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*The CRIV Sheet*  
**Ashley Arrington**

Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new issue of *The CRIV Sheet*. It's a good one—and not only because of Ashley Arrington's first appearance as co-editor. (Welcome, Ashley!)

First up, Alex Clay Hutchings of the University of Richmond makes a compelling case for academic law librarians to use their rapport with students to increase awareness of the many helpful, if not necessary, products for bar exam preparation. Supplementing bar prep vendors' marketing efforts with an expert yet neutral point of view is a natural extension of the law librarian's role, and Alex gives plenty of pointers on how the library can ultimately contribute to boosting passage rates that are so central to the law school mission.

CRIV member Carol Ottolenghi of the Ohio Attorney General's Office shows us often overlooked ways that information and services from government agencies can be leveraged to benefit law libraries and their users. Such taxpayer funded "vendors" often provide useful programs themselves or in conjunction with libraries, and Carol highlights the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for some of its unique opportunities and initiatives to inform and serve the public.

As usual, we end with notes from CRIV's semiannual calls with vendors, including Bloomberg Law, LexisNexis, Thomson Reuters, and Wolters Kluwer. Our CRIV liaisons speak with representatives of the companies about recent changes, enhancements, and initiatives. The overview of Westlaw Precision is likely of interest to many readers, as are the enhancements to VitalLaw and many additions to Lexis, such as Fact and Issue Finder.

Please continue to reach out with your suggestions for

We aim to provide a range of content that informs and involves law librarians of every type, and your inspired contributions are always needed. Contact [Ashley](#) or [Andrew](#) anytime about

Happy spring and happy reading!



## FROM THE CHAIR

CYNTHIA CONDIT

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Greetings Readers!

Thank you for taking time to read the first issue of \_\_\_\_\_ for  
2023. As always, the editors have a stellar issue for you. Don't forget,




# WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT BAR PREP

**ALEX CLAY HUTCHINGS**

STUDENT SERVICES AND RESEARCH LIBRARIAN  
UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND SCHOOL OF LAW

I recently had a conversation with a law student in her last semester. She has already lined up a



takenly) that she could get by without a bar prep course. Or, how “that one student” thought it was too expensive, but realized too late it wasn’t nearly as expensive as taking the bar twice. Frankness is especially valuable if you know the student is struggling with motivation or time management in their 3L year. Your candid conversation may be just the eye-opener they need.

On a basic level, the library should expand its



# USE VENDORS HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT TO GET GREAT RESOURCES AND SELL LIBRARY SERVICES

**CAROL OTTOLENGHI**

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES  
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

It's easy to forget that we provide government agencies with money to produce and distribute resources. We don't usually think of these agencies as "vendors" because we aren't paying a specific amount, for a specific product, to be received at a specific time. But our tax money pays for a plethora of well-researched, topic-specific resources that are available to all of us at no additional cost.

In short, government agencies are really useful vendors!







## CRIV / BLOOMBERG LAW SEMIANNUAL CALL

JEANNE FRAZIER PRICE

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & DIRECTOR OF THE WIENER-ROGERS  
LAW LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Participants: Jeanne Frazier Price (CRIV Liaison to Bloomberg Law), Lauren Kaplan (Head of Strategy, Bloomberg Law), Michelle Hook Dewey (AALL Executive Board Liaison to CRIV) & Ross Pendley (Customer Experience Manager, Bloomberg Law)

- Transactional Drafting Tools
  - Additions of different types of agreements to the Draft Analyzer
  - Additions to sample contract clauses to cover trending issues related to, among other things, supply-chain challenges
- Environmental, Social, and Governance Issues

- New toolkit for the health industry, includ -  
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retailers, healthcare delivery, and manager  
care
- New toolkit for the manufacturing industry,  
including specialized guidance for compa-  
nies engaging in mining, oil, and gas ac-  
tivities, electronics-related activities, and  
technology
- Privacy and Data Security
  - Updated homepage and enhanced alert  
features
  - Enhancements to functionality for building  
state bill proposal searches for biometric  
and consumer privacy initiatives
  - Enhanced access to information on Ed-  
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dockets, and court opinions, state privacy  
resources, international materials, and  
federal statutes, regulations, and agency  
materials
  - Enhanced client alerts related to the Gener-  
al Data Protection Regulation, the Gramm-  
Leach-Bliley Act, and the Health Insurance  
Portability and Accountability Act
- Banking and Finance
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and the UCC
  - Updated practice center features including  
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functionality
  - Improvements to state and federal secu-  
rities coverage and enhancements to the  
functionality of the Rule 506 Form D Filings  
Chart Builder



intend to follow up with additional information.





- 2022 [Employment Litigation Report](#) – While  
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the pandemic to the lowest number in a decade,  
COVID-19 cases and damages awards have



## CRIV / THOMSON REUTERS SEMIANNUAL CALL

ELIZABETH OUTLER  
ERESOURCES LIBRARIAN  
LAC GROUP

Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Participants: Elizabeth Outler (CRIV Liaison to Thomson Reuters), Mark Baker (Director of Product Management, Thomson Reuters), Blythe McCoy (Thomson Reuters Information Management Consultant) & Michelle Hook Dewey (AALL Executive Board Liaison to CRIV)

Thomson Reuters provided an overview of their new platform, [Westlaw Precision](#).

- Thomson Reuters developed Westlaw Precision because legal research still takes a lot of time and lawyers are often worried they have missed something important.
  - Searches inevitably miss relevant documents due to language variation because courts use different terms than your search to refer to the same concept.
  - How do we improve research outcomes and time spent for researchers?
  - Addition of new Precision Attributes to improve case law research in Westlaw [attribute](#)



Additional features available in Westlaw Precision rollout:

- KeyCite Cited With – what other cases are cited alongside my case?

- Adjust how closely together the cases are cited

- &LWLQJ UHODWLRQVKLS “OWHU DOORZV \RX WR “OWHU out cases that don't cite your case or are cited by your case

- KeyCite Overruled in Part – attempts to solve WKH UHG ”DJ SUREOHP ZKHUH D UHG ”DJ PDNHV a case look like bad law just because one point was overruled.

- Helps navigate directly to that point of law and highlights the operative language so you don't have to hunt for it

- Graphical view of research history

- Helps navigate research history so you can reconstruct your steps

- Highlights documents where you spent a lot of time or returned multiple times

- Keep list

- Each item in search result you can book-



