



# Law Library News

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## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



### Florida Family Law Court Forms

The Office of the Florida State Courts Administrator has provided a great service in providing family law court forms on their web site:

[http://www.flcourts.org/gen\\_public/family/forms\\_rules/index.shtml](http://www.flcourts.org/gen_public/family/forms_rules/index.shtml)

Forms are listed according to the related Florida Rules of Court that pertain to family law. Forms can be filled out online if pulled up in pdf format. Florida Rules of Court are available on the Florida Bar's site: <http://www.floridabar.org>.

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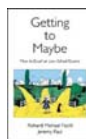
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## Succeeding in Law School

Helen Wohl

The Law Library has books and audio-visual materials to help you do better in class and on exams. Some recent titles and their locations in the library are:

- + Fischl, Richard Michael and Paul, Jeremy. *Getting to Maybe: How to Excel on Law School Exams.* c1999. Reserve KF 283.F47 1999.
- + Burkhart, Ann M. and Stein, Robert. *How to Study Law and Take Law Exams in a Nutshell.* c1996. Reserve KF 283.B87 1996.



+ Yianilos, Christopher J. *The Law School Breakthrough: Graduate in the Top 10% of Your Class, Even if You're Not a First-rate Student.* c2005. Treatise Collection KF283.Y53 2005.

+ Schwartz, Michael Hunter. *Expert Learning for Law Students.* c2005. Treatise Collection KF283.S39 2005.

+McKinney, Ruth Ann. *Reading Like a Lawyer: Time-saving Strategies for Reading Law Like an Expert.* c2005. Treatise Collection KF283.M398 2005.

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## Welcome and Welcome Back

Sally Wise



The primary mission of the University of Miami Law Library is to provide the highest quality of service possible to the Law

School community. We are proud of our collection and the services that we offer, but our most valuable assets are our staff members. We are a service-oriented institution and are committed to helping you with your legal research needs. All of us in the Law Library look forward to working with you this year.

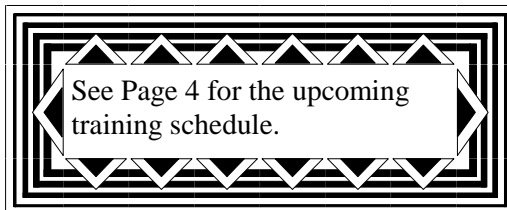
Our reference, circulation, document delivery and interlibrary loan staffs, are ready to assist you in all aspects of legal research techniques and library usage. Please do not hesitate to ask them questions, even if they appear to be busy with other matters. Their first priority is to you, the library patron.

The collection development and technical services staffs of the Law Library who

select, acquire, process, and catalog our large collection of print and electronic resources, are also dedicated to keeping the collection up to date and easy for you to use. The Law Library welcomes suggestions for the acquisition of new materials.

Please visit our Website, <http://library.law.miami.edu>, where you will find information about our library staff, services, collections, and procedures. You will also find links to a large number of useful websites, information on how to access our electronic resources from in the library and off campus as well instructions about using our e-mail and chat service, Ask A Librarian.

Again, welcome and welcome back, and please let us know how we can assist you in the coming year.



## BNA ALL

Barbara Brandon

For years BNA has been a leading legal news provider and a publisher of loose-leaf services in important topical areas like tax, labor and the environment. In addition, BNA publishes US Law Week that both highlights major legal developments and covers the United States Supreme Court in depth. These services are available electronically from the library's Subscription Databases page (<http://library.law.miami.edu/databas.html>) under the BNA ALL link.



BNA provides two types of resources. First, it publishes daily or weekly newsletters covering legal developments in a particular area of law. For instance, if you were interested in tracking a proposed bankruptcy bill, you can sign up for an e-mail alert that would summarize the

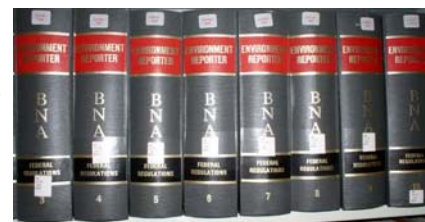
contents of the Bankruptcy Law Daily or the Bankruptcy Law Reporter. The latter is a weekly publication. E-mails from either service will contain brief summaries that hotlink you to the full text of the published articles. In addition, both will often contain links to full text opinions of recently decided cases.

The topical range of these newsletters is very large and focuses primarily on federal regulatory programs from anti-trust to tax. Significant state developments are also covered as well as international trade and tax matters. Overall, there

are more than a hundred separate titles grouped topically under BNA ALL.

To sign up for the alerts, users should click on the green hot-link at the top of the BNA ALL page that is entitled "BNA News Services." This begins a straightforward registration process. The daily topical reports are more complete than their weekly counterparts, but unless you are practicing in a particular area subscribing to a daily report can easily result in information overload. Both the daily and the weekly reports are searchable.

In addition, you can search the BNA newsletter databases in Lexis or Westlaw. Here you should click on a topical practice area like health care and look for the BNA folder and then make a selection.



The second set of resources that BNA ALL offers online are called reference libraries and include materials that allow you to track regulatory changes, to

find guidance documents and forms and to locate applicable case law. Libraries exist for Corporate Practice, Labor & Employment, Environment & Safety, Health Law & Business, Intellectual Property, and Tax. Another BNA resource is of particular importance in the tax area – Tax Management Portfolios for US Income, Estates, Gifts & Trusts, and Foreign Income. Practice tools like model letters and agreements may also be found in these libraries.

If you are planning to practice in an area covered by BNA, you should become familiar with these loose-leaf sets and libraries while you are in law school. Examining the print resource will help you understand how BNA has compiled its reference libraries and make searching online easier. More importantly, you should explore the indexes because they can offer significant advantages when you want to research a legal principle. BNA has spent years thoroughly indexing its libraries, and this work product can help you speedily find the leading cases on a particular topic more cheaply than running a Lexis or Westlaw search.

## Research Guides Virginia Templeton

Research guides can be on the most fundamental level such as, "Cases: How to Find Them," "Legal Abbreviations," or on how to use Baron, the Online Catalog. Some basic Research Guides are specifically for Florida legal research, such as "Florida Case/Court Research," "Florida statutory research", "Florida Forms" and "Florida Family Law". Basic research guides for federal law include "Federal Statutes" and "Federal Administrative Law and Regulations." Researching both federal and Florida legislative history are represented in this group. The Library also has created specialized guides on topics such as federal tax research and immigration law. Foreign and international guides include researching business transactions with Cuba and how to research European Union Law. While there are other guides that are not listed, two important ones for students are Bar Exam Preparation and Career Resources. Research Guides, which are compiled by the reference librarians, are on the carousel near the reference desk or on the law library's web site: <http://library.law.miami.edu/guides.html>.

**Hurricane Season** isn't over yet. September and October are the busiest hurricane months in South Florida. Hurricane information can be found through the University's Emergency Preparedness page at <http://www6.miami.edu/prepare/> or the National Hurricane Centers's page: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>.



## Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes of Florida

Mark Plotkin

The descendants of the last few Indian resistors from the Seminole Wars of the 1800's are the members of today's Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, and the unaffiliated Independent or Traditional Seminoles. A history of the Seminole Tribe, including a bibliography, can be found at <http://www.seminoletribe.com/history/index.shtml>. The history of the Miccosukee Tribe is at <http://www.miccosukeeresort.com/history.html>

The Tribal Council is the chief governing body, composed of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and Council Representatives from each reservation. Most tribes vest the legislative authority in a tribal council. Virtually all ordinances or resolutions of the tribal council are subject to review by the Secretary of the Interior. In 1934, with the Indian Reorganization Act, many tribes enacted their own tribal codes.

Sites of interest include:

Seminole Tribe official web site – <http://www.seminoletribe.com>

Seminole Tribe Constitution – [http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/seminole\\_constandbylaws.htm](http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/seminole_constandbylaws.htm)

Seminole Tribe Corporate Charter -

[http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/seminole\\_corpcharterandbylaws.htm](http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/seminole_corpcharterandbylaws.htm)

Seminole Tribal Court telephone number is 954-966-0400.



Miccosukee official web site – <http://www.miccosukeetribe.com>

Miccosukee Constitution - [http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/miccosukee\\_constandbylaws.htm](http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/ccfolder/miccosukee_constandbylaws.htm)

The Miccosukee Tribal Court does not have a web site. Their telephone number is 305-223-8364.

### Other Tribal Resources

FirstGov for Tribal Governments and Native Americans –

<http://www.firstgov.gov/Government/Tribal.shtml>

National Indian Law Library - <http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/onlinedocs.htm>

Title 25, USC – Indians <http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title25/title25.html>

Tribal Government Sites – State and Local Government on the Web - <http://www.statelocalgov.net/other-na.htm>

Tribal Court Directory, with web sites - <http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org/tribalcourts/directory/tribalcourtdirectory.asp>

U.S. Department of Justice Office of Tribal Justice - <http://www.usdoj.gov/otj>

U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs – <http://indian.senate.gov>



## Succeeding in Law School Cont.

+ Ramy, Herbert. Succeeding in Law School. c2006. Treatise Collection KF283. R36 2006.

+ Olney, Claude W. Where There's a Will There's an A. (DVD). c1986. Reserve LB2395. W54 2005.

Some good study aids like the Law in a Nutshell series, Examples and Explanations, Concepts and Insights, and the Lexis Understanding series are also available. Often, the newest editions are located at the Reserve/Circulation Desk (first floor), and earlier editions are in the stacks of the Treatise Collection (first floor). "Hornbooks" on various subjects are also available and are very fine sources of "black letter" law. Ask a librarian at the Reference Desk how to search Baron, <http://baron.law.miami.edu>, the law library catalog, to find titles you are interested in.



The **Academic Achievement Program** also has information on their web site ([http://www.law.miami.edu/aap/examination\\_help](http://www.law.miami.edu/aap/examination_help)) about taking exams.

## Law Library Extends Circulation Period

**NEW AND IMPROVED** We all know that law books are long and heavy. In order to give students more time to read or research in the law library's volumes, the circulation department lengthened the circulation period for law students.

Instead of a two-week check out period, students will now be able to check out books for four weeks. The initial renewal period will also be for four weeks. The change only applies to material that circulates out of the library. It does not affect the two-hour period for Reserve material.

To see what you currently have checked out of the library, go to the library catalog,

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## Library Hours



	<b>Library Hours</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Mon.-Thurs	7am-Midnight	8am-10pm
Friday	7am-10pm	8am-6pm
Saturday	9am-10pm	10am-6pm
Sunday	9am-Midnight	Noon-8pm

## Training Schedule

Classes will be held in room D236. Classes will be added throughout the semester. See the Law Library's web page for additional classes: <http://library.law.miami.edu/training.html>.

Sign-up sheets can be found at the circulation desk.

- September 29th 12:30-1:30pm - Lexis - Advanced Legal Research
- October 3rd 1:00-2:00pm - Tuesday Workshop - Tax Resources
- October 5th 12:30-2:00pm - Lexis - Advanced Shepard's
- October 10th 1:00-2:00pm - Tuesday Workshop - European Union Resources
- October 10th 4:30-5:30pm - Lexis - Immigration Law
- October 11th 12:30-2:00pm - Westlaw Advanced Certification I-III
- October 12th 12:30-2:00pm - Lexis - Advanced Shepard's
- October 16th 4:30-6:00pm - Westlaw Advanced Certification I-III
- October 17th 1:00-2:00pm - Tuesday Workshop - Cost-Effective Electronic Legal Research
- October 17th 3:30-4:30pm - Lexis - Total Litigator
- October 18th 12:30-2:00pm - Westlaw Advanced Certification I-III
- October 23rd 12:30-2:00pm - Westlaw Advanced Certification I-III
- October 24th 1:00-2:00pm - Tuesday Workshop - Motion and Trial Practice Resources
- October 24th 5:30-6:30pm - Lexis - CourtLink
- October 25th 12:30-2:00pm - Westlaw Advanced Certification I-III
- October 26th 12:30-2:00pm - Lexis - Estate Planning
- October 31st 1:00-2:00pm - Tuesday Workshop - Legislative History

**Remember with the Tuesday Workshops** if you take three workshops (and fill out a survey) this semester, you will become a library-certified "Research Workshop Scholar" – not a terrible thing to put on your resume!

<http://baron.law.miami.edu/>, and click on View Your Patron Record. You will need your barcode number to log into your record. In addition to seeing what is checked out, patrons can also modify their personal information (address and telephone number), save preferred searches in the library catalog, and renew material that is currently checked out. (Items with Holds cannot be renewed.) For assistance with any of these features, please visit the circulation desk or call circulation at 305/284-3563.

Don't forget that if you cannot find what you need in our catalog, you can easily repeat searches in other University libraries' catalogs. After doing a search in our catalog, there will be two buttons at the top of the screen. One marked Repeat Search at UM Richter Library (Richter Library's catalog includes the holdings of Richter, Marine Science, Music, Architecture, Math and Lowe Art Museum Libraries.), and one marked Repeat Search at UM Medical Library.



### Library Directory

- Circulation & Reserves (305) 284-3563
- Reference Desk (305) 284-3585
- Automated Operator (305) 284-2250
- Administrative Office (305) 284-2251
- Ask a Librarian <http://library.law.miami.edu>
- Chat with a Librarian: AOL & Yahoo: umiamilawlib; MSN: library@law.miami.edu

### Other University Libraries

- Richter Circulation (305) 284-3233
- Richter Reference (305) 284-4722
- Medical Library (305) 243-6403
- Marine Library (305) 361-4060

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