



# THE BARRISTER

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## DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear all,

### *Change*

This is the last time that I will be writing the director’s message for the BARRISTER 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 Dean for Information Resources. 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 a 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.

## **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.

## Crunch Time, Stress Relievers & Circulation, Reference & Help Desks

As part of Student Services' *Crunch Time*, the library will provide **pizza four times during the exam period**. We will have two noon sessions and two five o'clock sessions. At this time, we do not yet have dates.

Stress balls, coloring books, play dough, puzzles and chocolate will be available at the Reference Desk and upstairs.

The **Circulation Desk will run its usual operating hours** during the exam period. There will be no Circulation staffing from midnight until 2:00 a.m.

The Reference and Help Desks will provided limited service. Because the Reference Desk is now partially staffed by our Library Research Fellows, they will be taking the exam period off to prepare for exams.

If you need **reference assistance** and no one is available at the Reference Desk, stop by **my office** or any of the librarians', i.e. **Professor Katie Brown, Professor Cassandra Patterson, or Professor Mary Susan Lucas**, offices. The librarians are located upstairs in the Reference Row area. We can help.

**IT** will provide support for exams so stop by **the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the 385 Meeting Street building for IT** assistance. Someone from IT will be stationed outside of Dean Lawton's office.

### ExamSoft

Do MAC updates and Windows updates for PCs before exams start.

Don't reformat your laptop's hard drive until after your return from the December holiday break.

### Study Rooms

**Study rooms** are very popular and will be in continuous demand during this time.

Reserve your study room via the online reservation system @ [http://charlestonlaw.libcal.com/booking/study\\_rooms](http://charlestonlaw.libcal.com/booking/study_rooms) .

To allow everyone an opportunity to use the study rooms, [study room policies](#) will be strictly enforced regarding groups (2 or more) and time limits (3 hours.) If no one is waiting for a study room, the study room will be renewable. If there is a waiting list, you will be limited to 1 3 hour period per day.

## Study Aids

Study aids, such as hornbooks, nutshells, and other series, are available.

Browse the titles located on the shelves adjacent to the Circulation Desk or search the library's [catalog](#) via *Collection Type: Study Aids*.

## [Lexis Nexis Courtroom Cast](#)

This resource provides students with access to the audio versions of selected cases and casebooks. It also provides access to training videos and selected trials and other trial related videos

## [Study Guides for 1Ls](#)

Two years ago, library research assistants prepared research guides to help the 1Ls study and prepare for exams. We have since updated and hope you will find them useful. Check out:

- 1) [1L Guide to Surviving the First Year](#)
- 2) [Civil Procedure I](#) and [Civil Procedure Study Aids](#)
- 3) [Contracts Study Aids](#)
- 4) [Legal Research and Writing](#) and [Legal Research and Writing Study Aids](#)
- 5) [Multiple Choice Practice Guide](#)
- 6) [Property Law Study Aids](#)
- 7) [Torts Study Guide Resources](#)

## **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.

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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2017-2018 Sol Blatt Jr. Law Library Research Fellows  
Melanie Rumfelt, Library Research Assistant



In May of 2017, the Charleston School of Law Foundation selected their first class of students to become Sol Blatt Jr. Law Library Research Fellows. If you have ever visited the school's library, you have probably seen these students sitting at the reference desk. Perhaps they have answered a research question for you, pointed you in the direction of your favorite digest, or been a friendly face and a quick wave as you've passed by.

Whatever the reason, Nikki Fults (3L), Kaitlin Jones (2L), Emily Klopff (3L), Libby Peterson (2L), and Diamada Riofrio (3L) all agree this fellowship has presented an opportunity to learn research skills, which separated them from other law students.

Their dedication to helping students and the legal community is what set them apart during the detailed application and interviewing process. These five students were chosen from approximately thirty-two applicants.

Peterson states she is "always open to learning new things" but the appealing aspect was her ability to "help other student and promote her own research through the library's LibGuides." LibGuides are a set of web pages, provided by the library, for research assistance. Each fellow is dedicated to one or more subjects, allowing them to better their research skills and gain possible specialty experience. It is because of these experiences that the fellows, like Klopff, found such a positive opportunity in the fellowship. Klopff says "as a third-year law student, I wanted to prepare for any tasks required of me in future employment. I am refreshing the basics in hopes of

mastering the skill of researching effectively and efficiently.” Mastering is the keyword.

This group of bright individuals received both online and on-site training, spanning three months. Seven different online modules existed that contained PowerPoints, specific assignments, and focused readings.

“Research is not as simple as typing a word into a search bar” Riofrio says after training. Training topics included primary and secondary sources of American law, i.e. cases, statutes, and regulations as well as legislative history, business information, and public records. She adds, “If you actually want to find helpful information, it takes more. I’m glad I have the chance to learn these skills now, in law school, rather than when I’m handed a case for the first time.” Research topics including case law, administrative law, executive orders, and South Carolina primary sources, are not the only training offered to these ambitious students. Jones, says she has learned—through this position – various functions of a library. "The types of visitors that will come to the library and the types of questions to expect." She continues, "I've learned how the library is organized as well as what resources the library has available and what those resources are most helpful for."

Dean Smith-Butler of the Sol. Blatt Jr. Library welcomes this inaugural class of fellows and feels that this program is a great success. The fellowship has allowed the librarians to handle more complex research projects and library work. “While in the position I have learned more about the services the library has to offer and have developed a deeper appreciation for the librarians,” Fults agrees and adds, “There is so much more going on behind the scenes than I was aware of before.”

The library offers services not just to the student of Charleston School of Law, but their alumni, and practicing attorneys in the area. With over 630,000 titles in print and electronic formats, the help from the fellows is immensely appreciated and something the students of the law school can look forward to for the future.



## WELCOME MARY SUSAN LUCAS

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 [mslucas@charlestonlaw.edu](mailto:mslucas@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:**

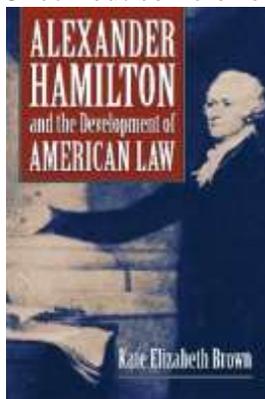
1. I love to bake.
2. I have watched as many NFL games as possible since I was 4 and have the NFL sleeping bag from my first childhood sleepover to prove it.
3. My husband and I first bonded over Star Wars and Star Trek.

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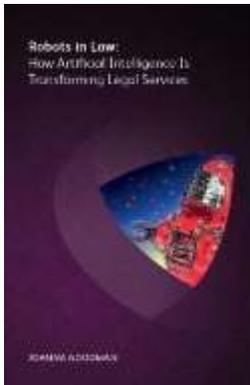
## On the Shelves

Marisa Henthorn, Access Services Library Assistant

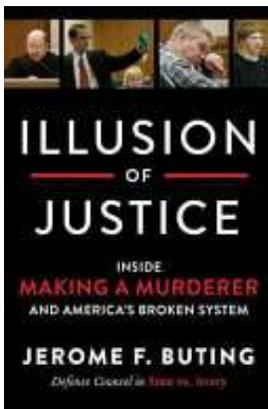
Check out some of our new titles below.



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

**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.

## Study Room Update

Willis Long, IT Help Desk Technician

Recently we upgraded two of the library's study rooms, Room 123 and Room 125, with TV displays. These displays will allow you to mirror or extend your laptop's screen for a multitude of purposes. For example, practicing a presentation, sharing your notes, or editing documents with your fellow students are a few examples of how the monitors can be used. If you can think of other appropriate study related uses, feel free to share with others.



In order to use the TV displays, you need to connect your laptop using the provided HDMI cable. Turn on the TV display using the provided remote and set the Input to HDMI. If your laptop does not have a HDMI port, you can find additional adapters/cables at the IT Helpdesk. When you finish with the TV display, please turn them off to extend screen longevity.