

Library Orientation

with *Rebecca Chapman & Austin Waters*

1L Orientation | 2023



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Law Library Website

What can you find there?

- Access to databases
- Library Catalog
- Research Guides
- Library Hours
- Chat box to ask questions
- Contact information

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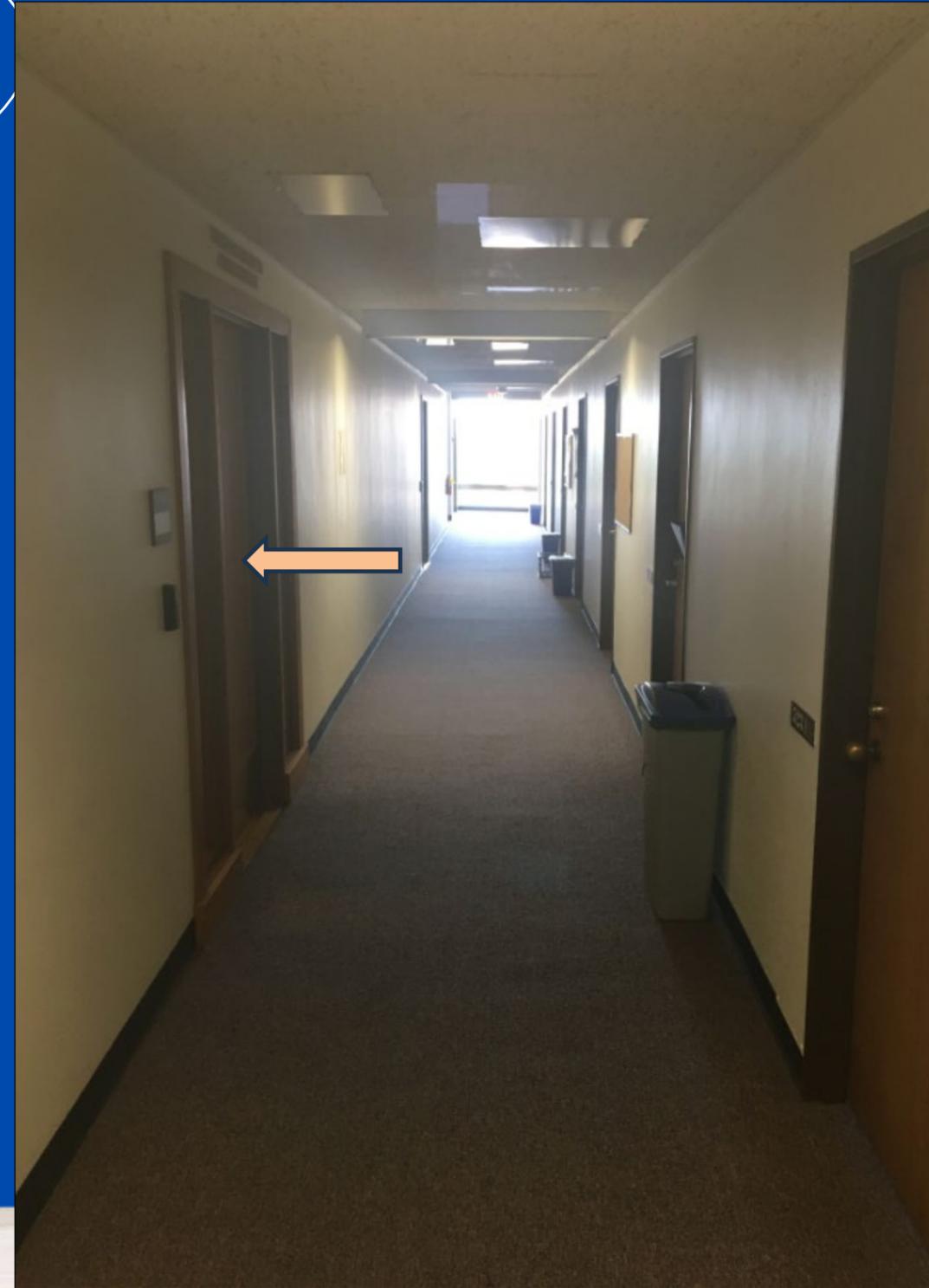
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Hours

Fall Semester

- Monday–Thursday: 7:30am–9:00pm
- Friday: 7:30am–5:00pm
- Saturdays and Sundays Closed to non–Law Students
- Law Students can access floors 5, 6, & 7: 24/7



Reference Services

What are Reference Services?

- Ask questions
- Research Help
- Citation Help
- Recommendations for study materials
- Database demos
- Help finding resources
- Training for RAs, Law Review, Journals, and Summer Internships
- And much more!

When are they available?

- Monday–Thursday: 10am–6pm
- Friday: 10am–5pm

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available on evenings and
weekends

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Study Aids

What are they?

What are they?

- Written for law students
- Explanations of difficult topics
- Guidance on how to organize outlines
- Overview of different areas of law
- Practice questions
- Essay and Multiple Choice

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of admiralty; (c) cases between two or more states; (d) cases between citizens of different states; and (e) cases between a state or its citizens and a foreign country or foreign citizen. Note that this does not include cases where both parties are citizens (i.e., residents) of the same state, and no federal question is raised.

II. CONGRESS' CONTROL OF FEDERAL JUDICIAL POWER

A. **Congress' power to decide:** Congress has the general power to decide what types of cases the Supreme Court may hear, so long as it doesn't expand the Supreme Court's jurisdiction beyond the federal judicial power (as listed in the prior paragraph). [Ex parte McCardle]

B. **Lower courts:** Congress also may decide what lower federal courts there should be, and what cases they may hear. Again, the outer bound of this power is that Congress can't allow the federal courts to hear a case that is not within the federal judicial power.

Example 1: Congress may cut back the jurisdiction of the lower federal courts pretty much whenever and however it wishes. Thus Congress could constitutionally eliminate diversity jurisdiction (i.e., suits between citizens of different states), even though such suits are clearly listed in the Constitution as being within the federal judicial power.

Example 2: But Congress could not give the lower federal courts jurisdiction over cases between two citizens of the same state, where no federal issue is posed. The handling of such a case by the federal courts would simply go beyond the federal judicial power as recited in the Constitution.

CHAPTER 3
FEDERALISM AND FEDERAL POWER GENERALLY

I. THE CONCEPT OF FEDERALISM

A. **The federalist system:** We have a "federalist" system. In other words, the national government and the state governments co-exist. Therefore, you always have to watch whether some power being asserted by the federal government is in fact allowed under the Constitution, and you must also watch whether some power asserted by the states is limited in favor of federal power.

B. **Federal government has limited powers:** The most important principle in this whole area is that the federal government is one of limited, enumerated powers. In other words, the three federal branches (Congress, the executive branch, and the federal courts) can only assert powers specifically granted to them by the United States Constitution. So any time Congress passes a statute, or the President issues, say, an Executive Order, or the federal courts decide a case, you've

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got to ask: What is the enumerated, specified power in the U.S. Constitution that gives the federal branch the right to do what it has just done? (This is very different from what our Constitution says about the powers of state governments: state governments can do whatever they want as far as the U.S. Constitution is concerned, unless what they are doing is expressly forbidden by the Constitution.)

1. **No general police power:** The most dramatic illustration of this state/federal difference is the general "police power." Each state has a general police power, i.e., the ability to regulate solely on the basis that the regulation would enhance the welfare of the citizenry. But there is no general federal police power, i.e., no right of the federal government to regulate for the health, safety or general welfare of the citizenry. Instead, each act of federal legislation or regulation must come within one of the very specific, enumerated powers (e.g., the Commerce Clause, the power to tax and spend, etc.).

a. **Tax and spend for general welfare:** Congress does have the right to "lay and collect taxes ... to pay the debts and provide for the ... general welfare of the United States. ..." (Article I, Section 8.) But the phrase "provide for the ... general welfare" in this sentence modifies "lay and collect taxes ... to pay the debts. ..." In other words, the power to tax and spend is subject to the requirement that the general welfare be served; there is no independent federal power to provide for the general welfare.

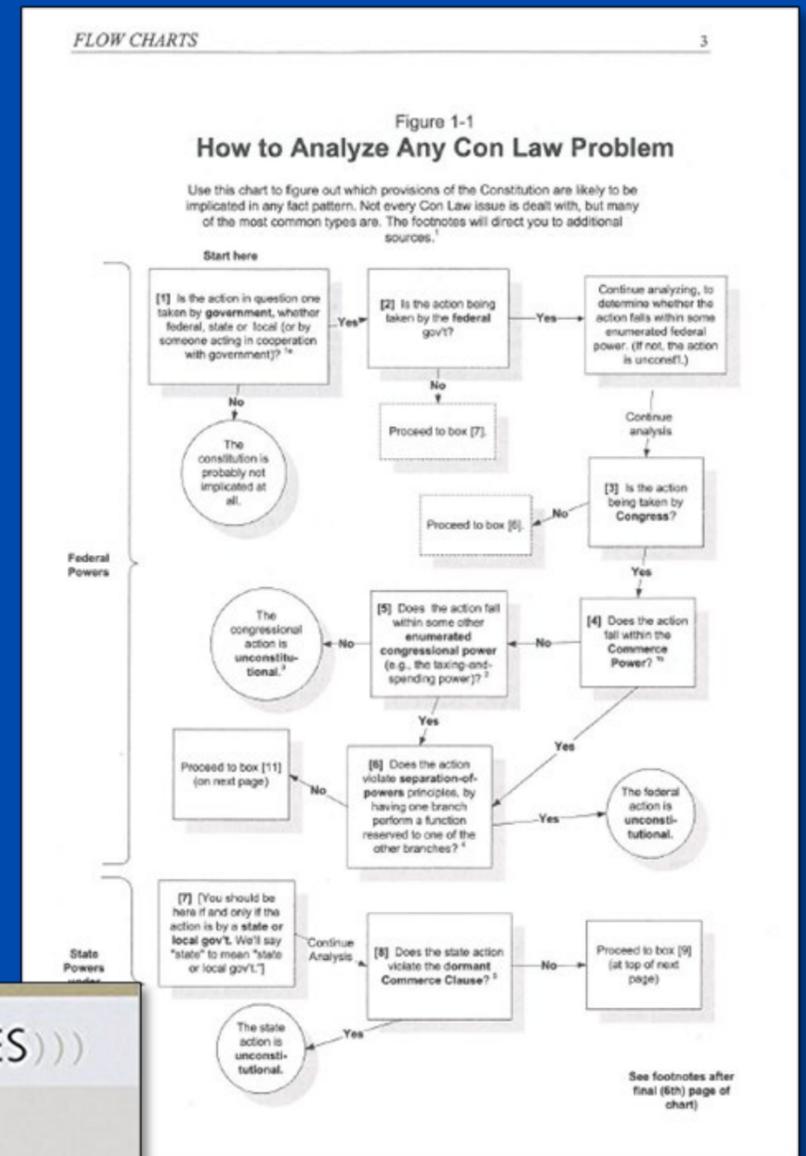
C. **"Necessary and Proper" Clause:** In addition to the very specific powers given to Congress by the Constitution, Congress is given the power to "make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution" the specific powers.

1. **Rational-relation test:** The "Necessary and Proper" Clause is easy for Congress to satisfy: if Congress is seeking an objective that is within the specifically enumerated powers, then Congress can use any means that is: (1) rationally related to the objective Congress is trying to achieve; and (2) is not specifically forbidden by the Constitution.

a. **Broad reading given to Clause:** Congress gives a very broad and deferential reading to Congress' powers under the Clause.

Example: Congress passes a statute to civilly commit certain sexually-dangerous federal prisoners at the end of their prison sentences. The prisoners attack the statute as being beyond Congress' powers.

Held: Congress acted properly. The "Necessary and Proper" Clause grants Congress broad authority. Congress is entitled to large discretion in choosing the particular means to carry out a given enumerated power — all that's required is that Congress chooses a means that's rationally related to the implementation of some constitutionally-enumerated power. Here, Congress has the power to define federal crimes, and to run a prison system housing those who commit such crimes. Allowing the Federal Bureau of Prisons to maintain custody of prisoners who would be dangerous to others if released is a rational method of carrying out the



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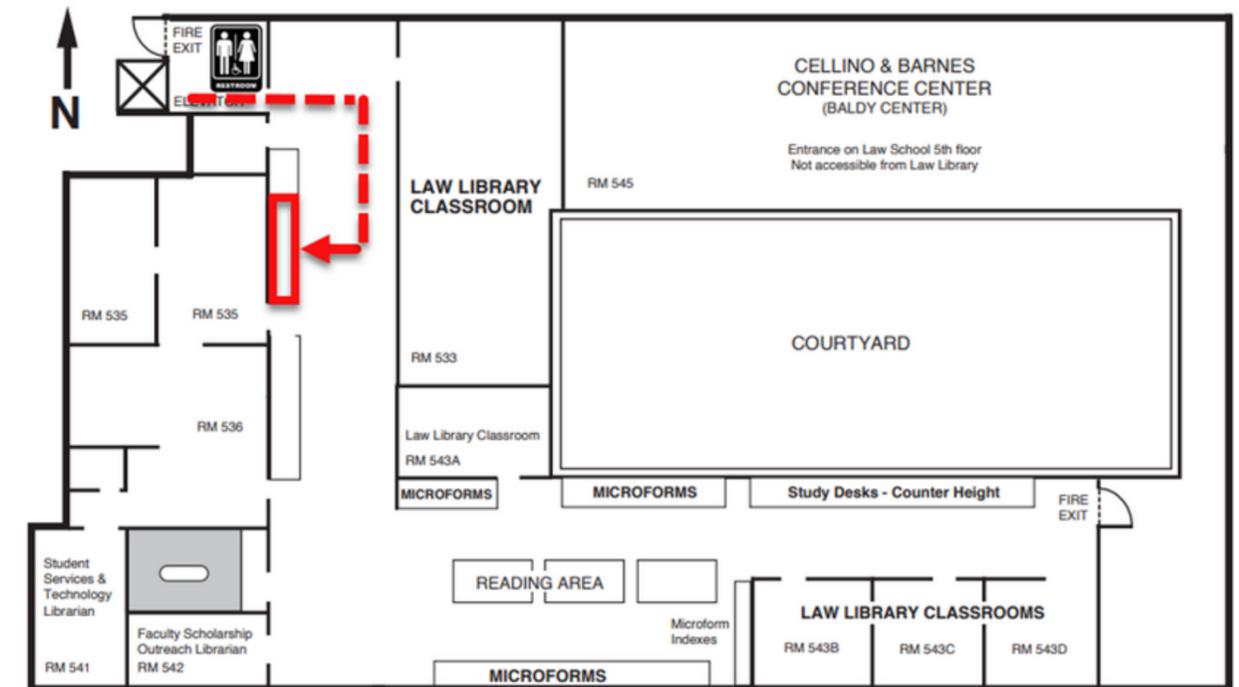
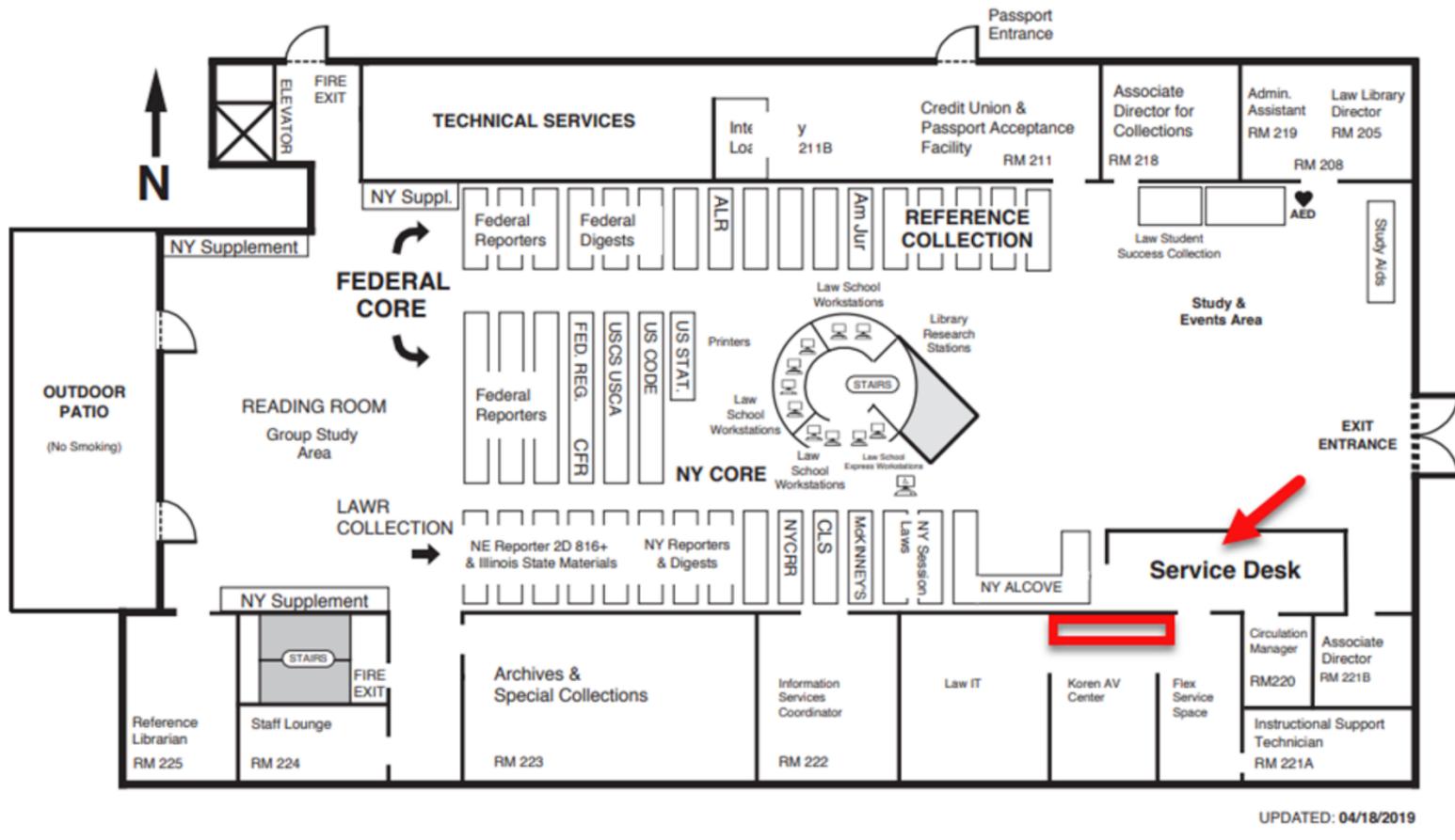
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 - West Academic Study Aids
 - Lexis Digital Library



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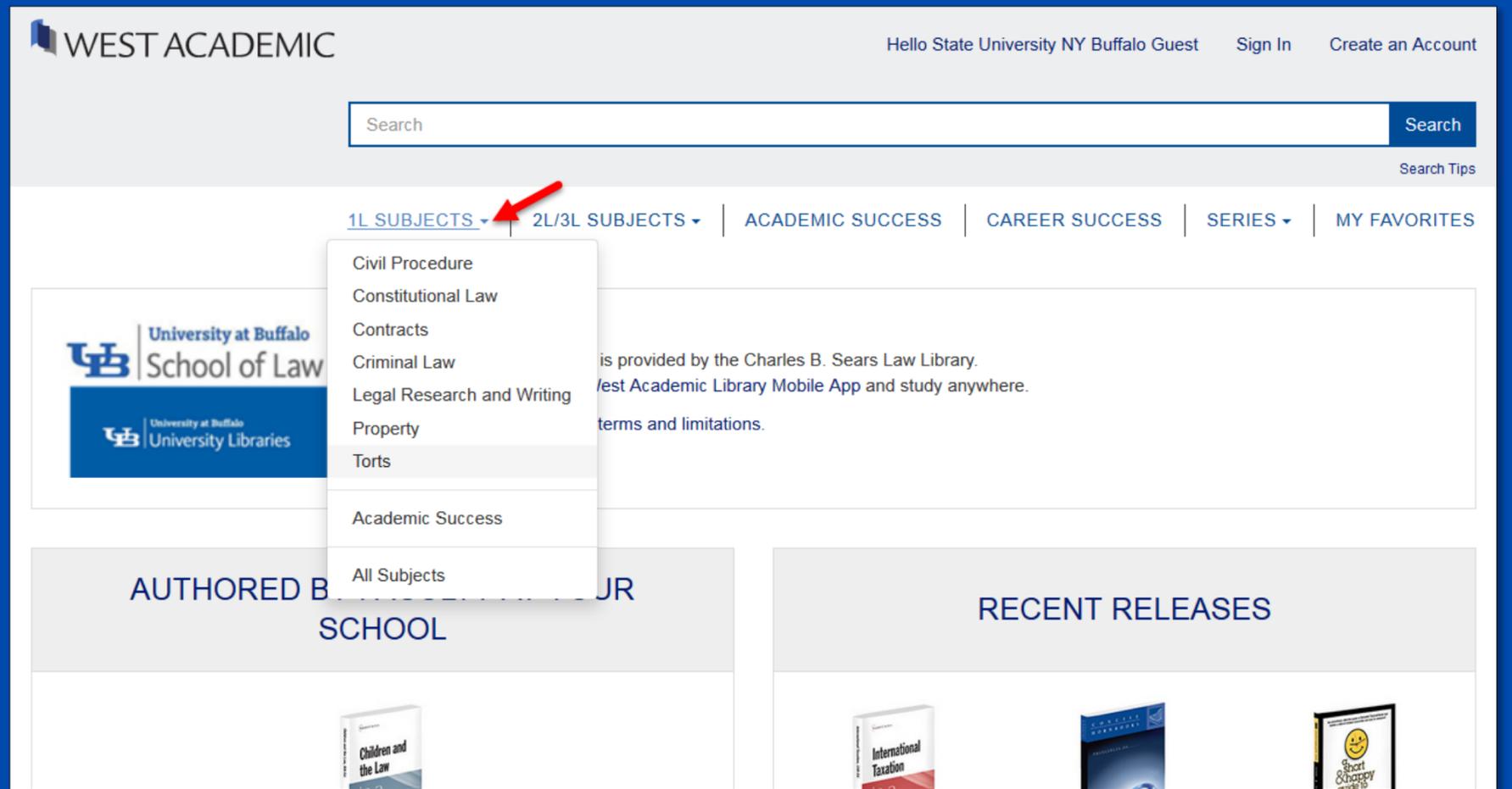
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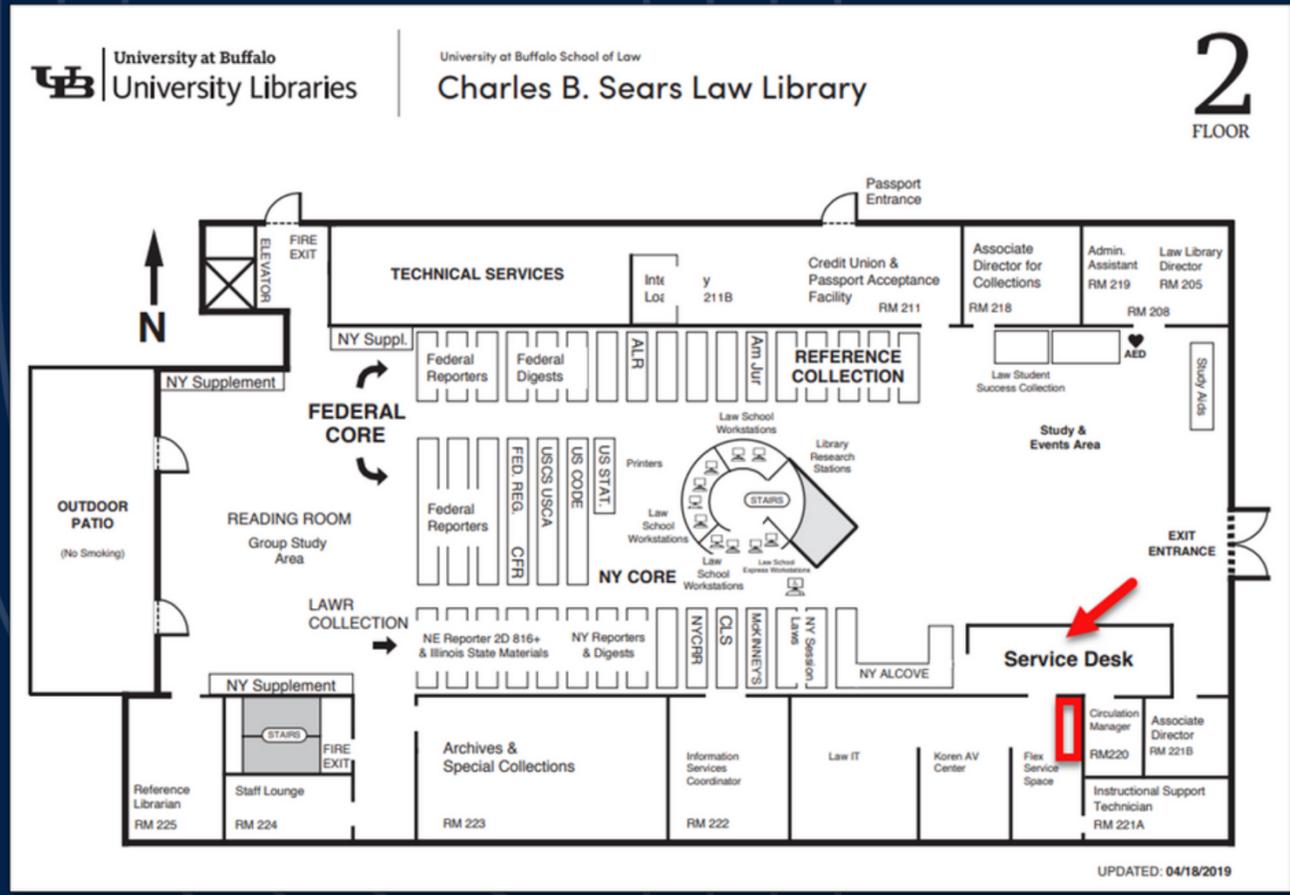
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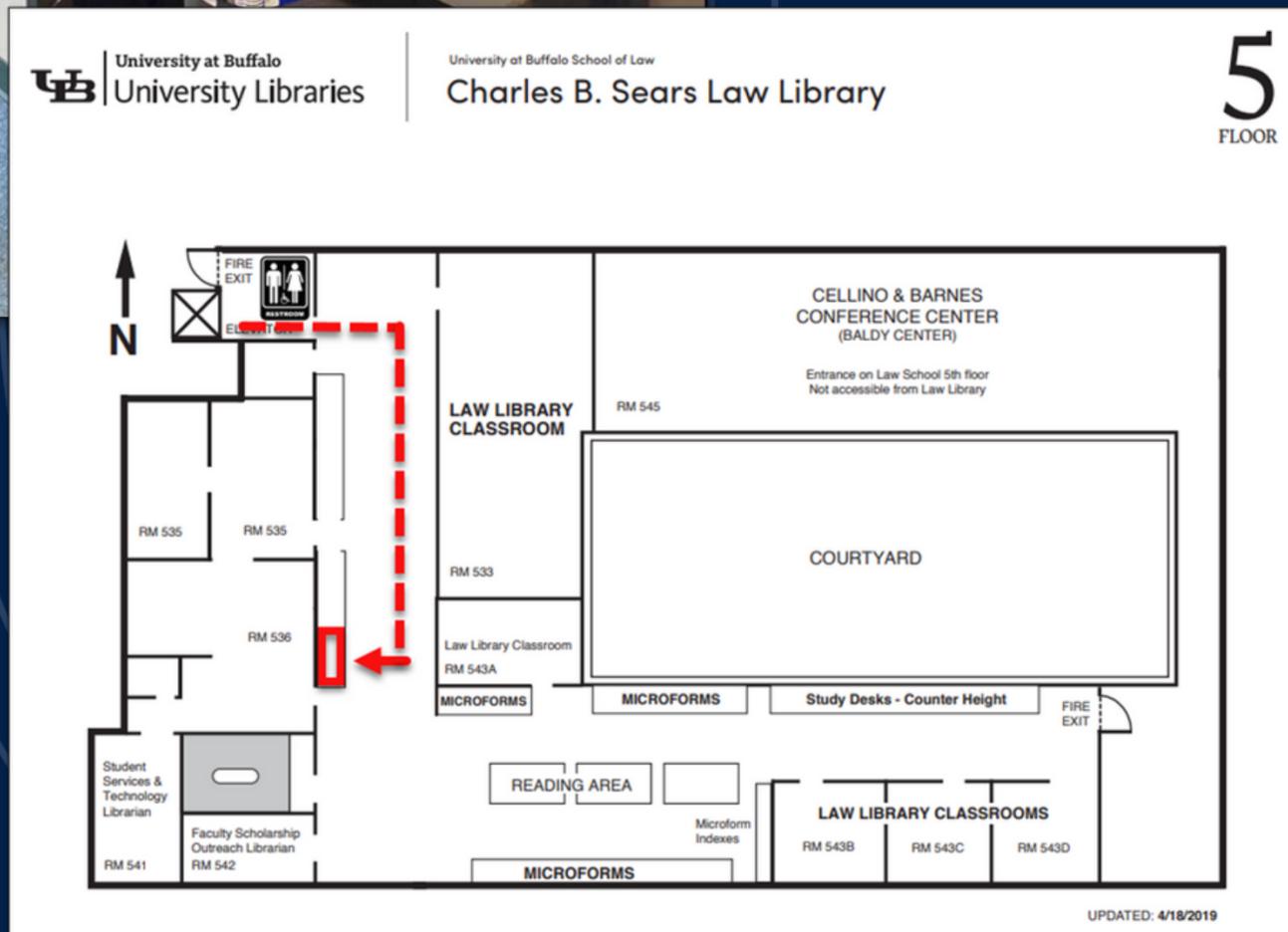
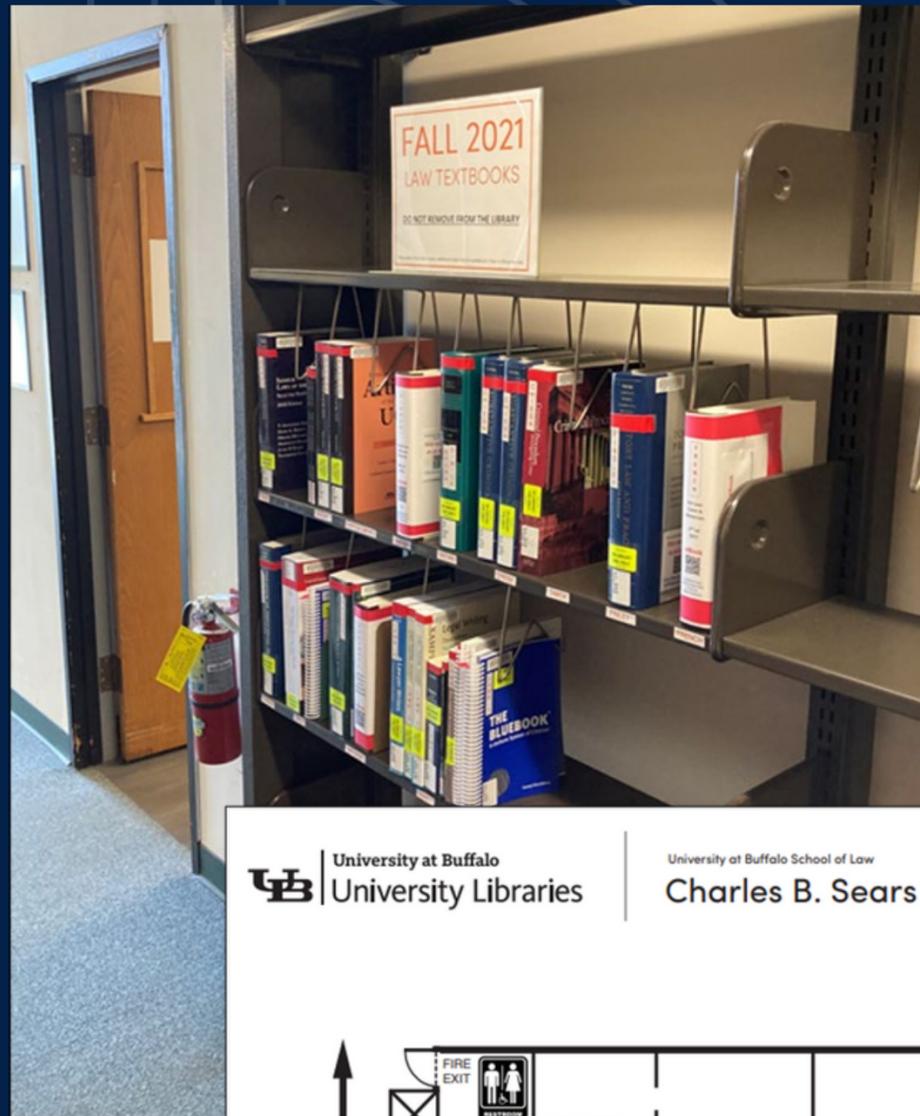
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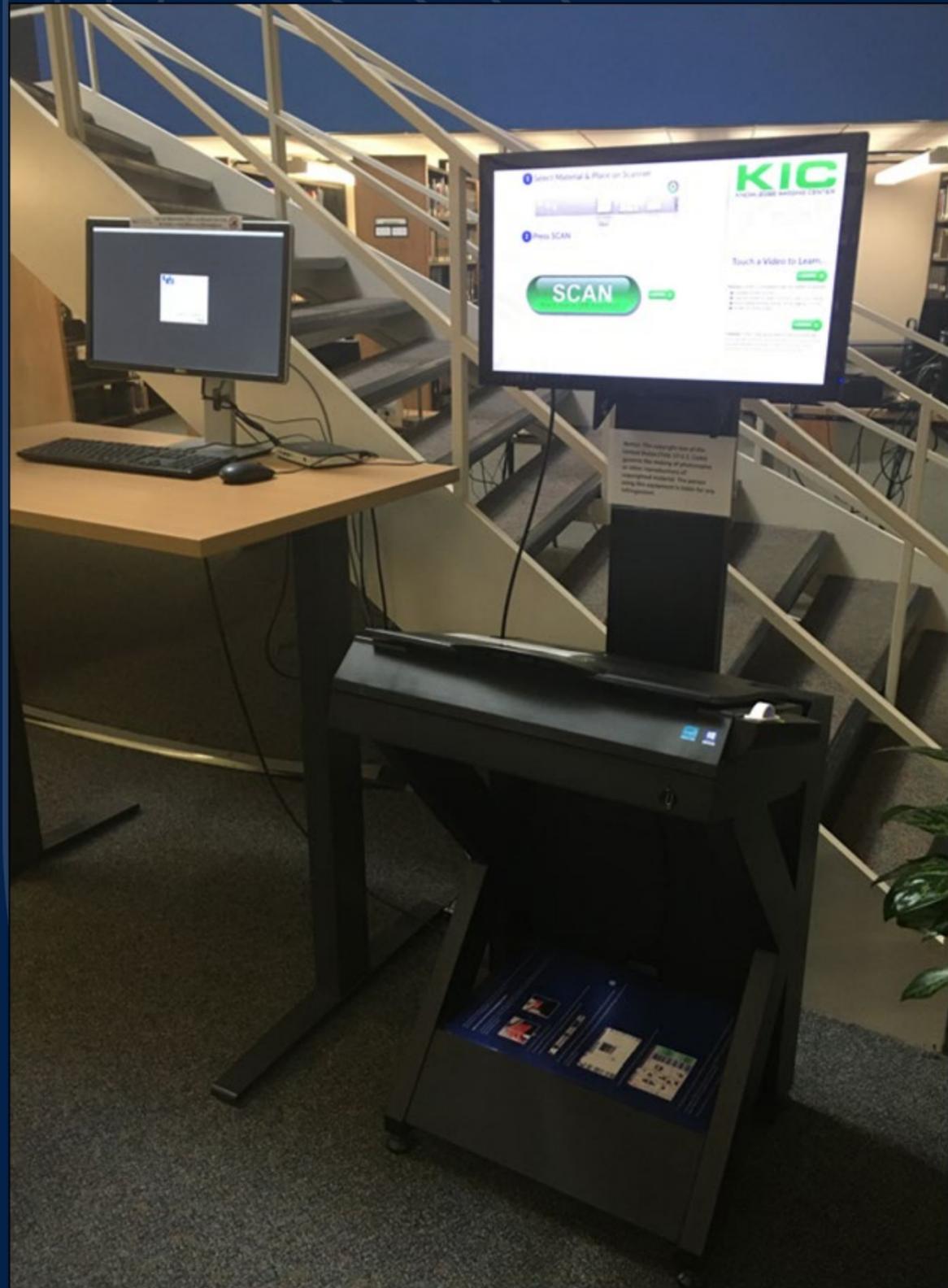


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- Book Scanners
 - Available on floors 2 and 5

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- Courses are not listed in order.

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1. **You are to work alone on this examination.** You may consult your notes, books or any other material, but you are not to talk to or work with anyone else. If you compose your exam in the library or computer center, please do not put drafts of your answers in the recycle boxes.
2. This examination contains **two essay questions.** You are to answer **each question.** Each question will be graded separately, and will count equally. The grade on each question will be averaged with your grade on the problem memo done during the semester to arrive at your final grade. This means the exam counts for 2/3 of your final grade.
3. Your exam must be typed (or word processed) and must be no longer than **15 double-spaced pages.** You must use **12 point font (Times New Roman or New Courier)** and you must have **1 inch margins.** You must number your pages. I will **penalize students** who fail to follow these instructions.
4. With these page limitations, you must take time to organize your answer. On a take-home examination I am expecting higher quality and better-written answers than I would expect in an in-class examination. Take the time to think about your answer, to outline it, and to edit your first draft. I am looking to see how well you **organize and analyze** the issues raised in the questions. You will get little credit for simply stating conclusions – remember, the “A” of “IRAC” is the most important element! You should also proofread your examination to eliminate spelling and grammatical mistakes.
5. Do not write your name on your examination paper. When you turn it in to Records & Registration, they will give you an exam number, and will attach your paper to a bluebook with the number on it. Please also write your examination number on the paper itself, in case the paper and bluebook get separated.
6. This examination is due by **Thursday December 23 by 4:00 p.m.** You may turn it in earlier, but you may not turn it in late. Turn in your exam at Records & Registration. **Printer and computer problems will not excuse late examinations.**
7. Good luck on the exam and have a great winter break. You deserve it!

Conference Rooms & Study Carrels

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Conference Rooms

- Keys at Service Desk
- Keys must be re-checked out every 2 hrs.
- Rooms are for 2 or more law students only

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Study Carrels

- Keys at Service Desk
 - Keys due at closing time
- Carrels are for individual study only

03

Zoom Rooms

- For interviews or online classes
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Library Policies

- Cell Phones and Mobile Devices
 - All devices must be silent when in the library.
- Food and Drink
 - You may eat and drink in the library
 - But no excessively messy or smelly food.
 - No alcohol
 - Clean up after yourselves!

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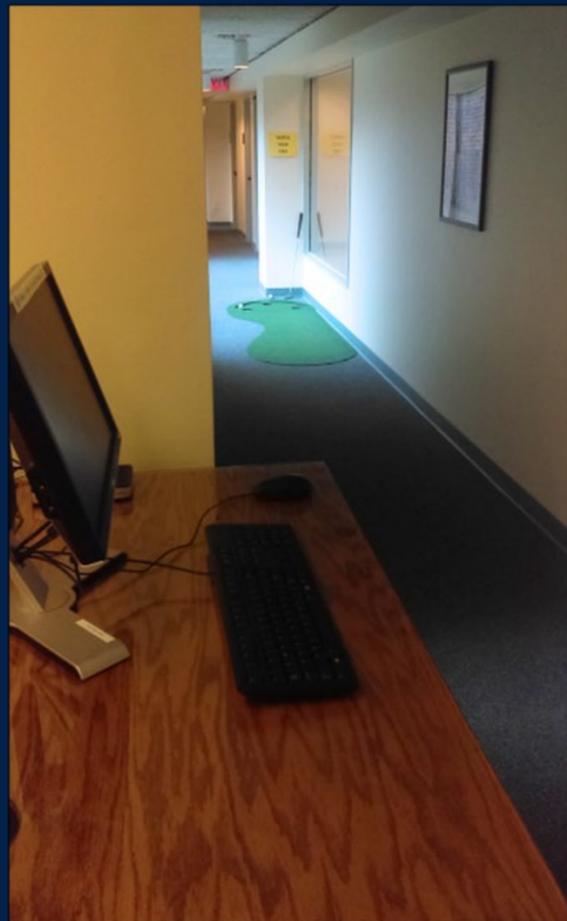


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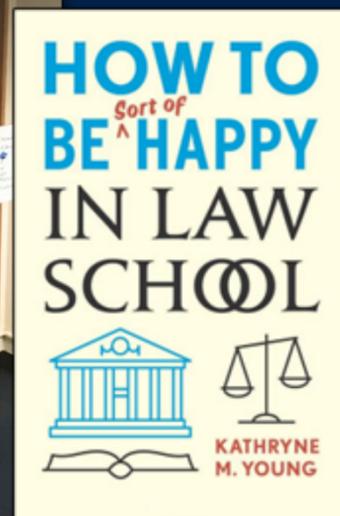
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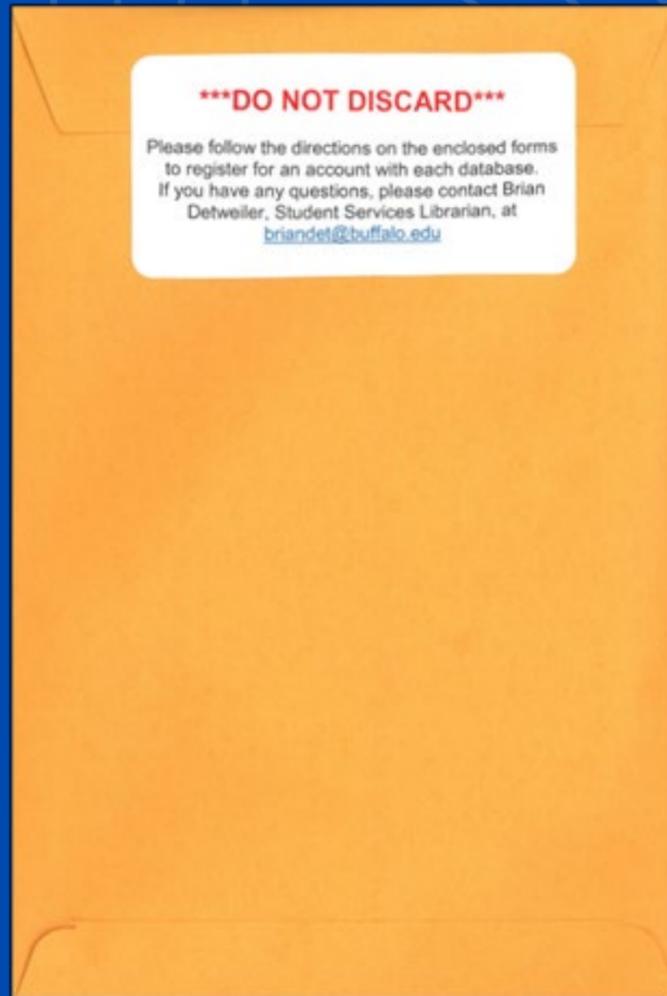
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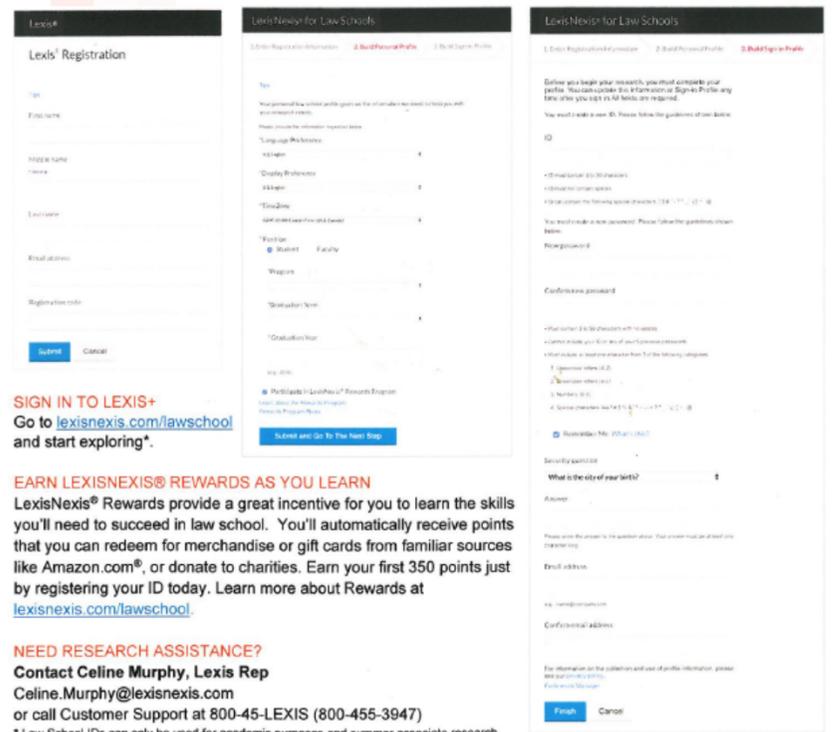
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