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TO: Boston College Law School students  
FROM: Legal Information Librarians

**Summer Access to LexisNexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law**

Student access to LexisNexis and Westlaw is based on an academic subscription plan maintained by Boston College Law School. Both vendors provide password access for academic use only under this plan. Accordingly, student passwords become inactive when the academic year ends. There are special provisions to extend password access for those students who will be working for a professor as a Research Assistant, working on a law review, working in an unpaid public interest internship or enrolled in summer classes.

In addition, Boston College Law School maintains a subscription with an electronic research service with unlimited student access - Bloomberg Law. The Bloomberg Law subscription remains active throughout the summer and can be used to research federal and state cases, statutes, rules and regulations. Bloomberg Law also includes foreign and international law databases, U.S. congressional information, federal docket information, news and corporate information. Bloomberg encourages law students to use their academic access to Bloomberg Law as much as possible, even when working for law firms.

Please note that Boston College Law School no longer subscribes to LOISLAW.

**LexisNexis**

Student IDs will be deactivated on June 1, 2011 and will be reactivated for returning students on August 1, 2011. Students have access to career materials only over the summer break. Some students may qualify for summer access.
based on defined educational uses. Educational use includes research for a faculty member, whether on a paid or unpaid basis, research performed while working in an internship, externship or clinical program for academic credit or graduation requirement, research for summer courses, research associated with moot court or law review, research performed pursuant to a grant or scholarship, study for the bar examination and educational research skills improvement. If you qualify for summer access, you may register to extend your ID by logging onto http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool and clicking on Summer Access – Register Now advertisement at the top of the page. Please note that your academic ID may not be used for any paid summer employment, including court or government employment. Students who use their LexisNexis IDs over the summer months for commercial purposes risk forfeiture of their IDs.

LexisNexis ASPIRE Program

The LexisNexis ASPIRE (Associates Serving Public Interest Research) program allows qualified recent graduates to access a specified menu of LexisNexis services. To be eligible for continued LexisNexis access, recent graduates must pursue verifiable public interest work and must work directly for a non-profit or charitable organization. Qualified recent graduates may register for ASPIRE at http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool, by clicking on the ASPIRE advertisement at the top of the login screen.

Westlaw

Student passwords will be cut down to 2 hours of access during the months of June and July, 2011, unless the password is extended for summer use. As of August 1, 2011, returning students’ passwords will be reactivated to full academic use. Students who require access to Westlaw for academic purposes (i.e., summer law school classes, law review or law journal work, moot court-related research, projects for a professor or non-profit public interest internships/externships or pro bono work required for graduation) may register to extend their passwords for summer access. New law school graduates may register to extend their Westlaw passwords for five hours of access in June and five hours of access in July for bar examination
study as well. To register for the summer use or bar study extension, login to Westlaw at http://lawschool.westlaw.com, click on the summer access advertisement on the top of the screen and submit the form. Use of an academic password for commercial purposes is prohibited. Thomson-West reserves the right to collect from users all Westlaw charges incurred through use of law school passwords for other than educational purposes at Westlaw's commercial rates.

Bloomberg BLAW

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