

Moakley Law Library Newsletter

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Happy Fall from the Moakley Law Library! Thanksgiving is almost upon us and that means finals are too! We here at the Moakley Law Library wish you all the best of luck as you navigate these last few weeks of the semester. We are excited to bring you this newsletter that includes advice from Professor Glannon and a 2L, links to study aids, a puzzle de-stresser, and information about a fun upcoming Library event that will give you a little break from your studies! There are tons of library resources available to assist with your study sessions! Need help picking out a good study aid? Stop by the research desk and get a recommendation! We look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks!

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Study Aids and Exam Prep

[Learn about our Study Aids and Exam Prep LibGuide!](#)

Study aids are commercially produced resources that help you understand legal concepts. Their formats vary and include commercial outlines, flashcards, audio lessons, case briefs, and more. Moakley Law

Library currently subscribes to [West Academic Study Aids](#), a collection of electronic resources that you can access at any time, whether or not you are in the library. We also have a Study Aids and Exam Prep guide that includes both general and subject-specific information. [Access it here!](#) The guide contains links to [law school exam resources](#), [audio lectures](#) and [podcasts](#), commercial outlines, and more to help you navigate finals with ease.



Audio Lessons

- [CALI](#) -(If you haven't already, create your account at cali.org/user/register contact the research desk at lawref@suffolk.edu if you need the authorization code)
- [Law School Legends Audio](#)
- [Office Hours](#)
- [Sum and Substance Audio](#)

Case Briefs

- [High Court Case Summaries](#)
- [Legalines](#)

Commercial Outlines

- [CrunchTime Series*](#)
- [Gilbert Law Summaries](#)
- [Quick Reviews](#)

Essay Questions and Answers

- [CrunchTime Series*](#)
- [Exam Pro](#)
- [Step-by-Step Guide](#)

Exam Prep

- [Acing Series](#)

Hornbooks

- [Concepts and Insights](#)
- [Concise Hornbook Series](#)
- [Hornbook Treatises](#)

Multiple Choice Questions and Answers

- [Exam Pro](#)
- [Glannon Guide*](#)

Problem-Based Aids

- [CALI Lessons](#)
- [Examples & Explanations Series*](#)

Overviews

- [Law Stories](#)
- [Nutshell Series](#)
- [Short & Happy Guides](#)
- [Understanding Series*](#)

*available for use in print at the law library

Featured Library Services

Study Rooms



Reserve one of Moakley Law Library's study rooms with [the study room reservation system](#).

Study rooms are located on the 5th, 6th, and 7th floors and are private spaces to study alone or with a small group. Reserve a room for up to four (4) hours a day and up to twenty-four (24) hours a week.

*Room 295 will be available as an open study space for law students from 11:00 pm – 2:00 am, Dec 6th – Dec 18th.

Past Exams Database

Check to see if your professors have uploaded any of their [past exams](#) to the exam database! What better way to practice than by taking an actual exam? Many professors also share past exams on their course pages.



Earplugs



Do you study better with no noise? Moakley Law Library has you covered!

Pick up a free pair of earplugs from the basket on the table in front of the circulation desk on the 6th floor.

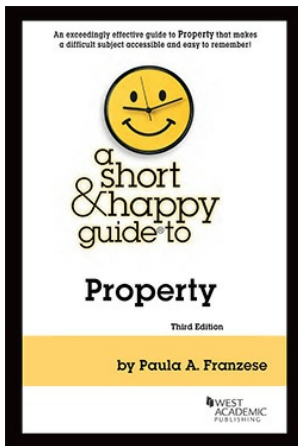
Puzzles and Activities

Need to focus on something that isn't studying? Check out the [puzzles](#), [coloring books](#), and [board games](#) on the 7th floor of the library.



Tools to Know About

Short and Happy Guides



The [Short and Happy Guides](#) are a series of study aids available online on [West Academic](#).

These guides provide concise overviews of many subjects, ranging from first-year doctrinal classes, such as Property and Civil Procedure, to more advanced topics, including Elder Law and Business Organizations. There are even titles on studying for the MPRE and MBE. Check them out to study in a happy way!

Headspace

Law school is stressful, especially during finals! Take some time to de-stress with [free access to the Headspace app](#) through Suffolk University Counseling, Health, and Wellness.

You can use the Headspace app to help improve stress levels and sleep, get moving to strengthen both your physical and mental wellbeing, and to help improve your focus.



Advice for 1Ls from Professor Glannon

DON'T just regurgitate general principles of law. Instead explain what legal principle is relevant to the issue in the question and how the court is likely to apply that principle to the facts given in the question.

Do answer the specific question asked. If the question ends with, "how should the court decide the motions and why," be sure to answer those questions rather giving a general dissertation on the law you studied in the course.

Do explain your reasoning. "The court will dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction" is the beginning of an answer. The core of the answer is explaining why you conclude that. What bases might there be for exercising jurisdiction, and why do you conclude that none of them are met?

On multiple choice questions read the question WITH EXQUISITE CARE. Half the time my students miss the right answer because they read too fast.

On multiple choice questions, articulate to yourself why each answer is wrong. Don't just put A aside ("that can't be right"); say in your head why it is wrong. Hopefully one of them will emerge.

-Prof. Joseph Glannon



Funtivity!



Thanksgiving word search!



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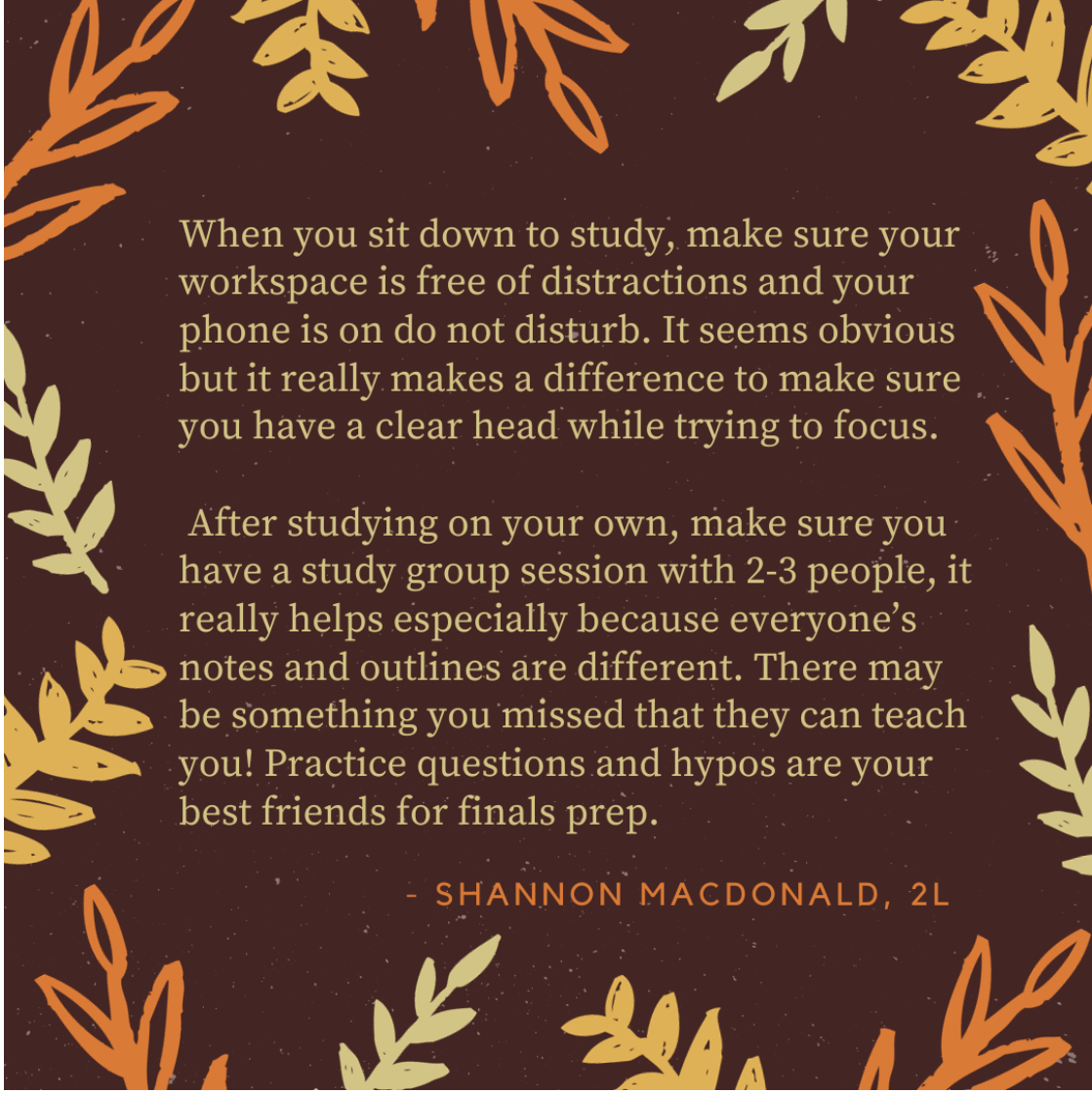
Gravy | Social | Coach | Sale | Table | Cook | Berry | Pumpkins | Pie

Take a study break and make your own Friendship bracelet!



The Moakley Law Library is excited to be providing a finals crafting break! Stop by the library to make your own friendship bracelet, grab a snack, or swap designs with a friend! Craft break materials will be provided Dec. 5th – Dec. 12th (while supplies last)!

Exam Advice from a 2L



When you sit down to study, make sure your workspace is free of distractions and your phone is on do not disturb. It seems obvious but it really makes a difference to make sure you have a clear head while trying to focus.

After studying on your own, make sure you have a study group session with 2-3 people, it really helps especially because everyone's notes and outlines are different. There may be something you missed that they can teach you! Practice questions and hypos are your best friends for finals prep.

- SHANNON MACDONALD, 2L

Suffolk Counseling Center

Feeling anxious or depressed? You are not alone!

Reach out to the Dean of Students Office at 617-573-8157, LawDeanofStudents@suffolk.edu, or contact the [Suffolk Counseling Center](#) at 617-573-8226.

Library Hours

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Mondays – Fridays: 8:00 am – 11:00 pm

Saturdays – Sundays: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

*From Dec. 6th – Dec. 18th room 295 will be available from 11:00 pm – 2:00 am as a study space for law students.

Research Desk Hours

Mondays – Thursdays: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Fridays: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Email: lawref@suffolk.edu

Legal research librarians are available by appointment outside of these

times.

Library hours are subject to change. [Stay up-to-date by checking our website.](#)

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