

Welcome ...

to the pre-holiday issue of the Law Library Newsletter. We wish good luck to students on upcoming exams and congratulations to all the 1Ls on getting through the first term.

Law Library Corner

The Law Library is switching to Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology for tracking library collection data. Find out what this is all about (purple lights are involved).

Collections Corner

Big news about Maritime Law Book, an update on the HeinOnline Legislation collection, plus some new content for our tax researchers!

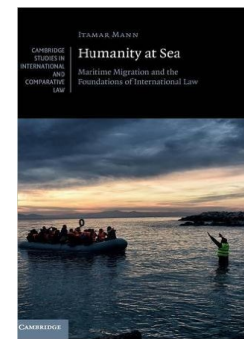
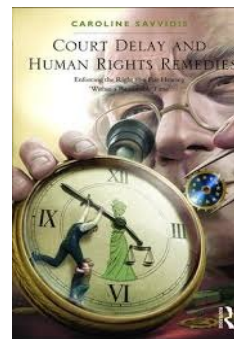
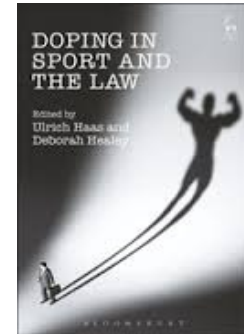
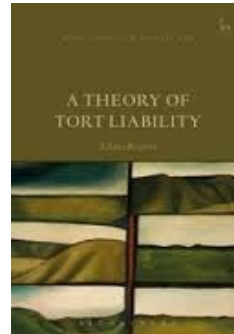
Research Guides Spotlight

A new research guide has been brought into our ever-growing collection: Environmental Law. Thanks to out to Prof. Sara Seck for the request.



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New Books



HEADNOTE OF THE DAY

You Can't Copyright Santa Claus

99 Copyrights and Intellectual Property

Stereotypical elements of a Santa Claus are unprotectible; these elements are jolly, rotund, elder gentleman, wearing a red suit and floppy cap with trim beard, and black belt and boots.

Kurt S. Adler, Inc. v. World Bazaars, Inc., 897 F. Supp. 92, (S.D.N.Y., 1995).



Collections Corner: Database Updates

Maritime Law Book

In August 2016, libraries received news that after 48 years in business as an independent law publisher Maritime Law Book was going out of business; shutting down production of its print law reporters and online databases. On November 1, in an exciting turn of events, came the announcement of a new beginning for the well-loved publishing company:

Eric Appleby, CEO of Maritime Law Book Ltd. And Colin Lachance, CEO of 9766758 Canada Inc., are pleased to announce the rebirth of a Canadian legal publishing icon.



MLB...NOT sailing into the sunset

Colin Lachance was the former CEO of the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII). Eric Appleby founded Maritime Law Book as a response to a real need for access to judicial decisions particularly hard to find cases from the Maritime provinces.

The announcement states that under its new ownership, MLB will continue to operate as *Maritime Law Book*, relaunched "with a world-class legal information processing engine that leverages cutting edge natural language process technology to make research easier and more efficient".

Law Library Access

The Maritime Law Book platform at <http://www.mlb.nb.ca> will be shutting down by the end of November. The plan is that the new platform (called "Compass") will be ready to launch at this time. The Law Library has had its access to the product extended until the end of the academic year (April 30) when we will negotiate further access.

Thomson Taxnet.Pro

Thomson Reuters has acquired the tax-related content and assets of *Federated Press*, which went bankrupt earlier in 2016. This content with its "technical and concise articles and guidance, written and edited by Canada's leading tax minds", has been integrated into Taxnet.pro.

The *Federated Press Centre* on Taxnet Pro will include the following:

1. Taxation of Corporate Reorganizations
2. Archives and future issues of journal titles under the following series:

- Corporate Tax Planning Journal Services
 - International Tax Planning
 - Tax Litigation
- Personal Tax Planning Series
 - Personal Tax and Estate Planning
 - Taxation of Executive Compensation & Retirement

See the full announcement at:

<http://www.gettaxnetpro.com/federated-press>

HeinOnline

We announced in an [earlier newsletter](#) that HeinOnline would be adding Canadian provincial annual statutes and revised statutes to the core collection.

The collection *Provincial Statutes of Canada* includes nearly 100 titles, 1,500 volumes, and more than 850,000 pages of material, both public and private acts as passed by the provincial governments.

Content

Current, Revised and Historical Coverage is provided for:

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- New Brunswick
- Nova Scotia
- Ontario

Revised and Historical Statutes (material not under Crown Copyright) only is provided for:

- Manitoba
- Prince Edward Island
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Québec
- Saskatchewan



Law Library Corner: RFID

Between 2013 and 2015 Western Libraries locations have been converting the old barcode and tattle-tape system to Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. The purpose behind barcodes and tattle-tape is to provide security for physical items as well as to link the items to the library management system (for circulation, usage information, catalogue records etc.). RFID "tags" being affixed to the physical items, allow for certain enhancements to service, data collecting, and tattle-tape-less security.

Enhancements of RFID

The Law Library began tagging its books this past summer. By Christmas we expect the circulating monograph collection, the reserve collection, and the reference collection to be tagged.

The new equipment is already in place: new gates (see photo), new scanning pad (located under the Service Desk), and a self check-out unit (soon to be activated).

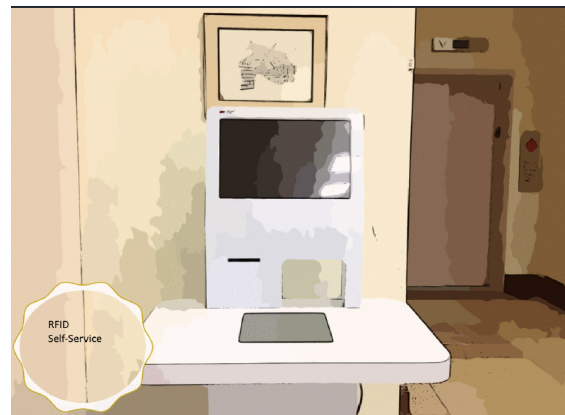
So, how does RFID improve the circulation experience?

- Library users are able to sign out materials at self-checkout stations. This will be particularly useful when the Law Library is open but the service desk closed, e.g. when the library is a study hall with a security guard on duty.
- Multiple items can be checked in and out at the same time. Staff do not need to scan each book separately since the scan pad can read several RFID tags simultaneously.
- Libraries will have remote access to gate statistics - such as how many people come in and out of the library and which items are setting off the detection alarms.

We are still experiencing some bugs in the system and some incompatibility with our system and other libraries' systems but we hope to have things running smoothly in the near future.



Security Gates in action



Self-Check Unit waiting ...

Adopt a Book

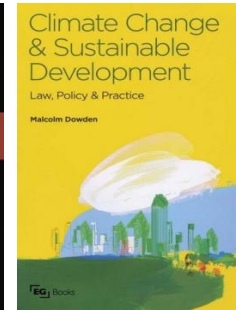
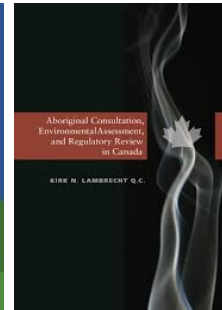
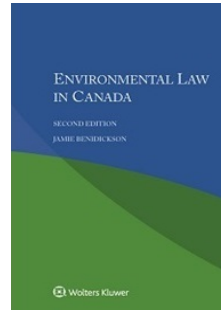


Weeded books not adopted out have an alternative to the bin. Thanks to Rebecca Northcott for giving new life to some withdrawn books.

Research Guides Spotlight

Environmental Law

Climatic changes
 Hazardous waste sites
 Law and legislation
 Conservation of natural resources
 Liability for air pollution damages
 Environmental impact analysis
 Sustainable development



DATABASES

Oxford Scholarly Authorities on International Law

Oxford Scholarly Authorities on International Law contains full-text online editions of market-leading reference works and treatises published by Oxford University Press, such as:

- Fresh Water in International Law
- Legal Aspects of Carbon Trading
- The Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change
- The Oxford Handbook of International Environmental Law

International Encyclopaedia of Laws: Environmental Law

This online version of the looseleaf title covers national and international environmental law. National monographs contain, besides a general introduction, a description of the country's environmental legislation, an overview of the basic principles of environmental law, the historical background, the role of governmental institutions, and the sources of environmental law. Other subjects covered for each country include pollution control legislation, nature and conservation management, zoning and land-use planning, liability questions, and judicial remedies.

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Digital Library

Since 1955, the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation has published an entire library of books and manuals in conjunction with its Annual and Special Institutes. The Digital Library collection consists of more than 2,100 articles from over 200 books and manuals dealing with all aspects of natural resources law and written by experts for the Foundation.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Journal of Environmental Law and Practice

K10 .O3866 (print: vol. 1 1990-)
 Discusses and provides insight into current issues in environmental law and policy in Canada. Topics covered

include water and air quality control, waste management, reclamation, land use, regulation of toxic substances, noise regulation, environmental impact assessment processes, and environmental policies and procedures. (Available online via WestlawNext Canada starting with vol. 7, 1997).

The Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal

K7 .O4458

Founded in 2006, the Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal (ELJ) is a student-run journal that publishes articles written by environmental law attorneys, practitioners, scholars, and students from around the world. The ELJ is part of Golden Gate University School of Law's nationally-regarded environmental law program, which includes the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, the JD certificate program in environmental law, and a graduate Environmental Law LLM program.

Revised research guides, including the full version of this *Environmental Law* guide, can be found at:
http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/sb.php?subject_id=50359

Stressed?



Linda Aitkins (retired from Law Library in 2011) with St. John Ambulance therapy dog Cassie. They visited the Law School on November 22.