# Fall 2008



# Marquette University Law Library Newsletter



#### Extended Building Hours During Exams

In response to an SBA request, hours for Sensenbrenner Hall and the Law Library have been changed as follows:

Building, classrooms **and Library** will be open until **1:00 a.m.** on the following dates:

Sunday, Nov. 30 through Thursday, Dec. 4 Sunday, Dec. 7 through Thursday, Dec. 11 Sunday, Dec. 14 through Wednesday, Dec. 17

> Building and classrooms will open at **6:00 a.m.** on the following dates:

Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Dec. 5 Monday, Dec. 8 through Friday, Dec. 12 Monday, Dec. 15 through Thursday, Dec. 18 (last day of exams)

New & Noteworthy: Fastcase

<u>Fastcase</u>, a new legal database offered through the Wisconsin Bar, will soon be available to MU law students and faculty through the Marquette Law Library.

Wisconsin state case law coverage dates back to 1950. Fastcase features include a personal home page where a user's most recent search results are saved automatically and an interactive timeline for later citing cases. For more information on Fastcase, visit the Fastcase Update on our Faculty Blog

### Name this Newsletter!

There's still time! Please help us name our newsletter. If your suggestion is selected, you'll win a 2 gig flash drive. Please email your suggestions to Julia.jaet@marquette.edu.

Tech Tip: Email Alerts

## From the Director's Office

Our primary mission in the Law Library is to assist you in learning research sources and techniques for using those resources. Our philosophy is to have an array of both print and electronic materials available so you can be familiar with any resource you may encounter at your current or future job. Feel free to ask one of our reference librarians about sources that are unfamiliar to you–or to suggest new legal research sources that we should offer.

Hope you find this newsletter useful. If you have any comments or suggestions for features and research tips you would like to see in future issues, please contact either the newsletter editors or me.

Patricia Cervenka, Professor of Law

Website Review: United Nations ENable Megan A. O'Brien



December 3, 2008 is International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Since its inception, the UN has focused on worldwide recognition of the

rights and dignity of persons with disabilities as one of its commitments to international human rights. In May, the <u>Convention on</u> <u>Rights of Persons With Disabilities</u> and its <u>Optional Protocol</u> entered into force. ENable is a page on the UN website dedicated to

#### Rosemary Bass

From PC World, <u>Tech Habits to Improve</u> <u>Your Life</u>: "When you're tired of scrambling to send Mom flowers at the last minute every year, set up a scheduled e-mail reminder for her birthday--and for any other long-term recurring tasks. Google Calendar can send upcoming-event alerts via SMS ("Pick up the dry cleaning at 3 p.m. today") or e-mail ("Schedule a hair appointment; it's been six weeks!"). Most Web-based calendars (like Google Calendar) and task managers (like Remember the Milk), as well as Web sites such as <u>HassleMe</u> and <u>Sandy</u>, support e-mail alerts."

### Did you know...

After three years of research and development, the first computer-assisted case law research technique was developed in 1965.

<u>Read full article</u> » from the December 2, 1965 Marquette Oyer law student paper.



Managing Editor: <u>Julia Jaet</u> Assistant Editor: <u>Megan O'Brien</u>

promoting this convention and all issues related to Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Read more...

Research Tip: Determine Status of a Treaty

Advanced Legal Research Classes

Several sections of ALR are taught by our law librarians. One of the comments we often see in the course evaluations or hear after the course is completed, is that students wish they had taken the class earlier in their law school career. Some students feel they are more prepared for their summer job or that they can produce a better paper in their seminar classes.

Feel free to talk with one of our law librarians if you want to know more about the ALR options before you register for your spring semester's classes.

Topics offered in Spring 2009 semester include Family, Federal, Tax, and Wisconsin Law. ALR Wisconsin Law will also be offered during Summer 2009.

#### New Books

