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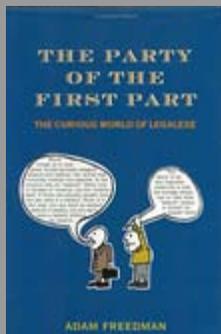
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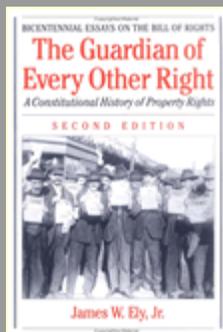
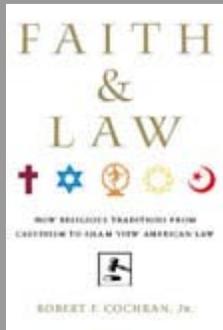
## Library Exhibit a Success at the 35th Anniversary Event in Tacoma



A library exhibit marking the law school's 35th anniversary played a prominent role at the alumni gathering in Tacoma's Museum of Glass on October 17, 2007. The display included photos, commemorative T-shirts, and early editions of the Prolific Reporter that highlighted the school's early days. Interested alumni stopped by to examine the items and reminisce with the library staff in attendance. Susan Kezele and Bob Menanteaux organized the event with assistance from Kara Phillips, Nancy Minton, Charlotte Anderson, Kelly Kunsch, and Associate Dean Kristin Cheney. Dominique Bourg produced the banners, bookmarks and handouts that graced the table.

## Catholic Periodicals

Thanks to a suggestion from Professor Russell Powell, the law library is making a number of Catholic periodicals available for print or electronic routing. *America*, the only national Catholic



weekly in the U.S.; and *The Tablet*, the Catholic weekly of the United Kingdom, are both available in print. *Commonweal*, a review of religion, politics and culture; *First Things*, a journal of religion, culture and public life; and the *National Catholic Reporter*, a news-weekly that reports, comments and reflects on the church and society, are all available for electronic routing.

If you would like to be added to the routing list for print issues of *America* and/or *The Tablet*, contact Jane Grossman. If you would like electronic routing of *Commonweal*, *First Things* or the *National Catholic Reporter*, contact your research librarian liaison to set up e-mail alerts.

Back issues of *America* and *The Tablet* are located in the compact shelving on the court level of the law library.

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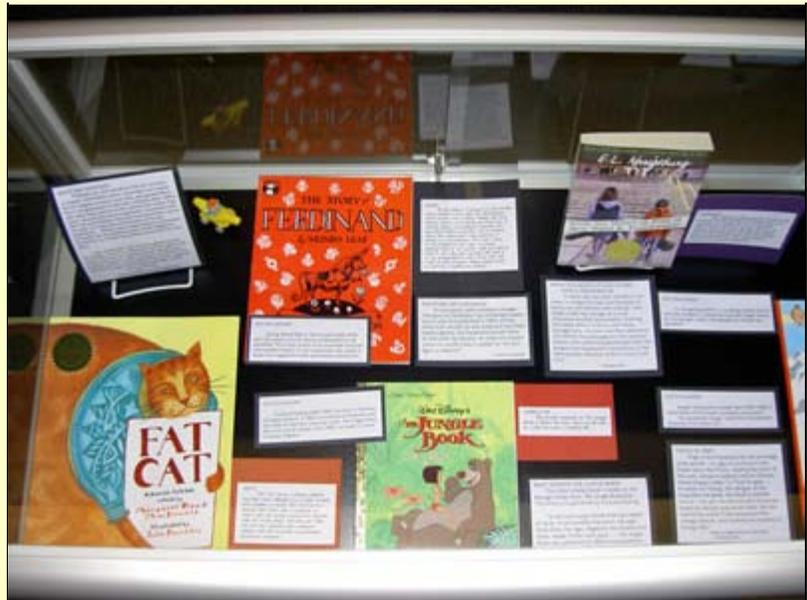
## Records Management and Archive Program



In January, the law school enlisted records management consultant Belinda Bartels to guide the development of a comprehensive records management and archives program for the law school. Ms. Bartels' work will include surveying current law school record-keeping practices, examining records management practices at other law schools, and designing a program tailored for the law school. Her work is being facilitated by Stephanie Wilson and Bob Menanteaux, and supervised by Associate Dean Kristin Cheney.

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## Children's Book Week Exhibit



November 12 marked the beginning of Children's Book Week. For the second year in a row, the law library participated by creating an exhibit of favorite children's books. Whereas last year's exhibit featured selections of library staff, this year's exhibit featured selections of law faculty. Donna Turner created both exhibits. This year's exhibit included faculty member comments, figurines of book characters, and fascinating tidbits about the books and their authors. Oh, and the exhibit also featured the books themselves which are now available for checkout.

In conjunction with the favorite books exhibit, Donna also created a companion exhibit on the history of children's literature. If you missed this year's exhibits, you can still look forward to next year's.

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## Stephanie Wilson Back from Sabbatical

Librarian Stephanie Wilson was on sabbatical for the 2007 fall semester. During her sabbatical, Stephanie worked on a research project that examined whether library subject classification systems can better serve researchers seeking material about the LGBT community. Stephanie also attended two conferences while on sabbatical. In September, she was a panelist at a discussion about LGBT research held at Lavender Law, the annual conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Foundation. In November, Stephanie attended a conference about managing and preserving digital materials, titled "Persistence of Memory, Stewardship of Digital Assets."

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## Meet Pam Coury

The law library is delighted to



welcome Pam Coury as the new Senior Library Technician for Acquisitions. Pam joined the library staff in early January.

*What does your job in the law library entail?*

“I do bibliographic searching; create online interim records; order and receive publications; check-in and claim serials. I am the liaison for library vendors. I prepare invoices and do financial record keeping. I also maintain and process government

documents.”

*What did you do before joining Seattle University?*

“I was a Technical Analyst for various engineering groups at Boeing for seventeen years. I was employed by Pacific Lutheran University as a Library Acquisitions Technician. I worked for PLU for 2 ½ years. I am a graduate of the Library Technician Program at Highline Community College.”

*Why did you choose Seattle University?*

“I chose Seattle University because of the university and law school mission statements. Seattle University has a reputation as a quality institution. As a former student, I have personal experience with Seattle University from years ago.”

*What are your hobbies and interests outside of work?*

“I am passionate about nature and wildlife. My menagerie includes two dogs, four cats and nine parrots. I volunteer at zoos and animal sanctuaries when time permits.”

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## Conferences & Presentations

### Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Reference Librarians Tina Ching and Kerry Fitz-Gerald spoke at a full-day continuing education seminar sponsored by the National Business Institute. “Find it Free and Fast on the Net: Strategies for Legal Research on the Web” was held in Tacoma on December 13 and in Seattle on December 14. At the Tacoma seminar, Ms. Ching discussed the deep web and guided the attendees through ways to locate deep web sources and old web pages. In Seattle, Ms. Fitz-Gerald showed the attendees how to locate free legal research sites, utilize online government resources and find practice tools.

## Persistence of Memory: Stewardship of Digital Assets

On November 28-29, Reference Librarian Stephanie Wilson attended a two-day seminar titled “Persistence of Memory: Stewardship of Digital Assets.” It was presented by the Northeast Document Conservation Center and was attended by members of the library and museum communities nationwide. Several topics were covered including how to find and evaluate digital repositories, getting content into a repository, preserving video and audio, and business models for preservation.

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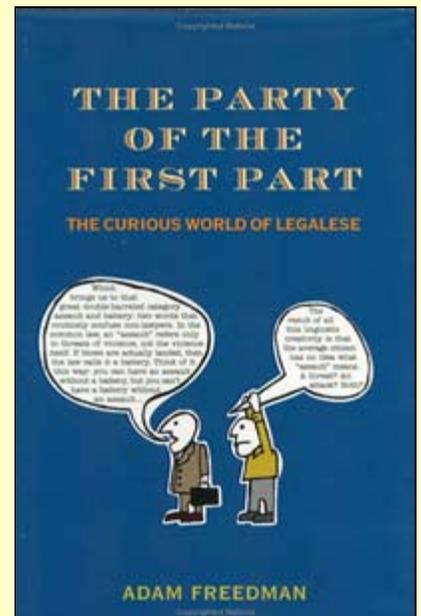
## The Party of the First Part: The Curious World of Legalese

By Adam Freedman  
New York: Henry Holt, 2007  
L184.F74 2007

### From the Publisher

This clever, user-friendly discourse exposes the simple laws lurking behind decorative, unnecessary, and confusing legal language. For better or for worse, the instruction manual for today's world is written by lawyers.

Everyone needs to understand this manual—but lawyers persist in writing it in language no one can possibly decipher.



Why accuse someone of making “material misstatements of fact,” when you could just call them a liar? What’s the point of a “last” will and testament if, presumably, every will is your last? Did you know that “law” derives from a Norse term meaning “that which is laid down”? So tell your boss to stop laying down the law—it already is.

In *The Party of the First Part*, Adam Freedman explores the origins of legalese, interprets archaic phrasing (witnesseth!), explains obscure and oddly named laws, and disputes the notion that lawyers are any smarter than the rest of us when judged solely on their briefs. (A brief, by the way, is never so.)

### About the Author

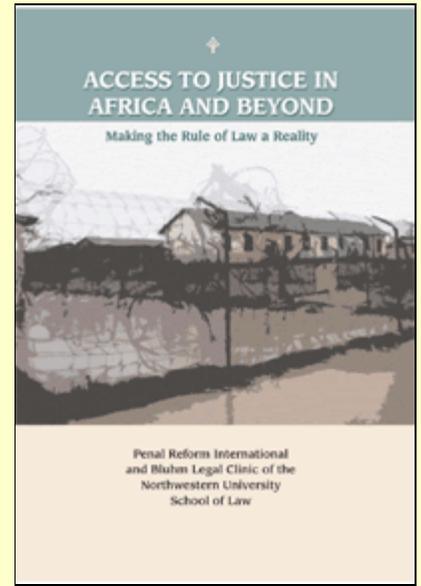
Adam Freedman writes the “Legal Lingo” column for the *New York Law Journal Magazine*, and was a litigator before joining a major investment bank where he earns his living decoding policies and procedures into plain English. He holds degrees from Yale, Oxford, and the University of Chicago and has written for

*Newsweek International* and *Slate.com*, among others. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.

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## Access to Justice in Africa and Beyond: Making the Rule of Law a Reality

By Penal Reform International and  
the Bluhm Legal Clinic of  
Northwestern University  
Chicago, IL: PRI/Bluhm/NITA,  
2007  
KQC55.A23 2007



### From the Publisher

In this book, criminal justice practitioners from around the world explore practical ways of delivering legal aid in criminal justice matters to the poorest sectors of African and other developing societies. They articulate a broad and inclusive definition of legal aid, call on governments, in partnership with civil society, to provide legal aid at all stages in the criminal justice process, to recognize the role of informal means of conflict resolution, including traditional forums, to diversify legal aid service providers, and to encourage legal empowerment of all citizens. The book also contains excerpts from other key international declarations and guidelines pertaining to the treatment of ordinary people caught up in the criminal justice system.

### About the Authors

Penal Reform International is an international non-governmental organization working on penal and criminal justice reform worldwide.

PRI has regional programs in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the South Caucasus and North America. We also work with partner organizations in South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern evolved from Dean John Henry Wigmore's innovative program with the Chicago Legal Aid Society initiated in 1910. Today, more than 20 clinical professors combine classroom instruction with hands-on experience for more than 120 students who take clinical courses each year.

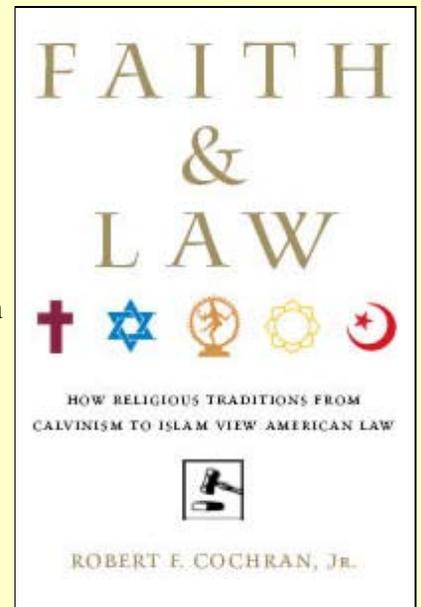
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## Faith and Law: How Religious Traditions from Calvinism to Islam View American Law

Edited by Robert F. Cochran, Jr.  
New York: New York University  
Press, 2008  
BL65.L33F352 2008

### From the Publisher

The relationship between religion and the law is a hot-button topic in America, with the courts, Congress, journalists, and others engaging in animated debates on what influence, if any, the former should have on the latter. Many of these discussions are dominated by the legal perspective, which views religion as a threat to the law; it is rare to hear how various religions in America view American law, even though most religions have distinct views on law.



In *Faith and Law*, legal scholars from sixteen different religious traditions contend that religious discourse has an important function in the making, practice, and adjudication of American law, not least because our laws rest upon a framework of religious values. The book includes faiths that have traditionally had an impact on American law, as well as new immigrant faiths that are likely to have a growing influence. Topics include abortion, gay rights, euthanasia, immigrant rights, and blasphemy and free speech.

### About the Author

Robert F. Cochran, Jr. is the Louis D. Brandeis Professor and the Director of the Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics at Pepperdine University School of Law. His books include *Christian Perspectives on Legal Thought* (with Michael McConnell and Angela Carmella).

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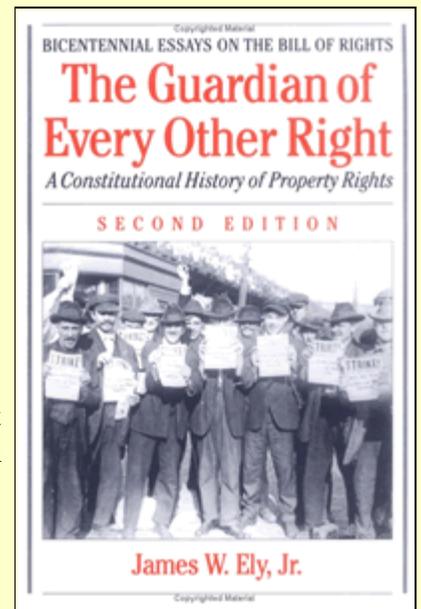
## The Guardian of Every Other Right: A Constitutional History of Property Rights

By James W. Ely  
New York: Oxford University  
Press, 2008  
KF562.E54 2008

### From the Publisher

*The Guardian of Every Other Right* chronicles the pivotal role of property rights in fashioning the American constitutional order from the colonial era to the current controversies over eminent domain and land use controls. The book emphasizes the interplay of law, ideology, politics, and economic change in shaping constitutional thought and provides a historical

perspective on the contemporary debate about property rights. Since publication of the original edition of this work, both academic and popular interest in the constitutional rights of property owners has markedly increased. Now in its third edition, this text has been revised to incorporate a full treatment of important judicial decisions, notable legislation, and scholarship since the second edition appeared in 1997. Covering the entire history of property rights in the United States, this new edition continues to fill a major gap in the literature of constitutional history.



### About the Author

James W. Ely is Milton R. Underwood Professor of Law and Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. He is the author or editor of sixteen books, including *Ambivalent Legacy: A Legal History of the South* (1984), *An Uncertain Tradition: Constitutionalism and the History of the South* (1989), *The Bill of Rights in Modern America: After 200 Years* (1993), *The Chief Justiceship of Melville W. Fuller, 1888-1910* (1995), and *Railroads and American Law* (2001).

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