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1. Use the Library’s COURSE RESERVES function to find the title, call number and library location of the casebook required in your Contracts class [Hint: look on the Library HOMEPAGE.]

   Professor’s name: __________________________________________________________

   Title of casebook: __________________________________________________________

   Call Number: __________________________ Location: ____________________________

2. Sometimes in preparing for class, you will come across concepts that confuse you. The Library owns many STUDY AIDS (in print and online) that help you better understand a case or legal concept. Examples include the Question & Answer series (LexisNexis), the Examples & Explanations series (Wolters Kluwer), and the Nutshell series (West). Use the Library’s ONLINE CATALOG and type in this KEYWORD search: wills examples & explanations.

   What is the title of the first book listed? ____________________________________________

   Where in the Library is it located? ______________________ Is there a more current edition? ____________

   To view additional topics in the Examples & Explanations series, type in this KEYWORD search: examples & explanations; then, using Refine your search (on the left side), select Show more under Topics.

3. Staying up to date on legal developments is critical for attorneys as well as law students. One of the most important current awareness resources for New York attorneys is the New York Law Journal. Find today’s edition of the NYLJ online and provide any headline appearing on the front page. Make sure to indicate the date you saw the headline. [Hint: Use the How Do I . . .? section on the Library’s HOMEPAGE and look for Read Today’s New York Law Journal.]

   Headline: ________________________________________________________________

   Date of headline: ______________________________

4. You want to learn more about the famous torts case of Palsgraf v. Long Island Railroad Co. Using the Library’s ONLINE CATALOG, find the most relevant book you can about the case and provide the title and author.

   Title: ________________________________________________________________

   Author: ________________________________________________________________

5. In the Fischer case you are discussing in your Fundamentals for the Study of Law class, the court cites several times to various sections of something called “RSA.” Using The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation (20th edition), find Table 1 listing state legal materials and go to the entry for New Hampshire. What does RSA stand for? [Hint: start by finding the Bluebook’s call number and location in the ONLINE CATALOG; search by title and use the full title.]
6. While reading the *Fischer* case, you think it would be useful to look at the decision of the court in *Woodview Dev. Corp. v. Town of Pelham*, 152 N.H.114 (2005), which was cited in *Fischer*’s last paragraph. Using the Library’s FASTCASE subscription database (a popular, lower cost alternative to Lexis and Westlaw), find the *Woodview* case and provide the name of the judge who wrote the court’s opinion and the specific date on which the opinion was issued (not the date the case was argued). [**Hint:** use the Online Catalog to take you directly to FASTCASE; use the “Quick Caselaw Search” feature and make sure “All Jurisdictions” is selected; don’t include the abbreviated terms in your search.]

   Name of judge: ____________________________________________

   Specific date on which opinion was issued: ____________________

7. The law is filled with acronyms (e.g., EEOC, POTUS, FDA, FCC, SEC) and until you learn to decode them, reading cases and articles can be very confusing. **What does SCOTUS stand for?**

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8. As all New Yorkers can attest, stepping in dog doo is no fun. That’s partly why the New York Legislature enacted Public Health Law 1310 ("Removal of canine wastes"), more commonly known as the "pooper scooper" law. Using Google Scholar, find a New York State Supreme Court decision that upheld the constitutionality of the statute. [**Hint:** from the Library’s HOMEPAGE under ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, click ALL SUBSCRIPTION RESOURCES and then on G – and then on GOOGLE SCHOLAR. In Google Scholar, select Case law.]

   Name of New York case: ______________________________________

9. In addition to STUDY AIDS, the Library has an extensive collection of TREATISES that provide more in-depth coverage of particular areas of law. Use the Library’s TREATISES BY TOPIC tool on our HOMEPAGE to identify any multi-volume treatise or hornbook (in print or online) on the general subject of criminal law. [**Hint:** make sure the title includes both “criminal” and “law.”]

   Title: _______________________________________________________

   Call Number (if in print): _____________ Name of Database Provider (if online): __________

10. New York Law School’s Digital Commons is an online repository providing open access to the research, scholarship and intellectual product of the entire NYLS community. Along with preserving that material, the repository provides a permanent home to a growing collection of material documenting our institutional history. Click the Digital Commons link (left side of the Library’s home page), then History & Archives, and then New York Law School: A Heritage. What year was New York Law School founded?

    Year NYLS founded: ____________________

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