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Library News

Staffing

Chuck Doucette has been appointed as Acting Director of Information Services, the division the DOT Library is under. **Pat Proseri**, the previous Director, is now the Director of Transportation and Facilities.

Pending approval to fill the position of Library Director, **Linda Cullen** will be Acting Director as well as Chief of Public Services of the Nassif branch.

In a separate action, the **aviation branch libraries** have been transferred to FAA, which has decided to continue to operate them. Questions on access to the collections and a few other issues are still being addressed, however.

Rosalind Romain, the law librarian at the headquarters library, has returned after an extended leave. During her absence, **Linda Stinson** served as the law librarian.



Selected Law Library Acquisitions

Headquarters:

Boat Accident Reconstruction and Litigation (2002). R. S. Hickman, M. M. Sampsel; contributing author, J. D. van Hemmen. Tuscon, AZ: Lawyers and Judges Publishing Co. [KF2558.P5 H53]

Emergency Vehicle Accidents: Prevention, Reconstruction and Survey of State Law (2002). S. S. Solomon, P. F. Hill. Tucson, AZ: Lawyers and Judges Publishing Co. [HV8079.55 .S65]

The Federal Manager's Handbook: Rehabilitating or Removing the Problem Employee (2002). G. J. Shaw and B. Bransford. Huntsville, AL: FPMI Communications. [REF KF5340 .S47]

Freedom of Information Act Guide and Privacy Act Overview (2002). Washington, D.C.: Office of Information and Privacy, Office of Policy and Communications, U.S. Department of Justice. [REF KF5753.A29 F74]

Negligence in Employment Law (2002). A. G. Feliu, W. T. Johnson (Eds.). Washington, D.C.: Bureau of National Affairs. [KF1316 .N43]

Transportation and Environmental Justice: Effective Practices [electronic resource] (2002). Washington, D.C.: Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation. [HE206.3 .T73]

Coast Guard:

Insurance Coverage Litigation, 2d Ed. (2001). E. R. Anderson, J. S. Stanzler, and L. S. Masters. Gaithersburg, MD: Aspen Law & Business. [KF1189.5 .A962]

The Law of the Sea, 3d Ed. (1999). R.R. Churchill and A.V. Lowe. Yonkers, NY: Juris Publishing.

Shipping and the Environment: Law and Practice (1998). Colin de la Rue and Charles B. Anderson. London: LLP.

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Web Site to Watch

National Journal

The National Journal, along with political and policy resources from the National Journal Group, are now available online and accessible from the DOT Library homepage. Click on the National Journal link on the Library's homepage [<http://dotlibrary.dot.gov>] and choose from the following sources:

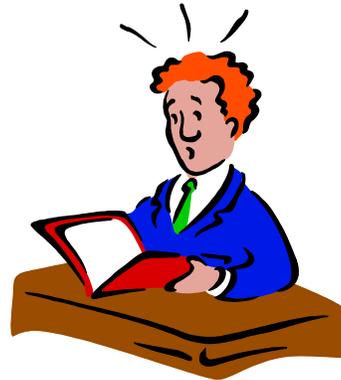
- the online version of National Journal;
- Congress Daily, providing up-to-date coverage of what's happening in Congress;
- Earlybird Briefing, summarizing the top news stories of the day;
- Daybook Calendar, which provides a look at political and policy events with a special emphasis on transportation;
- Technology Daily, which provides up-to-date coverage of issues and developments in technology policy;
- Mark-Up Reports, which tracks current legislation, with a special emphasis on bills before the following committees: House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works;
- the Almanac of American Politics, which provides insight into the members of Congress, their votes and committee assignments as well as insight into the states or districts that they represent;
- Decision Makers, which provides profiles of key policy makers within DOT as well as within other government agencies.

The National Journal web page is fully searchable, and provides access to the search pages of federal government departments and agencies. In addition, for those who need to know what's happening as it happens, updates of important political and policy news are available through personalized email alerts.

Research and Reference Corner

Legal Research Tips

When a search online through Lexis or any legal research website does not come up with that "on-point" case or relevant authority, why not check out the books? It may be faster, and more effective, than you think.



Sources that may be helpful include:

- Digests, such as West's Federal Practice Digest 4th. Because of its organizational structure, finding the perfect case – or the closest analogy – may be a matter of scanning the case summaries listed under the pertinent topic and issue.
- Treatises. While many of the Matthew Bender treatises are available online through the DOT library web page, all of the libraries have pertinent treatises that may well provide the answer to a complex question, as well as the supporting case law.
- American Law Reports (ALR and ALR Fed). Often, the issue, which you may think is unique, has already been addressed in an ALR annotation. If so, you not only get a brief synopsis of the issue, but you also get the all sides of the issue from the case law that has dealt with the issue.
- Legal encyclopedias, such as American Jurisprudence 2d. Surprising as it may seem to some attorneys, an article on the general area in which you have a question may discuss the issue at length and provide footnotes to case law and other secondary sources for further reference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LEXIS NEXIS TRAINING

DATE: APRIL 16, 2003

PLACE: ROOM 4236, NASSIF BUILDING

TIME: 11:45 – 1:00

Legislative History of DOT Appropriations on Lexis.com

LEXIS NEXIS TRAINING

DATE: MAY 21, 2003

PLACE: ROOM 4236, NASSIF BUILDING

TIME: 11:45 – 1:00

Basic Searching on Lexis.com



LEXIS NEXIS TRAINING

DATE: JUNE 18, 2003

PLACE: ROOM 4236, NASSIF BUILDING

TIME: 11:45 – 1:00

Advanced Searching on Lexis.com

LEXIS NEXIS TRAINING

DATE: JULY 16, 2003

PLACE: ROOM TBA, NASSIF BUILDING

TIME: 11:45 – 1:00

Americans with Disabilities Act on Lexis.com

DOT Law Libraries

Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Friday

DOT Headquarters Law Library

Room 2200, Nassif Building

(202) 366-0749

Staff:

Linda Cullen, Chief, Public Services Branch

Rosalind Romain, Law Librarian

FOB 10A (FAA) Law Library

Room 924, FOB 10A Building

(202) 267-3174

Staff:

Terry Dempsey, Law Librarian

U.S. Coast Guard Law Library

Room B726, U.S. Coast Guard

Headquarters (Transpoint) Building

(202) 267-2536

Staff:

Anne Foley, Law Librarian