Preparing for fall bar examinations will be one of this summer’s top priorities for many graduating students. Moritz’s most recent alumni are welcome to use the law library to study for their bar exams. Good luck!

Second and first-year students should become familiar with the admission requirements and bar exam procedures of jurisdictions in which they are interested in practicing. There are several websites that have helpful information.

Ohio’s Bar Admissions Office website, www.sconet.state.oh.us/Admissions/, contains important information for students interested in taking the Ohio bar exam.


The National Conference of Bar Examiners has links to information about the MBE, MPT, and the MPRE on its multistate tests page, www.ncbex.org/tests.htm.

FindLaw’s Bar Information for Students website, http://stu.findlaw.com/thebar/, links to bar review sites, sample bar exams, bar exam results, and other bar related sites.

The JURIST’s bar exams-bar admissions website, http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/barexam.htm, provides links to bar admission rules, bar exam rules, sample exam questions, and recent exam results. It also has links to advice on preparing for the bar exam.

A selected bibliography of bar exam material is available from the Law Library’s website at http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/library/researchguides/barexam.html.

Bar Exam Information

Spotlight on Faculty Publications

Many of the faculty will be busy this summer doing research and writing law review articles and books. Below are summaries of some of the faculty’s recent publications.


In this article, Professor Lee discusses the use of foreign law in intellectual property (IP) disputes and suggests a framework for courts and litigants to use to decide when foreign law should be consulted in IP litigation.


In this book, Professor Quigley chronicles the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from its origins in the late 1800’s to the present and then analyzes under international law the current issues surrounding the conflict.

Congratulations Class of 2005!
Ohio Judicial Center

If you are looking for a place to take visiting family or if you just have some free time, consider visiting the recently renovated Ohio Judicial Center at 65 South Front Street in downtown Columbus. A ten-year renovation of the 1930 Art Deco building was completed last year. The impressive historic landmark now houses the Ohio Supreme Court and the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library.

Of particular interest is the stunning, wood-paneled courtroom, where members of the public can listen to oral arguments when in session (oral arguments can also be viewed live, online at www.sconet.state.oh.us/videostream/default.asp). Tucked away in the 12th floor Law Library is a beautiful 2-story reading room overlooking the Scioto River. Also, don’t miss the building’s ground floor entry, which is decorated with a collection of Native American themed mosaics.

If you plan to visit the Ohio Judicial Center, it is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enter on Front Street and be sure to bring your driver’s license, since an i.d. is required to enter the building. For more information, including pictures of the building’s interior and driving directions, see Supreme Court of Ohio’s web site at www.sconet.state.oh.us/move/default.asp.

OhioLINK Borrowing Privileges

Just because you may be leaving Columbus for the summer does not mean that you can’t borrow books from Ohio State. In fact, if you are still in Ohio, you can borrow books from Ohio State or any of the over eighty institutions that are members of OhioLINK.

The Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK), www.ohiolink.edu/, is a consortium of Ohio’s college and university libraries and the State Library of Ohio. The Ohio State University is a member of OhioLINK. A complete list of OhioLINK institutions is available at www.ohiolink.edu/members-info/.

Westlaw & Lexis Summer Access

Westlaw

Westlaw automatically gives students two hours of access in June and July (provided that the passwords are used only for purposes related to law school coursework). Students taking summer classes, working on law review or moot court projects, or working for a professor can extend their password for full use by visiting http://lawschool.westlaw.com/registration/summerextension.asp.

Lexis

Extend your password for full summer access by visiting www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool if you are involved in summer classes, school related work (e.g., law review, moot court, research assistant, unpaid externship for school credit) or work for a public, non-profit organization with tax-exempt status (see details at www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool).

Educational Purposes Only

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Faculty Publications, continued

In this article, Professors Cole and Spitko discuss the applicability of the Batson principle, which prohibits removing a juror on the basis of their membership in a protected class (e.g., race), to the selection of arbitrators.

In this article, Professor Tokaji examines the civil rights issues surrounding the current debate over changing voting technology.

Professor Colker recounts the history of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act from a gay-rights perspective.

LoisLaw

Why learn about yet another database? Graduating students have free access to Loislaw for six months after graduation and current students may use it in employment settings (see the licensing agreement for details).

As law students, you have access to the basic primary law databases. While you don’t have access to the treatises, you can search the treatises database and use the results to find the relevant section in the print copy of a treatise.

To sign up for a student account, go to www.loislawschool.com and click the “Register Here” box at the top of the screen. When prompted, enter our school code: OHLOS29.

Copies of the subscriber handbook are available in the Library’s Computer Lab.

Tips for Research Assistants

- Extend both your Lexis and Westlaw passwords for summer usage. Each database has different sources and search features.
- Don’t waste time looking in the wrong source or database- ask a Reference Librarian for help in choosing or using a database. We’re available by email, phone, or in person all summer!
- With your professor’s permission, you can check out library materials in your professor’s name. If you have questions about this, ask at the Circulation Desk.
- Both The Moritz Law and OSU Libraries have an eJournal list- perfect for finding copies of articles online that aren’t available in Lexis or Westlaw.
- When you need to do research in another discipline, use one of the many databases available from the OSU Libraries.
- Your first stop to find a book or periodical- both print and online- should be OSU Libraries online catalog (OSCAR). If it’s not available at OSU, try the OhioLINK catalog. Most items will arrive here within a few days of your online request.
- Interlibrary Loan is the way to get books and articles that are not available at Moritz Law Library, OSU Libraries, or through OhioLINK.
- Need to copy, print or scan? During business hours, copy in the secretarial offices. For everything else, ask for the Research Assistant Buck-ID at the Circulation desk.

Avoid Library Fines

Before you leave town for the summer or for a vacation, be sure to review your OSU Libraries circulation record to ensure that there no items checked to you.

View your library record at at https://library.ohio-state.edu/patroninfo/

You may use your University ID Number (which appears on your Buck ID) rather than your Social Security Number.
The Backpage: Legal Fun & Games

Law & Lawyers in Popular Culture

- Courtroom dramas have been around since the early days of television. University of Texas Tarlton Law Library’s website devoted to law and popular culture has a collection of materials devoted to small screen lawyers. http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/lpop/tv/

- Did 2 would-be attorneys really fail the bar exam because they stopped to help a classmate? Must the state set a condemned prisoner free if the first try at execution fails? Learn the truth about these legal urban legends and more at Snope’s Urban Legends Reference Page for legal affairs. www.snopes.com/legal/legal.asp

- Want to know what law professors, law students and lawyers think of the portrayal of law in popular culture, then browse Picturing Justice: The On-line Journal of Law & Popular Culture. www.usfca.edu/pj/

- Trials have held the public’s attention long before any “Trial of the Century.” Learn about famous trials such as the Trial of Socrates, the Scopes “Monkey” Trial and the Clinton Impeachment Trial. www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/ftrials.htm

- Can’t wait until July for the new Harry Potter book? Read one of the law review articles on the legal world of Harry Potter:

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Mysteries Worth Talking About

These books are recommended for book clubs or group reads.

- Killer’s Smile (Harper Collins. 2004) is about a lawyer that goes to extraordinary lengths to get to the bottom of a mystery surrounding the death of a man placed in an interment camp in the 1940s.

- Maisie Dobbs (Penguin. 2004) is a “consulting detective” in the 1920s investigating a case of marital infidelity that turns into a conspiracy involving WWI veterans.

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