

BEYOND BOOKS TODAY'S COURT LIBRARY



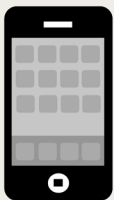
THE WORLD'S INFORMATION **DOUBLES EVERY 2 YEARS**

Librarians fill a special niche in the information ecology of the court. They are experts in search strategies, legal publications, databases, and reference sources. Their vast legal research experience and contact with other research specialists allow them to come at questions from different angles to get the answers you need.

WHAT SETS LIBRARIANS APART

is their knowledge of all these materials simultaneously, their ability to research effectively and efficiently across platforms, and their capacity to analyze and synthesize information.

DID YOU KNOW?



Librarians Know Technology

DEVELOP websites • **RESEARCH** apps for smart phones
DESIGN artwork • **PRODUCE** multimedia presentations
LICENSE eBooks for iPads • **CREATE** digital archives

“ Librarians ... can be the critical interface, given greater awareness of research tools and methods than judges, but actual familiarity with the goals and processes of legal research ... Librarians can identify not just hypothetical uses for new technology, but specific understanding and instruction in how these tools can be used to improve judicial work product and work management. ”

-Appellate Judge



Librarians Are Educators

ADVANCED legal research strategies • **ORIENTATION** for new law clerks
SEARCH specialty databases • **CLEs** on various topics • **CREATE** web tutorial videos

“ The librarians are our main source of Westlaw and other electronic training and troubleshooting... ”

-Magistrate Judge

WHO WE ARE



80% of all library staff have at least a college degree

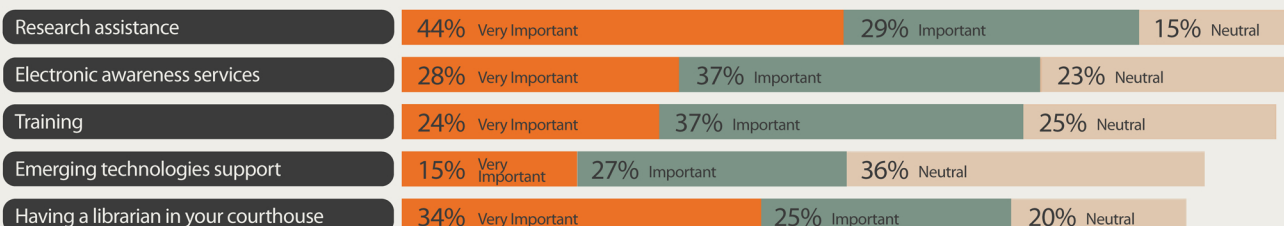
99% of court librarians have a graduate degree

29% of court librarians have a J.D.

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE LIBRARY TO YOU?

*taken from 2010 library survey

Rated based on the importance of each of the following library information services.



“ I have found the librarians incredibly helpful when looking at a complex issue on which I can find no law. ”
-Term Law Clerk, Appellate

Legal Research

FIND elusive case law • **ONLINE** research experts • **OBTAIN** hard-to-find materials
TRACK and compile legislation

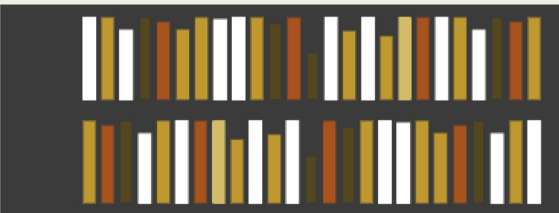
Non-Legal Research

BEYOND Lexis and Westlaw • **TRACK** companies & individuals
INVESTIGATE industry trends • **LOCATE** historic statistical data

“ ... when we need their expertise...there is no substitute for the amazing talents of our librarians. ”
-District Judge

Giving A Speech? Chairing a Committee?

COMPILE quotations • **COLLECT** internal court data • **GATHER** general background materials
OBTAIN foreign documentation



Over **5,000** books borrowed for judges every year

“ I consider the library, and its collection of actual books with actual pages, to be absolutely essential to what I do. ”
-Bankruptcy Judge

Behind The Scenes

SELECT, process, catalog and maintain thousands of subscriptions • **ASSIST** JAs with subscription and filing problems
MANAGE Westlaw and Lexis passwords for all court employees • **NEGOTIATE** and implement access to high quality databases

The Library serves many people within the court community, including judges and law clerks, judicial assistants, circuit executives' & clerks' offices, staff attorneys, pro se law clerks & mediators, pretrial and probation officers, U.S. Marshals and federal public defenders. **The Library** strives to provide the information you need, when you need it, wherever you are.

* All quotes from the 2010 Impact Study of Court Libraries and Library Services.