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Director's Message

Lisa Smith-Butler, Director & Assistant
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As we head into the Fall 2004 final exam period, we want to make the Law Library & Technology Center a quiet area for NSU law students to study and do research. To accomplish this, we are asking NSU LLTC staff and all students to use their library voices, i.e. whisper, at all times while in the library. We will also limit access to the NSU Law Library & Technology Center to only NSU law students from November 22nd - December 17th. To help us accomplish this, you may be asked to show your I.D.

In order to see that as many students as possible have access to study rooms, we will be enforcing study room policies. If a study room is not available in the Law Library, check the Sherman Library for one of their study rooms.

We are here to assist you with your research needs as well as accessing and using law library materials. We hope to make your stay as pleasant as possible and welcome any ideas or suggestions.

Again, I look forward to working

with you and hearing from you. If you have any comments or suggestions, please stop by my office, email me at smith-butlerl@nsu.law.nova.edu, or call me at 954.262.6211.

Professor Smith-Butler



Thanksgiving Hours

Thursday, November 25th
Closed

Friday, November 26th
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Student Staffed Only
Saturday, November 27th
Resume Regular Hours

Library & Technology Center Information

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Reference Desk

954.262.6201
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Help Desk
954.262.6199
help@nsu.law.nova.edu

Web Services/Forums
954.262.6228
webguyz@nsu.law.nova.edu

Exam Resources

Burkhart, Ann M., HOW TO STUDY LAW AND TAKE LAW EXAMS IN A NUTSHELL (St. Paul: West 1996.)
Reserve KF 283.B87 1996

Delaney, John, HOW TO DO YOUR BEST ON LAW SCHOOL EXAMS (New York: J. Delaney 1982.)
Reserve KF 283 .D46

Dernbach, John, A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO WRITING LAW SCHOOL ESSAY EXAMS (Littleton, CO: F.B. Rothman 2001.)
KF 283 .D47 2001

Frank, Steven J., LEARNING THE LAW: SUCCESS IN LAW SCHOOL AND BEYOND (Secaucus, NJ: Carol Pub. Group 1992).
KF 283 .F73 1992

Fischl, Richard M., GETTING TO MAYBE: HOW TO EXCEL ON LAW SCHOOL EXAMS (Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press 1999.)
KF 283 .F47 1999

Internet Sites

Findlaw for Students: Outlines and Exams, (Findlaw, Oct. 30, 2003), available at <http://stu.findlaw.com/outlines/school/exam/> .

Law School Exams, (Jurist, Oct. 30, 2003), available at <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/exams.htm> .

Faculty Exams

Prior faculty exams can be found at http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/faculty/release_dexams/ . You will be asked for a password to access these exams. Use your NSU Law Center login name and password.



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Does your wireless card connect? If not, you may need to re-register your wireless card. To do this, follow directions at <https://wireless.nova.edu/activity/> and select activity menu. The University requires that wireless cards be re-registered every six months.

Free Willy! : Is the Panther Grouper too Big for the Tank?

Donna G. Struthers,
Assistant Head, Collection & Bibliographic
Services for Cataloging and Database
Management

This past week, the LLTC added a new member to the fish tank. Named Willy, he is a Panther Grouper (*Chromileptis altivelis*) which is native to the tropical Indo-Pacific area. While groupers are generally territorial, predatory, and often aggressive in their native state, Mark Champion, of Champion Aquariums, our vendor for fish tank maintenance, raised Willy in his own tanks. Mark says Willy is a very shy and quiet grouper. Willy tends to stay near the bottom and likes to hide out in nooks and other covered areas.

Willy's new home is larger than his prior tank. Web sites on saltwater fish tanks state that this kind of grouper should be in a tank of at least 150 gallons. Our tank holds 260 gallons of saltwater providing much room to swim around in as well as free food that comes from above on a regular basis. Mary Paige Smith, Head of Collection & Bibliographic Services, reports that "Groupers tend to like small environments. The aquarium at the Museum of Science in downtown Ft. Lauderdale has a jewfish (giant grouper) in a tank that is only about as long as the fish, and he has lived there for many years. Lots of people must have asked about the small quarters, because they have a sign explaining how groupers like "cozy" spaces! On the reefs in South Florida, groupers like to hang out under rock ledges and in caves."

In addition to the Panther Grouper, we have a red Squirrelfish (*Holocentrus adscensionis* and the longest current resident), a yellow Damselfish, and a Spot Grunt (white with a black spot near the tail). The LLTC has had the fish tank since the

Fall of 1996. Over the years, we have had many different fish. The favorite of all time was "Joe the Puffer fish," the first resident of our tank. Puffer was a Balloonfish (*Diodon holocanthus*) and lived until 2002. When Joe died, students placed a plaque in his honor at the tank.

While we may not be saltwater fish specialists, we are animal lovers and do our best to keep the fish healthy and relatively happy. Champion Aquariums with more than 20 years in the business takes care of the tank cleaning, supplies us with fish, and does what they can to keep them healthy. Pedro Perez, of the Circulation department, and I share the feeding chores while Mary Paige provides feeding backup and information on saltwater fish. Over the years many law students have told us how the fish have helped them to relax or "wind down" when they are feeling overwhelmed. We hope you enjoy them. Please know that we will continue to care for them.



Special Holiday Hours

After exams finish in December, the Law Library & Technology will move to shortened hours over the holiday break. Special holiday hours can be found at

<http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/library/access.cfm> Regular hours resume on Thursday, January 6th.

Some Interesting & Helpful Internet Sites

Law Library & Technology Center staff suggest the following Internet sites:

- *Bored* at <http://www.bored.com/>
- *Dogpile* at <http://www.dogpile.com/>
- *Law Jobs* at <http://www.lawjobs.com/>
- *Novalawcity* at <http://nsulaw.typepad.com/novalawcity/>
- *NetLaw Tools* at <http://www.netlawtools.com/>

Congratulations December Graduates!

Congratulations to December graduates. We have resources to assist you with job hunting and bar preparation.

Information about the Florida Bar Exam as well as a list of materials can be found on our web page at <http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/career/>.

There are also numerous law job sites to examine, including:

- **Eattorney** at <http://www.eattorney.com/>
- **Findlaw Careers** at <http://careers.findlaw.com/>
- **Law Info Career Center** at <http://jobs.lawinfo.com/>
- **Law Jobs** at <http://www.lawjobs.com/>

