

BOSTON COLLEGE LAW LIBRARY  
EDUCATION AND REFERENCE

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

Updated Summer Access to LexisNexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg BLAW and Loislaw

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. Also, LexisNexis has instituted a program to extend the academic passwords of qualified 2009 graduates whose legal employment has been deferred as a result of the current economic conditions.

In addition, Boston College Law School maintains subscription plans with two electronic research services with unlimited student access – Bloomberg BLAW and Loislaw. Both the Bloomberg BLAW and Loislaw subscriptions remain active throughout the summer and can be used to research federal and state cases, statutes, rules and regulations. Bloomberg BLAW also includes foreign and international law databases, federal dockets and corporate information.

#### LexisNexis

Student IDs will be deactivated on June 1, 2009 and will be reactivated for returning students on August 1, 2009. 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, or research activity in an externship program with a non-profit, tax-exempt entity. If you qualify for summer access, you may register to extend your ID after April 1, 2009 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 IDs.

#### LexisNexis ASPIRE Program

The LexisNexis ASPIRE (Associates Serving Public Interests Research) program allows qualified graduates to access a specified menu of LexisNexis services during the deferral period. To be eligible for continued LexisNexis access, graduates must have

accepted an Associate position at a law firm, but are 1) experiencing a deferred fall 2009 start date, and 2) taking on public interest work during their deferral period.

Qualified students may register at [www.lexisnexis.com/aspire](http://www.lexisnexis.com/aspire) to acquire access. Upon confirmation of eligibility, we will allow them to continue using their law school student IDs to access a robust menu of materials to capably support their public interest research. Your school will not be charged for these extra IDs, and graduates will not be able to access any materials that would generate additional, unwanted charges. The LexisNexis Rewards program will not be available to these IDs.

## Westlaw

Student passwords will be cut down to 2 hours of access during the months of June and July, 2009, unless the password is extended for summer use. As of August 1, 2009, returning students' passwords will be reactivated to full academic use. Students who require access to Westlaw for academic purposes (i.e., law review or law journal work, moot court-related research, projects for a professor or unpaid non-profit public interest internships/externships or pro bono work required for graduation) may register to extend their passwords for summer access. To register for the summer use extension, login to Westlaw, click on the green advertisement on the right side of the screen and submit the form. Graduating students who need Westlaw access to prepare for the bar examination can extend their passwords as well. 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. 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. Westlaw will send out instructions on how to register for the new graduate extension shortly.

## Loislaw

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

## Bloomberg BLAW

Your Bloomberg registered username, password and biometric device remain active throughout the year, so long as you remember to login at least once a month. Go to <http://bloomberg.com>, click on the link to "Bloomberg Anywhere", login with your username and password and synchronize using your biometric device. Bloomberg places no restrictions on the use of Bloomberg BLAW. Boston College Law students

may use Bloomberg BLAW for any purpose, including research for employers. New law school graduates may continue to use Boston College Law School's subscription to Bloomberg BLAW for six months after graduation. Bloomberg encourages students to use Bloomberg BLAW all summer, every day.