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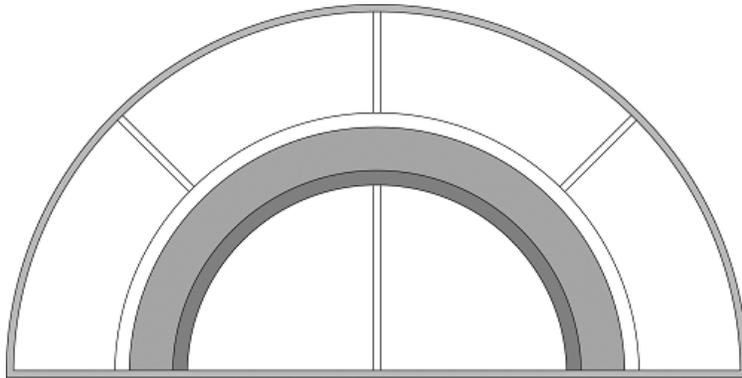
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# Mendik Library: By the Numbers

Academic Year 2022-2023

An annual report prepared by  
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## Message from the Library Director



**Camille Broussard**  
**Associate Dean and Professor of Law**

*2022-2023*

I am pleased to present the 2022-2023 Mendik Library's Annual Report. An annual report only presents a brief snapshot of a year, but I hope this report provides an adequate description of the breadth of our core services and the depth of support we provide to our students who are learning law; to our faculty who are teaching law; and to our alumni who are practicing law. As we do each year, our entire Library team continued to work together to participate in and contribute to the intellectual and community life of New York Law School and to provide an extraordinary level of service and support to our community and beyond.

The Mendik Library is a vibrant and continually evolving information and research center where users come to study, to access legal information and also to discover the breadth and complexity of the world of law. Our goal is to create an environment where our researchers can engage with us and learn to find the right resources for their particular tasks. As legal research continues to be an increasingly complex mix of print and electronic resources, the expertise of our dedicated staff becomes ever more relevant. This past year, we added and integrated many e-books and digital resources into the library's offerings while continuing to manage our substantial print collection.

Although the pandemic may be over, its impact and the lessons we learned about new, and perhaps better, ways to provide services will stay with us. We continue to work hard to provide the services and classes our students need to stay focused and successfully complete their studies. This past year, the reference and circulation teams provided a wide range of research assistance to students, faculty and alums answering over 12,000 questions. We moved many of our teaching operations to Zoom and offered over 80 research courses and workshops to the NYLS community. We taught six for-credit research classes, including our always popular Saturday Legal Research Practical Skills class. We continue to work with faculty in our instructional outreach program to integrate vital research skills and contextual research exercises into their classes. Our collaboration with the Legal Practice faculty becomes stronger each year as we continue to develop and teach a series of required research skills workshops within the LP curriculum for all 1L students.

The entire Mendik Library staff has joined our colleagues across the law school to provide a high level of service to the NYLS community members in their academic and legal pursuits. This report documents our sustained efforts and many contributions. It will not take readers long to see how far our contributions extend beyond the physical space we call the Mendik Library. Our report is called 'Mendik by the Numbers' – but numbers are only a small part of the picture.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Camille Broussard". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

# Library Community, Facilities, and Operations

## Reference Services Overall

Traditionally, access to our collection and to information services often begins at the Reference or Circulation Desks, and it continues in the stacks, in Librarian offices, in the elevators, and even in the coffee bar and cafeteria. The Reference Librarians, along with the Associate Librarians, the Director and our Assistant Director for Acquisitions and Collection Control, provided professional research assistance and instruction to faculty, students, staff, alumni, and attorney patrons. Librarians provided research instruction both in the Library and in the classroom (in person and virtual). They worked with the Legal Practice program to develop, coordinate, and teach legal research classes to 1L students.

**During Academic Year 2022-2023, the Library was open 343 days; the reference desk was staffed 298 days either in person or virtually.**

They also served as liaisons for NYLS faculty and deans, our academic centers, clinics, and the Law Review, as well as the Moot Court Association, Dispute Resolution Team, and other student organizations. The team coordinated interlibrary loan services, participated in collection management, and contributed content to the Library web pages, the *Mendik Matters* blog, the Elevator Ed series of *Learn While You Ride Trip Tips*, and *Legal Lexicon*, a biweekly post of legal terminology designed to give extra meaning to our students' legal education. The circulation staff also provided significant assistance (to students, faculty and alumni) beyond merely checking out and renewing borrowed items. They were essential information providers, helping students locate course and research materials, assisting with printing and scanning, and supplying answers to an enormous variety of other library (or law school) related questions. In short, they were an indispensable adjunct to the reference librarians.

### 2022-2023 Total Requests for Reference and Circulation Desk Assistance

**Total: 12,137**

By Location		By Patron Type			
Remote COVID-19	316	NYLS Students (984 FTE)	10,592	Non-Mendik Librarians	38
Librarian's Office	1,318	Faculty	1,164	Attorneys (Non-Alumni)	10
Reference Desk	1,963	Alumni	175	2022 Venable Students	12
Beyond Library	1,637	NYLS Staff	76	General Public	58
Circulation Desk	8,610	Bar Review	2	Other	10

Table 1

## Services to Students

The library quickly becomes a prominent feature in most law students' educational lives and we are committed to making that experience a rewarding one. A main goal is to provide support and instruction that helps students make meaningful and contextual connections between classroom learning, research skills, and the practice of law.

### Reference Services to Students

The Reference Librarians serve as a crucial resource on a daily basis for students in search of answers. Whether questions relate to legal research, bluebooking, exam preparation, or law school information, the Reference Librarians are resourceful and reliable.

#### 2022-2023 Student Requests for Reference & Circulation Desk Assistance (FTE 984)

By Location		By Method	
Remote COVID-19	94	In Person	7,489
Librarian's Office	411	Phone	1,308
Reference Desk	2,927	Email	2,282
Beyond Library	56	IM/Text/Other	58
Circulation Desk	7,737	Zoom/Teams	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,225</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,225</b>

Table 2

### Legal Research Classes



Reference Librarians provide research training throughout the year. They teach for-credit courses as well as Research Skills Workshops required as part of the Legal Practice curriculum. They also present research sessions in doctrinal courses, and regularly offer a variety of skills workshops.

#### I. Foundations for the Study of Law

Research instruction begins during Orientation, when 1L students actively participate in the Library's introduction to basic research resources and techniques as part of their Foundations for the Study of Law classes. Last year, **362** first year students attended the orientation sessions and explored the Library virtually, discovering the legal research landscape and some important navigational aids and approaches.

#### II. Essentials for Effective Legal Research

Research instruction for 1L students continues throughout the first year. Our most intensive teaching efforts for 1L students, *Essentials for Effective Legal Research* (EELR I and II), take place in the Fall and Spring. These 75-minute sessions, developed in conjunction with the Legal Practice program, help students learn to develop research strategies primarily using Lexis and Westlaw. During the 2022-2023 academic year we offered **29** EELR classes (16 for EELR I and 13 for EELR II) that reached **362** students in the first semester and **391** students in the second semester.

### III. Research Workshops

Working with Legal Practice Faculty, we have developed a program of research instruction to complement the Legal Practice course. In addition to the EELR classes, all 1Ls were required to complete the four workshops shown in *Table 3*. (These classes are also open to upper division students.)

Research Workshops	# of Classes	Attendees
Understanding Jurisdiction & Authority	14	312
Introduction to Administrative and Regulatory Research	15	314
Secondary Sources	14	342
Why Citations and Citators	12	338
<b>Total:</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1,306</b>

*Table 3*

### IV. Classes in the JD Curriculum

Each semester, we offer three credit-bearing research classes for upper division students.

#### Legal Research: Skills for the Digital World

A comprehensive three-credit course focused on advanced techniques using the latest practice resources.

#### Legal Research: Practical Skills

A one-credit intermediate level class that builds on the skills introduced in the Legal Practice course. *Two sessions are offered each semester:* a general research class and a class focusing on a rotating area of law of one of our academic centers or curricular concentrations:

Corporate & Business Law || Intellectual Property Law ||  
Real Estate Law || Criminal Law || Family Law

Enrollment in these more intensive research skills classes is typically capped at eighteen.

Semester	Course	Students
2022 Fall	Legal Research: Skills for the Digital World	15
2022 Fall	Legal Research: Practical Skills	19
2022 Fall	Legal Research: Criminal Law	16
2023 Spring	Legal Research: Skills for the Digital World-- <b>NOT OFFERED</b>	
2023 Spring	Legal Research: Practical Skills	21
2023 Spring	Legal Research: Corporate & Business	12
<b>Total:</b>		<b>83</b>

*Table 4*

## Instructional Outreach

We work with faculty to incorporate subject specific research instruction into classroom teaching. Many of the sessions are team-taught, affording students the benefit of both the librarian's and the professor's perspectives. This year, we worked with **13** different faculty members in **14** classes to provide instruction to **809** students. We also conducted sessions for Law Review, Moot Court and OCEL, as well as provided instruction to **all 1L students** as part of the Orientation sessions of the Foundations for the Study of Law course. In May 2023, we joined with the Office of Academic Planning and Career Development in teaching the annual Professional Development 101 Workshop, *Putting Professional Skills Into Practice: Practical Tips for Research Success*, a class designed to help prepare students for their summer experiences with enhanced research abilities.

Instructional Outreach			
Faculty Member	Class	Fall 2022 Students	Spring/Summer 2023 Students
Cominsky	Criminal Law Clinic: Boot Camp	16	
Davis	Foundations for the Study of Law (Legal Process)	362	
Davis	Foundations for the Study of Law (Statutes and Legislative Process)	362	
Law Review	Law Review Bluebook	13	
Thomas	LLM Tax Program Orientation	3	
Teitel	International Criminal Law		11
Teitel	International Law	24	
Philips	International Moot Court Research Class	4	8
Krishna	Non-Profit Clinic Research Class	16	
Pastor	NY State & Local Government Law	18	
Falati	Patent Law Clinic	9	
Appleton	International Business Transactions		9
Meyers and Lieberman	Venable Summer Associate Simulation Program		31
Office of Academic Planning and Career Development	Practical Tips for Research Success		200

Table 5

## The Venable/NYLS Summer Associate Simulation Program

During June and July 2023, the Reference Librarians partnered again with faculty and Venable partners and associates in providing an intensive, simulated "Big Law" summer associate experience. We delivered virtual classroom instruction and conducted individualized virtual help sessions for **31** students who were divided into two practice groups (Corporate Law (**19**) and Litigation (**12**)).

## Upper Division Training

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Many upper division students request help at their point of need rather than take optional classes not linked to courses or assignments. The Reference Librarians work with these students one-on-one. Special classes are also offered for journal students, moot court competitors, research assistants, and students with judicial clerkships or other externships, and we reach many upper division students through our instructional outreach program discussed above and detailed in *Table 5*.

## Student Publications Support

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### Meetings with Law Review Executive Board

The Library's liaison to the Law Review offers the Executive Board (E-Board) an overview of Library services and administrative procedures and provides suggested research strategies and other information to help in their editorial endeavors. The working relationship between the Law Review and Library Staff is a close and productive one. This year, with the Library's continued help and support, Law Review has expanded its presence in the Law School's Digital Commons repository. For the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, there were **56,034** downloads of NYLS Law Review articles. Since the inception of the project, there have been **169,458** downloads of NYLS Law Review articles.

### Supplemental Training to Law Review Members

The Library liaison also provides comprehensive orientation for new Law Review members and coordinates specialized Lexis, Westlaw and Bloomberg Law training sessions over the course of the semester. He also conducts workshops on Bluebook citation skills.

### Previous NYLS Journals

The Library has also uploaded to the Law School's Digital Commons Repository the full run of two former NYLS journals—the *Journal of Human Rights* (19 volumes) and the *Journal of International and Comparative Law* (22 Volumes). For the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, a total of **59,396** articles have been downloaded from those two journals (respectively, **28,841** and **30,555**). Since inception, there have been a total of **171,726** downloads of articles from these two journals (*Journal of Human Rights* **87,631** and *Journal of International and Comparative Law* **84,095**).

### Family Law Quarterly

The Library has also begun to provide research and citation assistance to the editorial board of *Family Law Quarterly*, the scholarly journal published by the ABA in collaboration with NYLS. In the coming years, more training will be offered to all student members of the journal.

## Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)

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CALI offers more than 1,200 interactive online tutorials in over 50 legal subjects. CALI also offers a series of law casebooks and course supplements as part of their eLangdell Press division. These e-books are available to our students and faculty. Reference Librarians actively promote the tutorials and e-books and provide students with access and assistance. See Appendix *Table 13* and *13a* for details on lessons taken by topic and by month and on NYLS student usage of eLangdell titles. A total of **781** students from the classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026 have registered for CALI accounts. Students this past year engaged with a total of **3,118** lessons and **22** e-book titles.

## Info Hunts



We resumed our three annual thematic Info Hunts—*Legally Clueless* during First Week, *Haunted Halloween* for Halloween, and *Find Love in the Library* for Valentine’s Day—to enable students to hone their research skills while simultaneously having fun and winning prizes. All three events were conducted virtually. We had **393**, **53**, and **39** participants, respectively, and awarded a total of **40** prizes.

## Research Guides (LibGuides)

Using the LibGuides web-publishing platform, we curate and offer a wide and growing array of subject matter resources. Overall usage of these tools is detailed below.

### LibGuides Page Views 2022-2023

Guide Name	Views
Electronic Resources   The Mendik Library	12,588
Free & Low-Cost Legal Research	6,089
Research Tools   The Mendik Library	4,032
Bar Exam Preparation Resources	2,398
Tax Research	1,917
Law School 411: Books & Films on Law & Law School	1,920
Exam Preparation Resources	1,442
Legal Forms	625
International & Foreign Law Legal Research	277
New York Legal Research	503
Family Law	369
Current Awareness Sources	404
Securities Resources	338
Real Estate Resources	270
Professional Responsibility and Ethics	263
Corporations	74
Study Aids	88
Guide to Government Information	43
Bankruptcy Law Research	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,6853</b>

Table 6

## Social Media

Our Facebook page enables students to access most of the Library's digital offerings without leaving the Facebook environment. Our page has received a total of **736** Facebook likes.



## Book Jacket Displays



The Library regularly displays book jackets from our collection on the information boards near the elevators on L2, L3, and L4. These rotating displays center around important legal and historical events as well as current legal issues and new acquisitions. Some topics covered this past year included the Voting Rights Act, the Fair Housing Act, Federal Anti-Trust Law, Constitution Day, and the Bill of Rights, current Supreme Court decisions, Immigration, Family Law, Taxes, and Human Rights.

## Connecting with Students



The Library staff is dedicated to supporting students in all aspects of their educational experience. Connecting with students and helping them achieve their goals is an integral part of our culture. Many of our activities extend far beyond the Library and our ability to check all of the boxes below is very important to us!

Advising Students in Externships	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attending Student Association Events and Celebrations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attending and Helping with Commencement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judging Legal Practice First Year Oral Arguments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Judging Froessel and Wagner Moot Court Arguments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mentoring Bar Studiers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mentoring NYCBA Diversity Fellows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Participating in Experiential Learning Open Houses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Presenting Programs for Prospective Students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proctoring Exams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## Services to Faculty

### Library Liaison Program

The cornerstone of our faculty services is the Library Liaison program, which links each faculty member with a librarian who serves as a principal Library contact. Liaisons meet periodically with faculty members to stay apprised of their research and teaching needs. They also assist in research

and citation tracking, help prepare materials for classroom use, train research assistants, and locate Library materials. Each librarian works with five to seven faculty members.

## Faculty Reference Services

In addition to general reference assistance, our faculty services include:

- ◆ *Library Links*, a periodic email newsletter for faculty
- ◆ Current awareness routing and monitoring
- ◆ Instructional outreach
  - ◇ As detailed in *Table 5*, we work closely with many faculty members to incorporate subject-specific research instruction into classroom teaching
- ◆ Citation tracking
- ◆ Faculty committee support
- ◆ Classroom teaching support
- ◆ Scholarship support through research assistance
- ◆ Support for service to the Law School and the legal community
- ◆ Library Tours for Faculty Candidates

### 2022-2023 Faculty Requests for Reference Assistance

Questions by Location		Questions by Method	
Reference Desk	148	In Person	127
Librarian's Office	811	By Phone	104
Elsewhere in library	2	By Email	825
Beyond Library (public spaces, Commons, home, etc.)	18	Other (Zoom, Teams)	105
Remote	182		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,161</b>

Table 7

As part of our research assistance, we provide faculty with scholarly materials they request. This year, we furnished faculty members with **571** journal articles and **116** books from our own collections. These numbers do not include direct borrowing by faculty, either in person or through research assistants or faculty assistants. In addition, we supplied **99** books and articles to faculty through the Interlibrary Loan process.

## Faculty Publication Display Cases

The Library also maintains public display cases of newly published faculty books and earlier award-winning books, as well as law review reprints and other publications.

## Supporting Faculty Workshops, Conferences, and Special Events

Faculty Workshops, Conferences, and Special Events Attended
CityLaw Breakfast Events
South African Reading Discussions
IELT (Initiative for Excellence in Teaching Law) Pedagogy Workshops
Emeritus Faculty Celebrations
Faculty Hiring Candidate Interviews and Library Tours
Tuesday Faculty Scholarship Presentations

Table 8

## Digital Commons: The Law School's Dynamic Archive

Along with our physical archive of historic law school materials, we continue to grow our Digital Commons collection to highlight the law school's rich history. This year, **1,095** items were uploaded, bringing the total since inception to over **8,720** items as of June 30, 2023. And in early February 2023, we hit the milestone of **1,000,000** total downloads.

Collections within the law school's overall Digital Commons saw nearly **271,093** downloads. *Table 9* details the 10 most downloaded collections over the year. Additional information about Digital Commons material appears on page 12.

Over the course of the academic year, the Library receives many requests from inside and outside the law school about the school's history and alumni. The inquiries come from alumni; relatives of alumni; scholarly researchers; the media; the Dean's office; and the Office of Institutional Advancement. Over the past year, we fielded **6** requests, relating to individual alumni and historical aspects of the school and faculty.

Whenever possible we provide copies or scans of the archival materials. Those who requested the information express enormous gratitude for the historical connection we are able to provide.

The Library maintains two public display cases on the first floor of the W building by the main elevators. The archive provides a rich source of photos and historical artifacts that we use to create informative and attractive exhibits for the public display.

### Faculty Scholarship on Digital Commons

Since 2015, showcasing faculty writing in our Digital Commons has increased faculty exposure worldwide, due to the open access nature of the repository and the platform's optimization for search engine discovery. It also serves as a permanent archive.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Library uploaded **195** faculty works. As of June 30, 2023, a total of **2,653** works have been posted. For the 2022-2023 academic year, these works were downloaded approximately **114,927** times from **205** countries

## Top Ten Downloaded Collections 2022-2023 (Excluding Faculty Scholarship)

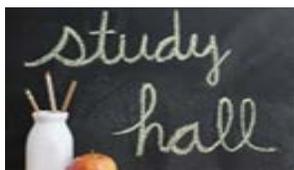
Collection	Downloads
NYLS Law Review	56,034
NYLS Journal of International & Comparative Law (1979 – 2003)	30,055
NYLS Journal of Human Rights (1983 – 2003)	28,841
Archives: NYLS Publications	10,805
History and Archives: 125th Anniversary Materials (Celebrated Trials and Trial Lawyers)	9,476
History and Archives: The Honorable Roger J. Miner '56 Papers	4,934
Academic Centers and Programs: Racial Justice Project	3,280
History and Archives: Student Ledgers	2,460
Academic Centers and Programs: Advanced Communications Law and Policy	1,441
Academic Centers and Programs: NY Census and Redistricting Institute	1,307
History and Archives: New York Law School Photos	947
History and Archives: Event Posters	677

Table 9

## Services to Alumni

Alumni are always welcome in the Mendik Library where they can access a wide array of research resources, including a dedicated Westlaw subscription with a generous selection of primary and secondary authorities. Alumni took advantage of both in-person and remote access to the Library's librarians, who provided help with **60** in-person and **173** remote requests for reference assistance.

## Use of Library Resources



The Library was open an average of almost **100** hours per week during the fall and spring semesters. During final exams Study Hall period, hours were extended to 1:00 a.m. to provide additional hours of daily study time access. During intersession periods, the library hours were reduced to between 40 and 66 hours per week.

2021-2022 Total Monthly Users			
Month	Weekday & Weekend Mornings	Weekday & Weekend Afternoons	Weekday & Weekend Evenings
July	311	883	369
August	751	1,368	738
September	1,692	3,259	1,506
October	1,883	3,465	2,003
November	1,185	2,660	1,307
December	1,575	3,187	1,859
January	629	1,270	726
February	1,158	2,390	1,345
March	1,248	2,628	1,321
April	1,063	2,234	1,201
May	1,388	3,158	1,633
June	352	976	355
<b>Average per Month</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>2,290</b>	<b>1,196</b>

Table 10

## Circulation Transactions

As reflected in *Table 11*, print resources still play a large role for faculty and students. The Reserve Collection accounts for 60% of total transactions. This past year's course reserves comprised **536** items for **480** classes.

2022-2023 Circulation Transactions by Patron Type (Check-outs and Renewals)	
Students	4,734
Faculty	19
Law School Staff	1
Academic Libraries	10
Law Firms	1
In-House use (by all patrons)*	914
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,679</b>

Table 11

\* Materials used within the Library and re-shelved but not checked out.

## Interlibrary Loans

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The library fulfilled **79** Interlibrary Loan requests for faculty, **32** for students and **1** for the law review. We made **74** loans to other libraries.

## Access To and From Other Libraries

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To ensure student and faculty access to materials beyond our collection, we participate in consortial relationships with many law school, university, and other libraries. Through our issuance of what are known as *Green Letters*, our students and faculty have access to other metropolitan area law school libraries. We provide access to additional libraries via METRO Passes through our membership in the Metropolitan New York Library Council. Through agreements with all but two local law school libraries (Columbia and NYU), we can provide our students who reside closer to another law school with a *Letter of Introduction* entitling them to semester-long access for convenience study. We extend a reciprocal privilege to students of the other participating law schools. On request, we also admit students from out-of-town law schools as a courtesy to our sister institutions. Finally, we provide complimentary Reader's passes to faculty guests and visiting scholars. Despite the lifting of COVID-imposed limitations, we did not issue or receive any Green Letters or Letters of Introduction this year.

## Legal Research Database Usage

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The major legal publishers, Lexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg Law, as well as American Lawyer Media, HeinOnline, and PLI provide only limited and non-uniform usage statistics. These are presented in Appendix *Tables 14-19*.

## Government Documents

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The Library has completed its 43<sup>rd</sup> year as a Federal Depository Library within the Federal Depository Library Program overseen by the Government Publishing Office. We collect 2,437 of GPO-published "items," 1,704 of which are online and 733 of which are "tangible" (microforms, print, and CDs/DVDs).

## Collection Management Services

### Staff

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The Technical Services staff focuses on the acquisition of digital and print materials and the maintenance and organization of the Library's entire collection. The latter efforts entail the design and regular updates of the systems and services, including the Library's online catalog and a variety of Library web pages, necessary for our patrons to access and use all our resources effectively. Among other things, the staff works closely with the Reference Librarians to monitor and update the Library's *Treatises by Topic* guides and maintain the *A to Z* list of electronic journal titles, ensuring seamless access to critical resources whose access points and protocols frequently change. They also work continually to maintain the Library's descriptive list of nearly 200 electronic subscription resources available to users from any location.

## Collection Statistics

### Collection Statistics

Format	Titles Owned		Volumes and Volume Equivalents Owned	
	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022
Print	91,726	91,074	276,944	276,011
Microform	199,660	199,355	305,956	305,581
Electronic	247,016	246,973	n/a	n/a
A/V	242	242	1,693	1,693
CDs	552	552	1,497	1,497
<b>Total:</b>	<b>539,196</b>	<b>538,196</b>	<b>586,090</b>	<b>584,782</b>

Table 12

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Technical Services staff added **4,567** records to the online catalog.

In addition to owned titles, the Library provides direct access to more than **20,000** online journals through either direct subscriptions or through various databases and aggregators (e.g., Lexis, Westlaw, HeinOnline, etc.).

### Better World Books

This year, we donated **300 withdrawn** volumes to [Better World Books](#), a non-profit organization that helps fund high-impact literacy projects in the U.S.

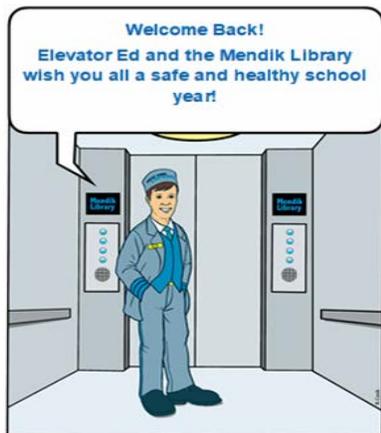
## Library Publications

In addition to our Research Guides discussed on page 8, the Library publishes a number of other digital works each year, primarily in the nature of current awareness alerts. Our goal is to provide faculty and students a continual flow of information about recent articles, new acquisitions, and developments in legal publishing and research platforms.

### Mendik Matters Blog

Our [Mendik Matters](#) blog, which debuted in 2004, publishes items of interest about current legal topics, new legal developments and legal history. It also serves as a vehicle for library-related announcements and information. It alerts faculty and students to new resources, providing an important form of continuing legal research education. During 2022-2023, we posted **44** items to Mendik Matters and reached an audience of over **4,820** subscribers. One of our Mendik Matters blog posts this year was picked up by AALL's *Know It AALL* daily newsletter, which is circulated via email to the nearly **3,500** AALL members nationwide.

## Elevator Ed



Elevator Ed, the winner of AALL's 2013 Excellence in Marketing, Best Campaign award, has endeared himself to scores of our students through his frequent TripTips about legal research and library resources, which help students "learn while they ride." Ed's foremost goal remains elevating all of our students' legal research skills.

## Legal Lexicon

Beginning in the fall of 2019, we launched a new bi-weekly elevator post designed to remind students of the importance of legal dictionaries and offering them a steady flow of new legal vocabulary. A large number of students have noted their appreciation for these regular tidbits.

## Library Links

This short newsletter is sent to faculty on a periodic basis. It highlights new digital research technologies and resources available through the library.

## Orientation Pizza Survey

For the seventeenth consecutive year, the Library conducted its *Orientation Pizza Survey*, designed to gauge the changing digital inclinations of each entering class (as well as their pizza topping preferences). The results from each year's survey are maintained in the Mendik Library section of Digital Commons. [Pizza Survey Results](#).

Here are some key facts from the 2023 Pizza Survey:

- ◆ For the first time, we asked whether students had used a Generative AI/ Large Language Model in various circumstances. Although 51% answered "no," 11% acknowledged using it in an academic setting, 19% used it for work outside of school, and 39% used it "just to see what it is all about."
- ◆ Instagram remains the most popular social networking platform, with 51% of students saying they spent the most time on it. TikTok surpassed Facebook and Twitter this year; 23% of students reported using TikTok. X, formerly known as Twitter, fell considerably, with only 5% of students using the platform.
- ◆ An overwhelming number of students indicated that they preferred text messaging as a method of communication (76%), compared to email at 15%.
- ◆ 20% of respondents read online versions of print newspapers (e.g., *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, etc.) daily, and 47% said they do so occasionally. Students reported that they get most of their news sources from social media (21%), news aggregators (21%) and newspapers (19%).
- ◆ Compared to last year (33%), a significant number of students have used e-textbooks (86%). Of those students, 64% prefer using print/physical textbooks, 16% indicated no preference, and 20% prefer an electronic format.

- ◆ Most students said they regularly used YouTube or another video tutorial platform to help them understand or study content from their undergraduate classes. 19% reported regular use of tutorials, and 28% reported occasional use. 99% of these students indicated that they find these tutorials to be helpful.
- ◆ At 27%, pepperoni remains the pizza topping of choice, with extra cheese pizza a close second (19%).

## Faculty Library Services Manual

The Faculty Library Services Manual details the services offered to faculty members, including support for research and teaching, electronic resources, and interlibrary loan and document delivery services. This manual is made available to all faculty members through the [For Faculty](#) section of the Library website.

## Professional Organizations, Activities and Continuing Education

The librarians participated in a variety of organizations as officers, board members, or speakers. They also attended many professional/continuing education programs, webinars, and networking events (virtually and in person) that will further enhance their contributions and value to the NYLS community.

### American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)

All members of the Library's professional staff are members of AALL.

**Camille Broussard**, attended the AALL Conference held in Boston.

**Camille** is a member of the Society of Academic Law Library Directors, the Academic Law Libraries, Research Instructional and Patron Services and the Social Responsibilities SIS Committees. **Michael Roffer** is a member of AALL's Law Repositories Caucus, the Academic Law Libraries, Government Documents, and Research Instructional and Patron Services SIS Committees. **Ping** is a member of the Technical Services and Research Instructional and Patron Services SIS Committees. **Elina** is a member of the Academic Law Libraries and Research Instructional and Patron Services SIS Committees. **Victoria** is a member of the Professional Development Committee and the Metadata Management Standing Committee.

### American Bar Association

Camille Broussard is a member of the ABA Legal Education Police Practices Consortium.

### Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA)

The Legal Information Preservation Alliance is a non-profit consortium of academic, federal, state and public law libraries working to preserve print and electronic legal information. It enables libraries to work collaboratively on preservation projects at lower cost and to take advantage of the partnerships created by the organization. Camille Broussard completed service as Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors in 2015. She remains the NYLS Voting Representative.

### **Law Library Association of Greater New York (LLAGNY)**

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Martha Goldman, Carolyn Hasselmann, Elina Oyola, Michael Roffer, Victoria Sukhol, Julieanne Eum, Scarlett Taylor, and Ping Tian are also members of LLAGNY. Michael Roffer continued as a member of LLAGNY's Executive Board through July 1, 2022.

### **Perma.cc**

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Perma.cc, developed and maintained by the Harvard Library Innovation Lab at the Harvard Law School Library, helps scholars, journals, courts, and others create permanent records of the web sources they cite. We are a Perma.cc partner library and Michael Roffer is the registrar for members of the NYLS community. We currently have **12** registered users who have created a total of **1,057** permalinks.

### **Society of Academic Law Library Directors (SALLD)**

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Camille Broussard is an active participant.

### **Southold Free Public Library, Southold, N.Y.**

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Camille Broussard is a member of the Board of Trustee

Professional and Continuing Education
LLAGNY Board Meetings
ByWater Solutions: Koha Technical Services
ByWater Solutions: Ultimate Guide to Koha
Westlaw: Introducing Westlaw Precision
ByWater Solutions: Reports sharing in Koha
Lexis: NYLS Librarian refresher
Westlaw: Westlaw Precision review
Lexis: Incorporating Up-to-Date search Features into the Curriculum: Fact Issue Finder and Ravel View
Lexis: Top Tools Your Students Will See in Practice
Lexis: Cost Recovery in practice
LLAGNY Winter Meeting
Westlaw: Power of Practical Law
Lexis: NYLS Librarian refresher
AALL PLL-IP SIS: Super Sleuthing on a Shoestring
Bloomberg Law: NYLS Librarian Refresher
AALL Encore Caucus: Legal Information and the Hostage: Law Librarian David Whelan's twin brother us Russian detainee Paul Whelan
RAF-Limits: Ready to Access to Free Koha Cataloging
AALL PLL-IP SIS: Competitive Analysis: Evaluation of Litigation Analytics of the Top 3 Products
LLAGNY Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

Table 19

# Services to the Law School Community

## New York Law School Activities

This past year, our Librarians engaged in person or virtually in a number of NYLS community programs and activities including First Year Orientation, Alumni virtual receptions, student association programming, health and wellness programming, and all HR and OIT training sessions.

## Committee Memberships

Several librarians held appointments to law school committees:

- ◆ Academic Responsibility Committee (Michael Roffer, Factfinder; Michael McCarthy, Secretary)
- ◆ Academic Responsibility Committee (Grace Lee, Administrative Adviser)
- ◆ Academic Status Committee (Camille Broussard, chair)
- ◆ Academic Support Committee (Grace Lee, Administrative Adviser)
- ◆ Advisory Committee on Campus Safety (Michael Roffer, Michael McCarthy)
- ◆ Admissions Committee (Michael Roffer)
- ◆ Administrative Technology Committee (Grace Lee, Ping Tian)
- ◆ bepress Institutional Repository Implementation Task Force (Camille Broussard, chair)
- ◆ Collection Development Committee (Victoria Sukhol)
- ◆ Collection Management Committee (Elina Oyola)
- ◆ Commencement Name Reader (Camille Broussard)
- ◆ Commencement Soloist Selection Committee (Grace Lee)
- ◆ Demand Driven Acquisitions (Ping Tian)
- ◆ Faculty Coordinating Committee (Camille Broussard)
- ◆ Faculty Meeting Secretary (Camille Broussard)
- ◆ Integrated Library System Committee (Elina Oyola)
- ◆ Library Automation Committee (Elina Oyola, Ping Tian)
- ◆ Metadata Management Standing Committee (Victoria Sukhol)
- ◆ NYCBA Diversity Fellowship Selection Committee (Camille Broussard)
- ◆ OIT/ Mendik Library Joint Committee (Victoria Sukhol)
- ◆ Printer/Copier/Scanner Review Group (Grace Lee, Elina Oyola)
- ◆ Professional Development Committee (Victoria Sukhol)
- ◆ Student Commencement Speaker Selection Committee (Camille Broussard)
- ◆ Teaching Electronic Research: Library/LP Collaboration (Camille Broussard, Michael Roffer, Michael McCarthy, A. Goldstein)
- ◆ Technical Services Management Committee (Victoria Sukhol)
- ◆ Title IX Committee (Michael McCarthy)

## Admissions: Essential Library Resources

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Every summer, Camille, together with the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, hosts a *Finding Information in the Digital Age* class for admitted law students. This summer, **25** students attended the class.

## Bookends

With the 2023-2024 academic year underway, the librarians continue to use the information we have gathered to inform our ongoing efforts to refine and enhance our services and deploy our resources to best serve the law school community amid the changing landscape of legal education and the evolution of law practice.

## Kind Words We've Received

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Some of the expressions of appreciation from faculty, students, alumni, and other library users our librarians have received during the past year:



## Appendix

CALI Lessons Taken by General Topic		CALI Lessons Taken Each Month	
Administrative Law	19	July 2022	2
Civil Procedure	33	August 2022	662
Constitution Law	36	September 2022	1,132
Contracts	173	October 2022	146
Corporate, Financial and Commercial	38	November 2022	545
Criminal Law and Procedure	97	December 2022	194
Evidence	47	January 2023	88
Family Law	0	February 2023	134
Law School Success	2,231	March 2023	156
Legal Research and Writing	178	April 2023	52
Professional Responsibility	19	May 2023	35
Property	69	June 2023	7
Tax	0		
Torts	91		
Wills & Trusts	19		
Other	68		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,118</b>

Table 13

CALI eLangdell Press Titles	Student Usage
Bankruptcy Law and Practice	1
Civil Procedure: Pleading	1
Contract Doctrine, Theory	2
Contract Doctrine, Theory and Practice – Volume 3	1
Criminal Law: An Integrated Approach	317
Criminal Procedure: Free Law School Casebook	3
First Amendment Cases, Controversies, and Contexts	98
Introduction to Basic Legal Citation	1
Land Use	1
Law of Wills	1
Legal Writing Handbook for Clinical Students	3
Liberty, Equality, and Due Process: Cases, Controversies, and Contexts in Constitutional Law	97
Materials for Success	1
Passing the Bar: A Quick Reference Guide For Today's Law Student	2
Property Volume 1	1
Property Volume 2	1
Sources of American Law: An Introduction to Legal Research	153
The Law of Trusts	1
Tort Law: A 21st –Century Approach	2
U.S. Federal Income Taxation of Individuals 2023	1
United States Copyright Law	1
What Color is Your CFR	1

Table 13a

### Lexis Usage 2022-2023

User Type	Searches	Documents Accessed	Shepard's Reports	Public Records Searches
Students	44,430	96,722	11,259	135
Faculty	3,314	5,967	438	7,797
Law School Staff	108	307	2	480
Librarians	421	572	112	168
Adjunct Faculty	3,260	8,570	934	110
<b>Total:</b>	<b>51,533</b>	<b>112,138</b>	<b>16,687</b>	<b>8,690</b>

Table 14

### Bloomberg Usage 2022-2023

	Bloomberg Law.com Site Views	Alerts Sent <sup>1</sup>	Law Report Email Opens	Law Report Email Subscriptions
<b>Total:</b>	50,896	5,127	168,153	16,809

Table 15

<sup>1</sup>User-established alerts

### Westlaw Usage 2022-2023

	Student Transactions	Faculty (includes Librarian) Transactions
<b>Total:</b>	452,800	55,387

Table 16

### American Lawyer Media Usage 2022-2023

Title	Page Views	Visits
New York Law Journal	4,818	2,938
Law.com	2,852	1,494
The American Lawyer	1,533	761
New Jersey Law Journal	608	267
National Law Journal	723	471

Table 17

### HeinOnline Usage 2022-2023

	Page Hits	Site Visits	Articles viewed	Pages viewed	Searches
2022-2023	81,770	4,079	10,943	8,969	5,063

Table 18

### PLI Plus Usage 2022-2023

	Access Count	Number of items Accessed	Number of Unique Items Accessed	Unique Session Count
2022-2023	877	479	31	190

Table 19