments about the Library. Best wishes to you for a successful career, and again, welcome to the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library.

Anne Klinefelter
Director and Associate Professor of Law

Reference Assistance

Ask us...We have heard it all before.

We answer just about anything. Some of our favorites:

- Where are the bathrooms?
- Where are the copiers?
- How do I get downstairs?
- Should I apologize to my professor for not being prepared?
- Where can I grab a bite to eat?
- What is a headnote?
- Where is. . . whatever?

So feel free to ask us anything - we have been through it before. All of our reference librarians have a J.D. and a Master's degree in librarianship. So we can answer many of your law 101 questions!

Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)

CALI lessons are interactive, computer-based tutorials provided by the non-profit Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (www.cali.org). There are over 600 lessons available in 32 different legal subject areas at www.cali.org. Lessons are free to all law students at our school because UNC Law is a CALI member.

In order to access the lessons via the website (www.cali.org), you must use our school's authorization code, which can be found on My Carolina Law.

Topical Research Guides

The Law Library provides research guides designed to help library users locate materials on specific topics. Copies of the research guides are available at the Reference Desk.

LexisNexis and Westlaw

LexisNexis and Westlaw, the largest electronic legal research systems, are available to UNC-CH law students for academic use. LexisNexis and Westlaw printers are located outside of the Library in the third floor student area. Passwords were distributed during orientation. The reference staff can answer questions about research techniques or the limitations of use outlined in the library's subscription. For password questions, contact Timothy Gallina at 919-843-4787 or tgallina@email.unc.edu.

Group Study Room

The Conference Room, room 4034, in the reading room on the fourth floor is available for individuals or study groups for two-hour time periods. The reservation sheet and key are available at the Circulation Desk in the Library.

Instant Message Reference

Our buddy name is lawchat4u. Add us to your buddy list. This service is intended to assist students with brief directional and research questions.

"Power Tables" & Carrels !!!

Check out the Power Tables in the window areas of the fourth floor reading room that have electricical outlets. Additionally, all of the carrels in the Law Library have electrical outlets. Plug in your laptop and extend your battery life.

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