

Dear DU law students, faculty, & staff,

Welcome back to campus! The Westminster Law Library will reopen its physical space on Monday, August 24.

The decision to delay the reopening of the library's physical space by a week was made by Law School Administration in conjunction with Law Library Administration to ensure the safest possible reopening of the building.

When the Westminster Law Library reopens its physical space, additional protections will be in place for users and members of the library staff. These protections will include strict guidelines for safe use of the space, the use of a seat reservation system, the installation of plexiglass barriers and social distancing markers in high-traffic areas, and a book sanitizing system for circulating materials. (Note that the book sanitizing system is on order, so the library will be using a 72-hour quarantine for such materials until it arrives.) There will be more specific messaging about this to come soon, but if you have any questions before then, please contact the law library's Assistant Director (Professor Madeline Cohen) at mcohen@law.du.edu.

Printing in the law library will reopen with its physical space on Monday, August 24. At that time, the law library will provide guidance on how to use the new WEPA Express app to release print jobs in order to make the printing process on University printers as touchless as possible.

As a reminder, the Westminster Law Library continues to provide its full range of support for students, faculty, staff, and other users during the coronavirus pandemic. These services will be available remotely:

Reference Services:

Available from 9:00am – 5:00pm on Monday – Friday

- If you have a research or reference question, send it to help@law-du.libanswers.com or use the live "Chat with a Librarian" service available from the law library website (<https://www.law.du.edu/library>).
- The law library closely monitors both its reference question queue and its chat service and will respond to questions sent by email within one business day.
- 1-on-1 research consultations are available through Zoom by appointment. Users can request an appointment by emailing help@law-du.libanswers.com.

Certificate in Legal Research Program:

- All CLR classes will be held remotely during the fall semester.
- For more information on the law library's very popular Certificate in Legal Research offerings, please attend the CLR Rollout Panel at 12:00pm on Wednesday, August 19. It will be presented as a live Zoom webinar and will be available for later viewing.
- For questions about the CLR or any other instructional offerings, please reach out to the law library's Assistant Director (Professor Madeline Cohen) at mcohen@law.du.edu.

Access to Electronic Resources:

- The law library has access to thousands of titles through our online resources.
- All of these electronic titles are findable using the library catalog (via the “Search” box on the law library website) or the A-Z list of databases (via the “All Library Databases” link from the Quick Links section on the website’s left-hand navigational menu).
- Be sure you access the library’s resources through one of these locations so you are given an opportunity to authenticate yourself as a DU Law user. If you use another route, the publisher cannot recognize you as such and may not give you full access.
- If you encounter any technical issues accessing electronic resources during this time, please contact the law library at help@law-du.libanswers.com for assistance.

Electronic Study Aids:

- The Lexis Digital Library (<https://lexisdl.com/library/dulaw>) includes electronic access to the full Understanding series and Q&A series of legal study aids.

Print Materials, Curbside Checkout, & Interlibrary Loan:

- Print materials are available for checkout and curbside pick-up. Email help@law-du.libanswers.com to request this option and schedule a pick-up time. Print materials will also be available for in-person checkout once the library’s physical space reopens.
- Users can request print & electronic materials not held in the law library collection through ILL and Prospector. There may be delays in obtaining materials due to continuing closures of prominent academic law libraries due to COVID-19, so please try to make ILL and Prospector requests with as much notice as possible.

Purchase Recommendations:

- If you have any purchase recommendations during this time for materials that will help facilitate your work, please send them to lawacquisitions@law.du.edu. Financial resources are tight during COVID-19, but the Head of Technical Services (Andi Molinet) will monitor this account and fast-track consideration of such recommendations.

Fines:

- In conjunction with DU’s University Libraries, all late material fines have been eliminated until September 21.

Faculty Research Service:

- Faculty can request research assistance and 1-on-1 research consultations through Zoom using the regular request queue (facultyhelp@law-du.libanswers.com), which the Faculty Services Librarian (Michelle Penn) will continue to oversee.

Thank you for your patience as the law library works to serve your needs in uncertain and rapidly changing times. Ask us anything! We are here for you!

The Westminster Law Library

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