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LAW DAY

LAW LIBRARY HOURS

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Law Day is a nationally recognized day that observes and celebrates the “rule of law”. The purpose of Law Day is described in 36 U.S.C. § 113 as,

...a special day of celebration by the people of the United States – (1) in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States and of their rededication to the ideals of Equality and Justice under law in their relations with each other and with other countries; and (2) for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the democratic way of life.

The holiday is officially celebrated on May 1st but it is often celebrated on dates before or after the official day. Several bar associations celebrate for an entire week instead of just a day. Each year Law Day has a different theme and in 2008, the theme is, The Rule of Law: Foundation for Communities of Opportunity and Equity.

Law Day came to be in 1958 on February 3rd when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the first Law Day proclamation. The proclamation states,

WHEREAS it is fitting that the people of this Nation should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law which our forefathers bequeathed to us; and

WHEREAS it is our moral and civic obligation as free men and as Americans to preserve and strengthen that great heritage; and

WHEREAS the principle of guaranteed fundamental rights of individuals under the law is the heart and sinew of our Nation, and distinguishes our governmental system from the type of government that rules by might alone; and

WHEREAS our government has served as an inspiration and a beacon light for oppressed peoples of the World seeking freedom, justice and equality of the individual under law; and

WHEREAS universal application of the principles of the rule of law in the settlement of international disputes would greatly enhance the cause of a just and enduring peace; and

WHEREAS a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law would afford us an opportunity better to understand and appreciate the manifold virtues of such a government and to focus the attention of the World upon them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, May 1, 1958 as Law Day - USA. I urge the people of the United States to observe the designated day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and I especially urge the legal profession, the press, and the radio, television and motion picture industries to promote and to participate in the observance of that date.

President Eisenhower proclaimed the holiday but he did not come up with the idea of Law Day. The actual concept for a day dedicated to the recognition of law is credited to attorney and former American Bar Association President Charles Rhynes. On the very first Law Day, Mr. Rhynes participated in a celebratory radio address where he stated,

Law is the intangible force that makes freedom and progress possible in our democracy. It is law that brings order into the affairs of men—that enables them to lift their sights above mere survival, to accumulate possession, to develop the arts, to pursue knowledge, and to enjoy life among their fellows. Law gives the individual security that he could obtain in no other way; it protects the family and other groups organized for advancement of common interests; it permits the growth of great cities and the development of vast enterprises. In other words, it is the cement that holds our free society together.

“Law Day-U.S.A.” is therefore an occasion when our people will pause to recognize the tremendous contribution that law has made in our way of life as a promoter of our progress and as an insurer of the human rights which made that progress possible.

On April 7th 1961 Law Day was codified into law by Public Law 87-20.

St. Thomas University Law School will hold their annual Law Day celebration luncheon on April 8th.

AND THE WINNER IS . . .

The votes are in and this year the law students law school employees of the year are, Professor Daniel Gordon for the first-year professor of the year, Professor John Kang for the upper-division professor of the year and Professor Todd Sullivan, Director of Academic Support for the staff member of the year.

Professor Kang

Ph.D., University of Michigan

M.A., University of Michigan

J.D., U.C.L.A. School of Law

B.A., U.C. Berkeley

Professor Gordon

B.A., Harvard College

M.S., Boston University School of Public Communication

M.P.A., Northeastern University

J.D., Boston College Law School, magna cum laude

Professor Sullivan

B.S., Florida International University

J.D., University of Florida College of Law

Additional biographical information is available on the law school website.

ELECTRONIC BOOKS: AN INTRODUCTION TO NETLIBRARY BY IRIS GARCIA

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Is it really just like a book?

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Let's say you want to search for information about business law in China, but do not have a specific title in mind. The NetLibrary home page provides a basic search window that allows users to search by full-text, keyword, title, author or subject. Using a keyword search, type the words *business law China* in the window and click the

search button.

Among your list of results, you will find the first title *Law and investment in China: The legal and business environment after WTO accession* by Vai lo Lo and Xiaowen Tian. If after reviewing your results you wish to retrieve more titles, you can expand the search by repeating it as a full-text search. Now you have over 1,000 results. You will notice that *Law and investment in China* is still first because by default setting results are ranked in order of relevance. However, you can also display your results by Title, Author, Newest First or Oldest First by simply choosing the appropriate option from the drop down menu. When you locate an e-book you wish to explore further, simply click on the title of and the contents will be displayed.

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I'm sold!

E-books are a great new way to access reliable resources electronically, so go ahead and try it!

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND
YOU COULD WIN

National Library Week takes place from April 13-19. The theme of this year's celebration is "Join the circle of knowledge @ your library@."

In 1958, the American Library Association sponsored the first National Library Week because of growing concern rouse in the library community that Americans were reading less. The first theme for National Library Week was "Wake Up and Read!". In 1959, the ALA Council voted to continue the Annual celebration as a time each year where various kinds of libraries can celebrate libraries, librarians and patrons across the

country.

In celebration of National Library Week at St. Thomas University Law School the Law Library has a fun crossword puzzle for you. You are invited to test your knowledge of the "Black Sox" case with our SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE crossword puzzle. **Print out and turn in your completed puzzle to the library reference desk with your contact information to be entered into a drawing for \$15 or \$25 Amazon.com gift certificate.** The last day to hand in your completed crossword puzzle is April 21st.

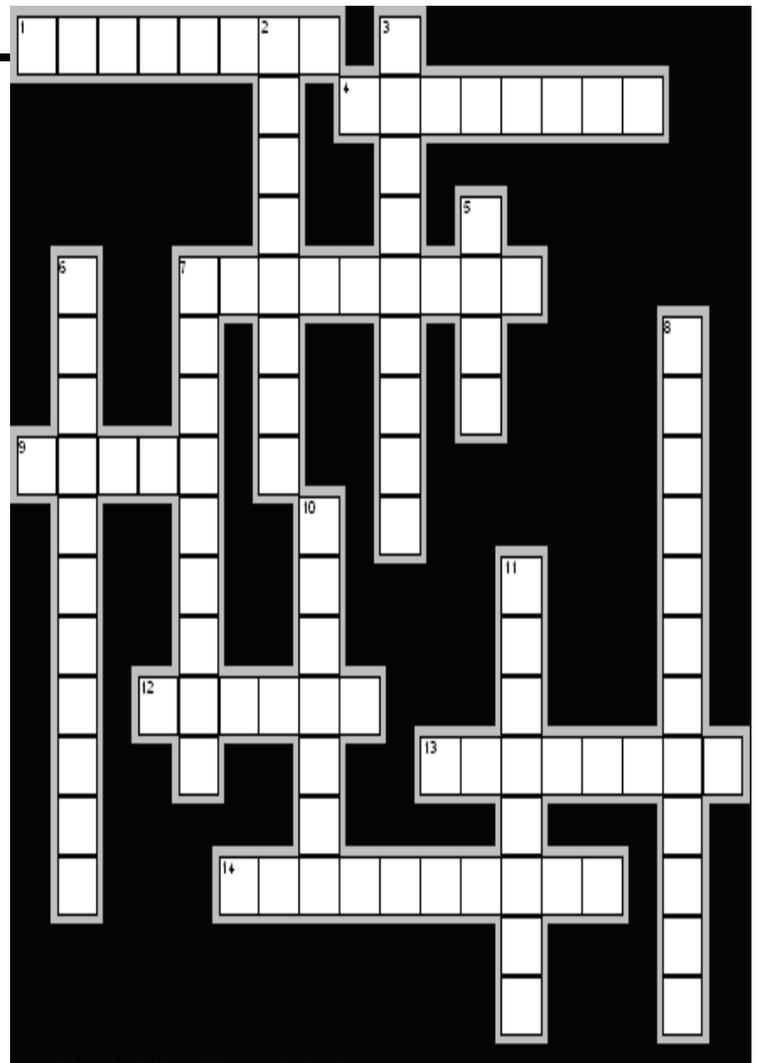
SAY IT AIN'T SO JOE CROSSWORD

Across

1. Nickname of baseball player Joe Jackson
4. Last name of the man who owned the 1919 White Sox
7. Swede Risberg's position on the White Sox
9. The number of players the Commissioner banished from baseball forever
12. Last name of the White Sox third baseman involved in the trial
13. Middle name of Commissioner Landis
14. The two teams in the 1919 World Series were Chicago and _____

Down

2. a criminal _____ was issued for Joe Jackson in October of 1920
3. Last name of the money man behind the fix
5. Joe Jackson was the only accused player to hit a _____ run during the 1919 Series
6. The jury _____ less than three hours before returning a not guilty verdict
7. Joe Jackson made a statement to the grand jury on _____ 28, 1920
8. Kenesaw Landis is appointed the first baseball _____
10. Arnold "Chick" Gandil was the White Sox first _____
11. Comiskey had announced he would pay Twenty _____ dollars for information about the fix



Hint:

<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/frtrial/blacksox/blacksox.html>



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Law Library Mission Statement

To provide access to the legal information necessary to support the mission of St. Thomas University School of Law by acquiring assets providing comprehensive citation retrieval and the ability to deliver the full text of the documents cited; to support the teaching and research programs of the school of law through direct, continuing and informed relationships with faculty and through programs that educate students about the use and cost of all formats of legal information; to provide access to legal information and publications for St. Thomas University, as a whole.

LAW LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

John Beatty is the Multimedia/Public Services Librarian at the St. Thomas Law School Library. John received his Master's degree in Library and Information Science in 2005 from Syracuse University, where his special subject was online storage and retrieval systems. He received his Bachelor's degree in Television-Radio from Ithaca College in 2000. At Ithaca, his special subjects were audio production, philosophy and electro-acoustic music composition. Before arriving at St. Thomas, John worked as a part-time library assistant in the reference department of the Syracuse University Law Library and full-time as a textbook department representative of the University Bookstore.



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and full-time jobs including grill cook, pizza delivery driver and dispatcher/head driver, janitor, record store clerk. He also held every non-management position at a department store in Elmira, NY, but not all at the same time. In addition to recording his own music, he has also engineered or co-produced several albums with regional bands in upstate NY and worked for a short time as live sound engineer for a Syracuse reggae band. He has also authored a memoir about his time in pizza delivery which remains unpublished.

John is currently working on a screenplay, his new album and a short presentation on recruiting new law librarians to be presented at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon this coming July.

Before and during this time, John held a number of part