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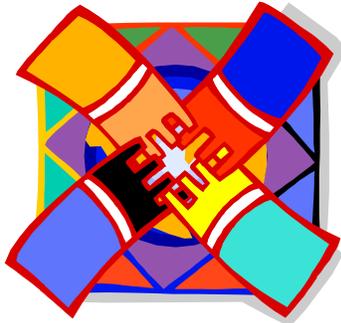
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Diversity in the Legal Profession



In honor of Black History Month, DCLRC is featuring information on diversity in the legal profession. Additional information, statistics, and a handout are available at the "Law and Diversity" display presented during February at DCLRC.

Attorneys of color account for 4.32% of the partners in the nation's major law firms and women account for 17.06% of the partners in these firms.

Two of the top three firms that hire the most minorities are based in Miami.

No single minority group in the United States accounts for more than 4% of the lawyers in the United States.

Women receiving law degrees increased from 33% in 1982 to 48.3% in 2002.

According to 2000 census numbers, 4.5% of all judges and 3.3% of all lawyers are Hispanic.

There is a National Conference for the Minority Lawyer. The next one is June 23-24, 2005 in Seattle.

The American Bar Association has a Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. More information about it is at: <http://www.abanet.org/minorities>

While the WI State Bar has collected data on minority membership, responses are voluntary, making the numbers skewed (36% of membership was of "unknown" ethnic background in 2002).

February Used Book Sale

In the mood for love? In February, all **Romance novels** are 50 cents off in our ongoing used book sale held in the library. New titles arrive each week. Be sure to stop in regularly to view our selection! Cleaning out your home library? Donate your books to DCLRC! We'll accept all books for our monthly book sale: Hardcover, novels, nonfiction, and paperbacks. Drop off your donations in room 315 any time we're open.

We are also a drop off point for recreational reading (magazines and softcover books) materials for the Dane County jail inmates.



Upcoming Events & News

Court Q & A: February

On Tuesday February 1, 12-1, Courtroom 2B, we will begin our Court Q & A sessions. The public is invited to attend this monthly session of court and legal information as departments respond to your questions. No legal advice will be given.

New Address for DCLRC on the Web!



Watch for substantial changes to the DCLRC web pages online!

Point your browser to <http://wsll.state.wi.us/branch/dclrc/> from time to time to check on our progress. New pages planned include our publications and forms, as well as information about DCLRC's collection and services.

“Law and...” Series: February Topic

In honor of Black History Month, the topic for February is “*Law and Diversity*” and features statistics and information about minorities in the legal profession. The “Law and...” series are library displays that highlight the role of law/lawyers in various subjects. Each display contains a handout listing relevant web links or a bibliography of relevant printed material on the topic.

E-newsletter Back Issues

All the back issues of the e-newsletters “Internet Tips,” “Legal Research Tips,” and “Legal Research Reports” are now online! The tips have been published in the [DCLRC Blawg](#) and the Reports are on the WI State Law Library website. Links to both are available on the [Newsletters](#) page (near the bottom).

Staff News



New Courthouse Excitement!

Librarian **Paula Seeger**, WI State Law Librarian **Jane Colwin**, and Deputy State Law Librarian **Julie Tessmer** recently toured the law library under construction inside the Dane County Justice Center (aka courthouse). While the walls aren't up yet, it was easy to see where the new circulation desk, library stacks, and librarian's

office will be. More photos will be posted on the new DCLRC website currently under construction (see note above).

End Notes

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