

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW LIBRARY
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TO: Boston College Law School students
FROM: Legal Information Librarians

SUMMER ACCESS TO LEXISNEXIS, LOISLAW AND WESTLAW

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 for those students who will be working for a professor as a Research Assistant to extend their password access. Please see the descriptions for each vendor below.

In addition, the Boston College Law School maintains a subscription plan with an electronic research service, Loislaw, for unlimited student access. The Loislaw academic subscription remains active through the summer. Loislaw databases include state and federal cases and statutes. Students need to register for individual passwords for Loislaw; instructions appear below.

LexisNexis

Student IDs are deactivated on June 1, 2007; returning students' IDs will be reactivated on August 20, 2007. 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 unpaid internship program in a court or government agency for academic credit; research activity in an externship program with a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity. If you qualify for summer access, you may register to extend your ID after April 1 by logging onto <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool>. 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 ID.

Westlaw

Student IDs will be deactivated on May 31, 2007; returning students' IDs will be reactivated on August 1, 2007. Westlaw offers students access for two hours in June and two hours in July for ongoing academic projects. Students who require access to Westlaw for academic purposes, e.g. working as a Research Assistant for a B.C. Law professor or law review research, may register to extend their passwords for summer access. In addition, Westlaw permits use of academic IDs in unpaid, public interest externships/internships – excluding positions in state and local government and courts. After May 30, you may register to extend your password for these purposes at this site:

<http://lawschool.westlaw.com/registration/summerextension.asp>.

Use of an academic password for commercial purposes is prohibited.

Note: New law school graduates are entitled to ten hours total of access during June and July 2007 to assist them in their bar review studies; any non-academic use of this time is prohibited.

Loislaw

All B.C. Law students may register for access to Loislaw using the B.C. Law School subscription. Connect to: <http://www.loislawschool.com> and click on the register link then fill in all fields marked with an asterisk. Designate your school as MA: Boston College and choose your own name and user code. Note: you must include the B.C. Law School Loislaw registration code: MALBC94. The “Help/Technical Support” link on opening screen provides access to an online user manual and list of search connectors.