

## The Law Library's Faculty Liaison Program

The reference librarians offer a **Faculty Liaison** program. Each full-time faculty member is automatically assigned a library liaison to help facilitate use of library resources and services in support of teaching, research and scholarship<sup>1</sup>. Library liaisons provide assistance to faculty members that may include for example: answering short reference queries, retrieving legal cases or law review articles from citations provided, help with citation formatting, requesting books through Interlibrary Loan or responding to acquisition suggestions.

Librarians also assist with long term, in-depth reference queries from their assigned faculty members including conducting original research to find relevant legal cases or articles on a particular topic, doing preemptive searching on a topic a faculty member is considering writing about, providing materials for use in class, such as case highlights, graphics or articles to be assigned to the class. Liaison Librarians also create online bibliographies for specific classes or subjects as requested by faculty members (LibGuides) and are available to make in-class presentations on the use of library resources.

Liaison librarians should also be considered a first stop for any research or teaching related request a faculty member has including training on classroom technology (creating course pages, or using SmartBoards, document cameras, and audience response clickers). Liaison librarian can serve as clearinghouses to refer their faculty members to other librarians on staff or the Educational Technology Specialist who can best serve the professor's needs depending on the particular librarian's knowledge and the request being made.

We also offer a **Faculty Research Assistant Training** program. Professors who hire law students as research assistants are invited to send these students to the Faculty Services librarian (Maggie Stewart Adams) for training in areas such as basic library procedures and policies, research strategies, advanced training in databases searching, and research specifically tailored to the area of the faculty member's research interest. Student Research Assistants are always encouraged to continue to contact Maggie if they have research related questions or encounter problems at any point during their employment as a Research Assistant.

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<sup>1</sup> Adjunct faculty can also request to participate in this program.