WASHBURN LAW Library

RESEARCH PORTAL REDESIGNED

WashLaw, one of the first portals for legal research on the web, unveiled a redesign earlier this year. The new look incorporates maps to provide an alternative method of navigation. In addition, links to resources for another 68 foreign jurisdictions were added to WashLaw's foreign law coverage. The internet is one of the best places to find foreign law resources and sometimes the only place. Links on WashLaw are reviewed and selected by law librarians, making them more relevant than results from a traditional search engine. WashLaw currently has links to more than 20,000 resources.

Also this year the Washburn Law Library began partnering with the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO), a group of academic law libraries, in a grant-funded project to develop Universal Search Solution. This solution will enable users to access library bibliographic records, vendor databases, NELLCO's cooperative institutional repository, and selected free web legal research resources, all within a single search. These significant improvements contributed to WashLaw's being sought to partner as the base of the free web resource component.

COURT DECISIONS ON THE WEB

Washburn Law Library staff members continue to oversee web publication of Kansas appellate court decisions and the Kansas Attorney General's opinions, and also make available daily opinions of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.



PRINT AND DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Beyond the usual growth of the library's print collections, major additions to Washburn Law Library's digital collections include the following HeinOnline libraries:

- United Nations Law Collection
- National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws
- National Moot Court Competition Briefs
- Subject Compilations of State Laws Database

Bibliographic records for the 21,810 titles in the Making of Modern Law digital collection were added to the ATLAS (Associated Topeka Libraries Automation System) online library catalog, with direct links to the corresponding pdf images. The Making of Modern Law is also available campus-wide, and as with most of our other electronic resources, from off-campus.

As part of the ATLAS consortium, the law library introduced the Encore search platform as an additional option to its library catalog users. Encore uses a single search box and displays results in a style similar to those found on Amazon or Google.

BLOGGING

Blogging software is now available and enables students, student organizations, law school departments, and alumni to enhance their web presence. The Professional Development Office has created "Come Here, Career!" which provides tips for interviewing, clerkships, travel, references, and many other topics. Student groups are also using the blogging software to promote their organizations' goals, make announcements, and share information.

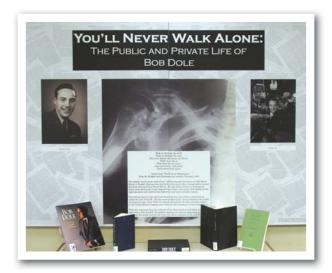


Washburn Law Blogs are available to members of the Washburn Law family. Alumni are encouraged to create their own blogs.



Visit http://blogs.washburnlaw.edu to get started.

See the Washburn Law Blogs homepage for some of the blogs available.



"YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE: THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE OF BOB DOLE"

Last fall, the Washburn Law Library displayed, "You'll Never Walk Alone: The Public and Private Life of Bob Dole," a 15-panel traveling exhibit about the life of one of Washburn's most distinguished law alumni, Bob Dole, '52. On loan from the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas, this display included aspects of his 35 years in Congress and his vice presidential and presidential bids.

LIFETIME E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND WASHBURN LAW BLOGS

Lifetime e-mail addresses for alumni have been created to help strengthen ties between our alumni and the law school. Your e-mail address is provided free of charge.

Contact the alumni office at (785) 670-1011 or alumni@washburnlaw.edu to obtain your username and initial password.

LAW SCHOOL STAFF RETIREMENTS

The law school community wishes the best to the following staff members on their retirements: Mary Beth Bero, Pat Dodds, Vicki Doze, Rachel Olson, and Tonya Worley.