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Exam Database

As finals approach many students review past law school exams as part of their exam preparation. The exam archive is as close as your nearest computer and may be accessed either from home or school. The Web address for exams going back to 1992 is:

https://njlegallib.rutgers.edu/splash/exams.php

To view the exams, enter your Net ID and password. Exams are browsable by course, professor or semester. A link to the exam archive is also available on the home page of the law library Web site at:

http://law-library.rutgers.edu

Exams from the Spring 2005 semester were recently added to the database and are available for viewing and downloading. The library also has exams given before 1992 available in print at the circulation/reserve desk The circulation staff will be happy to help you find older exams that are available for review.

Exam Archive FAQ

- *How come the exam starts on page 19?* - Most professors submit only the essay questions to the exam archive. An exam that begins on page 19 likely had 18 pages of short answer questions that are not available for review.
- *I know my professor taught this course before but I can't find the past exams* – Professors may choose not to submit their past exams. The library makes available all past exams received from the faculty.

New Books in the Library

America's unpatriotic acts : the Federal Government's violation of constitutional and civil rights / Walter M. Brasch (Peter Lang, 2005) JC599.U5 B67 2005

The ancient constitution and the origins of Anglo-American liberty / John Phillip Reid (Northern Illinois University Press, 2005) KD3934 .R45 2005

Conquest by law : how the discovery of America dispossessed indigenous peoples of their lands / Lindsay G. Robertson (Oxford University Press, 2005)   KF228.U5 R63 2005

The impossibility of religious freedom / Winnifred Fallers Sullivan (Princeton University Press, 2005)   KF228.W353 S85 2005

Leviathan : the growth of local government and the erosion of liberty / Clint Bolick (Hoover Institution Press, 2004) JS331 .B65 2004
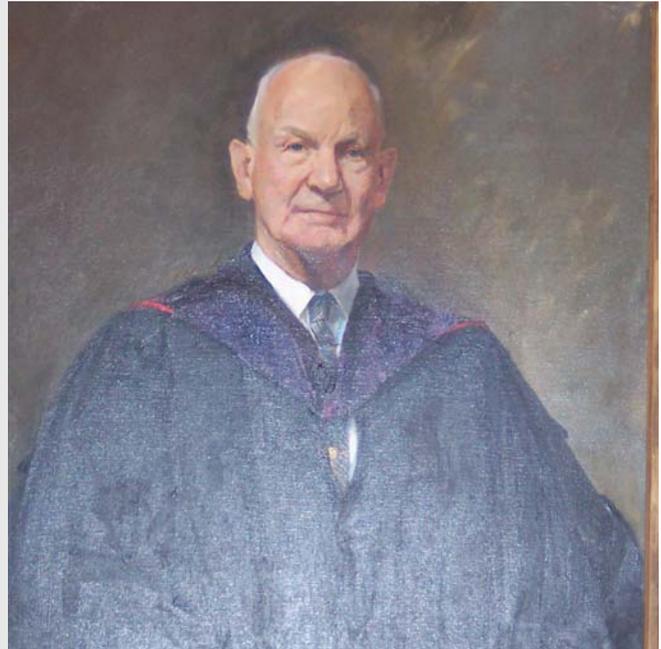
Terrorism, the laws of war, and the Constitution : debating the enemy combatant cases / edited by Peter Berkowitz (Hoover Institution Press, 2005)   KF7225 .T48 2005

To the flag : the unlikely history of the Pledge of Allegiance / Richard J. Ellis (University Press of Kansas, 2005)   JK1759 .E37 2005

Welfare for politicians? Taxpayer financing of campaigns / edited by John Samples (Cato Institute, 2005) JK1991 .W45 2005

Who Is That Man on the Wall?

The portrait that hangs behind our reference desk is of Henry E. Ackerson, Jr. (1880-1970), one of the first seven justices of the New Jersey Supreme Court under the 1947 constitution. His judicial career began in 1919 when he was appointed as Judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals.   He served on that Court until 1924, then as a Circuit Court judge until 1948, then on the Supreme Court until his retirement in 1952.

According to remarks by Chief Justice Vanderbilt on the occasion of Justice Ackerson's retirement, "more of his opinions below were adopted by [the higher courts] as their decisions than those of any other trial judge in our entire judicial history."   Ackerson Hall, at 180 University Avenue, the home of our law school from 1965 to 1978, was named in honor of Justice Ackerson.

New Reference Librarian Joins Library Faculty

There's a new face behind the reference desk! The library is pleased to welcome Dennis Kim-Prieto to our faculty. Dennis comes to us from Illinois where he took his masters degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois in May of 2005. While pursing his library degree he also taught introductory courses in legal research and writing, business writing, literature, and composition. Dennis earned his law degree from the University of Iowa in 2001, and also holds a masters in fine arts from the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

Dennis' scholarly interests include foreign, international and comparative law. He is currently focusing on reference works for Latin American jurisdictions. Active in library professional organizations, he serves as Vice Chair/ Chair-Elect for the Latino Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries. In his spare time, Dennis enjoys cooking, cinema, writing, and traveling with his wife Chu and his daughter Jenara.

Library Hours:

Mon—Fri: 7:30 a.m. to Midnight
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to Midnight

Contact us:

- Reference...............(973) 353-5676
- Circulation ....(973) 353-5677
- Web......................http://law-library.rutgers.edu

New Additions to the NJ Digital Legal Library

Launched in 2003, the New Jersey Digital Legal Library (NJDLL) was created to enhance scholarly, practitioner, and public access to the materials of New Jersey law and legal history through the processes of digitization, metadata creation, and placement on a freely accessible public website. The collection is available at:

http://njlegallib.rutgers.edu/

Some of the materials available on the NJDLL include the New Jersey Administrative Reports, First Series, Attorney General Opinions, Executive Orders of the Governor, legislative counsel opinions and documents relating to early New Jersey laws on slavery.

Working closely with Professor John Payne, the library has recently expanded its digital law collection with the addition of many documents of the landmark Mount Laurel cases on affordable housing. The collection includes pleadings, briefs and judicial decisions. The NJDLL also hosts decisions of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, an administrative agency that rules on disputes on affordable housing. The library will make additional documents available in the collection in the near future.

Another new addition to the digital collection are Web casts of oral arguments of the New Jersey Supreme Court. With arguments going back to the beginning of 2005, you can now check out how the pros manage appellate advocacy.

Library Sponsors National Conference

On November 4th the Director of the Law Library, Professor Carol A. Roehrenbeck, hosted a successful conference on RFID technology, a controversial new technology that uses various electronic devices, such as microchip tags, tag readers, computer servers, and software, to automate transactions. Experts from the ACLU, Electronic Freedom Foundation, and the library and legal communities were on hand to discuss the privacy implications of new technology. The library is pleased to offer a podcast of the conference, as well as additional resources.

Podcast: http://law-library.rutgers.edu/feeds/podcast.php

Selective bibliography: http://law-library.rutgers.edu/resources/RFIDbib.php

Program: http://law-library.rutgers.edu/services/RFID.php

Web Sites for United Nations Treaties and Materials

Locating documents produced by the U.N. and its many entities can be crucial for those who are researching international law and human rights. Until recently, finding the full-text of many U.N. documents was difficult, but in the past two years the U.N. has made a number of previously restricted databases freely available on the Internet. On the 60th Anniversary of the U.N. we offer are pleased to offer Web links to the major collections of United Nations documents:

Official Document System of the United Nations - ODS covers all types of official United Nations documentation, beginning in 1993. The system does not contain press releases, UN sales publications, the United Nations Treaty Series or information brochures issued by the Department of Public Information.   **http://documents.un.org/welcome.asp?language=E**

Documents of Main Bodies of the U.N. (Security Council, General Assembly, etc)
        http://www.un.org/documents/

International Court of Justice — http://www.icj-cij.org/

U.N. Library Catalog — http://unbisnet.un.org/

U.N Treaty Series (UNTS) - http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/access.asp (Rutgers access only)

U.N. Common Database: Statistical Database (Rutgers access only)
        http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/indexes/search_guides/unstats.shtml

AccessUN: Selected full-text documents and indexings of older documents(Rutgers access only)
        http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/indexes/search_guides/accessUN.shtml