

Moakley Law Library Newsletter

November 2024



Finals are coming!

We've reached the end of another semester, and we want to take this opportunity to remind you of some excellent resources the Moakley Law Library has to help you prepare for finals! If you have any questions, please contact the [Research Desk](#)! Congratulations to those of you who are graduating! We look forward to seeing everyone else back in January!

This newsletter covers:

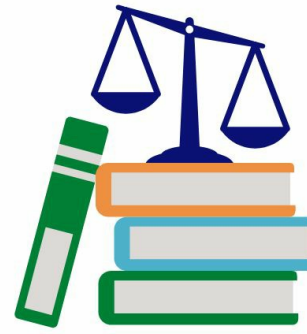
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Study Aids and Exam Prep

[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*](#)

*available for use in print in the law library

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.

*During finals, from Wednesday, December 4th through Wednesday, December 18th room 295 will be available as a study space from 11:00 pm – 2:00 am for law students.

Past Exams Database

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! Items include book stands, magnifiers, and page holders. Stop by the Circulation/Reserve Desk on the 6th floor to check them out!



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 now 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.

Five Crowns

Jenga

Uno

Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza

Blank Slate

Mancala

Phase 10!

There's Been A Murder

Sorry!

Faculty Exam Advice for 1Ls

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



Tech Corner

MyStudyLife

Organize your school schedule,
homework, and exams with ease.
Manage your workload with a daily,

weekly, and monthly planner. Set reminders, boost focus with timers, and track your grades on this free app.



Coggle

Create and share mindmaps and flowcharts on your browser. Whether you're taking notes or brainstorming, you can visualize your ideas with Coggle.



Funtivity

Answers to last edition's riddles:

Riddle 1: I am a lawyer's best friend, always willing to lend a hand, but I'm never seen in the courtroom. I help you organize, research, and plan. What am I?

Answer: A Legal Research Database

Riddle 2: I have the power to enforce, yet I am not a person. I can be harsh or lenient, and I'm known for my judgments. What am I?

Answer: The Court

HELP THE LAW STUDENT FIND THEIR OUTLINE



Legal Research Refreshers

Earlier in the semester, you located a great case for a research question. Unfortunately, you forgot the search you used to locate it and didn't write the case name down. Luckily, Westlaw and Lexis provide a place where you can view the searches you previously ran and documents you retrieved. What tab would you use to locate this feature to find your previous search and case?*

- Alerts
- Favorites
- Folders
- History

*Answer will be given in the next edition

Bluebook Brainteaser

The name of this Mass case is the Estate of Rocky Rammy Moakley. The case name for the citation is:_____Moakley. What is the complete case name for the citation?*

- Hints: see B2, B10, R10.2.1(b), and R10.2.2

The case, *Kelo v. City of New London*, is a United States Supreme Court case reported in volume 545, page 469, of the United States Reports. The case location for the citation is: *Kelo v. City of New London*, _____. How would you write the reporter to complete the citation?*

- Hints: see B10.1.2, R10.3.2, B6, and T1 Federal

*Answers will be given in the next edition

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.

Law Library Hours

Library Hours:

Mondays – Fridays: 8:00 am – 11:00 pm

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

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Winter Break Hours:

Thursday, December 19, 2024 – Friday, December 20, 2024: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 21, 2024 – Friday, January 3, 2025: CLOSED

Saturday, January 4, 2025 & Sunday, January 5, 2025: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Monday, January 6, 2025: Return to our regular hours.

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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