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

**Summer Access to Lexis Advance, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law and CaseMaker**

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. Westlaw makes 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. Although LexisNexis access will be restricted during the summer months, Lexis Advance will remain accessible throughout the summer to all students who have registered a Lexis Advance password.

In addition, Boston College Law School maintains subscriptions with two electronic research services with unlimited student access – Bloomberg Law and CasemakerX. 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 and selected state court dockets, news and corporate information. Plus, you can access BNA law reports, portfolios and treatises on Bloomberg Law. Bloomberg encourages law students to use their academic access to Bloomberg Law as much as possible, even when working for law firms. CasemakerX is accessible throughout the year and can be used to research federal law, and the constitutions, statutes and cases of all 50 states and the District of Columbia. It includes a citator and a case digest.

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

**Lexis Advance**

LexisNexis student IDs will deactivate on June 1, 2013. Lexis Advance student IDs will remain active throughout the summer. Students will have unrestricted, unlimited access to Lexis Advance for both educational uses and for use in summer associate, internship and/or clerkship positions. If you are already a registered Lexis Advance user, you don’t
need to do anything to get summer access. Your current student ID is all you need. If you don’t have a Lexis Advance student ID, contact Karen Gray, the LexisNexis account representative, at k.gray@lexisnexis.com.

**Westlaw**

Student passwords will be cut down to 40 hours of access during the months of June and July, 2013, unless the password is extended for summer use. As of August 1, 2013, returning students’ passwords will be reactivated to full academic use. Students who require extensive 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](http://lawschool.westlaw.com), click on the summer access advertisement on the right 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**

Your Bloomberg Law username and password stay active throughout the year. Bloomberg places no restrictions on the use of Bloomberg Law. Boston College Law students may use Bloomberg Law for any purpose, including research for employers. New law school graduates may continue to use Boston College Law School’s subscription to Bloomberg Law for six months after graduation. Bloomberg encourages students to use Bloomberg Law all summer, every day. If you haven’t already registered with Bloomberg Law and would like to do so, register for your Bloomberg Law account at [www.bloomberglaw.com/activate](http://www.bloomberglaw.com/activate)! You do not need an activation code. If you have any questions, please contact our 24/7 Help Desk at 1-888-560-BLAW or [webhelp@bloomberg.net](mailto:webhelp@bloomberg.net).

**CaseMaker**

CasemakerX is available at [www.casemakerx.com](http://www.casemakerx.com). All law students and faculty may register for access via the “sign up” link on the homepage using his or her bc.edu email address. New law school graduates may continue to use Boston College Law School’s subscription to CasemakerX for three months after graduation.