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"The law is the witness and external deposit of our moral life. Its history is the history of the moral development of the race."

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Path of the Law, 10 Harvard Law Review 457, 466 (1897).

New Art Installations Document Law School's History

While passing through the library lobby lately, you may have noticed new art work. In addition to the lobby installation, there is also a painting in the recently renovated Research Commons area, and two newly acquired sketches in the re-furnished study rooms on the third floor.

On the lobby wall, just across from the Reference Desk, there is a painting of the Maennerchor Building, the original home of the IU School of Law – Indianapolis. This building once stood at the northwest corner of Illinois and Michigan Streets and was occupied by the law school from 1945 to 1970.

The Maennerchor painting is the work of noted Indiana artist [Harry A. Davis](#) (1915-2006). Davis earned his BFA from the Herron School of Art in 1938, the same year in which he won the prestigious Prix de Rome in Painting. In 1941 he was named artist-in-residence at Beloit College, Wisconsin. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, designed camouflage in North Africa, and in 1944, he became a combat artist with the Fifth Army Historical unit in Italy. The drawings and paintings he completed during this time are now the property of the War Department at the Pentagon.



After his war service, Davis returned to Indiana and opened an art studio in Brownsburg, which he occupied until 1960, when he began an ongoing series of paintings of landmarks of interest to him. He subsequently completed over 500 of these architectural paintings.

For 37 years, Davis taught drawing and painting at the Herron School of Art and was eventually named Professor Emeritus. He was a lifetime member of the Herron Alumni Association and passed away in February 2006, at the age of 91. The Harry A. Davis Faculty award was established by the Herron Alumni Association and is awarded annually to an outstanding faculty member of the Herron School of Art and Design who has exemplified extraordinary commitment to Herron students.

The painting of the Maennerchor Building was last owned by JP Morgan Chase Bank and during their ownership, it was often loaned to the law school, as the centerpiece of Maennerchor alumni celebrations. The law school is grateful to 1960 alumna Gene Henn, who was instrumental in this painting being donated to the law school in 2010.

In the new Research Commons is a watercolor rendering of the building that IU School of Law - Indianapolis occupied from 1970, until the move to its current location in 2001. This building stood at the southwest corner of New York and Blackford Streets, in the space now occupied by the Herron School of Art. This painting was created by artist Wayne Terry, and in 2010, it was donated to the law school by 1984 alumna Reed Schmitt and his spouse Lori.

On the third floor of the library, study room 367 displays a pen and ink sketch of the 1970 law school building by artist Harry Mohler and room 268 features another Maennerchor Building view, done in pencil by artist William A Mahler. These sketches came to the law school in 2010, donated by local attorney and 1984 law school alumna, John Kautzman.

Additional historical information about the law school may be found in the display cases outside the Rare Book Room on the first floor of the library.

Library Spring Break and Exam Hours

Spring Break (Friday, March 11 – Sunday, March 20)	
Friday, March 11	8 am – 8 pm
Saturday, March 12	9 am – 5 pm
Sunday, March 13	10 am – 6 pm
Monday, March 14 - Friday, March 18	8 am – 8 pm
Saturday, March 19	9 am – 5 pm
Sunday, March 20	Resume Regular Hours
Exam Period (Thursday, April 14 – Friday, May 6)	

Thursday, April 14 – Friday, April 15	7 am – 1 am
Saturday, April 16 (Race for the Cure)	Noon – Midnight
Sunday, April 17	9 am – 1 am
Monday, April 18 – Friday, April 22	7 am – 1 am
Saturday, April 23	8 am – Midnight
Sunday, April 24	9 am – 1 am
Monday, April 25 – Friday, April 29	7 am – 1 am
Saturday, April 30	8 am – Midnight
Sunday, May 1	9 am – 1 am
Monday, May 2 – Thursday, May 5	7 am – 1 am
Friday, May 6	7 am – 6 pm

Keeping Current with Law Blogs

The recent release of the American Bar Association's 4th annual [Blawg 100](#) serves as a reminder of the growing value of blogs in keeping current on legal news and in tracking legal trends. The ABA has been reviewing legal blogs and compiling a list of the top 100 blogs (*aka* blawgs) each year since 2007. This year's top blawgs are culled from over 3000 legal blogs.

An important current awareness research tool, a "blog" functions as a daily online journal where experts disseminate current information on specific topics. Readers can easily monitor posts with RSS management tools that feed new postings directly into email pursuant to the reader's established criteria (*e.g.*, daily digests). For example, if interested in the latest news on redistricting and election law see Rick Hasen's [ElectionLawBlog](#); if interested in the latest U.S Supreme Court activity see [scotusblog](#); or perhaps Kashmir Hill's [The Not So Private Parts](#), blog that deals with the intersection of law, technology and personal will provide you with a note or paper topic.

In addition, to the annual Blawg 100, the ABA maintains an [online directory](#) of over 3000 blogs that is indexed and searchable by topic, author type, region or law school. Besides specialty areas such as intellectual property, environmental and school law, topics include general business practice topics such as "Work/Life Balance," "In-house Counsel," "Legal Marketing and Consulting," and "Solo/Small Firms." There is likely to be a blog for your practice needs or research/interest area.

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The Trademark Blog

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Posts cover trademark and copyright cases in the news or otherwise discovered by the blogger and often include images or video to illustrate perceived intellectual property violations.

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- ▶ Law Practice Management
- ▶ Criminal Justice
- ▶ Business of Law
- ▶ Labor & Employment
- ▶ Legal Marketing & Consulting
- ▶ Real Estate & Property Law

blogs that serve as excellent sources of day-to-day legal news.

Examples include, [The](#)

[BLT: The Blog of Legal Times](#) and [Jurist US Legal News](#). Students and faculty have access to the BNA "United States Law Week" blog. Simply sign up for email delivery on the BNA US Law Week site accessed from the [Library's electronic resources page](#). The email sign-up link is located in the right navigation bar near the bottom of the United States Law Week homepage.

Each blog and each blogger has a political and personal agenda. As with all online information, validation and authentication are important. Be sure to click the "about me" or "about author" links and read the information about entry authors and site hosts. The web, and in particular, blogs, have greatly changed the dynamics of publication. The ease of online web postings makes it even more important to verify and authenticate the authors and supporting organizations, if any.

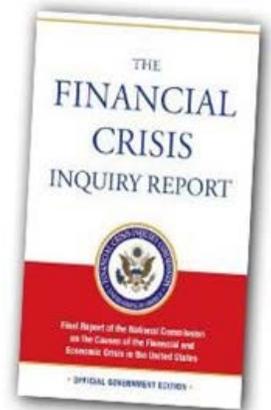
Where can I find "The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report?"

On May 29, 2009, President Obama signed into law an Act that established the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission "to examine the causes, domestic and global, of the current financial and economic crisis in the United States."

On the same day, the report was cataloged in the Library's [online catalog: IUCat](#). The IUCat entry will direct you to both the tangible print copy and the electronic version. The record for the online version will contain a link which, when clicked, will take you directly to full text of the item.

The report is available online at: <http://purl.fdlp.gov/GPO/gpo3449>. It can also be accessed from the Federal government's [Federal Digital System](#). As the Library participates in the Federal Depository Library Program, the paper copy is available in the U.S. Government Documents section of compact shelving on the second floor under the SuDocs classification number Y 3.2:F 49/2/C 86.

The Library works to make the government documents of great interest available in IUCat as soon as possible.



and "GPO Asks "Will You Friend Me?"

The Government Printing Office (GPO) recently launched a Facebook page as a means of increasing transparency and engaging with citizens on the current workings of this integral agency of the Federal government. GPO's Facebook page features announcements, agency job listings, press releases, videos, and photos, as well as a link to its blog. The Government Printing Office also employs other social media tools, such as Twitter and You Tube, to interact with other Federal agencies, the public, and the library community.

The image is a screenshot of the U.S. Government Printing Office's Facebook page. At the top, the Facebook logo and search bar are visible. The page header for the U.S. Government Printing Office includes the name, a 'Like' button, and the location 'Government Organization · Washington, DC'. Below this is a row of five small photos showing office activities. The main content area is titled 'Wall' and shows a post from the U.S. Government Printing Office dated February 2011, describing employees working with the OMB to produce the FY 2012 budget. This post includes a video player for 'Production & Distribution of 2012 Federal Budget [HD]' with a length of 3:52. Below this is another post from the U.S. Government Printing Office featuring an interview with Assistant Public Printer Mary Alice Baish. The page also shows a post from Sarah I. Scruggs and a post from Robbie Michlewicz. On the left side, there is a large blue banner celebrating 150 years (1861-2011) with the GPO logo and website addresses. Below the banner are navigation links for Wall, Info, Photos, Links, and Video, and a section showing 971 likes and a 'See All' link.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Should I SSRN?

A: In short, yes!

The [Social Science Research Network](http://www.ssrn.com) ("SSRN") website maintains research in 18 social science disciplines and per its website is "devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social science research." At year-end 2010, SSRN reported 41.3 million downloads and over 314,000 documents from 149,000 authors. Articles and abstracts are **free** to download and SSRN tracks the number of downloads on the author's page.

An easy to use search box provides access to wide variety of materials, including without limitation, published articles, op-ed pieces, book-reviews, abstracts and working papers. SSRN encourages interaction between researchers by providing author contact information. One hint, clicking the article title will retrieve the abstract. Simply click the "One Click Download" button near the top of the screen for the full text of the work.

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Examining the Factors Influencing Environmental Innovations

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Abstract:
Technological innovation is a key factor for achieving a better environmental performance of firms and the economy as a whole, to the extent that it helps to increase the material/energy efficiency of production processes and to reduce emission/effluents associated to outputs. Environmental innovation may spur from exogenous driving forces, like policy intervention, and/or from endogenous factors associated to firm market

Librarian and Staff News

Debra Denslaw, Reference Librarian, and **Catherine Lemmer**, Head of Information Services, presented "Teaching Legal Research Online" in the poster session of the *Edward C. Moore Symposium on Teaching Excellence* in Indianapolis on February 25, 2011.

Richard Humphrey, Reference Librarian, and **Ryan Schwier**, Circulation Senior Assistant, each contributed a judge's biography for the recently published *Justices of the Indiana Supreme Court*. Published by the Indiana Historical Society Press, in cooperation with the Indiana Supreme Court, the text was edited by Linda S. Gugin, PhD, professor emeritus of political science and James E. St. Clair, professor of journalism, at Indiana University Southeast. The book was completed in 2010 and is available for purchase from the Indiana Historical Society's History Market at <http://shop.indianahistory.org/>.

Yvonne Smith, Evening Circulation Desk Assistant, celebrated 10 years with the Ruth Lilly Law Library. Stop by the desk and congratulate Yvonne on a decade of dedication to the patrons of the library!

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