

# Bits & Bytes

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## The Newsletter of Rutgers Law Library

### Library Implements Cost Cutting Measures and Negotiates Local Agreements



*Library Directors Carol Roehrenbeck of Rutgers Law Library and Deborah Herrera of the Seton Hall Law Library negotiate consortium agreement*

The Law Library is about to finalize two agreements with neighboring institutions—Essex County College and Seton Hall Law School. The agreements will provide some support for services and a modest reduction in selected acquisition expenditures. At a time when the State faces a tight financial picture, the Law Library director, Carol Roehrenbeck, stated that she hoped that these agreements will help limit some of the cuts that she will need to make to the collection to remain within budget this year. The Library budget has been flat for more than eleven years. (Continued on Page 2)

### Friends of the Library Event Set for April 27th

On Thursday April 27 from 6 – 8 pm, the library will host the second annual **Friends of the Law Library** reception. This year’s event will include a panel discussion of the topic: “After *Kelo*: Eminent Domain in Urban New Jersey.”

Speakers for the event include:

- **NJ Public Advocate Ronald Chen '83**
- **State Senator Nia Gill '75**
- **Associate Dean Bernard Bell**
- **Professor John Payne**

For more information on the **Friends of the Law Library** program, please visit the Friends Web site at:

<http://law-library.rutgers.edu/friends/>

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## New Library Agreements

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Under the agreement with Essex County College, the Law Library will receive funds to supplement reference services to students in the College paralegal program. Essex County is applying to the American Bar Association for approval of the program and the relationship with the Law Library will support their application. The Law Library will use the funds to provide reference services to the students in the program and to maintain some of the materials those students use.

The proposed agreement with Seton Hall sets up a consortium between the two libraries. Under the agreement the library directors will collaborate on holdings to insure that adequate copies of selected hard copy items will remain freely available to the faculty, students and users of each institution. For example, the directors have tentatively agreed to keep selected state annotated statutory sets known as codes in hard copy and discontinue other state codes. This will allow the directors to use the funds from the discontinued sets for other purchases.

The agreement insures all fifty state codes will remain available locally. Heavily used sets such as the New Jersey or New York statutes will be retained by both institutions. The annotated codes are available in an electronic format through Lexis and Westlaw, however many users still prefer to use the hard copy versions. The agreement awaits approval by the dean of each school.



## Hot Sites for Legal Research

### ORAL ARGUMENTS

The Oyez project now provides a podcast for the U.S. Supreme Court Arguments:  
<http://www.oyez.org/podcast/>

You can view oral arguments of the New Jersey Supreme Court broadcast within the last 30 days on the New Jersey Judiciary Website:  
<http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/webcast/archive.htm>  
To view arguments after that time go to our site:  
<http://njlegallib.rutgers.edu/supct/>

### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Do you want a copy of the brief in Texaco, Inc. v. Dagher? Do you want a status report of Schering-Plough v. FTC? Try the newly revised website of the Federal Trade Commission. Go to <http://www.ftc.gov> and select the Legal Resources tab from the column on the left.

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Whether you are researching tax law or just getting ready to file your own return, the website for the Internal Revenue Service is worth a visit. IRS tax forms, instructions and the latest information for tax professionals can be found at:  
<http://www.irs.gov>

### FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Now you can track the latest changes in federal regulations, and view proposed changes and comments and even submit comments online at:  
<http://www.regulations.gov/>

A new beta test site from the Government Printing Office allows one to view the new regs integrated into the Code of Federal Regulation within days of their adoption.. Go to:  
<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>

## Library Welcomes New Serials and Technology Librarian

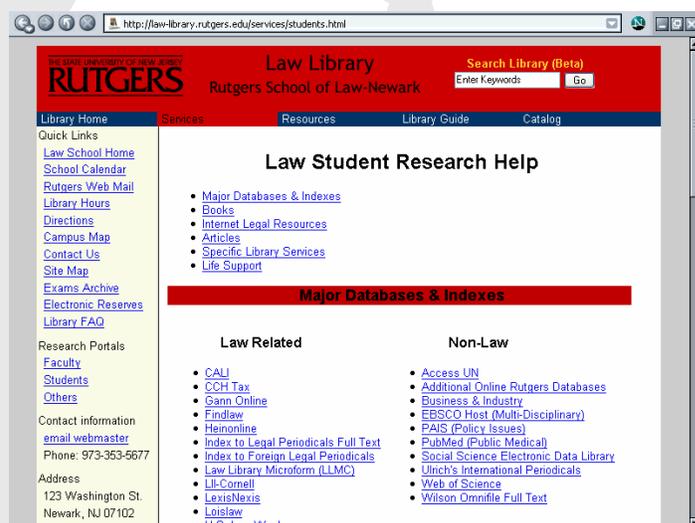
**Yu-Hui Chuang** is the Serials and Technology Librarian. Yu-Hui is a 2005 graduate of the library school at Syracuse University where she earned an M.L.I.S. While at Syracuse, she worked part-time at the reference desk at the Syracuse Law Library. She also holds a law degree from Taiwan and an L.L.M. from the University of Missouri.

Yu-Hui's scholarly interests are in the area of foreign, international and comparative law. She recently completed a pathfinder on Chinese and Taiwanese legal research. Prior to beginning her studies in law and librarianship, she taught social studies and law at the high school level in Taiwan. She enjoys traveling with her husband Jian-Jou and son Tz-Chen.



## Library Web Portal for Law Students

The Law Library and the Rutgers University Libraries offer hundreds of electronic databases free of charge to law students. Not sure where to begin your research? The library has created a Web portal just for law students to make your search easier. Start your research at: <http://law-library.rutgers.edu/services/students.html>



Screen Shot of the Law Students' Web Portal



### 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>

The New Jersey Law Librarians Association Presents:

## Bridge the Gap 2006

*A Legal Research Program for Summer Associates  
Now in its 15th Year*

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### The Details:

- When:** Saturday, March 25, 2006  
**Where:** Rutgers Law Library  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (*Continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be provided*)  
**Cost:** **FREE** (Registration is required; please feel free to dress casually)

**To Register: Go to:**

<http://www.njlla.org/displayemailforms.cfm?emailformnbr=15892>

Or visit the library reference desk and complete the registration form

### Program Content

- **Legal Research Skills & Basic Sources**
- **Legislative History**
- **Administrative Materials**
- **Survival Tips**
- **Client Expectations**
- **Assignment Clarification**
- **Workload Management**

### Working in New York this summer?

Then consider attending a similar Bridge-the-Gap program hosted by New York law librarians. It will be held on Friday, March 24 at the New York City Bar Association in Midtown Manhattan. Details and registration forms are available at:

[http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/2006bridge\\_gap\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/2006bridge_gap_flyer.pdf)