



Pappas Law Library

The Pappas Law Library is one of the largest law school research collections in the United States. With 650,000 volumes and hundreds of licensed electronic resources, the law library offers a fully integrated, dynamic environment for conducting legal and law-related research. Staffed by highly trained professionals, the Pappas Law Library team provides the knowledge and expertise necessary for the optimal use of these research resources.

Housed in three floors of the Law School Tower and two floors of the Mugar Library adjacent to the Tower, the Pappas Law Library provides space for research and study. Reading rooms, individual study carrels and small group discussion rooms are available and there are lounges on the second and third floors of the library in the law tower.

Internet access is available in the Reading Room, the third floor, the annex library, and the Law Tower by way of the law school's wireless network. Using a wireless network card, law students can access the Internet and print to network printers with their personal laptops. Wireless network cards can be purchased from University Computers or checked out from the Pappas circulation desk.

In addition, the law library has numerous desktop computers that provide access to the Internet, hundreds of web based licensed legal research products, LexisNexis, Westlaw and interactive educational materials from the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI). Easy access to these electronic products is available from links in research guides on the library website and from the library catalog.

Desktop computers are accessible to students in the computer cluster on the library's second floor. BUSL students and alumni may also use the three computer labs on the third floor, when they are not being used for training. Workstations in the third floor labs also provide access to word processing and related software.

The library's resources include state and federal case law, statutes, legislative history, regulations

and administrative law materials, all significant legal periodicals, and a major collection of legal treatises.

The library has developed an extensive international law collection with emphasis upon materials dealing with the European Union, the United Nations, international trade, and human rights. Additionally, in support of the law school's various specialized curricula and journals, the library has developed extensive collections in intellectual property law, health law, banking law, and taxation.

To provide for the most efficient use of its collections, the law library is fully automated with an online catalog, circulation system, and ordering and serials check-in system.

For materials not in its collection, the law library provides an extensive interlibrary loan service. The law library is a member of the Research Libraries Group, the Boston Library Consortium, the Association of Boston Law Librarians, and the New England Law Library Consortium. These cooperative relationships make the resources of many other libraries available to Boston University law students. In many instances, materials can be obtained on an expedited basis. Interlibrary loan service is also available for materials held by Boston University's Medical Library, not located on the university's main campus.

The Reference librarians have both law and library degrees and considerable experience teaching legal research in print and electronic resources, including LexisNexis, Westlaw, and licensed electronic products. For law students, the librarians offer orientations, library tours, individual research consultations, and basic, advanced and topical research training classes year around. The library has extensive reference hours to provide daily assistance in the use of its rich and varied collections.

The law library web site has extensive research guides, links to useful sites and online sources, and additional information on services and research training classes: www.bu.edu/lawlibrary.

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Please visit our web site for complete information about law library services, collections, facilities, training programs and research resources. Please see the [Law Library Frequently Requested Materials Guide](#) for maps of the law library and annex library.

Library Hours and Access Policy:

	<u>Pappas Library</u>	<u>Annex Library</u>
Monday - Thursday	8am - 11:30pm	8am - 11:30pm
Friday	8am - 10pm	8am - 9pm
Saturday	9am - 9pm	9am - 9pm
Sunday	10am - 11:30pm	noon - 11:30pm

Library hours are extended during exam periods and reduced during holidays and summer. Schedules for these periods are available on the web site and at the circulation desk.

The access policy for researchers outside the law school community is available at the circulation desk and on the web site at www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/info/access.htm

Reference Hours:

When classes are in session professional reference librarians are available to assist researchers during the following hours:

Monday - Thursday	8:30am - 8pm	Saturday	9am - 5pm
Friday	8:30am - 5pm	Sunday	noon - 8pm

Computing Assistance:

For computing and printing assistance a staffed Help Desk is located in the Computer Lab in room 316 on the third floor (358-1697). Students can also contact the University Personal Computing Support Center for assistance: (617) 353-7272 or www.bu.edu/pcsc.

Main Telephone Numbers:

(617) 353-3151 Pappas Administration, Circulation, Reserve, Interlibrary Loan and Reference

(617) 353-2848 Annex Library and Circulation

(617) 247-7664 Public Fax (you need to be present to receive documents)

(617) 353-3732 Mugar Library (the main University Library)