To: Class of 2015
From: Kathleen McLeod, Associate Dean for Library and Information Services
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Re: Resources available for your Use

Welcome from the Law Library and Technology Department
I would like to start by welcoming you on behalf of the staff of the Elon Law Library and Technology Office. We are glad that you have decided to join us this year.

Like most entering law students, there are a million questions and worries flashing through your mind, we are here to allay as many of them as possible by providing you with answers to some of the questions as they relate to the law library and technology.

Library Hours
One of our most frequently asked questions is about library hours. We post library hours on a semester basis on our website. Fall 2012 hours will be posted at the beginning of August.

Legal Databases
Many of you have used or heard about legal research databases and yes, you will have access to three of them here at Elon: LexisNexis, Westlaw and Bloomberg Law. You will be issued/register for individual passwords for each system during orientation. Please check your orientation packets for special instructions for completing registration.

An initial orientation will be provided during orientation and more complete training will be provided during your legal research class in the fall. Since you are issued individual passwords these research systems can be accessed wherever you have an internet connection.

Course Management Software
Most Elon Law School faculty use course management software to post/collect assignments, documents, course materials, announcements and other related administrative materials. Elon Law School faculty use one of two systems: MOODLE or TWEN. MOODLE is the course management system provided by Elon University and access is with your network username and password.

TWEN [The West Education Network] is provided to law schools by Westlaw and is accessed with your Westlaw username and password.

Network/Internet Access
Elon Law School has a fully accessible wireless network throughout the building. Students login to the network with their Elon e-mail usernames and password. You may access any of our specialized legal databases from anywhere within the network.

Computers & Software
Purchasing -- If you are considering purchasing a new computer, there are student discounts available through Elon University. Elon’s IT department has prepared an excellent summary of computer buying considerations and discount opportunities at their technology wiki.

On campus computers -- The law school has a computer lab on the lower level of the library with 25 PCs available to students when the library is open and there are no classes scheduled in the room.

Software – Elon provides each incoming student with a copy of Microsoft’s Office. Details for downloading will be included in the orientation packet.

Other Questions?
Still have question I haven’t answered? Contact the Elon Law reference desk via phone: 336-279-9329 or use our online chat service available from the library webpages.