

# THE FOUR CORNERS

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[Lisa Smith-Butler, Associate Dean for Information Resources  
and Associate Professor of Law](#)

## *Change*

This is the last time that I will be writing the director's message for the FOUR CORNERS newsletter. I am transitioning from being the Dean of Information Resources, i.e. the library and IT, to full time faculty in January 2018. Changes in my life, new interests, and the needs of the school coincided to make this possible.

I want to thank the students, the alumni, the faculty, the staff, and particularly former library and IT staff who have left, as well as the school's administration for making my last 8 ½ years here as library dean a pleasurable and always fascinating experience. I have laughed, cried, and learned much while in this chair. Thank you all for the opportunity that you gave me to be your library dean and all that you taught me along the way. I will never forget it!

Katie Brown will be stepping into the role of Acting Associate Information Resources Dean. Her office, email, and phone will remain the same. I met Katie years ago in south Florida when I was at NSU, and she was at St. Thomas. I hope you will welcome her and all of the new library and IT staff that we have recently hired, giving them the same generous opportunity and consideration that you gave me.

In terms of physical changes, Jamie Hiers, the Director of IT, will be relocating to what is now my office in January. I will be moving over to the 385 Meeting building. While my email and phone will remain the same, my office will change. As of this writing, I don't yet know where it will be.

After January 1<sup>st</sup>, research and reference requests should be directed towards Katie and the other librarians, Cassandra Patterson and Mary Susan Lucas. IT requests should be directed to Jamie Hiers.

Again, many thanks for welcoming me into your community and making my time in this office so enjoyable. I will be teaching Torts, Children and the Law, and Critical Practice Skills and potentially other subjects. I'm excited about the opportunity to focus on teaching and scholarship. I love working with students and need to say a big "thank you" to my 1L Section D

Torts class and my Friday Critical Practice Skills students this semester. You've made working together a pleasure.

## Quiet in the Library or Nag, Nag

Now onto more practical library and IT issues. As exams loom and papers become due, the [library](#) will be very busy place. Please remember that it is a space that everyone must share. **It is primarily used for researching and studying, two activities that contemplate and require quiet.** Take cell phones and other conversations to the Barrister. Otherwise use your whisper voice while in the stacks as it is a designated Quiet Zone! **Cell phone zones** include the Barrister, the patio, and the area adjacent to the Circulation Desk. Other areas are **Quiet Zones**. As an FYI, I have shared the "quiet, nag, nag" email with Katie so you can contact her when the library gets too lively and noisy, requesting the "nag, nag" email. She'll know to what you are referring.

## Library [Hours](#) at Thanksgiving & During Exams

The **library will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23rd**. It will be open as a **study hall only** on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., staffed by CSOL security staff. Regular operating hours will resume on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Extended exams hours** will begin on **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** and run through **Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. During that time, the **library will be open from 7:00 am. until 2:00 a.m., nightly**. Access to the library will be limited to currently enrolled Charleston School of Law students during the exam period.

## Bar Prep Materials, Career Resources & Library Resources Available for December Graduates

**Locate bar review** materials either by browsing the shelves across from the Circulation Desk or across from the Reference Desk. Also use the library's [catalog](#), looking for **Title: Bar** via the **Collection Type: Bar Review**.

A [Bar Exam Resource Guide](#) with information about bar exams and bar prep materials can be found [here](#). Check with [Dean Dyann Margolis](#) in the 385 Meeting building as well for more [bar prep information](#).

A [Career Resources guide](#) can be found [here](#). Check with [Dean Mark Moore's Career Services](#) office for more information.

Your SONITROL card will remain active, providing you with access to the law library through the end of February 2018. Equitrac printing will also be available, and you will have

borrowing privileges for study rooms and bar preparation material. Study rooms will also be available for checkout.

## Library Closure during December Holiday Break

The library, along with the law school, will be closed for the December holiday break. Dates of closure will be announced by the Dean's Office.

Good luck on exams, travel safely, and enjoy the holiday break! Again, thank you for the wonderful opportunity that you have given me.

Best,

*Dean Smith-Butler/Lisa*

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## New Features from Some of Our Research Vendors

Kathleen "Katie" Brown  
Deputy Director, Sol Blatt Jr. Law Library

### [LexisNexis](#)



LexisNexis regularly conducts surveys in all levels of the legal market places. After these surveys are completed they often compile the data and put together highly informative white papers. The most recent white paper is on the effectiveness of the flipped classroom and is available for download from Lexis Nexis. Highlights from this survey below.

- LexisNexis surveyed 220 legal research & writing professors and law librarians in December, 2016. The result is a new white paper, [Law Faculty Study Shows Better Results with Flipped Classroom](#).
- Key findings include:
  - 75% of LR&W respondents use a flipped classroom approach
  - Online videos and tutorials are the most popular flipped classroom teaching tools.
  - 55%+ say learning improved
  - Student engagement and enthusiasm top the list of success measurements
  - 71% of faculty respondents are satisfied with the flipped classroom approach
- Download: [White Paper: Law Faculty Study Shows Better Student Results With Flipped Classroom \[PDF\]](#)

## [Bloomberg Law](#)



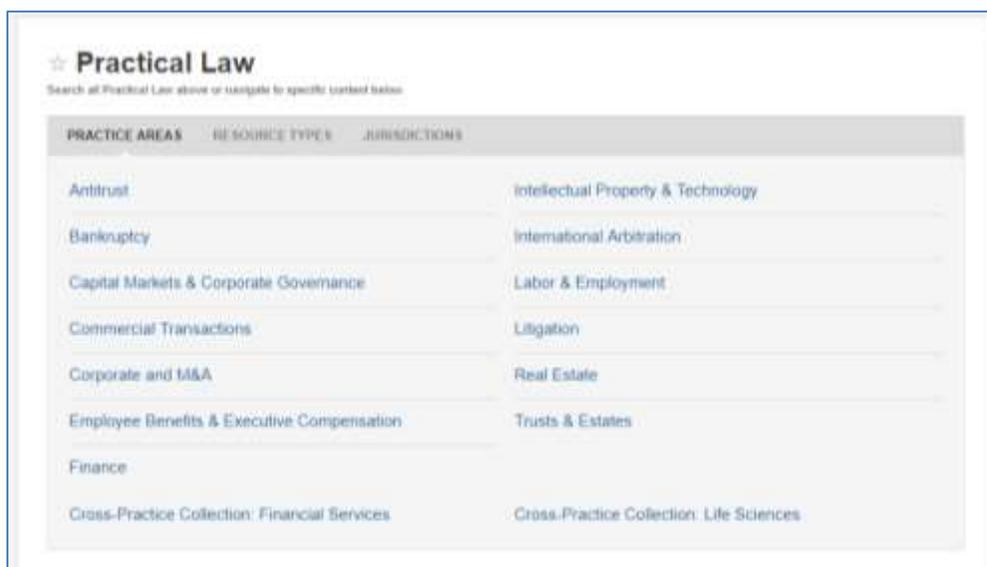
In September Bloomberg Law launched a new feature, [Points of Law](#). Points of Law is an AI and machine learning technology designed to accelerate your case research on the platform. Bloomberg describes the new feature this way, “**Points of Law** highlights language critical to the court's holding, links this language to governing statements of law and relevant on-point case law. Developed with input from practicing litigators, **Points of Law** helps you quickly find language critical to a court’s reasoning, even when buried deep in the text.”

Points of Law is available to you for free through Bloomberg Law. If you do not know if you have a Bloomberg Law password, please reach out to Marissa Henthorn at [MHenthorn@charlestonlaw.edu](mailto:MHenthorn@charlestonlaw.edu).

## [Westlaw \(Thomson Reuters\)](#)



Westlaw has been updating the topics areas in [Practical Law](#). If you are unfamiliar with this new feature in Westlaw it is described by Westlaw as, “legal know-how that goes beyond primary law and traditional legal research to give lawyers a better starting point.” It may be a nice feature to share with your students as it contains standard documents, checklists, legal updates and how-to guides in particular practice areas. The feature is updated regularly by hundreds of expert attorney-editors and is a great way for students to view the paperwork of an areas of law as it is used in the practicing world.

A screenshot of the Practical Law interface. The title is 'Practical Law' with a star icon. Below the title is a search prompt: 'Search all Practical Law above or navigate to specific content below'. The main content is a table with three columns: 'PRACTICE AREAS', 'RESOURCE TYPES', and 'JURISDICTIONS'. The table lists various legal practice areas and their corresponding resource types and jurisdictions.

PRACTICE AREAS	RESOURCE TYPES	JURISDICTIONS
Antitrust		Intellectual Property & Technology
Bankruptcy		International Arbitration
Capital Markets & Corporate Governance		Labor & Employment
Commercial Transactions		Litigation
Corporate and M&A		Real Estate
Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation		Trusts & Estates
Finance		
Cross-Practice Collection: Financial Services		Cross-Practice Collection: Life Sciences

## [ModioLegal](#)

You only have a few more months to take advantage of our pilot program with this vendor. ModioLegal allows you to listen to premier practitioner publications. During the fall semester the pilot includes: *The Tax Lawyer* (ABA) *ABI Journal* (ABI), and *Litigation in Practice* (Judge Curtis E.A. Karnow). Remember sign up is free by going to [www.modiolegal.com](http://www.modiolegal.com) and clicking the Law School Portal button (right side of the screen) and provide the requested information.

**If you have any questions about any resources listed here please reach out to your library liaison.**

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## Get to Know MARY SUSAN LUCAS, Our New Reference & Electronic Services Librarian



Mary Susan Lucas was hired as the Reference & Electronic Services Librarian. Mary Susan has a JD and MLIS. She has experience with teaching, providing research assistance, and a variety of library services. Mary Susan's office is located upstairs in the Law Library, Room 220. Her phone is 843.377.2148 and her email is [msslucas@charlestonlaw.edu](mailto:msslucas@charlestonlaw.edu).

Her hometown is Charlotte, North Carolina, and she did her degrees at Queens University (transferred from Duke University) – BA, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro – MLIS, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – JD.

Her research areas of interest includes instructional methods and tools, as well as functioning electronic resources management systems. Her goals for the 2017/2018 academic year include updating and improving both access to and training for electronic resources for all students, staff, faculty, alumni, and local bar.

Other interesting facts about Mary Susan include:

### **Favorite quote:**

“The universe is a pretty big place. If it's just us, seems like an awful waste of space.”  
Carl Sagan, Contact

## Who or what inspires you most?

My family: my husband is my rock and our son is our sunshine.

## 3 fun facts about me:

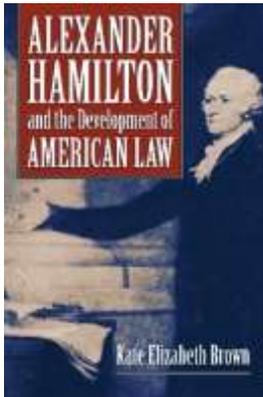
1. I love to bake.
2. I have watched as many NFL games as possible since I was 4 and have the NFL sleeping bag from my first childhood sleepover to prove it.
3. My husband and I first bonded over Star Wars and Star Trek.

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## On the Shelves

Marisa Henthorn, Access Services Library Assistant

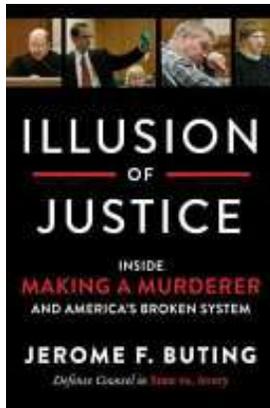
Check out some of our new titles below.



Brown, Kate Elizabeth; ALEXANDER HAMILTON AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN LAW



Goodman, Joanna; ROBOTS IN LAW: HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS TRANSFORMING LEGAL SERVICES



Buting, Jerome F.; ILLUSION OF JUSTICE: INSIDE MAKING A MURDERER AND AMERICA'S BROKEN SYSTEM

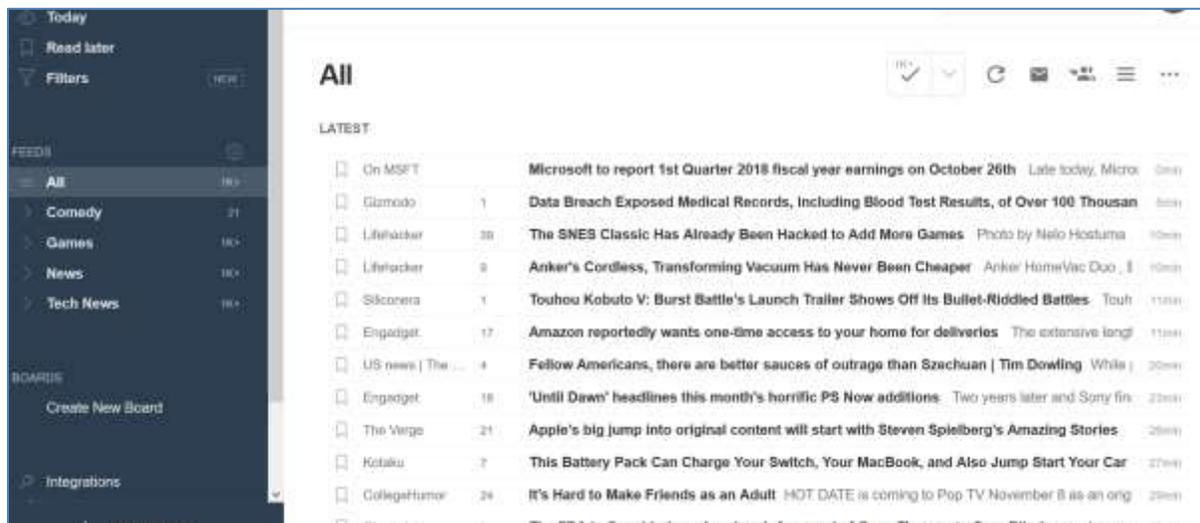
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## Featured URL

### Willis Long, IT Help Desk Technician

This month's URL of the Month is about a news aggregator site called Feedly located at [www.feedly.com](http://www.feedly.com). It is a free service that collects and displays articles from almost any website on the Internet. By combining your most frequently checked websites, instead of different tabs, you can have a single stream of news organized by publication time or category. A Feedly account is easy to make and should work in all browsers. They also have apps available for iOS phones, iPads, Android phones, Android tablets, and Windows 10.

Figure 1: Feedly in action



**Tech Tip**  
**Jamie Hiers, Director of IT**



**“Eye strain and getting rid of the blues”**

Many of us find ourselves looking at digital screens later and later into the day. Looking at computer screens and cell phones during twilight hours has been shown to reduce the amount of melatonin we produce. The reduction is caused by blue light that tells our brain that it's still day time and can also contribute to eye strain. If you find yourself not sleeping well or feel your eyes are being strained, consider using a program to filter out the blue light. “F.lux” (<https://justgetflux.com/>) is one free option available for Mac and PC's and is easy to set up and schedule. Most phones and tablets have a filter program built in but if yours does not a quick search in the app store will provide many options.

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**Board, Faculty, and Adjunct Faculty  
Publications & Achievements**

**Andy Abrams**

**Quoted:**

*Focus turns to head coach Frank Martin after former USC Gamecock assistant charged with bribery, in 2017 THE POST AND COURIER @ [A1](#), September 27, 2017*

**Edward Bell**

**Publications:**

*An 'ultimate fix' for health care, in 2017 THE POST AND COURIER @ [A1](#), August 21, 2017*

*To fix health care, move most expensive illnesses to Medicare, in 2017 THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER @ [A1](#), August 31, 2017*

## **Kathleen Brown**

### **Publication:**

*Tips, Tricks, and Best Practices for Creating a Conference Poster*, [RIPS Law Librarian Blog](#), August 24, 2017.

### **Quoted:**

*Taking the Marshmallow Challenge*, in AALL SPECTRUM MAGAZINE @ page 26, September/October 2017

## **Kristi Harrington**

### **Interviewed:**

*Judge Kristi Harrington on Why Every Lawyer Can Benefit From Practicing Yoga*, in 2017 ABOVE THE LAW @ [A1](#), Published on August 29, 2017

## **William Janssen**

### **Presentation:**

*Millennials and Their Expectations of the Hallowed Halls*, @ COASTAL INN OF COURT IN MYRTLE BEACH, SC; September 2017.

## **Justin Kahn**

### **Publications:**

*South Carolina Evidence Handbook Annotated*, SOUTH CAROLINA BAR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION DIVISION (12<sup>th</sup> ed. 2017)

*South Carolina Rules Annotated 2017*, SOUTH CAROLINA BAR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION DIVISION (2017)

## Miller Shealy

### Quoted:

*Jim Merrill's cooperation in Statehouse corruption probe a boon for prosecutors, experts say, in 2017 THE POST AND COURIER @ [A1](#), September 3, 2017*

*NEWS: Hate crime bill withers, but some say it's not needed, in 2017 THE STATEHOUSE REPORT @ [A1](#), August 25, 2017*

*Rock Hill man will argue self-defense, represent himself in murder trial, in 2017 THE HERALD @ [A1](#), October 28, 2017*

*SLED needs lots of time, help to get to bottom of South Carolina's nuclear plant fiasco, experts say, in 2017 THE POST AND COURIER @ [A1](#), October 21, 2017*

*Stand your ground Castle Doctrine likely in Chester home invasion killing, experts say, in 2017 THE HERALD @ [A1](#), August 22, 2017*