Knowledge is of two kinds.  
We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.  

- Samuel Johnson, 1775
You may find the Law Library very different from other libraries you have used. At first glance, the arrangement of the collection and the sources themselves may not make sense to you. Learning how to “find the law” in the library may seem daunting. But soon you will find that legal materials really do follow logical patterns and that the library can be “user-friendly.”

The Law Library Staff is here to help you in your study of the law. We try to make the atmosphere in the library as pleasant as possible. We want you to accomplish your research with the most efficiency and the least amount of frustration. So, if you cannot find a book that you need, or if you need help in learning how to use a particular research tool, ask a library staff member.
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The Law Library’s Service Policy

The Law Library is a major resource for legal information, serving the university community, the practicing bar, and the general public. With only a few exceptions, the services and facilities of the Law Library are available to all on an equal basis.

The primary mission of the Law Library is to support the curriculum and the research needs of faculty and students of the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law. This primary mission motivates the adoption of policies and procedures as well as the provision of materials, equipment, and services.

Anyone may use the facilities, either to consult legal materials or as a place of quiet study.

Because of availability and demand, much of the Law Library’s collection does not circulate, but materials that do circulate may be checked out by any resident of Louisville Metro, commensurate with circulation policies and procedures.

While library personnel must be careful not to interpret the law or engage in the unauthorized practice of law, they are available to help all patrons locate and use the library’s resources, facilitating access to and dissemination of legal information.

Caution

Because the Law Library is a public facility, occasionally we have visitors whose intentions are not to study. PLEASE do not leave personal items at study tables, in pods, or in study rooms if the items will be out of your sight.

If you should be the victim of theft or of harassment by another patron, please come to the Circulation/Reference Desk at once to report the incident. Library personnel will call the Department of Public Safety so that a report of the incident can be filed.

Library Hours

Fall and Spring Semesters

Monday - Thursday .............................................8:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.
Friday ......................................................................8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday ...................................................................9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday....................................................................1:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE
The Law Library’s hours vary during holidays, final examination periods, and between semesters. Watch for posted schedules during these times. Schedules for the entire semester are posted at the library entrance and at the Circulation/Reference Desk, and are available on the library’s web site library.louisville.edu/law/hours.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, the Law Library complies with the University’s decision to remain open or to close. Late nights and weekends when classes are not in session, the University may not issue a statement. At those times, students should check the Law School or Law Library web page to learn if we are open.

Law Library Phone Numbers

Voice: (502) 852-0729
Fax: (502) 852-8906
Email: lawlib@louisville.edu
Internet address: louisville.edu/law/library
Patron Rules

1. **LOUD AND DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR.** The primary purpose of the Law Library is to provide a quiet place for the study and use of legal material. Patrons may not converse loudly or engage in behavior that is disruptive to others. Patrons may not talk on cell phones anywhere in the library, except for the phone booth on the First Floor.

2. **GROUP STUDY ROOMS.** Only students of the Brandeis School of Law may use the study rooms. Study rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be reserved by students. An individual law student may use a group study room when it is vacant, but the student must relinquish the room at the request of two or more law students. Study groups should go to the Circulation/Reference Desk to request an individual student to cede a study room. Personal items are not to be left in unoccupied group study rooms.

   NOTE: Please clean the white board in the room before you and your group leave. Markers, erasers and cleaning supplies are available at the Circulation/Reference Desk.

3. **FOOD AND DRINK.** Patrons are permitted to have food and drink in all areas of the library except the computer labs and the Handmaker Room. Care should be taken that all areas where food and drink are consumed are left clean. Spills should be cleaned immediately to avoid stains, and all food debris and wrappers should be properly disposed of. (Please report serious spills to the staff at the Circulation/Reference Desk, so that we can contact custodial personnel.)

4. **COMPUTER LABS.** Use of the Computer Labs in the Law Library is restricted to current Brandeis School of Law students, faculty, and staff. Other members of the university community (UofL students, faculty and staff) should go to the Ekstrom Library and use the computers there.

5. **FURNITURE.** Pods, tables, and chairs should not be relocated or removed from their positions in the library.

6. **ENFORCEMENT.** The Law Library staff is charged with enforcing these rules. Repeated infractions or disregard of a request from the staff to comply with a rule will result in removal of the patron from the Law Library by campus security.
Library Staff

David Ensign
Law Librarian and Professor of Law - As Director of the Law Library, Professor Ensign is responsible for all aspects of library administration, including policies and procedures, and book selection.

Scott Campbell
Head of Technical Services – Scott oversees the cataloging and processing of library collections. He also assists researchers in using the Louis D. Brandeis Collection and the John Marshall Harlan Collection housed in the library’s Handmaker Room.

Jodi Duce
Unit Business Manager - Jodi is responsible for budgetary matters, acquisitions, and physical plant issues.

Erin Gow
Reference/Computer Services Librarian – Erin is responsible for the library’s computer and electronic services, and for managing its website.

Robin R. Harris
Public Services Librarian - Robin is responsible for reference, library instruction, library tours, student services, and student workers. (If you would like to work in the library, see Robin.)

Melodie Hawkins
Library Assistant – Melodie helps with the digitization and description of materials in the Law School Archives, and processes treatises, journals, and microforms in the general collection. Melodie also assists the Circulation Manager in the operation of the Circulation/Reference Desk, especially on Friday afternoons and Saturdays.

Will Hilyerd
Reference/Research Services Librarian - Will is responsible for legal reference and the faculty research assistant program. He also teaches advanced legal research.

Kurt Metzmeier
Associate Director – Kurt assists the director in library administration, oversees special projects and assists with legal reference. He also teaches advanced legal research and legal history.

David Minton
Library Specialist - David is responsible for copy cataloging new materials and original cataloging when needed. He also handles bindery preparation.

Janissa K. Moore
Circulation Manager - Janissa is responsible for circulation of library materials and reserve materials, and interlibrary loan.
Jerome Neukirch
Library Specialist/Circulation Assistant - Jerome supervises loose-leaf filing and assists the Circulation Manager in the operation of the Circulation/Reference Desk. He handles interlibrary loan processing and manages the department during the evening shift and on Sundays.

Marcus J. Walker
Reference/Digital Collections Librarian – Marcus is responsible for digitizing and assigning metadata to selected materials, and organizing and providing access to retrospective law school documents.

Student Assistants
The Law Library is fortunate to have an intelligent, skillful, and friendly group of student assistants who work at the Circulation/Reference Desk and behind the scenes. They are an integral part of the library staff.
Circulation Information

What’s there?

Behind the Circulation/Reference Desk are books and photocopied materials on temporary reserve, and books on permanent reserve. We keep certain high-use items behind the desk (such as Kentucky Law Summary) as well as basic treatises, citation manuals (ALWD and the Bluebook), the Examples & Explanations (E & E) Series, hornbooks, nutsheels, DVDs, chargers and headphones. Unbound current issues of law reviews and periodicals are also behind the desk.

How long may a borrower keep an item from behind the desk?

The items on reserve are there because they are used heavily. In order to make these materials available to as many users as possible, they have a four-hour check-out limit. In addition, reserve materials must be used in the library. One exception is the DVD collection: DVDs may be checked out overnight by faculty, staff, law students, and other graduate students. Many items on reserve are also available electronically through the Brandeis Law Digital Library. These ebooks may be borrowed for longer periods.

Note: In order to make certain high-use Kentucky practice items available to everyone, the library maintains a Kentucky collection on Range F-134 on the State Side. Shelved near the KRS and the Kentucky Digest, the collection includes Kentucky Practice and several form books.

Which Law Library materials may be checked out for longer periods?

In the library’s Basement, directly in front of the staircase, you will find the classified collection. “Classified” means that these books are arranged by topic in Library of Congress classification number order. Access to these books (and to all library materials) is through the online catalog, WorldCat Discovery. Many of the books in the classified collection circulate and may be checked out at the Circulation/Reference Desk for four weeks, with two renewals of four weeks each. (Any book in the classified collection that you cannot check out displays in WorldCat Discovery as “library use only,” and should have a label indicating this.)

What is WorldCat Discovery?

WorldCat Discovery is the online catalog. It offers many points of access (such as author, title, subject, keyword, or call number) for most materials in all of the university’s libraries. You can find titles, call numbers, and locations, and you can access this information from any computer with internet access. Access WorldCat Discovery for the Law Library’s holdings by going to uofl-law.on.worldcat.org/discovery or the library website.

WorldCat Discovery will tell you if the book you want is checked out and when it is due. It will also tell you if a title is available electronically and provide a link to the appropriate database. The Law Library provides PCs on which the public can access WorldCat Discovery in the Reading Room. WorldCat Discovery is also accessible on any device with an internet connection.
What is the procedure for checking out a book?

The Law Library’s automated circulation system requires a current validated identification card from each borrower. You must present your Cardinal Card (or a current U of L borrower’s card if you are not a U of L student, faculty, or staff member) at the time of check-out. Bring the item(s) you’ve selected and your card to the Circulation/Reference Desk. The staff member at the desk will scan your card and the bar code on each item you want to check out. You may keep the items for four weeks, and renew them twice.

A word of warning: When your card is scanned, the computer will check to see if you have overdue materials from any of U of L’s libraries. If you do, the system automatically “blocks” your borrowing privileges. If this occurs, you will not be able to check out materials until you return all overdue items. The Law Library does not charge fines if all items are returned.

You follow the same basic procedure when checking out reserve materials from behind the Circulation/Reference Desk: we will scan your card and the items you want to use. The major differences are that you must use these materials in the library and you must return reserve materials within four hours. (Faculty, staff, and graduate students—including law students—may check out DVDs for 24 hours.)

Students, staff and faculty may now borrow a Kindle Touch from the law library, which is preloaded with several e-books. The loan period is two weeks. Inquire at the Circulation/Reference Desk if you’re interested.

Do periodicals circulate? Where are they shelved?

Like most libraries, we do not allow our periodicals to circulate, but HeinOnline www.heinonline.org features several hundred full-text law reviews. The rule regarding the non-circulation of print periodicals applies to bound periodicals, which are shelved alphabetically by title on the Second Floor. Unbound current issues of periodicals, which are kept behind the Circulation/Reference Desk, may be checked out for four hours and must be used in the library. Subject access to the periodicals is through the various indexes, which are shelved next to the staircase on the Second Floor. Index to Legal Periodicals and Books (through 2013) and Current Law Index (through 2016) are among the indexes you will find.

Are there other materials that never circulate?

The vast majority of the library’s collection does not circulate. This includes all of the items found on the State Side and the Federal Side of the First Floor, all materials shelved in the Reference section in the Reading Room, all materials in the Tax, Labor, and Loose-leaf sections on the Second Floor, all state materials on the Mezzanine level (between the Basement and the First Floor), and all materials in the Foreign/International Law Section in the Sub-basement. Many loose-leaf and reference titles are now available electronically through the Brandeis Law Digital Library. Students may borrow these ebooks and members of the public may access them while in the Law Library.
Here is a short list of items that never circulate in print:

* Court Reports (such as Kentucky Decisions or Southwestern Reporter)
* Digests (such as Kentucky Digest)
* Encyclopedias (such as American Jurisprudence 2d and Corpus Juris Secundum)
* Looseleaf Services (such as the CCH Utilities Law Reporter and BNA’s U.S. Law Week)
* Periodicals
* Regulatory Materials (such as Kentucky Administrative Regulations Service and U.S. Code of Federal Regulations)
* Specialized Reporters (such as the Uniform Commercial Code Reporting Service)
* Statutory Materials (all state codes and all three versions of U.S. Code)

What if the book I need is not on the shelf where it is supposed to be?

If you are unable to locate an item, whether it is a circulating or a non-circulating item, check at the Circulation/Reference Desk to see if it has been reported lost. If the book is missing and we are unable to track it down at the time you report it missing, you may request that a search be made for it. We will print out the WorldCat screen that contains the bibliographic information we need and record your name and phone number on the print-out. A staff member will notify you when the item becomes available.

What if I need a book or a periodical that the Law Library does not own?

The Law Library will borrow titles for law students and law faculty through interlibrary loan (see Interlibrary Loan, p. 9). And remember that HeinOnline may have the periodical you need, so please check there before requesting an ILL.
Library Services

Reference Service

Experienced law librarians are available to help you with your research. Scott Campbell, David Ensign, Erin Gow, Robin Harris, Will Hilyerd, Kurt Metzmeier, and Marcus Walker can assist you with locating and using legal materials, accessing the internet, and with WESTLAW, LEXIS, and BLOOMBERG LAW instruction (provided you have proper authorization). Feel free to ask for help if you need it; don’t spend hours trying to find an answer when you may be able to find a quick solution simply by asking for help.

Note: We can neither dispense “legal advice” nor can we interpret the law for you because doing so constitutes the unauthorized practice of law and is illegal. This includes seemingly “simple” tasks such as choosing the right form from a form book. Library staff can direct you to materials, in print or electronic form, but we CANNOT dispense legal advice of any kind.

Computer Labs

Located on the State Side of the First Floor and in Room 021 in the Basement, the labs house computers available for law student use only. They open at the same time as the Circulation/Reference Desk and close fifteen minutes before the Circulation/Reference Desk closes (see Library Hours, p.1).

Note: It is a violation of the Honor Code to remove, damage, or alter any equipment in the labs.

Office Suite: Word, PowerPoint, Excel

Any law student may use the computers in the two computer labs. The computers provide access to Microsoft Office Suite.

Internet Access

The public may use the computers located in the library’s Reading Room to perform legal research. The law library home page provides a handy gateway to legal resources on the web. Printing is not available on these public computers however, so patrons must email search results to themselves, or provide a flash drive or DVD on which to save search results.

Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)

The CALI exercises are interactive computer-based lessons written by American law professors. The exercises cover many legal education subject areas and are available to law students on the CALI website at www.cali.org. CALI also provides digital casebooks that students may download, edit, and save for personal use.
Computer-Assisted Legal Research (CALR)

The Law Library subscribes to WESTLAW, LEXIS, and BLOOMBERG LAW, three major legal research services. Use of law school accounts is restricted to law faculty, staff, and students. There are no exceptions to this rule!

Public access to LEXIS is now available using NEXIS Uni on the public PCs in the Reading Room.

WESTLAW and LEXIS provide training to first-year law students during the fall semester in group sessions led by company instructors. When initiating accounts with these services, students are required to agree to terms in a license agreement. The terms may define restrictions on when and for what purposes the services may be used. Students should read the license agreements carefully and abide by the terms of the contracts.

Law students may access WESTLAW, LEXIS, and BLOOMBERG LAW on any computer using their own passwords.

Note: Attorneys who subscribe to WESTLAW, LEXIS, or BLOOMBERG LAW may access the services using the PCs in the Reading Room. WESTLAW, LEXIS, and/or BLOOMBERG LAW will include all access charges on the attorney’s monthly invoice at regular commercial rates. The library cannot secure a commercial account for any attorney nor can the library staff assist any attorney in searching the services. Attorneys who wish to subscribe to WESTLAW, LEXIS, and/or BLOOMBERG LAW must arrange for an account through the services’ representatives.

Laptop Use/WiFi

WiFi is available throughout the library and most tables and all pods have electric outlets where you may plug in laptops or other electronic devices. Power cords and chargers are available for loan from the Circulation/Reference Desk. Patrons who are not UofL personnel or students may use their laptops or other devices in the library to access the web via a wireless network called ulvisitor. This network offers sessions limited to six hours. Ask at the Circulation/Reference Desk if you need assistance.

Interlibrary Loan

The Law Library provides interlibrary loan service for law students and law faculty. Before submitting an ILL request, first check WorldCat, the online catalog, and feel free to ask a reference librarian for assistance. If WorldCat shows that UofL does not own the item you need, we will try to borrow it from another library through ILL.

Law faculty and law students may request our interlibrary loan service by filling out an ILL form at the Circulation/Reference Desk. It is important for you to fill out the form accurately and completely so that we can obtain the book or article you need. Filling an ILL request usually takes two to three weeks. We will notify you when the item arrives. When you come to pick up the item, we will tell you when you must return it. Generally, ILL items are due two weeks from the day they arrive at the Law Library and may not be renewed.
Note: Non-law faculty and students should submit ILL requests to ILL at Ekstrom Library through ILLiad, the online interlibrary loan management system. To find ILLiad, go to library.louisville.edu/ill

Non-U of L library users should submit ILL requests to ILL at the Louisville Free Public Library. Go to www.lfpl.org/ill.htm to find ILL information.

Photocopying

There is one photocopier in the Law Library, located in the Reading Room (see Maps, p.15).

The copier makes legal- or letter-size copies for 10 cents per page. You may use your student i.d., also known as your Cardinal Card. The copiers do NOT accept money.

Copy cards -- Patrons who do not have a Cardinal Card may purchase a copy card from the machine attached to the wall across from the Circulation/Reference Desk.

Problems with the copier -- Please report any problems with the copier or the copy card machine to the Circulation/Reference Desk.

Scanners -- The Law Library has two scanners available to everyone, at no charge. The scanners are connected to two of the public PCs in the Reading Room.

Group Study Rooms

Group study rooms are located in the Basement and on the First and Second Floors. These rooms are for law students only. The American Bar Association Standards require that we provide group study rooms for the student body. (See Patron Rules, p.2, for restrictions on using group study rooms.)

Academic Success Office Hours

Beginning this fall semester, Angela Lechleiter, Director of Academic Success at the Law School, will maintain regular ASP walk-in hours in the Law Library. Angela will be available to students from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in Room 134A, a group study room on the First Floor adjacent to the Reading Room. This convenient location offers students an opportunity to stop in as they study to ask questions; receive study tips and advice; and review case briefs, study and course schedules, outlines, and practice questions. Room 134A is available to students as a group study room when not reserved. Academic Success services and advising are normally available in Room 212 of Wyatt Hall.

White Boards

Each group study room has a white board on the wall, and there are also five large white boards with wheels that are available in the library.
Lost and Found

Library employees often find items such as jackets, keys, or purses on tables or in study pods in the Law Library. Because we cannot guarantee the safety of any belongings, we strongly encourage all library users to keep a watchful eye on their possessions. Please do not leave anything of value unattended. Should you lose something in the Law Library, you may check at the Circulation/Reference Desk to see if it has been turned in.

If you are the victim of theft, please report the incident immediately to the Circulation/Reference Desk so that we may notify the Department of Public Safety.

Telephones

The law school has no public telephones.

Library telephones are for library business only.

Patrons may not talk on cell phones in the library study areas, but are encouraged to use the soundproof phone booth on the First Floor in the Reading Room.

Messages

The library does not have a paging system of any kind. For family emergencies, please contact the Dean’s Office, at 852-6879.

Restrooms

Restrooms and drinking fountains are located in the Basement, on the First Floor, and on the Second Floor. The women’s restroom on the Second Floor has a lactation room, as well as a basket with free feminine hygiene products (see Maps, pp.15-18).

Elevators

A public elevator next to the restrooms on the First Floor provides access to the Sub-basement, Basement, Mezzanine, and Second Floor (see Maps, pp. 15-18). In addition, there is a “keyed” elevator next to the Circulation/Reference Desk. If you have a disability and using this elevator is more convenient for you, please ask for assistance at the Circulation/Reference Desk.

Change

The University maintains a change machine near the Circulation/Reference Desk which takes $1’s and $5’s. We keep no change at the Circulation/Reference Desk.
Special Collections

Government Documents
The Law Library has a strong collection of federal and state government-issued legal materials in print, microform and electronic formats, including court reports, agency documents, and legislative materials.

Nearly all congressional documents related to enacted federal legislation can be found in our Congressional Information Service (CIS) microfiche collection and its companion CIS Serial Set collection. The indexes are available in print and are shelved on the index table next to the cage in the Basement. Many congressional documents and indexes are also available via ProQuest Congressional (congressional.proquest.com) that may be accessed on any computer in the library or off-campus by students, faculty and staff. The LLMC Digital database (llmcdigital.org) and HeinOnline have electronic versions of many federal and state government documents. The library also has the Congressional Record on microfiche, as well as archival versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Federal Register.

If we do not own the government document that you need, there is a good chance that it will be available either at Ekstrom Library or at the Louisville Free Public Library, both of which have extensive depository collections. If you need help with U.S. government documents, please ask for help at the Circulation/Reference Desk.

Electronic Resources
The library subscribes to a number of major electronic legal resources and these are available to library users through the library website or the links listed below.

HeinOnline (heinonline.org) features several hundred full-text law reviews, old editions of the Code of Federal Regulations and the United States Code, superseded session laws and statutory codes from all 50 states, as well as a database of early English cases and statutes. (Unlike WESTLAW and LEXIS, HeinOnline publishes its titles starting with the first issue, so its journals go back to the 19th century.) HeinOnline also has the text of U.S. treaties back to 1776, state and federal session laws, and opinions of the attorneys general of all 50 states.

The Gale Primary Sources (gdc.galegroup.com/gdc/artemis) database provides access to historic legal materials through content hosted in The Making of Modern Law, which includes a full-text collection of 21,000 Anglo-American legal treatises, trials from 1600 – 1926, and primary sources from 1600 – 1926, and Crime, Punishment, and Popular Culture, which includes more than 2 million pages drawn from American and foreign manuscripts, books, broadsheets, and periodicals.

ProQuest Congressional (congressional.proquest.com) provides comprehensive access to almost every Congressional document published from 1789 to the present day.

The Walters Kluwer Study Aid Library (ebooks.aspenlaw.com/bookshelf) provides electronic access to several key bar review titles. A wide selection of additional ebooks is available through the Brandeis Law Digital Library (louisvillelaw.libraryreserve.com).
The Law Library also has access to dozens of databases purchased by the main library (Ekstrom) and the Kornhauser Health Sciences Library. Examples include: Applied Social Science Index & Abstracts; Business First of Louisville; Contemporary Women’s Issues; and MEDLINE.

**Kentucky Archive**
In the Attic of the Law Library is the Kentucky Archive, a collection of historical Kentucky materials. The Attic is a restricted area; if you need materials from there, please ask at the Circulation/Reference Desk for assistance. The collection includes superseded KRS volumes and pre-KRS statutes, Kentucky Acts, the journals of the Kentucky House and Senate, The Legislative Record, and selected publications of the Legislative Research Commission (LRC). Older Louisville Ordinances and other materials of historical value are also shelved there.

Current Kentucky materials are shelved in the Reserve area behind the Circulation/Reference Desk as well as on Range F-134 on the First Floor.

**Microforms**
At the west end of the Basement you will find the Microform Collection. Our microfiche holdings include: selected federal government documents (such as the Code of Federal Regulations and House and Senate bills and resolutions); important state documents (state session laws for all 50 states back to their inception and attorney general opinions); bar journals; and, the Congressional Information Service (CIS) collection (1970 through the present). We also own the historically significant Serial Set which contains the Congressional Reports dating back to 1789. Also available on microfilm are several important collections, most notably: The Louis D. Brandeis Papers; The John Marshall Harlan Papers; The American Bar Association Publications Archive; and, The 19th and 20th Century Legal Treatises Collections.

You will find a microform reader/scanner on the First Floor. There is no attached printer, but scanned copies of microfiche and microfilm can be saved to an external USB flash drive or delivered to your email, at no charge. Please inquire at the Circulation/Reference Desk for assistance.

**Videographics**
The video collection is shelved behind the Circulation/Reference Desk. These items may be accessed through WorldCat and may be checked out by faculty, staff, law students, and other graduate students for 24 hours. Law students may view DVDs on any of the PCs in the library’s computer labs, but they must use headphones.

**Handmaker Rare Books Room (Brandeis and Harlan Collections)**
The Law Library owns the most comprehensive collection of the papers of Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis, the outstanding Supreme Court justice for whom our law school is named. Justice Brandeis, a Louisville native, was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Woodrow Wilson and served from 1916 until 1939. Before his appointment to the Supreme Court, Brandeis was known as “the people’s attorney” because he worked to implement social change in America at a time when several populist movements were thriving. Brandeis achieved fame on the Court for his noted dissenting
opinions, which now are considered visionary, and for the “Brandeis Brief” in which he used economic and statistical analysis to reinforce legal arguments. The Handmaker Room, located on the Second Floor of the Law Library, houses the Brandeis Collection. More than 250,000 items are available for use by legal scholars and students.

The Handmaker Room also houses the papers of Justice John Marshall Harlan (1833-1911). Justice Harlan, a native of Boyle County, was appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court by President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877 and served until his death in 1911. He was the Court’s outstanding liberal justice during his tenure and was one of the mightiest dissenters in the Court’s history. His most famous dissent came in *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), the case in which the Supreme Court established the “separate but equal” principle of racial segregation. Justice Harlan’s papers were given to U of L by his grandson, John Marshall Harlan (1899-1971), who was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1955 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and served until 1971.

Guides to these two fine collections are available on the library’s website. After going to louisville.edu/law/library just click on *The Louis D. Brandeis Collection* or *The John Marshall Harlan Collection*, under the Special Collections heading. If you have an interest in either collection, please see Scott Campbell for assistance.

**United States Supreme Court Briefs and Records**

Justice Brandeis made it possible for the University of Louisville School of Law to receive the briefs and records of the Supreme Court. Our hardcopy collection begins with the October Term, 1924, and continues to the present. Fewer than ten U.S. law schools have been designated as depositories for these documents; most libraries receive the items only on microfiche. Our holdings also include microfiche copies of the briefs of the Court from 1897-1923, and from 1992 to 2010. These are located in the Microform area in the Basement.

The volumes are shelved in docket number order in the Attic (a restricted area) and are available for use by students, faculty, attorneys, and the general public. If you need to see any of the documents shelved in the Attic, ask for help at the Circulation/Reference Desk. The briefs and records *do not* circulate.

**Note:** Do not expect the printed briefs and records from the most current term to be available; there is a considerable delay between the end of each term and the receipt, processing, and binding of the briefs. Also, due to sorting mishaps at the office of the Supreme Court, we may not have a copy of every brief submitted to the Court.

**Kentucky Supreme Court Briefs and Records**

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