



# The Southern Reporter

## Naming of the Law Library and its Rooms

Some of you who have been a part of the Southern University Law Center family for a while may have noticed that the library and some of its rooms have new names. The library is now known as the Oliver B. Spellman Law Library. The Reserve Reading Room is the Alvin A. Roche', Jr. Reserve Reading Room, while the Louisiana Reading Room is now the Washington Marshall Louisiana Reading Room.

Here is a brief biographical sketch of the men for whom the library and rooms are named.

### OLIVER B. SPELLMAN

The late Oliver B. Spellman graduated from Brooklyn Law School. In

1954, Spellman became the law center's librarian. He became a full-time faculty member in 1956. The law library was officially named in his honor at a meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors in 1979.

### ALVIN A. ROCHE', JR.

In 1985, Alvin A. Roche', Jr. was hired as an associate law librarian at the Law Center. During the 1988-1989 school year, he was named Director of Library Services, a position he held until he retired in 2007. He is known for having increased the services and resources available at the law library.

### WASHINGTON MARSHALL

A 1971 magna cum laude graduate of the Law Center, Washington Marshall began his legal career as an attorney for the Office of the General Counsel for the Federal Aviation Administration. He also served as a trial attorney for the Office of the General Counsel for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, DC.

In 1975, he joined the Law Center faculty. Marshall retired in 2007. In his 32 years with the Law Center, Marshall also served as acting assistant dean, vice chancellor and interim chancellor.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

I need a law review article that is not online or in the stacks. Where should I go?

Go to HeinOnline.

HeinOnline is an online legal periodical library. You can find articles from older law journals and reviews and print them from the computer. You will need a password to access HeinOnline. See a Reference Librarian to get the password and get started with your research.

## Faculty Services Liaison Program

The Southern University Law Library has begun a Faculty Services Liaison Program to provide improved reference services to the law center's faculty.

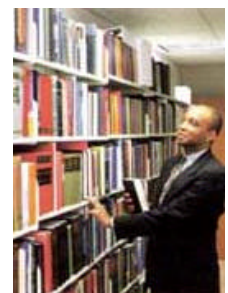
The program is an initiative of Ruth J. Hill, Director of Library Services. "The purpose of the Faculty Services Liaison Program is to enhance the faculty's use of library resources and to assist them with teaching and scholarship," Hill said.

Each law librarian has been assigned to a group of faculty members. If any faculty member needs reference assistance, materials for class, or information to complete writings, they may see their as-

signed law librarian. Librarians have already assisted faculty with passwords for online services, locating books in the library's collection and monitoring statutory changes.

Faculty members may also suggest books to be added to the library's collection. Each law librarian in the liaison program is a member of the collection development committee. The law librarians can bring the faculty member's suggestions to the committee meetings so they can be considered when new books are ordered for the library.

Faculty members should contact



Each faculty member has been assigned a librarian who can assist with research and other library services.

the Director of Library Services or a Reference Librarian if they have questions about the program or need to know the law librarian to whom they have been assigned.

## Interlibrary Loans (ILL)



**The Interlibrary Loan service can be used to request books which are not part of the library's collection.**

Need a book which is not a part of the library's collection? Interlibrary loan provides access to material needed for academic purposes that are not available in the Southern University Law Library, online or that are needed in hard copy.

The materials are requested from other public, private and university libraries across the country. Law faculty and students may request materials through the law library's interlibrary loan program.

To see if sources you need are available in the law library, use the online catalog at <http://>

[www.louislibraries.org](http://www.louislibraries.org). A link to the online catalog is also available on the law center's website, [www.sulc.edu](http://www.sulc.edu).

After determining that the requested materials are unavailable in the law library, patrons may submit written requests. Telephone or e-mail requests are also accepted. Patrons are contacted when the requested materials are available. Those requested from out-of-state libraries will be mailed to the law library and may be picked up from the Interlibrary Loan Coordinator. Materials re-

quested from local libraries must be picked up by the patron. The law library pays for postage for materials mailed to the law library, however patrons are responsible for any overdue fines or other charges. Due dates are determined by the lending library.

Senior Reference Librarian Harold W. Isadore is the coordinator of the law library's interlibrary loan program. For more information about the interlibrary loan program or to request materials, please contact Mr. Isadore at 225-771-2669 or at [Hisadore@sulc.edu](mailto:Hisadore@sulc.edu).

## Quick Reference—Manual Research

*These tips can help you as you research in the library.*

The key to manual research is knowing what you are looking for and which sources will provide that information. Another important factor is knowing your library. Knowing where materials are located in the library can save valuable research time. Here are some tips to get you going in the right direction:

- If you are looking for cases on a particular subject, use a digest. Use the most jurisdiction-specific digest available. For instance, if you are researching a federal issue, you
- may want to start with a federal digest or a United States Supreme Court digest.
- If you are researching a statute and need cases that have interpreted that statute, use an annotated code. Not only will you find cases, you may also find law review articles written about the statute and cases.
- Use Shepard's citators to update your research and see if the case or statute you are citing is still "good law".
- Unfamiliar with the area of law
- you are researching? Use a secondary source such as a legal encyclopedia—*Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS)* or *American Jurisprudence, 2d* (Am. Jur. 2d), or a treatise for more information. You may also want to consult an *American Law Reports (ALR) Annotation* or a law review article.
- Remember, whenever you research, check any pocket parts, supplements, advance sheets or later bound volumes of a source to make sure you have the most recent information.

## Lexis-Nexis and Westlaw News



**First-year students must attend trainings to have full access to LexisNexis and Westlaw.**

First-year law students now have full access to LexisNexis and Westlaw. Classes will be held at the beginning of the semester to teach you how to use these sources. Students will be notified of the classes and must attend a training to obtain full access to these online services. Information on the trainings will be provided soon.

When you print from either of these resources, use the stand-alone printers. The copies are free. If you print to the attached printer, you will be charged for the copies. You can print to the stand-alone printers from anywhere in the law center or from home. Copies are kept for two days before they are discarded.

Remember, if you have questions regarding researching on LexisNexis or Westlaw, you can see your student representatives or a reference librarian. You can also call a LexisNexis or Westlaw reference attorney using the phones in the LexisNexis/Westlaw lab. They connect you immediately to the reference attorneys. These phones are for those services only.

## Staff News

- On November 9, Rose Herbert, Bindery and Government Documents and Microform Specialist, and Harold W. Isadore, Senior Reference Librarian, attended the meetings of the Advisory Councils for Louisiana State and Federal Programs at the Louisiana Development Authority Building in Lafayette.
- Ruth J. Hill, Director of Library Services and Associate Professor of Law, was elected Secretary of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Hill will assume duties in July and hold this office until 2011.
- Claudette Smith-Brown, Administrative Secretary to the Director of Library Services, received her Master's in Social Science-History, from Southern University-Baton Rouge, on December 7.
- Ruth J. Hill attended the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), January 2—6, 2008, in New York.



**Congratulations to our staff for their achievements.**

## Additions to the Collection

- Robin Barnes, *Nature and Scope of Individual Rights: Emerging Debates in Constitutional Law*
- Philip Alston, Ryan Goodman, and Henry Steiner, *International Human Rights in Context: Law, Politics, Morals*
- Mark Shaw, *Melvin Belli: King of the Courtroom*
- Katarina Tomasevski, *Human Rights Obligations in Education*
- Lee Sartain, *Invisible Activists: Women of the Louisiana NAACP and the Struggle for Civil Rights, 1915-1945*
- Paul H. Reid, Jr., *The Edwin Mellen Press versus Lingua Franca: A Case Study in the Law of Libel*
- George Fagan, *Bad Faith 101*
- Gerry Simpson, *Law, War and Crime, War Crimes, Trials, and the Reinvention of International Law*
- Susanna Hoe, *Watching the Flag Come Down: An Englishwoman in Hong Kong, 1987-97*

**These new titles are available in the library's collection. Check the online catalog for their location in the library.**

## Articles of Interest

- Charles Martel, *Are Americans Good Samaritans? How Martin Luther King's Example Can Empower America's Humanitarian Majority*, 9 Scholar 213 (Winter 2007)
- Lorenzo A. Trujillo, *The Relationship Between Law School and the Bar Exam: A Look at Assessment and Student Success*, 78 U. of Col. L. Rev. 69 (Winter 2007)
- Lindsay J. Taylor, *Congressional Attempts to "Strike Out" Steroids: Constitutional Concerns about the Clean Sports Act*, 49 Ariz. L. Rev. 961 (Winter 2007)
- Jason C. Breen, *YouTube or YouLose: Can YouTube Survive a Copyright Infringement Lawsuit?* 16 Tex. Intell. Prop. L. J. 151 (Fall 2007)
- Kimberlianne Podlas, *Prime-time Crimes: Are Reality Television Programs "Illegal Contests" in Violation of Federal Law*, 25 Cardozo Arts and Ent. L. J. 141 (2007)
- Wayne Jekot, *Over the Limit: The Case for Increased Regulation of Credit Cards for College Students*, 5 Conn. Publ. Int. L. J. 109 (Fall 2005)



**These articles of interest can be found in the East Stacks on the third and fourth floors, on HeinOnline, or online.**

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## ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Hours***

*The library will be closed  
Monday, January 21, 2008, in  
observance of the Martin Luther  
King, Jr. holiday. Regular hours  
will resume on Tuesday, January  
22, 2008, at 7 AM.*

*We hope everyone has a safe  
and happy holiday!*



## ***Mardi Gras Holiday Schedule***

*The library will be closed  
Monday, February 4—Tuesday,  
February 5, 2008, in observance  
of the Mardi Gras. holiday.  
Regular hours will resume on  
Wednesday, February 6, 2008, at  
7 AM.*

*We hope everyone has a safe  
and happy holiday!*



## ***Library Schedule***

*Monday—Thursday  
7 AM—Midnight*

*Friday  
7AM—5 PM*

*Saturday  
9 AM—5 PM*

*Sunday  
2 PM—10 PM*

## ***Reference Hours***

*Monday—Thursday  
7:30 AM—10 PM*

*Friday  
7:30 AM—4:30 PM*

*Sunday  
2 PM—10 PM*