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Shaken, but recovering

The law library appears to have pulled through the quake remarkably well, and a BIG thank you from the entire library staff is extended to the staff and students from other law school departments who came over to help with the clean-up.

It looked pretty discouraging at first. After assuring ourselves that no one was seriously injured, we turned our attention to the physical damage. The building held up quite well, with only a ceiling tile here and there falling to the ground in vacant areas. In keeping with local regulations, the bookshelves are bolted to the floors, so all remained standing and no one was treated to a large-scale demonstration of the domino effect.

However, the laws of physics dictate that the upper portion of these shelves will sway more than the lower, and the building itself will behave similarly. While many books fell to the floor on the second and third floors, nothing could compare to the scene on the fourth, where more books were piled up in the center of aisles than were left on the shelves. Almost immediately, volunteers from other departments came over to join the library staff in placing the books back on the shelves to clear the floor. What might have taken days was finished in a matter of hours due to all the help we received.

Unfortunately, since the priority was clearing the floors, we reshelved as fast as possible, and were unable to give much regard to call number order. So while the library looks nice again, it may be a little difficult to find things for a while. We hope to have everything reshelved in call number order soon.

More photos!

(Photos courtesy of Donna Turner, Bindery Specialist)

Records for many microfiche titles added to THEO

Over half of the law library's collection is on microform, and while most of us prefer to use "macroform" whenever possible, the use of film and fiche enables the library to collect and store far more material than would otherwise be possible. While digitized
Kristin Cheney will be visiting the University of Dayton School of Law as an ABA site inspection team member. When asked to comment on her upcoming visit, Kristin remarked that it's nice for a change to be the inspector, and not the inspectee.

Cataloging staff attends OCLC Workshops

Suzanne Harvey and Nancy Minton attended seminars put on by the Online Computer Library Center, a global library cooperative whose systems help librarians locate, acquire, catalog, and lend library materials. The heart of OCLC is WorldCat, the most consulted database in higher education, which holds over 45 million cataloging records created by libraries around the world. Suzanne and Nancy participated in workshops on inputting original records into WorldCat and on working with authority control records. Authority control assures the uniformity of indexing and provides cross-referencing to simplify searching and minimize confusion.

Finding what is needed on microform can be a challenge, but the library has taken big steps toward making this easier for our users with the addition of 15,000 catalog records to THEO which reference individual titles in some of our larger microfiche collections. Sets include:

- *A Collection of Trials on Microfiche*: 800 historic trials, including *Lizzie Lee's Daughter* and the Amistad proceedings
- *Native American Legal Materials Collection*: 1649 titles on a variety of issues

Access to *Internet Law & Regulation* improved

Access to the online version of Pike & Fischer's *Internet Law & Regulation* has been made easier. Formerly accessible only with a special password, it is now available to any user on the Seattle University campus. Those who wish to use it from off campus will be asked to enter their Seattle U. e-mail login and password.

Library staff attends Education Solutions seminar

Kristin Cheney, Jane Draney, Kelly Kunsch, Kara Phillips, and Brendan Starkey attended a seminar on Macromedia's Education Solutions package. They saw presentations on Macromedia products such as Dreamweaver, an HTML editing application; Fireworks, for designing and optimizing web graphics; and Macromedia Flash, for creating animated, vector-based (as opposed to pixilated) web sites. The new generation of web design tools made by this company and its competitors makes sophisticated web design easier, and everyone came away with ideas about how they might use such products to improve site presentation.

For content, we must continue to rely on more prosaic sources, such as the human brain.

"New and Notable" library materials

Check out the New and Notable page to see new resources we think might be of particular interest to our users. The page includes synopses, information on the authors,
and links to available reviews of the titles shown above.

For all of our recent acquisitions, see the New Bookshelf page.

### Site checking

Some web sites of interest:

**The "Invisible Web"** refers to databases on the web that are not searchable by Google, Excite, Yahoo, Hotbot, or any of the other web search engines that most of us rely on to find materials. The engines will record the location of the database, but not what it contains. To a searcher, that's a bit like saying, "here's the library, but you can't know what's in it." Since these databases contain vast amounts of information, and are growing ever larger, it helps to know what is out there. This article from About.com explains the phenomenon and provides a list of resources to consult. Some favorites:

- **Lycos Invisible Web Catalog**
  A nice, user-friendly directory of invisible web databases. Try the "Government" and "Legal" subheadings.

- **Direct Search**
  Compiled by a librarian at George Washington U., this directory is of particular use for academic users.

**MagPortal.com**
This no-nonsense site helps you find individual magazine articles on the web, from publications as diverse as *Time, Education Week*, and *Popular Mechanics*. For law-related stories, search under the "Society, Politics & Culture" subheading.
Earthquake aftermath

Although the library sustained no structural damage as a result of the March 1st earthquake, much of our collection was relocated to the floor, or in several cases, to shelves 5-6 feet away. Within minutes of being allowed back into the building, library staff, joined by many students and other law school staff, began returning thousands of books back to the shelving units. It will take an estimated 2-3 weeks to rearrange the collection in its correct call number sequence.

(Photos courtesy of Donna Turner, Bindery Specialist)

From the publisher: This new book builds on the eleven essays edited by Mark Janis in 1991 in *The Influence of Religion and the Development of International Law*, more than doubling its authors and essays and covering more religious traditions. Now included are studies of the interface between international law and ancient religions, Confucianism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, as well as essays addressing the impact of religious thought on the literature and sources of international law, international courts, and human rights law.

Read a review at 94 Am. J. Int'l L. 800 (available on Westlaw and Lexis, passwords required)

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Includes:

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- Protecting Digital Intellectual Property: Means and Measurements
- Conclusions and Recommendations
- Bibliography
- Networks: How the Internet Works
- Information Economics: A Primer
- Technologies for Intellectual Property Protection
- Copyright Education
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Consult the expandable table of contents or an HTML version of the book


From the publisher: President Bill Clinton's year of crisis, which began when his affair with Monica Lewinsky hit the front pages in January 1998, engendered a host of important questions of criminal and constitutional law, public and private morality, and political and cultural conflict.

In a book written while the events of the year were unfolding, Richard Posner presents a balanced and scholarly understanding of the crisis that also has the freshness and immediacy of journalism. Posner clarifies the issues and eliminates misunderstandings concerning facts and the law that were relevant to the investigation by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and to the impeachment proceeding itself. He explains the legal definitions of obstruction of justice and perjury, which even many lawyers are unfamiliar with. He carefully assesses the conduct of Starr and his prosecutors, including their contacts with the lawyers for Paula Jones and their hardball tactics with Monica Lewinsky and her mother. He compares and contrasts the Clinton affair with Watergate, Iran-Contra, and the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, exploring the subtle relationship between public and private morality. And he examines the place of impeachment in the American constitutional scheme, the pros and cons of impeaching President Clinton, and the major procedural issues raised by both the impeachment in the House and the trial in the Senate. This book, reflecting the breadth of Posner's experience and expertise, will be the essential foundation for anyone who wants to understand President Clinton's impeachment ordeal.

Richard A. Posner is Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and a
senior lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School.

Read a review in *The New York Times* (Lexis password required)


From the publisher: This volume contains a detailed study of the applicable international law relevant to peace operations in the context of collapsed states, in the establishment of safe havens or in a general enforcement role.

It discusses the interaction and the often complex legal relationships between non-government humanitarian actors, relevant UN agencies, the warring parties and international peace forces under international law and practice.

In particular, the book deals with issues concerning the implications of contemporary peace operations for military forces in terms of force structure, operating procedures and training. The book focuses on the often overlooked but critical issues of the interim administration of law and order in complex operations and on the reconstruction of a local capability in this regard. Many contemporary operational challenges are analyzed, including the Balkans and the Middle East. In particular, the book includes a detailed case study of Somalia based on the author's personal knowledge, experience and access to information on the ground in his capacity as military legal adviser to the Australian Defence Force Contingent in Somalia.

Contents:

- **Part I: The Problem.**
  - 1. The US led UNITAF Intervention – Into the Breach.

- **Part II: A Solution.**
  - 5. The Historical Development of the Laws of Occupation.

- **Part III: Conclusion.**

From the jacket: People are fed up with politics in this country and with good reason. Under our Constitution, we are supposed to be able to throw out elected officials who care more about contributors and lobbyists than the citizens they represent. Yet incumbents are able to raise so much campaign money it is almost impossible to defeat them.

The American people appear to have nowhere to turn. The politicians who benefit from the system have the power to change it, but they will not do anything that makes elections more competitive and fair. Not surprisingly, people have become deeply cynical about politics and government. Many can't name their elected officials, don't understand the issues, and don't vote.

But the Constitution provides its own solution. A little-known section - no more than a few words in Article V - authorizes the calling of a constitutional convention. Americans must hold such a convention, the first since 1787, to change the Constitution.

In this compelling and thoroughly researched book, Professor Richard Labunski convincingly argues that a second convention is necessary and explains how to use the Internet to organize it.

Never before have so many people been able to communicate with so many others so quickly. By using Web sites, e-mail, chat rooms and newsgroups, citizens will be able to find others around the country who want to participate in this effort.

Among the most controversial sections of the book are the 10 amendments Labunski offers for a convention to consider. His proposals include a campaign finance reform amendment to reduce the influence of money on politics; an amendment to protect the rights of victims of crime; an equal rights amendment; congressional term limits; and direct election of the president. Labunski also explains why a convention should repeal the Second Amendment, which many people believe gives them the constitutional right to own guns.

Some will say the idea of a second convention is naïve and dangerous. Even those who support reform may worry about what a convention might do. But Labunski answers those concerns by arguing that the Constitution belongs to the American people, and they are entitled to use the process that the Constitution provides to reclaim their government.

Richard Labunski is an associate professor in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications at the University of Kentucky where he teaches media law, the First Amendment and new technology, and broadcast journalism. He has a B.A. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, Santa Barbara. His J.D. is from Seattle University School of Law.

Read a review in Booklist (Westlaw password required)