Staff Highlight

Mike VanderHeijden
Associate Law Librarian for Research Services

Mike has been a reference librarian at YLS since 2011. Before making it big in the law library business, Mike held a number of positions, including but not limited to: research services manager at a DC law firm, advocate for people with disabilities in New Hampshire, house painter on Martha’s Vineyard, organic farm intern, school painter, truck-loader, industrial oven-cleaner, bus boy, and paper boy.

Librarianship chose Mike; he didn’t initially choose it. In fact, while sifting through childhood papers, he recently found, “I hate library,” scratched in the margin of his 4th grade journal. He still incurs late fees at his local library. And his books are in poor condition and arranged in no particular order. Even so, he cherishes memories of visiting the local library with his mom, and sifting through garage sale books with his dad. He is now doing the same with his two young daughters – both of whom, so far, love the library.

Donation of early English common law books by YLS Alumnus Robert Freilich ’57

YLS alumnus, Robert Freilich ’57, has donated his personal collection of early English common law books to our Law Library in honor of his 60th anniversary of graduation from YLS. This donation is a wonderful addition to our historical collection of which English common law is core. Professor Freilich’s donation includes works by Bracton, Coke, and Fitzherbert.

Curious? Stop by the Paskus-Danziger Rare Book Room located on the Lower Level (L2) of the Lillian Goldman Law Library to see this collection.

Important Dates

11/23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday—Library is closed.
11/25 Library Regular Hours Resume.

New Acquisition

Littleton's Tenures (1671), gift of Robert Freilich (LAW ’57). The first bilingual edition: English & Law French.

Book Talks for the Month of November:


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