

Library Notes from Broadway

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Take A Minute And Enjoy The Law In New Orleans

by Brian Barnes

Librarians understand that law students are very busy. Law students have reading to do, outlines to prepare, social obligations to uphold, job searches to worry about, and all sorts of other distractions. Sometimes everyone in New Orleans should take a moment every couple of days and notice the legal things happening around you. We are blessed to be in such a “vibrant” city that provides great examples of legalism for a legal mind to consume. In the past few weeks the Southern Poverty Law Center sued over conditions at the OPP and all federal inmates were removed from the facility; a majority of BP claims were wrapped into a settlement completed after the trial was scheduled to begin; the New Orleans City Council considered regulations about loud-

speakers in the French Quarter; and environmental groups are suing the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management over seismic surveys allegedly killing dolphins. All of this happened in our city in the span of less than four weeks (not to mention Mardi Gras, the Final Four, Easter, and French Quarter Fest).

While the same person that cares about the dolphin story may not care about the loudspeakers in the Quarter the library can assist patrons who care about either become informed on the issues. Library resources can help find what the seismic survey regulations the BOEM follows actually states. A completely different set of resources can help determine the ordinance that

regulates loudspeakers in the Quarter, or how close one can park from the corner and not get a parking ticket. More resources can help those interested find out what the filings in the BP settlement or OPP conditions alleged and who were the attorneys involved. Any patron wanting to know how to access these resources can visit any of the libraries reference librarians at the Reference Desk for assistance. Students and faculty alike are all busy but perhaps everyone can take a minute and watch the real world that surrounds us, one never knows when an interview goes to a current topic that is outside of a book, or when a property finals question is ripped from the headlines because there is no solid answer just yet.

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Finals Hours

April 23, Monday: Extended Finals Hours Begin (7:30 am - 1:00 am)

May 4, Friday: Last Day for Extended Hours

May 5, Saturday: Regular Hours begin

International Law Careers: Skills Needed to Work in a Globalized World

by Nona Beisenherz

Have you considered international law as a career? Do you wonder about what preparations you would have to make to do this kind of work? Perhaps you have taken an international or comparative law class and are curious about learning more about this area of law practice. Even if you are not thinking seriously about such a career, you will need to be prepared.

In today's world, lawyers will be required to have knowledge and skills to work in a global legal arena. Transactions and dispute resolutions may involve different legal systems with unfamiliar traditions. Small and large firms are all being affected as they are presented with transnational legal cases and foreign clients who need their help.

Cases involving treaties such as the Hague Conventions in family law issues are not uncommon. As more companies do business across national borders, standardized methods of resolving conflicts, such as the CISG, may be an



important instrument to use. International trade disputes are very prevalent in today's business world, involving both the WTO and NAFTA.

Law schools are beginning to see the importance of the globalization factor. There are more classes in international law, schools have expanded study abroad programs and some schools have branch campuses abroad. Joint ventures with foreign law schools provide the opportunity to grant degrees in other countries. Clinical programs in law schools are being presented with foreign and international issues as well.

What skills are needed and what can you as a student do to prepare for these areas of law? First, you must go beyond Lexis and Westlaw as tools for

research. There are two types of international law: public and private, which use different sources of law that demand a different kind of research. Treaties and agreements of all kinds are primary instruments that must be used, international organizations play a major role, and court cases may not be available in English or be non-existent. The laws and procedures of foreign legal systems must be understood and researched through specialized resources. Translations of documents must be official to be used.

Fortunately, there are many guides and tools for international law research, many of them internet-based, which will be good ways to begin. Authoritative web sites are, of course, very important for getting accurate infor-

mation. My web guide, Research and Reference Resources,

www.loyno.edu/~beisen/

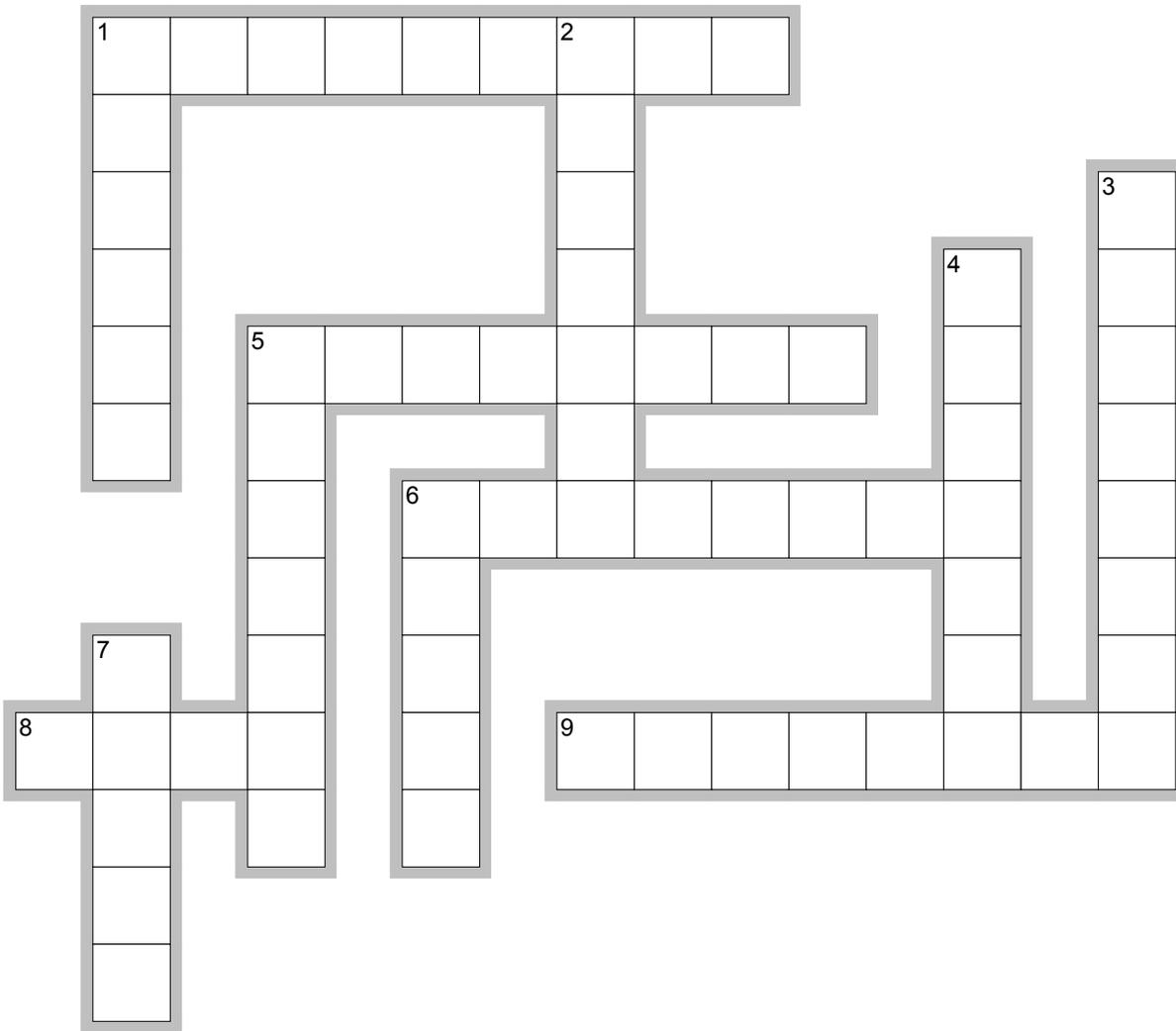
may be a good starting place for you. It provides an **index** and **beginning research guides** in all of the areas mentioned above. The "**International Law Web Pages**" link will provide quick access to important web sites after research guides are studied.

If you are interested in pursuing a ca-



reer in international law, I have a specialized guide, **International Law Careers, A Guide**, on the index page. Remember, it is very difficult to find a job in international law right out of school. However, do take international law classes. Sign up to be a research assistant to an international law professor. Do your writing assignment on an international law topic. Summer internships and study abroad are definite advantages, and, of course, the most practical plan is to plan for additional education after law school. All of these steps will make you much better equipped to begin your law career in today's world!

The A's Have It



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

1. unlimited monarchy
5. an unintended and unforeseen injurious occurrence
6. a positive declaration of fact
8. to join at a boundary
9. one to whom property rights are transferred

Down

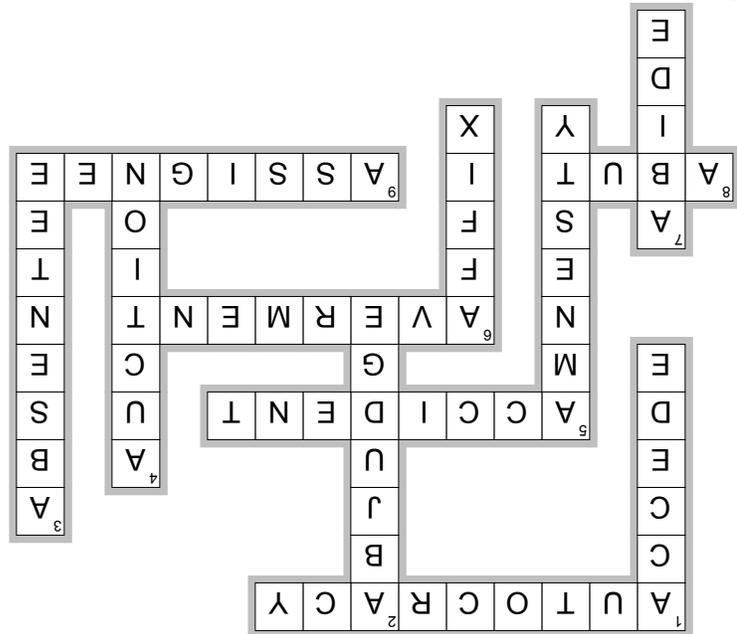
1. to consent
2. remove by judicial decision
3. a person who is away from usual residence
4. public sale of property to highest bidder
5. a pardon
6. to attach
7. to tolerate

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Answers

Exam Season

As you prepare for your exams, please try to remember a few simple rules that help make this time easier for all.



No food or talking is allowed on the third floor of the library.

Snack food is permitted on the first floor only.

Liquids should be in spill-proof containers.

Limit oral use of cellphones to designated areas.

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Studying for exams can be stressful enough without having to deal with rude or childish behavior. Please be civil towards your fellow students.

