

# Moakley Law Library Newsletter

## November 2025



Finals are on the horizon!

The last couple of weeks of the semester can be stressful. We want to remind you of some excellent resources to help you prepare for finals. If you have any questions, please contact the [Research Desk](#). We look forward to seeing everyone back in January!

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## Study Aids and Exam Prep

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

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. Moakley Law Library also has print study aids on reserve at the Circulation Desk.



### **Audio Lessons**

- [CALI](#)
- [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](#)
- [Q&A Series\\*](#)

### **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\\*](#)

### Writing Resources

- [A Short & Happy Guide to Legal Writing](#)
- [Bluebook Guide](#)
- [How to Write Law Exams: IRAC Perfected](#)
- [Legal Writing & Grammar Guides\\*](#)
- [Lexis+ Legal Writing Resources](#)
- [Westlaw's Legal Writing Resources](#)
- [Zotero](#)

\*available for use in print at the law library

## Finals Coffee Breaks



The Law Library will have coffee, iced tea, and lemonade available on Wednesday, December 3rd at noon with refills at 5:00 pm. All current law students are welcome to stop by for a break and beverage while supplies last!

## Featured Library Services

### Study Rooms



Reserve one of the Moakley Law Library's study rooms using 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** when the law library is open. Check out our website for the most up-to-date information about our hours.

### Past Exams

Check to see if your professors have uploaded any of their **past exams** into the law library's database! What better way to practice for that Civ Pro exam? Many professors **also share past exams on their course Canvas page**. Always check with your professors first to see where you can find their most recent past exams.



## Accessibility Tools



Accessibility reading tools are available to borrow from the Circulation/Reserve Desk on the 6th floor! Items include book stands, magnifiers, and page holders.

Take a look at our [LibGuide](#) on accessibility information for translation tools, disability services, and exam accommodations!

## Stress Relief Activities

Need to focus on something that isn't studying? Check out the **puzzles**, **coloring books**, and **games** on the 7th floor of the Moakley Law Library. **Games are also available for check-out from the Circulation Desk!**

**Come Check Out a Game!**

Board Games circulate for a week and can be checked out from the Circulation/Reserve Desk on the 6th floor.

Uno

Five Crowns

Jenga

Taco Cat

Goat Cheese Pizza

Phase 10!

There's Been A Murder

Sorry!

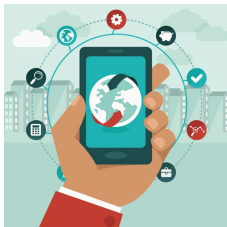
Mancala

Blank Slate

## Tech Tools to Talk About



Zotero is an all-in-one tool that lets you save, organize, and cite resources with a few simple clicks. With this open-source software, you can auto-generate citations and bibliographies in Bluebook form, and share resource libraries online. It can be incredibly helpful to support your writing and researching assignments!



Need any auditory, reading, or translation tools? Check out our [LibGuide](#) for a list of free or low-cost apps and programs!

## Professor Glannon's Advice for Exams

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 than 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

## 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](mailto:LawDeanofStudents@suffolk.edu) or contact the [Suffolk Counseling Center](#) at 617-573-8226.

## Law Library Hours

### Library Hours:

Mondays – Fridays: 8:00 am – 11:00 pm

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

**Research Desk Hours:**

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

Fridays: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Contact Us:**Email: [lawref@suffolk.edu](mailto:lawref@suffolk.edu)

Phone: 617-573-8516

[Live Chat](#)**Legal research librarians are available by appointment outside of these times.**

\*During finals, from Friday, December 5th through Thursday, December 18th room 295 will be available as a study space from 10:00 pm – 2:00 am for law students.

**Winter Break Hours:**

Friday, December 19, 2025: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 20, 2025 – Sunday, January 4, 2026: CLOSED

Monday, January 5, 2026 – Saturday, January 10, 2026:  
9:00 am – 10:00 pm

Sunday, January 11, 2026: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

Monday, January 12, 2026: Return to our regular hours.

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

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