

Judge Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library



The Judge Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library supports the educational and research needs of the Law School's students. This mission is reflected in the Law Library's services, resources, and facility.

Law Library

The Judge Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library is committed to providing comfort, accessibility, convenience, and necessary resources to our students. In recognizing that students spend a significant part of their time in the law library, we offer a wide variety of services and amenities including:

- Knowledgeable, experienced staff
- The latest research databases, including Westlaw Next, Lexis Advance, and Bloomberg Law
- Extensive collections in communications law, securities law, and public policy
- A nationally recognized facility
- Plentiful seating for study and collaboration
- Study Aids (print & audio)
- Textbooks for 1L Courses
- Past exams
- Unlimited printing
- Rooms for group & individual study



Practical, Focused, Connected

The services and resources of the Kathryn J. DuFour Law Library are dedicated to helping you make the transformation from student to lawyer. The Library offers an array of hands-on opportunities to gain exposure to the legal research databases and print services employed by law firms, government agencies, and non-profits around the country, thereby ensuring you are equipped with the essential research skills needed to make you practice ready. The personal level of service offered by the Library staff focuses on providing a welcoming and supportive environment that fosters learning. Your curricular and research library needs are supported by an experienced, professional staff who are committed to assisting you throughout your legal education. The Library recognizes a special commitment to student scholarship, a proud tradition of CUA Law, and an unparalleled advantage for our students and alumni.



Experience Washington, D.C.

Realtors like to speak of location, location, location. The same applies to law schools. CUA Law's extensive alumni network throughout Washington, D.C., and its priceless location just minutes from the White House, Capitol, Supreme Court, hundreds of federal agencies and some of the country's most prestigious law firms means that CUA Law students have the unique opportunity to gain unparalleled professional experiences and knowledge.

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Student and Alumni Perspectives



"The big reason that I picked the school was the library. The research staff is always available and can find things you don't even know exist. And it's a very open and bright space. And being able to spend all of your time there, it's welcoming, it's homey, it's comforting, it's very conducive to studying a lot."

Jaclyn Kavendek (Class of 2015)



"The law library was the single most important space in my law school experience, even more important than my apartment. It was the perfect place to study, part of the same building as the rest of the law school, with private spaces spread throughout its multiple floors and natural light that finds its way into almost every corner, and friendly staff who know how to calm a 1L's nerves."

James Garay Heelan (Class of 2010)
Associate Attorney, Shaw, Bransford & Roth P.C.



Experienced

The staff of the Law Library is one of the most experienced in the D.C. metro area. Our librarians have gained extensive training both here at CUA, a recognized leader in law librarianship, and at other law libraries around the country, including U.C. Berkeley Law School, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Yale Law School, Indiana University School of Law, and The Supreme Court of the United States. Their experience is not just limited to law libraries but also includes practicing law, such as working as a public defender in New York City.

Our librarians have written extensively in the area of legal research and law library services, including contributions to two nationally recognized legal research texts. A number of staff members have also spoken at national and international conferences on a wide variety of topics. In addition, the staff regularly participates in the curricular function of the law school by teaching classes on research skills, and even teaching the legal research component of the American Law Program in Krakow, Poland.

Nationally Recognized Facility

The Law Library is spacious and welcoming, with accommodations for quiet study, collaboration, and socialization. The Law Library is open over 100 hours per week and offers reference assistance nearly 70 hours per week.

preLaw magazine recently ranked the Law School #20 in its cover story "Best Law School Facilities," a ranking based in large part on the Law Library.

"The law library remains a place where many students seek solitude and comfort -even if they're accessing information via laptops instead of via big books....It's a feature that students still feel strongly about."

Best Law School Facilities, 18 preLaw 26 (Fall 2014)



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