

# Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library

**As the intellectual commons of the law school, the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library will create innovative services and provide print and electronic resources that advance the scholarly, teaching, and public mission of the law school, both for today and for the future.**

## MARIAN GOULD GALLAGHER LAW LIBRARY GOALS

- Provide a wide range of services to support and enhance faculty scholarship
- Provide legal research teaching and training for law students, staff, and faculty
- Build a law library collection that brings content to the desktop and provides usable legal information
- Create student-centered services, facilities, and collections to support their academic work and their commitment to public service
- Reach out to the university, community at large, and legal and law librarianship organizations to share expertise
- Attract and retain the best staff in order to fulfill the library's mission within the law school

The Gallagher Law Library is the epitome of the ABA Standard that "the law library shall be an active and responsive force within the life of the law school". Cooperative agreements give faculty and students access to vast collections that supplement our own 650,000 volume collection.

Professional librarians help sort through the vast amount of legal knowledge available on-line and in print. Creative, well-trained and highly educated library staff use technology to save faculty, students, and staff time and to broaden their knowledge base, as well as provide service to the legal community.

The physical law library is spacious and inviting with many different kinds of user spaces. The law library's virtual presence is strong via our website (<http://lib.law.washington.edu>). The site provides access to legal research guides and a wide array of digital legal materials.

## CASE FOR SUPPORT

The Gallagher Law Library is primarily funded through state funds, allocated to the UW. During the past 20 years, as digital information requires libraries to buy the same content several times in different formats, costs have dramatically increased. The Law Library serves the region with its mission of research and access to the law — no matter when it was created. As law firms and agencies reduce their collections of historical legal materials, our mission requires the retention and preservation of unique legal material in addition to providing access to current legal information.



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## FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Support acquisitions of new library materials
- Support the annual cost of electronic resources
- Establish a Technology Innovation Fund to enhance access to the law library's vast resources
- Establish a Preservation of Law Endowment in order to create databases for preservation of and access to unique legal materials that are born digital or need to be digitized
- Establish a Student Support Endowment Fund to enhance cost-effective legal research training
- Establish a Chair for law library director's faculty position
- Establish a Reference Librarian Endowment Fund to help advance the legal community by providing research support to faculty, students, and the public