FROM THE DIRECTOR...

The law library’s mission is to support the information needs of the law school’s faculty and students, the university community generally, members of the bar and the general public. Two recent surveys of law library patrons have indicated that library patrons are very satisfied with the law library’s services. In the spring 2008 Law School Survey of Student Engagement (“LSSSE”), 96% of the USC law students surveyed are satisfied or very satisfied with the library. 62% of the USC law students - nearly 2/3 - are very satisfied with the library. This month, the South Carolina State Bar surveyed its members about legal education and their law school experience. 75% of the respondents were graduates of the University of South Carolina School of Law. The report states, "Members [of the bar] are most satisfied with the assistance they received from their law school in one service, the use of the law library." Bar members gave law library assistance a satisfaction score of 4.24 on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being very satisfied. It is always gratifying to receive positive reports on the law library.

However, we are not ones to rest on our laurels. While we appreciate the pat on the back, we also recognize that with changes in technology and increasing demands on our faculty, students, and alumni, we must continually strive to improve our services to meet the legal information needs of our various audiences. To that end, please let us know if we can be of service. You can contact the Reference Desk at 803-777-5902 or lawref@gwm.sc.edu or me at alfordd@gwm.sc.edu

Duncan Alford
Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library
The Coleman Karesh Law Library Sends Perrin Portrait for Modification

The large portrait of the Perrin family that hangs outside of the Legal History Room has been sent off to the artist in New York to have a new family member added. Lawrence Flynn, a May 2007 graduate of USC, who was sworn in as a member of the SC Bar in November, will be painted into the portrait. The portrait will return when the addition is completed.

Ms. Melton and Arick Willingham handled the logistics of crating the portrait for transport. Here Ms. Melton is shown tightening the final screws on the crate.

New Online Resources

The library has some marvelous new online resources. First is the Foreign Law Guide (known to some of its fans as Reynolds & Flores). If you liked it in print, you'll love it online - which is now the only format in which it is produced. This resource bills itself as providing "current sources of codes and basic legislation in jurisdictions of the world". This is not full text; rather, it tells you about sources of law, so that you'll know what to call it when you look for it, and what to expect in terms of content. Access the Foreign Law Guide from the Law Library's link to "Electronic Resources - Limited Access" or at http://foreignlawguide.com/

We are pleased to announce the addition of the Congressional Record through HeinOnline, in the beloved PDF format that we've come to expect from Hein. Access the Congressional Record through the "U.S. Congressional Documents" link on the Hein "Subscribed Libraries" page. There are some gaps in coverage, but Hein is working as we speak to fill in the gaps. An awesome feature of this database is a "Daily to Bound Locator". You'll never tear your hair out again trying to match up content between the daily CR and the bound. Look for the bright red link under "Collection Resources" on the lefthand sidebar, once you have selected “U.S. Congressional Documents” within HeinOnline. http://heinonline.org/HOL/Welcome?collection=journals.

Please contact your friendly reference librarians with questions or comments about these new resources.
NEW COPIERS FOR LAW LIBRARY PATRONS

The Law Library is pleased to announce the arrival of new photocopiers. These copiers will arrive in the next couple of weeks, and they will have duplexing capability, faster copying speed, handicap accessibility with larger, touch screens and the ability to maneuver the copying surface.

In addition, we will be adding a coin-op machine to the copier that accepts only the Carolina Card, allowing for both coins and the Carolina Card to be used in it. The other copier will continue to accept coins only.

Due to increased costs, both for the photocopiers and supplies (paper, toner, etc.), the charge for copies, which has not risen in over 15 years, will now be $.20 per page.

Recent Law Librarian Presentations and Publications


**Recent Law Librarian Activities**

**Terrye Conroy**, Awarded 2007-2008 CTE Teaching Excellence Grant on Writing Across the Curriculum (with John Grady, J.D., Ph.D, Sport and Entertainment Mgt.) The grant program ([http://www.sc.edu/cte/grants/](http://www.sc.edu/cte/grants/)) is an interdisciplinary collaborative approach to preparing faculty from many disciplines to teach and evaluate student writing. Prof. Grady and Ms. Conroy will be designing modules to integrate legal research and writing into his Sports Law class and meeting with the other grant recipients throughout the semester to share our work. (November 30, 2007).

– Attended CTE Colloquium on "Writing Beyond Writing Classes: A Busy Professor’s Primer on Current Research and Teaching Strategies" by Dr. Doug Hesse, University of Denver ([available to view at http://www.sc.edu/cte/wac/hesse/](http://www.sc.edu/cte/wac/hesse/)). (January 10, 2008).

**Pamela Melton**, Recently completed a three part Advanced Westlaw certification training.

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**MELTON CONTINUES SERVICE WITH RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Pamela Melton, Coleman Karesh Law Library’s Associate Director for Administration, was reappointed as the Vice Chairwoman of the Richland County Public Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Melton has served on the Board since 2001. She was reappointed in 2005, and has served as the Board Secretary as well. Congratulations, and thank you for your continued community service!

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**Library Hours during Spring Semester 2008**

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Extended reference hours (5-7pm) have resumed, Mondays through Thursdays.
Recommended Reading for January – National Mentoring Month & National Radon Action Month—
from the Coleman Karesh Law Library


For more information, visit http://www.epa.gov/radon/


Old Man Winter Visits Columbia

The fountain below the law school wears an uncharacteristic coating of ice during a recent cold snap.