FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Colleagues –

As the fall semester ends and the Winter break begins, I wanted to update you on recent developments in the law library.

First, the reference librarians and I have been busy implementing and planning the new legal research, analysis and writing course for the first year students with our colleagues, the legal writing instructors and Lisa Eichhorn. This newly integrated program is designed to enhance the first year students’ writing skills and continues in earnest this spring.

Second, all librarians have been assigned subject areas for selection to enhance our collection. While not all areas of law have been assigned to a librarian, we continue to purchase broadly in U.S. law and more selectively in international and foreign law. The current assignments are as follows:

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<th>Librarian</th>
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<td>Duncan Alford</td>
<td>International and foreign law, banking</td>
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<td>Rebekah Maxwell</td>
<td>Family law, property, administrative law, Native American law</td>
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<td>Pamela Melton</td>
<td>Criminal law, juvenile justice, constitutional law, U.S. legal history</td>
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<td>Terrie Conroy</td>
<td>Environmental law, education law, bankruptcy</td>
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<td>David Lehmann</td>
<td>Torts, intellectual property, legal practice and forms</td>
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<td>Ellen Lehmann</td>
<td>Wills and trusts, contracts</td>
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These assignments are subject to change as the needs of the library’s patrons change.

Third, Pamela Melton led the creation of an exhibit on the history of the law school building displayed in the lobby. This display was part of the Law School alumni reunion held in early November.

In the following pages, you will see additional evidence of the active contributions of the librarians to the law school, the university and the community.

Please enjoy the Winter break and have a happy New Year.

As always, please let us know if we can be of assistance.
Development of the Legal Encyclopedia

While cleaning out old bookshelves to make room for new display cases in the Legal History Room, Pamela Melton discovered a 1668 edition of Rolle’s *Abridgment of the Law* (Un Abridgment des Plusieurs Cases et Resolutions del Common Ley), an early landmark publication in the development of the modern legal encyclopedia.

Sir Henry Rolle was a highly respected jurist and legal scholar. He served as Chief Justice of the King’s Bench, among other offices, under Charles I and the protectorate of Cromwell. He counted among his contemporaries and friends in the Middle Temple Sir Edward Littleton and John Selden. He greatly influenced Sir Matthew Hale, who edited the abridgment after his friend’s death. Rolle never intended his abridgment for publication. It was compiled prior to 1640 for his own use as a commonplace. A commonplace book (from the Latin *locus communis*) was a way to compile knowledge, used extensively by educated people in early modern Europe.

Ms. Melton’s research led to additional titles, owned by the law library, which contained improvements and innovations that culminated in the modern legal encyclopedia, *Corpus Juris*. The first edition of *Corpus Juris* contains a quote from Rolle’s *Abridgment*, making explicit the connection. “[I]t were to be wished that some compleat *Corpus Juris Communis* were extracted out of the many Books of our English Laws, for the public use, and for the contracting of the Laws into a narrower compass and method, at least for ordinary study.” Preface, *CORPUS JURIS* (1914), quoting *PREFACE TO ROLLE’S ABRIDGMENT* (1668).

A small display in the Legal History Room traces the development of the legal encyclopedia from Sir Henry Rolle’s personal notes to the standard commercial encyclopedia lawyers still use today.
ALUMNI WEEKEND DISPLAY

Michael Mouter and Pamela Melton collaborated to create a display illustrating the architectural history of the Law School, from Reconstruction (1867) to the present. In those years, the law School has occupied space in five buildings, three constructed specifically to house it. The display looks at the past and present facilities and looks forward to the future, sixth, home of the School of Law.

James F. Byrnes Table Refinished

As part of the collection from James F. Byrnes’ home, this table serves as a conference table in the S.C. Legal History Room on the first floor of the Law Library. It was beautifully refinished by Colonial Woodworks, Inc. located in Columbia.
LAW LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

The Law Library is pleased to welcome two new employees...

Ellen Richardson arrived at the law library in August as a Reference Librarian after receiving her Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington in Seattle. She holds her J.D. and LL.M. degrees from Cornell Law School, where she was a Teaching Assistant while attending law school. Ellen started her full-time teaching career here in our newly created Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing course. She taught two sections during the fall semester and will continue teaching in the spring.

Megan Brown arrived in October as the new Circulation/Inter-Library Loan Assistant. Megan received her Undergraduate degree from Francis Marion University, worked at S.C. Economics, and she volunteered at the Richland County Public Library and Thomas Cooper Library before coming to the law library.

Welcome Ellen and Megan!

The Legal Research instructors held a luncheon meeting with the student T.A.’s that tutored 1L’s in the new Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing course. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the fall semester and plan for the spring semester.
**LIBRARIAN ACTIVITIES**

Circuit Riders, **Terrye Conroy** and **David Lehmann**, partnered with Access to Justice’s Robin Wheeler to present a poster session entitled “The Future is Access to Legal Information.” The session was held at the South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference in Charleston, SC on October 21, 2011. It featured information regarding the Circuit Riders Program, the Access to Justice’s program and materials, and Coleman Karesh Law Library’s legal information resources available to the public on the internet. The session showcased the availability of free legal information, both on the internet and in the surrounding area, such as the Newberry Self-Help Center. For more information on any of these resources go to the USC Law Library research guide page, [http://law.sc.edu/library/research aids](http://law.sc.edu/library/research aids), the Circuit Riders website, [http://www.law.sc.edu/library/circuit riders/](http://www.law.sc.edu/library/circuit riders/), or the Self-Help Center website, [www.judicial.state.sc.us/selfHelp/index.cfm](http://www.judicial.state.sc.us/selfHelp/index.cfm).


**LAW LIBRARY HOSTS VISITOR FROM NIGERIA**

Joseph Antyo, Director of Continuing Studies and Special Projects at the University of Mkar, visited the Coleman Karesh Law Library in September, 2011. This picture (left) of Joseph and Associate Dean **Duncan Alford**, was taken in March, 2011 during Dean Alford’s visit to Nigeria for an academic conference on Banking Reform in Mkar, Benue State, Nigeria.
We are pleased to announce that the Coleman Karesh Law Library at the University of South Carolina School of Law has recently digitized and made available online the statutes of South Carolina from 1712 to 1952. Items in the newly digitized collections include:

- Grimke's *The Public Laws of the State of South Carolina* (1712 – 1790)
- McCord’s *The Statutes at Large of South Carolina* (Vols. 1-10, 12-13, & 15)
- *The Revised Statutes of South Carolina* (Maher & Breazeale, eds. 1893)
- *The Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1902
- *The Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1912
- *The Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1922
- *The Compiled Code of 1930*
- *Supplements to the 1932 Code*
- *The Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1942
- *Supplements to the 1942 Code*
- *The Code of Laws of South Carolina*, 1952
- *Supplements to the 1952 Code*

The law library is one of the few repositories that have the complete collection of South Carolina statutory material. In addition to the older versions of the codes, the law library has digitized a number of older treatises from the South Carolina Legal History Collection of interest to historians and legal scholars. The latest group of items includes:

- *Journals of the Constitutional Convention of 1865*
- *A digest of the road law of South Carolina*, 1850
- *Two volumes containing the law of magistrates*, one from 1848 and one from 1913
- *A history of a suit at law: according to the practice of this state*, 1860

In its role as the principal public law library for South Carolina, and in an effort to increase access to legal information, the law library is proud to make these historical materials available to the public, the bar, researchers, historians, and scholars. To view the collections, simply visit [http://www.archive.org/details/colemankareshlawlibrary](http://www.archive.org/details/colemankareshlawlibrary) or the Law Library’s South Carolina Reference Desk page at [http://www.law.sc.edu/library/research_aids/scref.shtml](http://www.law.sc.edu/library/research_aids/scref.shtml).

This exciting project was made possible through the LYRASIS Mass Digitization Collaborative, an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant-subsidized program that has made digitization easy and affordable for libraries and cultural institutions across the country. Through the Collaborative’s partnership with the Internet Archive, all items were scanned from cover- to-cover and in full color. You can choose from a variety of formats, page through a book choosing the “read online” option, download the PDF, or search the full text version.

If you have any questions about this project and the works that have been digitized, please contact Pamela Rogers Melton, Associate Director for Administration (prmelton@law.sc.edu).
FUN TIMES FOR THE LIBRARY

The annual Halloween Carnival was a big success, as always. The Law Library received a special guest at our booth this year, and fun was had by all!

Visitors to the Prize Cave 2011

LAW LIBRARY’S HOLIDAY LUNCHEON INCLUDES SPECIAL FRIENDS

Special friends of the Law School and the Law Library, Sarah Leverette and Prue Goolsby, attended the library’s holiday luncheon on December 5, 2011. Mrs. Goolsby retired from the law library after serving as the Circulation Librarian, and she currently provides a scholarship in her name for students enrolled in the School of Library and Information Sciences that are interested in law librarianship. Sarah Leverette also retired from the law library after serving as the Law Librarian. In 1957, Ms. Leverette helped start the Memory Hold the Door program, which memorializes attorneys who have been a credit to the profession during their lifetimes.