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The Great Legal Philosophers

by John Patrick Quigley

ubtitled "Selected Readings in Jurisprudence," this book is on Floor A at K226.M6A2, with other philosophy books. It has excerpts from twenty-two philosophers, but this review will mention only a few. We won't summarize their various works, but will relate historical environments and significance described by the editor.

Aristotle (384-322 B.C.), although not a lawyer, is taken by the editor as the beginning of legal philosophy. He became a favorite student of Plato, whose methods Aristotle used in developing his own philosophy. Aristotle tutored Alexander the Great for seven years. Later, Alexander ordered his generals to provide, from the many lands that he conquered, any information that Aristotle required for his accumulation of knowledge.

Cicero (104-43 B.C.) is said to have been the conduit of Greek philosophy to Rome. Famed as the greatest orator of all time, at an early age he was elected as one of two powerful Consuls who administered Rome. A lawyer and staunch constitutionalist, he supported Pompey against Julius Caesar. Upon Pompey's defeat, Cicero was forgiven, but after Caesar's assassination Cicero

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Illustration by John Leech, from: The Comic History of Rome by Gilbert Abbott à Beckett. Bradbury, Evans & Co, London, [1850].

Urban Agriculture Incentive **7**ones Act

by Molly Solazzo

pring is here and our thoughts turn towards gardening. Not just gardening but "urban agriculture". Urban agriculture can be defined as the practice of cultivating, processing, and distributing food in or around a village, town, or city.

California recently passed a law to encourage agriculture in urban areas, the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Act. The Act allows cities and counties to designate "incentive zones" in urban areas (250,000+ people) where landowners can get a substantial property tax break in exchange for dedicating their vacant land to commercial or noncommercial agricultural use, or animal husbandry. Property taxes are then based on an assessment of the agricultural value of the land, instead of its (higher) market value.

While a long standing law in California, the Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act), gives tax breaks to property owners who allow their land to be used for agriculture, the land must be at least 100 acres, and is dedicated for 10 years. The new law allows for terms of 5 years

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was killed by order of Marc Anthony.

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) is credited with introducing Aristotle's writings to the Roman Catholic Church, which had considered them to be anti-Christian because of their use by Moslem scholars. He was once charged with heresy, but after his death he was canonized and his teachings were declared the basis of Roman Catholic philosophy.

Hugo Grotius (1583-1645), was one of several philosophers who lived when the feudalism of the Middle Ages was in its death throes and Europe was looking for a new theory of state organization. Grotius developed a contractual theory, which some take as the beginning of reason for philosophy, an important part of the European Renaissance.

Thomas Hobbs (1588-1679) stayed in France during civil war, when the English King Charles I was beheaded and Oliver Cromwell ruled as a dictator. Hobbs championed a strong central government and encouraged submission to Cromwell. But after Cromwell's death and the coronation of Charles II as King, he also supported that.

John Locke (1632-1704) advocated a constitutional government, with a division of powers and emphasis on civil liberties. He lived in exile in Holland until Charles II was forced out, and then returned with the new monarchs, William and Mary. His views had a strong influence on our founding fathers and were used by them for our Constitution.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935) enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil War and was commissioned as a Lieutenant, rising to Lieutenant Colonel. He was severely wounded several times. When Lincoln visited a battle site, Holmes ordered him to "Get down, you fool!" After the war, he became a lawyer and wrote *The Common Law*, his best known work. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Teddy Roosevelt.

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and applies to much smaller parcels (0.10 acres or more).

Introduced in February 2013 by Assemblyman Ting (D-San Francisco), AB 551 was signed by the Governor in September and went into effect in January 2014. Once a city or county establishes a zone (by passing ordinances/resolutions), landowners can sign contracts allowing their land to be used for agricultural purposes in exchange for the tax break.

Read the text of the law on the California Legislature's website at leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?



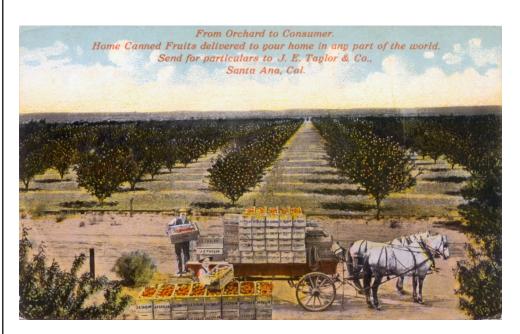


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Access to Orange County Law School Libraries



by Elizabeth Harmon

The Orange County Public Law Library operating hours are designed to cover the needs of the legal community and the general public within a set schedule. However, some patrons have asked about other options, such as public and attorney access to law school libraries, when the OCPLL is closed. Below is a list of law school libraries and their access policies.

1) Whittier Law School Library, (714) 444-4141 www.law.whittier.edu/index/law.library The general public

Students

Attorneys and judges

The following law school libraries also have policies that specify who may use their facilities and library resources, <u>none</u> of which include the general public.

2) Harry and Diane Rinker Law Library at Chapman University Law School, (714) 628-2553 www.chapman.edu/law/student-resources/library

Current Chapman University Law students and other Chapman University students Fowler School of Law and Chapman University faculty, staff, and administrators Fowler School of Law alumni

Law students from other law schools with current student identification Attorneys with current bar cards and judges

3) Trinity Law School, (714) 796-7172

www.lawschool.tiu.edu

Trinity students

Attorneys with current bar cards and judges

University of California, Irvine Law Library, (949) 824-6961

www.law.uci.edu/library

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UCI faculty and staff from other departments with a current UCI identification

All others must obtain a "visitors pass". Those eligible for a pass include:

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Law students from other ABA-recognized law schools with a current student ID

Faculty from law schools or other accredited non-law institutions

All state bar members, in good standing, with a current or inactive bar card

Paralegals and instructors from the UCI Extension program with valid identification

Western State College of Law, (714) 459-1111

www.wsulaw.edu/library

Current Western State College of Law students

Current Western State College of Law faculty and staff

Alumni

Students from ABA and CBE law schools with current student identification

Attorneys with a valid bar card and judges

SCALL Institute - "Privacy: Current Legal Trends"

by Kelsey Chrisley

The Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) will hold its annual premier educational event, the SCALL Institute, from April 11-12, 2014 at the Ventura Beach Marriott. This year's topic is Privacy: Current Legal Trends.

Confirmed speakers include:

Keynote Speaker:

Hanni M. Fakhoury

Staff Attorney, Electronic Frontier Foundation San Francisco, CA

Topic: Raising Old Fourth Amendment Challenges to New Technologies

Robert D. Brownstone

Technology & eDiscovery Counsel, Fenwick & West LLP Topic: Metadata Ethical and Security Risks

Elizabeth Henderson

Assistant District Attorney, Major Fraud Unit, Orange County District Attorney

Topic: Organized Identity Theft Groups and Structure

Brian Pascal

Research Fellow, UC Hastings Privacy & Technology Project, and Non-resident Fellow, Stanford Law School Center for Internet & Society

Topic: "How Technology Broke Privacy"

Jessica Linehan

Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP

Topic: Monitoring Employee Internet & Email Usage

Michael Saint-Onge

Senior Library Relations Manager, LexisNexis

Topic: 30 Privacy Sites in 30 Minutes

For more information about the event, registration and hotel accommodations, please see scallinstitute.org/

Looking at the Web

by Mora Prestinary

March is Women's History Month: see the Library of Congress website for Exhibits & Collections womenshistorymonth.gov/

May 1, 2014 Law Day Theme: American Democracy and the Rule of Law: Why Every Vote Matters

www.americanbar.org/groups/public education/ initiatives awards/law day 2014.html

Official California Voter Information Guide voterquide.sos.ca.gov/

Orange County Registrar of Voters www.ocvote.com/

U.S. Election Assistance Commission: A Voter's Guide to Federal Elections

www.eac.gov/voter resources/ a voters guide to federal elections.aspx

California Department of Consumer Affairs www.dca.ca.gov/

Consumer Affairs USA www.consumeraffairsusa.org/

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Information www.consumer.ftc.gov/

National Consumer Law Center www.nclc.org/

USA.GOV: the U.S. government's official web portal. File a complaint, be a smart shopper, understand credit, and more. www.usa.gov/topics/consumer.shtml



Where can I get online information about **Evictions?**

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by Mora Prestinary



California Dept. of Consumer Affairs free publication:

"California Tenants (English/ Espanol) - A Guide to Residential Tenant and Landlord Rights and Responsibilities" www.dca.ca.gov/publications/consumerpubs landlord.shtml

Equal Access Project Landlord/Tenant www.courts.ca.gov/partners/257.htm

Fair Housing Council of Orange County California Courts Self Help Center

www.fairhousingoc.org/landlord.html www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm



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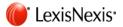
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<u>Xspouse / Xarrears</u> - Calculates child and spousal support (& arrears). Print or download to flash.

What's Going On

by Molly Solazzo



The Library's subscription to LexisNexis covers all California material. Available on the Library's Public Computer terminals the database provides access to: all Matthew Bender California publications (including California Forms of Pleading & Practice), California law journals, jury instructions, case law, Deerings; full Shepards. Full-text. Print, email, or download to flash.



You can Log into your Library Account on the web

To log into your account go to the Library's website, www.ocpll.org and click on "Catalog". When in "Catalog" click on "Patron Account Login" and input your name and library barcode number (on the back of your library card). When logged into your account you can

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The Library's Spring book display features publications of the National Consumer Law Center.

NCLC's expertise includes policy analysis and advocacy; consumer law and energy publications; litigation; expert witness services, and training and advice for advocates.

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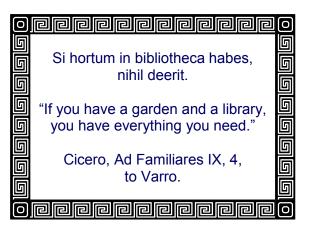
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