

King County Law Library E-News

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New Locations and Services for King County Law Library

The Seattle library is now located in Room 807 of the King County Administration building, 500 4th Avenue, across from the King County Courthouse. The library is open from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday and from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturdays. The Legal Research and Training Center, the major portions of the collection, copy machines, computers, and Library staff are ready to serve you. In addition to the public space on the 8th floor, the Library has some books on the 3rd floor of the Administration building in a closed stack environment. Staff will retrieve materials housed on the 3rd floor and from our off-site storage space as requested.

The Library maintains a new service called *KCLL Express* in Room E-561 on the 5th floor of the Courthouse building. *KCLL Express* offers quick access to basic Washington information sources, copy machines, and reference assistance. The *KCLL Express* telephone number is 206-205-2811.

The services and hours of our Regional Justice Center library remain unchanged.

Don't forget KCLL's Document Delivery Service at www.kcll.org/kclldelivers.htm and our new **Live Help** chat service at www.kcll.org/livehelp.htm. The chat service provides real-time reference assistance on-line. **KCLL Delivers** is available during all Library hours and **Live Help** is available from 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Seattle Branch Grand Reopening

Come join us for our Grand Reopening celebration on **Friday, April 11th**. The Library will host informal tours of the new space and show a multimedia presentation of the Library move. Come anytime from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Cookies will be provided.

National Library Week

Help us celebrate National Library Week from April 6 - 12, 2003. Visit the main Seattle Library, *KCLL Express*, or the Regional Justice Center branch library and guess the number of pieces of candy we have in the jars on our reference counters. **Thursday, April 10th, we will introduce you to our new public access Westlaw service.** Search case law or codes for all states via the new service and learn how to perform a digest and key number search. We will do hourly introductions to Westlaw, starting at 10:00 AM and running until 4:00 PM.

Legislative Update

For the past four Legislative Sessions, the Washington Association of County Law Libraries has supported the adoption of legislation to create a mechanism for securing an additional funding option for individual county law libraries. The proposed legislation, if adopted, would make it possible for individual county law library Boards to ask their local county commissioners or county council to adopt an ordinance to add a surcharge on the civil filing fee to provide additional funding for their law library. In the current session, HB 1792 contains this legislative proposal. Legislatures across the country in jurisdictions such as Maryland, Minnesota, and California, for example, have amended their state county law library statutes to create local option funding sources for county law library systems. This proposed amendment to RCW 27.24.070 would

benefit everyone by improving the access of all participants in the justice system to free, quality legal research materials. In spite of the strong support received for HB 1792 from a variety of statewide justice system organizations, the Bill failed to reach the House floor by cut-off deadline. While the effort on HB 1792 has ended for this session, other bills proposing general increases in filing fee ceilings have the potential to increase county law library funding.

Legal Research & Training Center Classes

Please visit our web site at www.kccl.org to see a current course schedule. When classes are not in session, the LRTC is available for walk-in research. The LRTC provides access to Internet sites, *LoisLaw*, *QuickLaw*, *SCOMIS*, and word processing software. **Beginning Thursday, March 27th, the LRTC will be open one extra hour from 11:00am to 4:00pm.**

On Friday, May 16th, a new class will debut in the LRTC. A free one-hour class, entitled ***Civil Procedure 101***, will feature print and electronic resources for civil procedure in Washington. **Lexis** will offer training in the LRTC in April and May. The Lexis training is **free** and offers 1 CLE credit.

New Books in the Library

Bankruptcy:

Emerging Issues in Workouts and Bankruptcies: What You Need to Know Now!

Constitution:

Washington State Constitution: a Reference Guide

Criminal Law:

Statistical Summary of Adult Felony Sentencing

Domestic Relations:

Complex Divorce Issues for the Washington Practitioner
Getting Your Own Divorce in Washington
Handling a Washington Divorce Case from Start to Finish

Judgments:

Skip Tracing in Washington
Successful Judgment Collections in Washington

Labor Law:

How to Take a Case Before the NLRB

Landlord Tenant:

Evictions and Landlord Tenant Law in Washington
Residential and Commercial Evictions in Washington

Law Office Management:

Law Practice Management in a Nutshell
Paralegals, Profitability, and the Future of Your Law Practice

Legal Writing:

Legal Writing by Design: a Guide to Great Briefs and Memos

Practice & Procedure:

Visuals in the Courtroom

Probate:

Probate Process from Start to Finish in Washington

Taxation:

Section 1031 Exchanges of Investment Properties in Washington

To see a complete list of the new books, go to www.kcll.org/books300.htm.

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