

Moakley Law Library Newsletter

November 2021



The air is turning colder, and the days are getting shorter, which can only mean one thing in a law student's life: it's time for finals again. Whether you need a quiet place to study, a space to work with your friends, or a place to take a break with a good book or maybe a coloring sheet or two, the Moakley Law Library has you covered. In this edition of our newsletter, you'll find resources to help you study for finals, unwind after all of that studying, and more!

Library Hours

Fall 2021 Regular Hours

Mondays - Fridays: 8am - 11pm
Saturdays & Sundays: 9am - 11pm

2021 Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, 11/24: 12pm - 6pm
Thursday, 11/25 & Friday, 11/26: CLOSED
Saturday, 11/27 & Sunday, 11/28: 9am - 11pm

2021 Exam Period, Tuesday, 11/30 - Sunday, 12/19

Monday - Friday: 8am - 11pm
Saturdays & Sundays: 9am - 11pm
Room 295 will be available Dec. 1 - Dec. 15 from 11pm - 2:00am

2021/2022 Winter Break Period

Monday, 12/20 - Thursday, 12/23: 8am - 6pm
Friday, 12/24 - Sunday, 1/2: CLOSED
Monday, 1/3 - Sunday, 1/9: 10am - 6pm
Monday, 1/10 - Friday, 1/14: (INTERSESSION): 8am - 11pm

Return to Regular Schedule on Saturday, 1/15

Mondays - Fridays: 8am - 11pm

Saturdays & Sundays: 9am - 11pm

Research Desk Hours

Email: lawref@suffolk.edu

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 6pm

Friday: 10am - 5pm

Legal research librarians are available by appointment outside of these times.

Library hours are subject to change. [Check our website here.](#)

Study Aids and Exam Prep

[Check out our Study Aids and Exam Prep Guide here!](#)

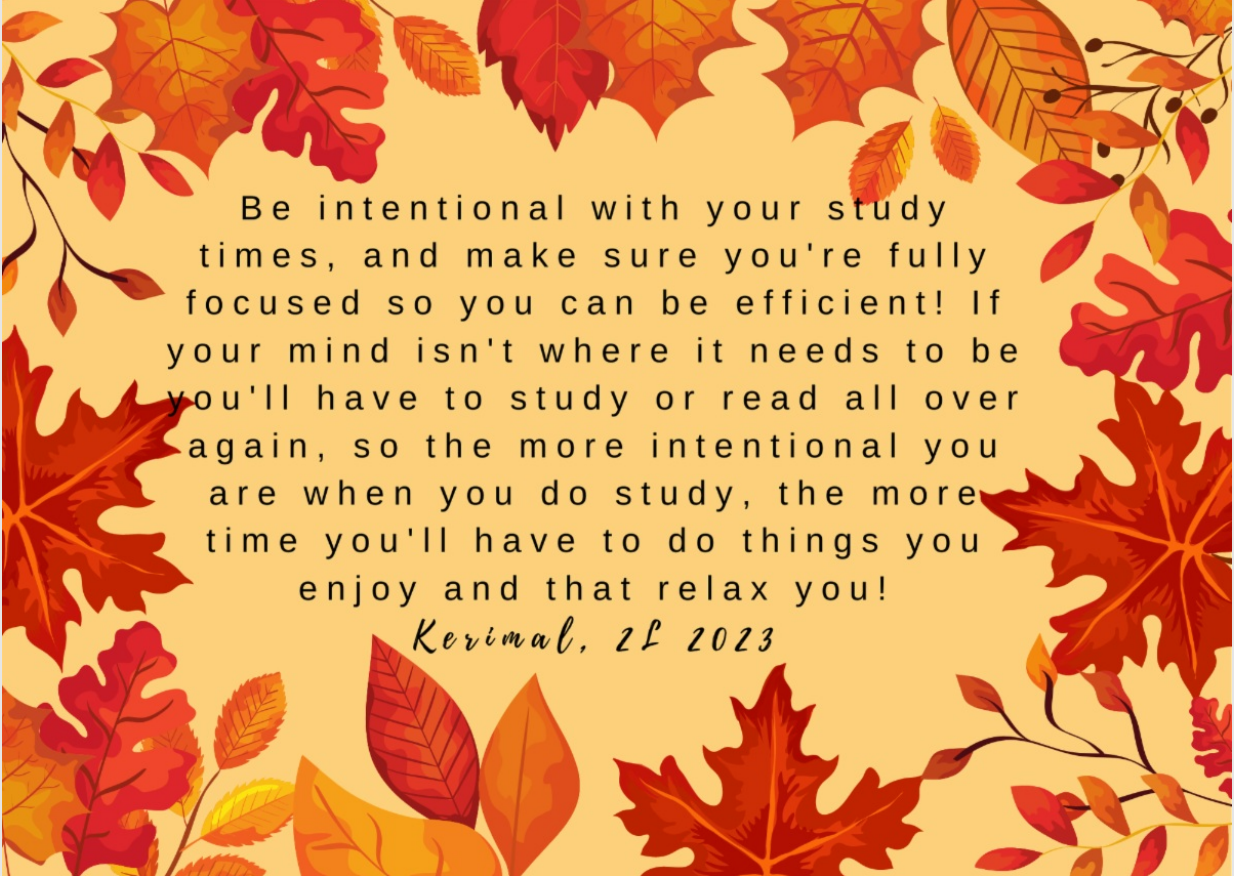
Here you'll find law school exam resources, audio lectures and podcasts, and more about how to ace exams generally. We've also put together individual subject guides that include info about reviews, outlines, checklists, and practice exam questions in these subjects:

- Property
- Criminal Law
- Civil Procedure
- Contracts
- Evidence
- Torts
- Taxation
- Criminal Procedure
- Constitutional Law, and
- Professional Responsibility.



If your professor recommends a particular study aid, consult that one before any others. That said, try out different study aids and see what suits your method of studying best; what may work for others may not work for you. Be flexible.

Advice for 1Ls



Be intentional with your study times, and make sure you're fully focused so you can be efficient! If your mind isn't where it needs to be you'll have to study or read all over again, so the more intentional you are when you do study, the more time you'll have to do things you enjoy and that relax you!

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Take a Study Break: Spot the Difference!

Take a break to spot the nine things that are different in these two pictures.



Advice for 1Ls

*Keep calm and don't try to
make up your own hypos.*

SERIOUSLY, JUST DON'T DO IT!
IT'S A BLACK HOLE OF MENTAL
DESTRUCTION.

ERICA, 4L 2022

Meet Our Collection Services Manager



Bryan Petit is Moakley Law Library's Collection Services Manager. And what does that mean exactly? Well, though it isn't obvious from Bryan's title, it means that he maintains and monitors the library budget, handles all of our invoicing, works directly with our database vendors, and makes sure that the course reserves at the library are kept up-to-date.

Bryan has been at Suffolk since 2003, when he came here as a college student to study History and Institutional Organizational Psychology. In his first semester, he got a temporary job at the bookstore that soon turned into a permanent gig. In 2006, he moved to the law school bookstore, and then in 2009 he was hired at the law library as an Acquisitions and Serials Assistant. He played a couple of other roles before moving up to his current position in 2015.

A big part of Bryan's role at Suffolk is making sure that our database subscriptions are kept current, so if you're enjoying your free Washington Post access or running a search on Westlaw or Lexis (I'm looking at you, everyone!), know that Bryan is a part of the team that keeps them up and running.

Bryan has been at the library for so long because he loves the community here and gets along easily with everyone. In his spare time, he loves skiing, playing hockey in a pickup league, running, and hanging out with his 8-year-old son.

Advice for 1Ls

Outlines are better with friends.

No one can do it alone in life, and as an evening student it is especially important to rely on your classmates and colleagues to help outline. Using shared outlines, then reviewing with a trusted study group is critically important! Outlines should be well organized and contain summaries of main points and legal precedent.

Erica, 4L 2022

Tools to Know About



CourtListener

CourtListener is a free legal research website containing millions of legal opinions from federal and state courts. With CourtListener, lawyers, journalists, academics, and the public can research an important case, stay up-to-date with new opinions as they are filed, or do deep analysis using their raw data.

Spaced Repetition

Created by our very own Asst. Dean Gabe Teninbaum, SeRiouS electronic flashcards test you on legal concepts; based on how well you remember the material from the flashcards, an algorithm creates a review schedule for you, allowing you to learn more in less time. Free for Suffolk law students.



Advice for 1Ls

Practice makes perfect.

If your professor provides practice exams, do them! Practice writing for the exam as much as possible. If your professor doesn't provide them, the library website has a ton of past exams posted, and the Barbri book also includes practice questions (with sample answers). One of the most helpful tricks that I learned second semester of my 1L year was to write out general statements of law and legal precedent for the major issues on my outline. You can bring these paragraphs in to an open book exam and then modify them to the specific hypothesis on your exam.

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GO WITH THE FLOW

chart that is! Make a flow chart or a check list or whatever is going to help you to synthesize the content from class. You will rarely see issues in isolation on the exam, so make sure you understand the bigger picture.

COMPARISON IS THE THIEF OF JOY.

Law school is stressful and competitive, but only you know what you need and what you are capable of. Try to block out all of the noise and don't worry how many flash cards someone else made, or how many hours they spent studying. Do what works for you.

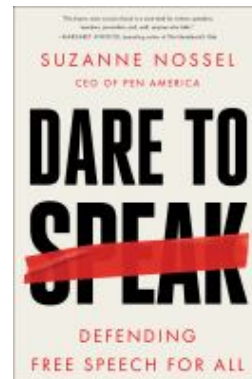
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New Arrivals

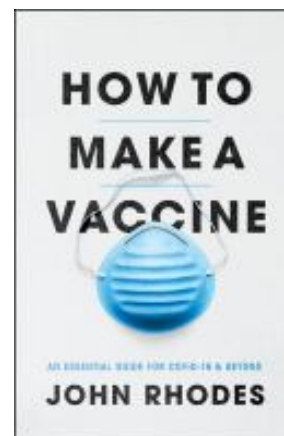
General Interest



The law student's guide to doing well and being well / Shailini Jandial George

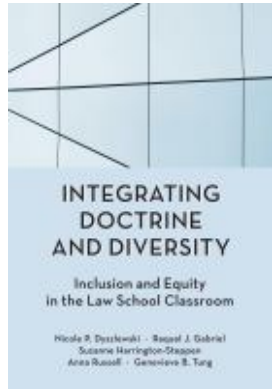


Dare to speak : defending free speech for all / Suzanne Nossel



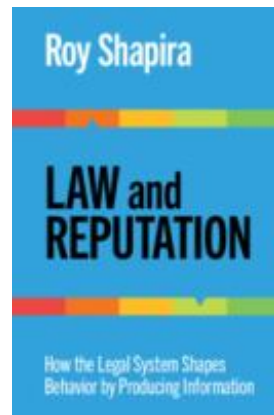
Copy this book! : what data tells us about copyright and the public good / Paul Heald

How to make a vaccine : an essential guide for COVID-19 & beyond / John Rhodes



Integrating doctrine and diversity : inclusion and equity in the law school classroom / by Nicole P. Dyszlewski, Raquel J. Gabriel, Suzanne Harrington-Steppen, Anna Russell, Genevieve B. Tung

Academic and Professional



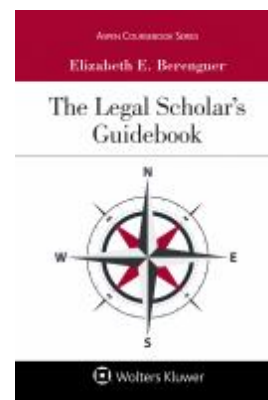
Law and reputation : how the legal system shapes behavior by producing information / Roy Shapira, Interdisciplinary Center (Israel)



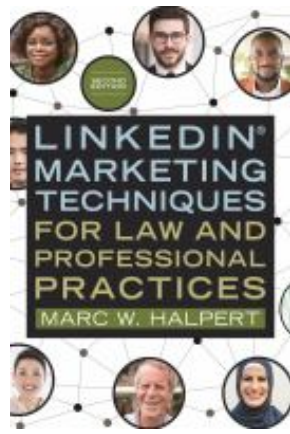
Law jobs : the complete guide / Andrew J. McClurg, Christine Nero Coughlin, Nancy Levit



Lawyer health and wellbeing : how the legal profession is tackling stress and creating resiliency / Edited by Alex Davies



The legal scholar's guidebook / Elizabeth E. Berenguer



LinkedIn marketing techniques for law and professional practices / Marc W. Halpert

Take a look at all of our new materials [here](#).

Advice for 1Ls

HYDRATE.

COFFEE IS NOT A FOOD GROUP! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
AND TRY TO GET PLENTY OF REST.

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