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## New Reference Librarian—Stephanie Wilson



On April 1, 2001, Stephanie Wilson joined the law library staff as the newest member of the reference team. Stephanie received her J.D. from the City University of New York Law School at Queens College, and her M.L.S. from the Pratt Institute, School of Information and Library Science. Stephanie's most recent position was as a reference librarian for the New York firm of Willkie Farr and Gallagher.

Prior to pursuing a career in law librarianship, Stephanie served as a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division in New York, and for the New York City Human Resources Administration, Office of Legal Affairs. If you haven't already met Stephanie, feel free to stop by and say hello. Her office, Rm. 202, is located on the second floor of the library.

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## Coming soon: E-Reference

Email reference for students will be coming soon to the Law Library. This service will allow you to email questions to the library at any time of day or night. A librarian will usually respond within one working day. Use this service for help on starting a research project; locating a particular form; formulating a better Lexis or Westlaw query; or, finding additional information on a statute, for example. To take advantage of the service you must have a validated barcode. Stop by the Circulation desk to do this if you haven't already done so.

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## Law School hosts "Bridge the Gap"

On June 27, Sullivan Hall hosted the 6th Annual "Bridge the Gap" legal research program. The half-day program was the combined effort of the library staffs at the University of Washington and Seattle University Schools of Law. Law students and graduates from all law schools were invited to attend the free seminars. More than 100 summer associates from law firms throughout western Washington participated. Topics included: Lexis and Westlaw research, legislative histories, managing a research assignment, Internet research, practice materials, secondary sources, and cost-effective research. Our law librarians gave many of the presentations. The final plenary session on "Making the Most of Your Summer Job" was led by Director of Career Services, Linda Zahrly (along with her colleague from the UW and some of our alumni).

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## Conference attendance

Seattle University Law School librarians and library support staff enhanced their knowledge and skills through attendance at conferences and workshops this summer. Opportunities to network with other library personnel regionally, nationally and internationally provided the attendees with discussion points addressing current library practices and technology-related topics.

May's end brought Bob Menanteaux to London, Ontario where he attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL). Two conferences were held mid-June in San Francisco: the annual Council On Library Technicians (COLT) was attended by Susan Kezele and Nancy Minton; while Kara Phillips and Stephanie Wilson attended the American Library Association (ALA). Acting Library Director Kristin Cheney and Kelly Kunsch attended the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) in Boston at the end of June, along with Assoc. Dean Steve Burnett, Asst. Dean Rick Bird, Chris Wilen (Technology), and Loren Wells (Technology). Attending the July annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in Minneapolis were Steve Burnett, Kristin Cheney, Kelly Kunsch, Kara Phillips, Brendan Starkey, and Stephanie Wilson.

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## Staff member's family promotes Group Health

Greg Soejima, the library's computer lab technician, along with his family, were chosen from among 1000 applicants to "star" in a two-year promotional campaign for Group Health Cooperative. Greg, his wife Lucy, and daughter Chloe, will appear in TV commercials, on radio ads, on billboards, and on the Internet, sharing their personal experiences with Group Health. Filming took place at Granite Falls over a two-day period early in August. The TV ads will start appearing during prime time on August 25. Greg has a beautiful family and we wish him continued success in "show biz."

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## Faculty Services Guide goes online

The online version of the *Faculty Services Guide* is now available on the library website. It is essentially an updated version of the guide distributed last year. In addition, the online version has links to many of the resources and people named in the guide.

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## THEO to be upgraded September 25

Mark Your Calendars! On Tuesday, September 25, 2001, there will be a much needed hardware upgrade to the library's catalog (THEO). We expect the upgrade to take all day. During this time, we will be checking out books manually and the catalog will be down. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience; however, this upgrade is a necessary prerequisite to a future software upgrade to our catalog, called Millennium, which will

allow enhanced functionality and features.

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## Librarian search update

A library committee to hire a new Systems/Technical Services Librarian has been working hard to fill the position. So far, we have interviewed two candidates on site and interviewed several others at various conventions, via telephone, and locally. We hope to hire someone soon.

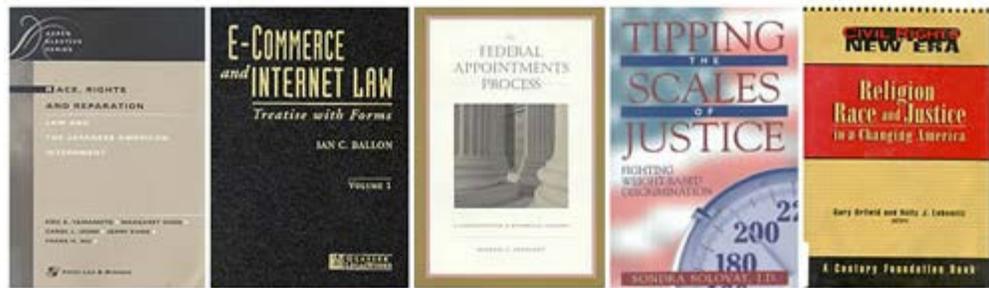


## Missing books

The library is missing v. 2 of the *Official Revised Code of Washington* (RCW) and v. 14 of the *Annotated Revised Code of Washington* (ARCW) from the reference collection on the second floor. Any help in locating them would be much appreciated so that we don't have to purchase expensive replacement copies.

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## "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.

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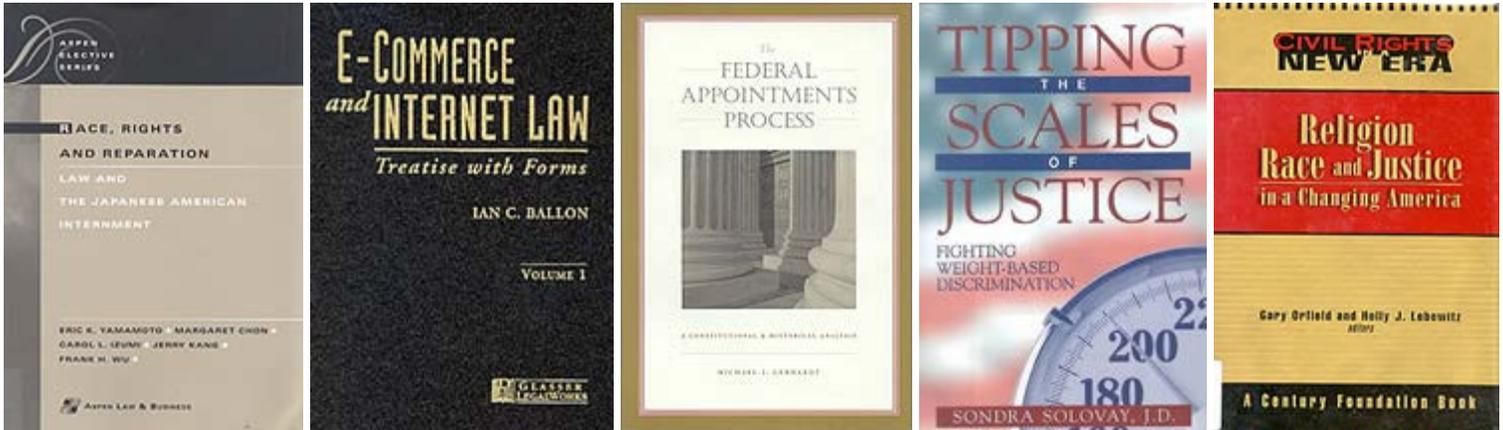
Newsletter written by law library staff.

Questions? Comments? Please contact Brendan Starkey, editor.

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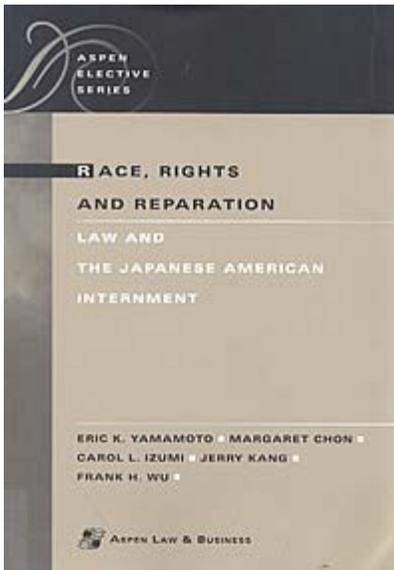
*Race, Rights, and Reparation: Law of the Japanese American Internment.* Eric K. Yamamoto, Margaret Chon, Carol L. Izumi, Jerry Kang. Aspen Publishers, Inc. KF7224.5.R33 2001

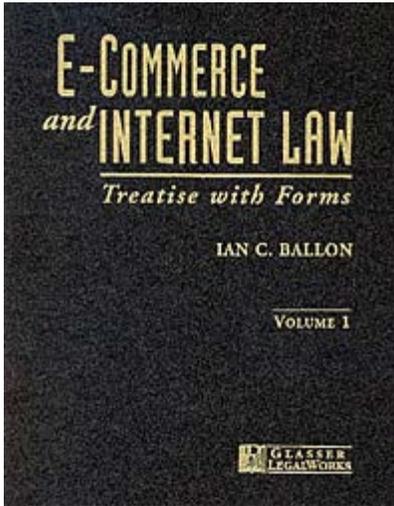
Note: Seattle University School of Law Professor Margaret Chon co-authored this publication.

From the Publisher: A critical exploration of the legal and historical repercussions of the Japanese American internment during World War II.

The balance between civil liberties and national security is scrutinized in this, the first comprehensive course book ever published to critically explore the legal, ethical, and social ramifications of the internment of Japanese American citizens during World War II, including reparation for government wrongdoing to Japanese Americans as well as its implications for other racial and ethnic minority groups. This book features:

- An outstanding author team—all are noted scholars in this and other fields of law —Jerry Kang is the author of Aspen's Communications Law and Policy
- A rich pedagogy that includes thematic overviews, socio-historical background, in-depth study modules, cases, original documents, questions, and commentary
- An interdisciplinary approach that includes scholarship from sociology and history as well as law review articles and cases
- A discussion of how areas of law construct race and how political and social contexts shape and influence law.





*E-commerce and Internet Law: Treatise with Forms.* Ian C. Ballon. Little Falls, New Jersey, Glasser LegalWorks, 2001. KF390.5.C6B35 2001. Three volumes.

From the author: Practicing Internet and e-commerce law requires the kind of speed and agility that runs counter to the careful, measured deliberation that we were taught to bring to bear to problems while in law school. When Dan Lynch wrote in 1996 that the Internet moves in dog years (i.e. with a 7:1 compression) he was pretty close to the mark. New technologies and business models develop almost overnight, forcing Internet lawyers to come up with creative ways to say "yes" to clients-often in the absence of clearly governing precedent. In order to operate in this environment, lawyers need to be steeped in a body of law that is constantly evolving and by its very nature multi-disciplinary, as well as understand the underlying technologies and business models that change even more rapidly. More fundamentally, we are frequently called upon to provide quick, constructive solutions to problems that case law and Congress have not yet contemplated or adequately defined.

In this work, I have tried to document the current state of Internet law, project future trends to the extent discernible and provide a framework for analyzing emerging problems (offering, to the extent possible, practical solutions to otherwise complex problems). While I have endeavored to carefully consider the issues that I have written about, the opinions expressed in this book ultimately are solely my own. As a mere commentator, I do not pretend to have anticipated all legal issues or fact scenarios relevant to e-commerce law or to have created a work that is error-free. By comparison, the genius of the common law is that it allows rules and principles to develop through a process of trial and error, based on actual cases and controversies (albeit supplemented by legal scholarship and adjusted, where necessary, through legislation). I encourage readers to contribute to the process of developing the common law of the Internet by using the Web site for this book to publicize and comment on new legal developments, offer their comments and criticisms and document emerging trends.

Includes:

- Sources of Internet Law and Practice
- Business Communications and Information Security
- Intellectual Property in Cyberspace
- E-Commerce Licenses and Contracts
- Conduct and Regulation of Electronic Commerce
- Internet Speech, Defamation and Torts
- Obscenity, Pornography, Adult Entertainment and the Protection of Children
- Theft of Digital Information
- Liability of Online Providers and Web Cite Owners
- Civil Jurisdiction and Litigation

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The Federal Appointments Process: A Constitutional and Historical Analysis. Michael J. Gerhardt. Duke University Press. JK731.G47 2000.

From the jacket: Although the federal appointment of U.S. judges and executive branch officers has consistently engendered controversy, previous studies of the process have been limited to particular conflicts and have tended to view appointments in a vacuum without regard to other incidents in the process, other legislative matters, or broader social, political, and historical developments. The Federal Appointment Process fills this gap by providing the first comprehensive analysis of over two hundred years of federal appointments in the United States, revealing crucial patterns of growth and change in one of the most central of our democratic processes.

Michael J. Gerhardt includes each U.S. president's performance record regarding appointments, accounts of virtually all the major confirmation contests, as well as discussion of significant legal and constitutional questions raised throughout U.S. history. He also analyzes recess appointments, the Vacancies Act, the function of nominees in the appointment process, and the different treatment received by judicial and non-judicial nominations. While discussing the important roles played by media and technology in federal appointments, Gerhardt not only puts particular controversies in perspective but also identifies important trends in the process, such as how leaders of different institutions attempt to protect -if not expand-their respective prerogatives by exercising their authority over federal appointments. Employing a method of inquiry known as "historical institutionalism" - in which the ultimate goal is to examine the development of an institution in its entirety and not particular personalities or periods- the study concludes with suggestions for reform in light of recent controversies springing from the longest delays in history in Senate action on many judicial nominees.

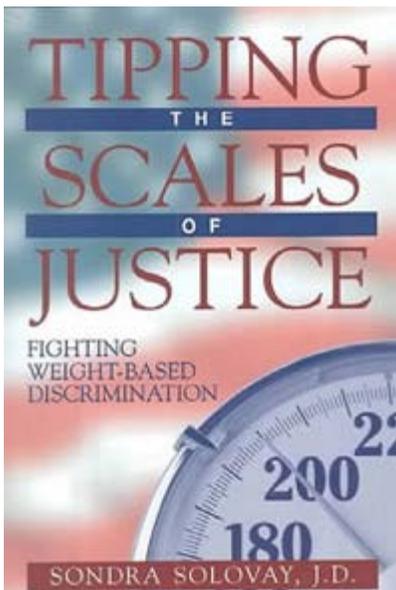
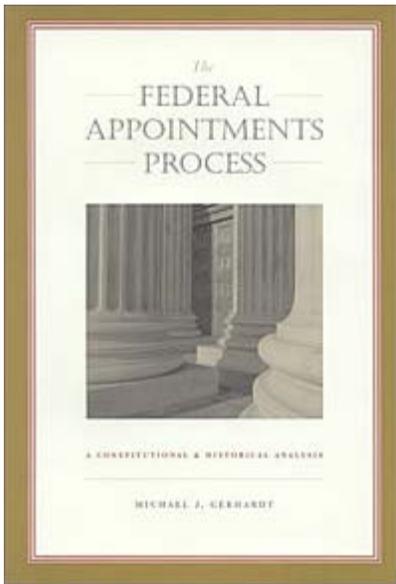
Michael J. Gerhardt is Professor of Law at the College of William and Mary School of Law.

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*Tipping the Scales of Justice: Fighting Weight Based Discrimination.* Sondra Solovay. Prometheus Books, Amherst, New York. BF697.5.B63 S65 1999.

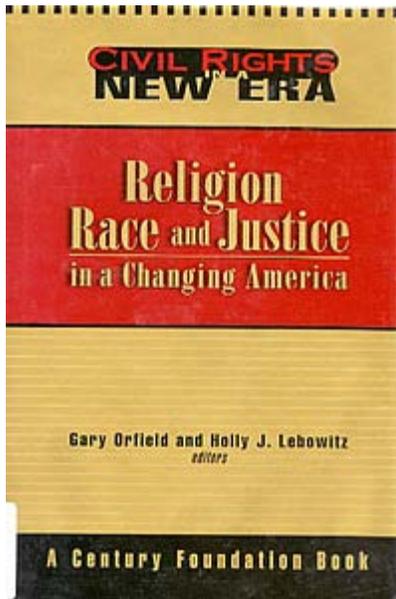
From the publisher: Weight is a hot topic. It arouses fear, disgust, and discrimination. This long-neglected area of legal concern affects the rights of a growing number of Americans on a daily basis. What rights do fat people have? Are parents open to legal attack if their child is fat? Can employers discriminate? Should disability laws apply to fat people? Sondra Solovay documents cases of illegal hiring practices, workplace bias, harassment, unfair treatment, medical malpractice, and denial of public access resulting from weight-related prejudice. Telling the fascinating human stories behind precedent-setting cases and international headlines, she concludes with hopeful profiles of everyday people successfully fighting weight-based discrimination.

A landmark piece of research, this book provides a vital tool of legal scholarship regarding this important civil rights issue. Solovay argues that fighting weight-based discrimination is not just a concern for the courts or a problem for fat people, but a necessary goal of any just society.



Sondra Solovay is the nation's leading researcher on weight-based legal issues, and is an educator and legal consultant to attorneys whose clients experience unequal treatment due to their size.

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*Religion, Race, and Justice in a Changing America*. Gary Orfield and Holly J. Lebowitz, editors; with vignettes from the field by Michal Kurlaender. New York: Century Foundation Press. BL65.C58R45 1999.

From the jacket: In many respects, religion was a bedrock of the civil rights movement during the 1950s and 1960s. Theology infused the spirit and rhetoric of the movement, churches served as the gathering place for its followers, and men of the cloth—foremost among them the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.—led the perilous journey that changed the nation.

Today, the quest for improving the life of racial minorities and pursuing justice is less a "movement" and more a collection of diffuse efforts to fend off a retrenchment from affirmative action and nondiscrimination laws, improve economic prospects for residents of low-income urban neighborhoods, and organize grassroots political activities. In that context, the relationships between religion and civil rights have become less obvious and more complex. This volume of essays takes stock of the ways in which different religions, their leaders, and their followers, now see their role in promoting civil rights. Developed in conjunction with the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University, this is the first in a series of books that will have as their principal editor either Christopher Edley, Jr., or Gary Orfield.

Gary Orfield is professor of Education and Social Policy and codirector of The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University.

Holly J. Lebowitz is a religion writer living in Cambridge, Massachusetts.