Digital Commons Law Newsletter

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Welcome to the launch of the Law Newsletter! While this is aimed at our law community, we hope that everyone can benefit from some inspiration. First order of business, what should we name it? Send your newsletter title ideas to Jennifer Pesetsky at j.pesetsky@elsevier.com.

Penn Law: Maximizing Visibility
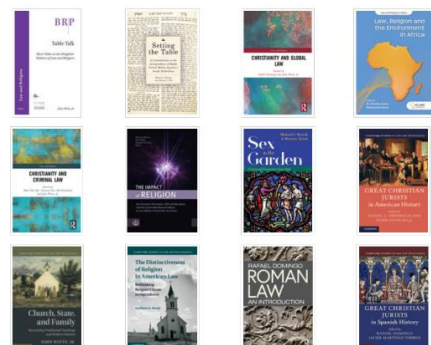
Intellectual Life at Penn Carey Law recently surpassed 13 million downloads and 20,000 uploads! Keys to their success? IR administrators Ben Carlson and Grace Knitter shared some of the following tips:

- Focus on posting all works that are relevant to the law school, including back editions of journals, to help keep the IR high in search results.
- Don't forget the power of maximizing your SEO!
- Share links to works in marketing materials, blog posts, or anywhere else you'll be able to reach a targeted audience.
- If you have faculty members who want to maintain their SSRN download counts, your Digital Commons consultant can add a button to their article info page that will allow you to link to the work on their SSRN page!

Congratulations to Ben, Grace, and the team on your incredible results!

Examples In Brief

- Emory Law hosts the Center for the Study of Law and Religion's book gallery, containing information on books which discuss the intersections of law and religion. The book gallery structure is a great way to display the collection's amazing book covers!

- The [Thompson Rare Book Collection](#) at [Schulich Law Scholars](#) hosts a collection of course notebooks from alumnus D. Frank Matheson, class of 1901. Not only was his handwriting impeccable, some of the cases he studied are still part of the curriculum at Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law!
- The University of Michigan Law School has an [image gallery](#) containing stained glass windows featuring the seals from other Law Schools. Beautiful structure, Michigan Law!
- And, take a look at The University of Georgia School of Law's [Digital Exhibits](#)! We love how they are embracing Digital Commons Exhibits (DCX).

Spotlight: Judge Charles R. Richey Archive

Over the years, we've hosted many unique and interesting bodies of work here at Digital Commons, from a variety of disciplines. Amongst these outstanding collections resides the recently created archives of Case Western Reserve University School of Law's graduate, Judge Charles R. Richey (class of 1948).
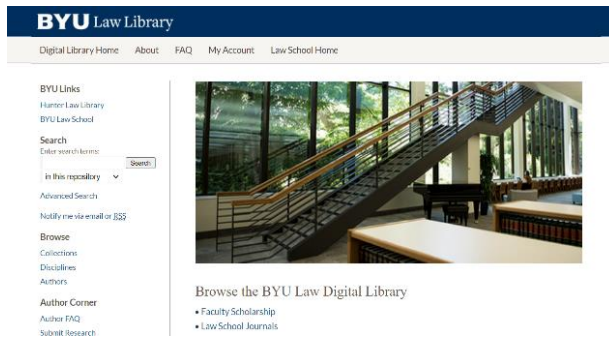
The archive features documentation from over the course of Judge Richey's illustrious career, as described in the collection's introductory text:

Judge Richey's papers came to Case Western Reserve University as a complete collection of full case and administrative files. The collection consists of Judge Richey's personal papers (associations, business records, speeches, and correspondence); scrapbooks of articles about Judge Richey; courtroom drawings and sketches; and some miscellaneous materials (awards, personal mementos, etc.)."
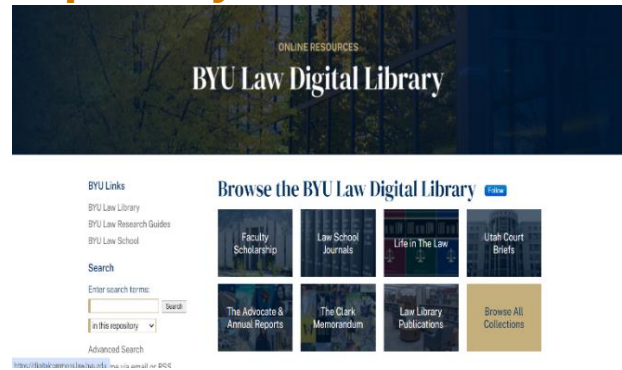
Judge Charles Robert Richey was nominated for Federal judicial service by President Nixon in April of 1971, and played an active role in the judicial proceedings for the Watergate litigation.

[Check out the collection for yourself on Case Western Reserve University School of Law's repository.](#)

Redesign: BYU Law's Updated Repository

Before

After

[BYU Law Digital Library](#) recently redesigned their repository, creating a fresh look that matches their revamped [library website](#). They used a specific color palette, new images, and added very nice browse buttons on the homepage to feature some prominent collections. Congratulations, BYU Law!

Tool: Batch Upload File Manager

Many of our law clients have lots of content they want to add to their repository: Law Review back issues, commencement programs, and videos from prominent speakers, to name a few. This is all great content for the repository, but law admins struggle to find time.

To streamline this process, use our Batch Upload File Manager, which was released in 2022. It deserves more publicity because it is amazing! We've eliminated the need to first get your files onto your IT department's server or Google Drive.

Following [the steps outlined here,](#) you'll start from your desktop, and quickly get your full text documents into a batch upload spreadsheet and then onto your repository. Perhaps you can tackle this as a summer project? We're excited to help you reach your repository goals!

We hope you enjoyed this inaugural issue of the soon-to-be-renamed Digital Commons Law Newsletter.

Remember, you can get in touch with your consultant anytime at dc-support@elsevier.com.

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