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Dear students,

On behalf of the staff of the Law Library, welcome to St. Thomas Law 1Ls and welcome back 2Ls and 3Ls! As you noticed, we now have three more study rooms. I want to share with you that the carpet project will continue on the second floor, South Reading Room, in December during the Holiday break. We strive to maintain facilities that promote quality study.

The Law Library continues to be guided by the precept that access to information is invaluable. Your Library is a gateway to legal information and services and at its center, its physical and electronic resources are organized and maintained for your use. Law libraries in general will continue to have an important place in your legal career.

Whether you visit the Law Library in person or make use of our online databases from any location around the world, we hope you will take advantage of this wealth of information. We are always interested in your opinion. Always feel free to contact the Library if you have any praises, or concerns. We wish you the best in this school year.

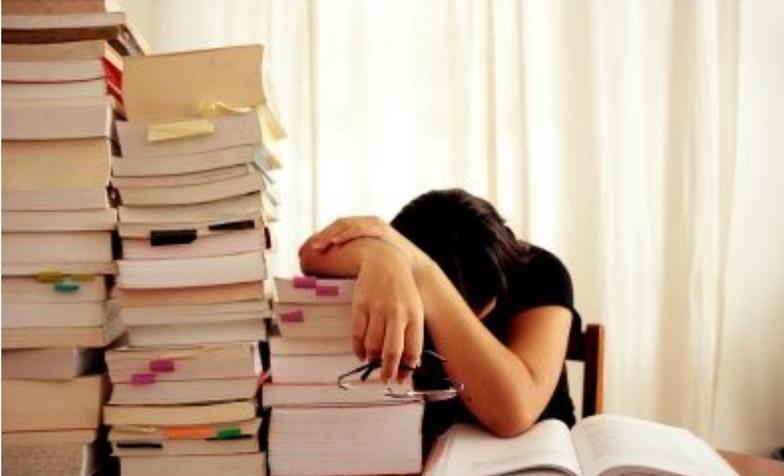
Roy Balleste, Professor of Law
Law Library Director

Library Food, Drink & Smoking Policy

Non-alcoholic drinks are permitted in the Library **in containers with a lid** (travel mugs, sport bottles, and bottles with caps are preferred). Cans, cups and open bottles are permitted but great care should be used to prevent spills. Students are allowed to bring in small snacks and cold sandwiches into the library. Acceptable snack foods include: chips, nuts, pretzels, cookies, and candy. For your convenience, trash cans are located throughout the Library. Please make sure all trash is placed in the nearest receptacle. Hot foods (McDonald's, Pollo Tropical, etc.) and smoking are **prohibited** in the Library at **all times**. Before entering the Library, please dispose of all such items in the receptacle **OUTSIDE** the Library. Because of the potential for serious damage, anyone violating this rule will be required to leave the Law Library.



Study Area & Group Study Rooms



Carrels and tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All books and papers must be removed from the carrel when you have completed your research for the day. Please secure your possessions if you have to step away – this might include using a security cable for a laptop.

The second floor has reading room/study areas, group study rooms, and the computer lab for computer-assisted research and training. Please maintain quiet in all areas.

Study rooms are for group study (2 or more students) and may be reserved for a maximum of two (2) hours at a time for a group. A single additional two (2) hour period may be reserved in the same room, but must be done within fifteen (15) minutes prior to the expiration of the original reservation period.

Room reservation must be made at the front desk and the front desk copy of the study room reservations sheet is the master copy. If the student group has not arrived after 15 minutes into the reserved time, that group must give way to another group ready to use the room.

Individuals may use the group study rooms but must vacate the room when a group is ready to use the room or any other time at the discretion of the library staff.

Study rooms are part of the library and all rules still apply. Patrons will not talk on cell phones or partake in unprofessional or inappropriate behavior in a study room, and must follow library rules regarding food and drink. Because the study rooms are for group study, it is a given that some talking is expected. Please keep the door closed and refrain from excessive noise as the sound will travel through the doors and disturb the studies of others outside the room.

Preemption by Law School Registrar: Please note that at any time, particularly during final exams and mid-term exams, some or all of the study rooms may be blocked out by the Law School Registrar's Office for exams.

The law library no longer handles room reservations for the Library Seminar Room (Room 109A). The room reservations are now made by contacting the Office of the Registrar.



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Law Library Mission Statement

The primary mission of the St. Thomas University Law Library is to provide access to the legal information necessary to support the mission of the School of Law. Access to legal information involves two components: acquiring assets that provide comprehensive citation retrieval, and acquiring assets that deliver the full text of the documents cited.

The Alex A. Hanna Law Library supports the School of Law's teaching and research programs through direct, continuing, and informed relationships with the faculty, and through programs that educate students about the use of all formats of legal information. The secondary mission of the Law Library is to provide access to legal information and publications for St. Thomas University.

Law Library Spotlight! Douglas Edwards



Douglas Edwards is the Web/Information Systems Administrator at St. Thomas University School of Law.

He joined the Law Library in July 2012, having previously held positions as Web Services Assistant and Web Services & Media Services Assistant at the Law Library at Nova Southeastern University.

His first line support experience started as a Help-Desk Representative at Fiscal Services Limited, a full services ICT company. In his

current position, he is responsible for the maintenance of the Law School website and the supervision and operation of the Multimedia/Audiovisual department.

Douglas received his Masters of Science in Management Information System from the Nova Southeastern University, and has been working in library services since 2008. He received his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science at Stetson University and is experienced in software and website development. He provides technical advice and development and support services to an internet-based commercial business.

Douglas is focused on technical and leadership growth in the field of Information Technology, with special focus on Management Systems, Web Design, and Classroom Technologies.