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Records of the Center for Law and Computers, 1984-1999

Overview of the Collection

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History

In April of 1983, Professor Ronald W. Staudt announced the creation of a Center for Law and Computers (CLC) at the Illinois Institute of Technology Trustee and Faculty Dinner. CLC built the first computer research and teaching facility in the United States for the study of law and technology, staffed by a team of seven with a classroom lab of 21 personal computers. In 1984, Professor Staudt joined with Professor Ralph Brill to incorporate computer use into Chicago-Kent's nationally acclaimed legal writing program in which fifty students participated in an experiment to use word processing programs to write their legal writing papers. Later that year, as part of an IBM-funded study of the effectiveness of computers in legal education, CLC built an IBM PC classroom equipped with 35 computers for 60 entering students to begin an experimental program.

In October of 1984, CLC began offering continuing legal education programs on the use of technology in law practice with "Microcomputers for Lawyers." In 1985, the First National Bank co-sponsors the first "PC Strategies for Lawyers" course, and later that year hosted a series of roundtables, which urged CLC to survey lawyers in large American law firms about their use of computers, and the first Large Firm Survey was launched.

As a result of the 1984 IBM/IIT joint study, all entering students in 1985 learned to use computers as part of the Introduction to the Study of Law Curriculum. In January of 1986, Professors Ronald W. Staudt and Robert Crangle began teaching "Law Office Economics and Technology" at Chicago-Kent. In the fall of 1988, CLC faculty began teaching automated practice in Legal Drafting to second-year students. 16,000 student hours were logged in computer labs with 29 classes in legal research, drafting, Lexis, and Westlaw. In 1992, the Chicago-Kent College of Law moved to the newly built campus at 565 W. Adams Street, which included three computer labs and an experimental legal writing laboratory, laptop connections to the law school network in classrooms, as well as computer nodes at every seat in the library and throughout the law school. Professor Staudt published an electronic casebook in 1992 and taught Computer Law using solely his casebook as course materials. In 1993, Professor Richard Warner completed a student tutorial program of 30 lessons for the study of contract law, and Computer Fellow Rosemary Shiels taught Legal Drafting students how to use automated



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document assembly to complete written assignments. More than 600 students took their final examinations on computers by the end of 1993.

Chicago-Kent launched the Electronic Casebook Project in the fall of 1994, in which 30 students were given their first year texts in electronic format using FolioViews. In 1995, a full section of 100 students were admitted into the Electronic Casebook Project. From the fall of 1996 to the spring of 1997, Chicago-Kent offered a Copyright and Digital Works class, joining students from Chicago-Kent, Cornell, and the University of Colorado through video conferencing. In 1997, Professors Will Sadler and Debra Quentel conducted the first law school exam over the Web. CLC hosted a workshop on distance learning in 1999 ("Deconstructing the Law School Classroom"), and Chicago-Kent began to host distance education via video conference in classrooms.

In 1989, the first student network and the first network with electronic mail available to everyone, "Kentnet," was installed at Chicago-Kent. CLC installed Chicago-Kent's own node to internet access through the law school's email interface in 1992. Between its launch and 1993, use of Kentnet soars from 8,000 total hours to almost 80,000 hours per year. In the spring of 1995, students are provided free Internet access.

Chicago-Kent co-sponsored the first "PC Strategies for Lawyers" conference in October of 1985, and in 1991 co-sponsored "Techshow" with the American Bar Association, where it hosted the first "Shootout of Document Assembly Engines." Later that year, CLC and the Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) hosted the first annual CALI conference at Chicago-Kent. The CALI conference was first known as the Conference for Law School Computing Professionals, and was held exclusively at Chicago-Kent until 1995.

Scope and Contents

The collection is almost entirely made up of conference materials, proceedings books, and materials used for instruction. Conference materials for the First Annual Personal Computing Strategies for Lawyers, held in 1985, are missing from the collection. The bulk of the collection consists of conference proceedings from various conferences held at Chicago-Kent or sponsored by Chicago-Kent; the Miscellaneous subseries includes materials from conferences including CLC faculty published materials, and materials from conferences hosted by Chicago-Kent with CLC's participation. The collection also includes complete copies of large firm surveys from 1988-1995, with some incomplete material on surveys from 1985-1987.

An addition to the series (Acc. 2015.03) consists of materials related to the planning of the physical space for the first PC labs, ABA Techshow planning materials, and conference materials.

Restrictions

None

Separations

One CD ("The CALI CD") was removed and placed in audiovisual storage. Approximately .42 linear feet of photographs, slides, and negatives documenting the first computer lab at Chicago-Kent, as well as CLC events, was removed and placed in the photograph collection.



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Provenance

Records transferred by Professor Ron Staudt and the Center for Law and Computers in 2005 and 2015 (Acc. 2005.01 and 2015.03).

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 6 series with 4 subseries, and 1 addition:

- I. Instruction Materials
- II. Conference Materials
 - I. Personal Computing Strategies for Lawyers
 - II. ABA Techshow
 - III. CALI/LEAP
 - IV. Miscellaneous
- III. Publications
- IV. Large Firm Surveys
- Addition

Each series is arranged chronologically where possible.

Container List

Series I. Instruction Materials, 1984-1988, .83 linear ft

Box Folder

1	1	1984 Microcomputers for Lawyers course book Copy 1	1984
1	2	1984 Microcomputers for Lawyers course book Copy 2	1984
1	3	1985 Microcomputers for Lawyers course book	1985
1	4	Using a Microcomputer in the Small Law Firm course book	1985
1	5	The Nuts and Bolts of Computer Resource Contracts course materials	1985
1	6	1985 PC's for Lawyers course book Instructor copy	1985
1	7	1985 PC's for Lawyers course book Student copy	1985



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2	1	1986 PC's for Lawyers course book Copy 1 - Instructor copy	1986
2	2	1986 PC's for Lawyers course book Copy 2 - Student copy	1986
2	3	1987 PC's for Lawyers course book	1987
2	4	1987 Personal Computers for Lawyers course book Copy 1	1987
2	5	1987 Personal Computers for Lawyers course book Copy 2	1987
2	6	The Trial Attorney's Personal Computer course book	1987
3	1	1988 Personal Computers for Lawyers course book	1988

Series II. Conference Materials, 1986-1997, 4.17 linear ft

Subseries I. Personal Computing Strategies for Lawyers, 1986-1987

3	2	2nd Annual Personal Computing Strategies for Lawyers Conference proceedings & materials	1986
3	3	3rd Annual Personal Computing Strategies for Lawyers conference proceedings	1987

Subseries II. ABA Techshow, 1991-1997

3	4	5 th Annual Technology in the Law Practice: Decisions for the New Decade – 1991 Techshow proceedings	1991
4	1	6 th Annual Technology in the Law Practice: The Future is Now – 1992 Techshow proceedings Copy 1	1992
4	2	6 th Annual Technology in the Law Practice: The Future is Now – 1992 Techshow proceedings Copy 2	1992
5	1	Chicago-Kent Track of the 1992 ABA Techshow: 7 th Annual PC Strategies for Lawyers program book Copy 1	1992
5	2	Chicago-Kent Track of the 1992 ABA Techshow: 7 th Annual PC Strategies for Lawyers program book Copy 2	1992



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5	3	7 th Annual Techshow registration form	1993
5	4	7 th Annual Techshow: Winning Through Technology: Tomorrow's Tools Today – Techshow 1993 proceedings	1993
5	5	Chicago-Kent Track of the 1993 ABA Techshow: 8 th Annual PC Strategies for Lawyers Program Book Copy 1	1993
6	1	Chicago-Kent Track of the 1993 ABA Techshow: 8 th Annual PC Strategies for Lawyers Program Book Copy 2	1993
6	2	8 th Annual Techshow: Re-Engineering the Practice of Law with Technology – Techshow 1994 proceedings Copy 1	1994
6	3	8 th Annual Techshow: Re-Engineering the Practice of Law with Technology – Techshow 1994 proceedings Copy 2	1994
7	1	Chicago-Kent Track of the 1994 ABA Techshow: 9 th Annual PC Strategies for Lawyers program book	1994
7	2	9 th Annual Techshow – Administrative materials Program schedule Speaker phone & address list Techshow 1995 Session Descriptions Letter from Susan Stewart to Dean Matasar, 1994 Email from Rosemary Shiels to Dean Matasar, 1995 Memo from Rosemary Shiels, 1995	1994-1995
7	3	9 th Annual Techshow – Program Schedule	1995
7	4	9 th Annual Techshow – Official Guide	1995
7	5	Chicago-Kent Track of the 1995 ABA Techshow: 10 th Annual PC Strategies for Lawyers slides	1995
7	6	The ABA's 9 th Annual Techshow: Leveraging New Technologies – Techshow 1995 proceedings Thursday, March 30 – Copy 1	1995
7	7	The ABA's 9 th Annual Techshow: Leveraging New Technologies – Techshow 1995 proceedings Thursday March 30 – Copy 2	1995
7	8	The ABA's 9 th Annual Techshow: Leveraging New Technologies – Techshow 1995 proceedings Friday, March 31	1995



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7	9	The ABA's 9 th Annual Techshow: Leveraging New Technologies – Techshow 1995 proceedings Saturday, April 1	1995
8	1	Techshow 1995 Document Assembly Shootout Competitor Proposals	1995
8	2	“Hands-On” Document Assembly Session – Session Materials	1995
8	3	11 th Annual Techshow: The Transformation of Law Practice Through Technology – Techshow 1997 proceedings Thursday, April 10	1997
8	4	11 th Annual Techshow: The Transformation of Law Practice Through Technology – Techshow 1997 proceedings Friday, April 11	1997
8	5	11 th Annual Techshow: The Transformation of Law Practice Through Technology – Techshow 1997 proceedings Saturday, April 12	1997

Subseries III. CALI/LEAP Conference for Law School Professionals, 1991-1997

9	1	1991 CALI/LEAP conference proceedings	1991
9	2	1991 CALI/LEAP conference materials	1991
9	3	1992 CALI/LEAP conference proceedings Copy 1	1992
9	4	1992 CALI/LEAP conference proceedings Copy 2	1992
9	5	1992 CALI/LEAP conference materials	1992
10	1	1993 CALI/LEAP conference proceedings	1993
10	2	1994 Conference for Law School Professionals proceedings	1994
10	3	1994 Conference for Law School Professionals materials	1994
10	4	1995 Conference for Law School Professionals proceedings Copy 1	1995
11	1	1995 Conference for Law School Professionals proceedings Copy 2	1995
11	2	1996 Conference for Law School Professionals proceedings	1996



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11 3 1997 Conference for Law School Professionals materials 1997

Subseries IV. Miscellaneous, 1991-1999

11 4-5 NCAIR 1991 Conference on Electronic Publishing Standards and
Formats in the Fields of Law and Accounting, conference
materials 1991

12 1-2 Second International Conference on Substantive Technology in
the Law School, conference materials 1992

12 3 1995 Continuing Legal Education Satellite Network program
materials 1995

12 4-5 Workshop on Promoting the Use of Electronic Payments:
Assessing the Business, Technological, and Legal
Infrastructures, workshop materials 1999

Series III. Publications, 1984-1995, .42 linear ft

12 6 CLC Brochures 1984-1999
How to Use the Lawyer's Professional Microcomputer,
1984
PC's for Lawyers brochure, 1986
The Nuts and Bolts of Computer Resource Contracts,
brochure, 1986
2nd Annual Personal Computing Strategies for Lawyers
brochure, 1986
3rd Annual Personal Computing Strategies for Lawyers
brochure, 1987 (2 copies)
Hands-On Computer Courses for Lawyers brochure, 1988
Hands-On PC Minicourses for Lawyers brochure,
1989 (4 copies)
National Computer Conference 1989 registration materials
National Computer Conference 1989 brochure,
1989 (4 copies)
Deconstructing the Law School Classroom: A Workshop
on Distance Learning in Law Schools, brochure, 1999

12 7 Replacing "Yellow Legal Pads" With IBM PCs 1987
4 copies

12 8 From Yellow Pads to Computers: Transforming Your Law
Practice with a Computer 1987

12 9 IIT Center for Law and Computers Annual Review 1990



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13	1	1991-1992 Annual Review 4 copies	1991
13	2	Fall 1991 Student Guide to the Services and Features of Kentnet	1991
13	3	Tenth Anniversary Retrospective and Annual Report, 1993-1994 4 copies	1993
13	4	The Electronic First Year: Chicago-Kent College of Law's Electronic Casebook Pilot Project 4 copies	1995

Series IV. Large Firm Survey Materials, 1985-1995, .63 linear ft

13	5	1985 Chicago-Kent Large Firm Survey materials Perspective paper	1985
13	6	1986 Chicago-Kent Large Firm Survey materials Analysis of the Chicago-Kent Large Firm Survey Summary Report	1986
13	7	1987 Summary and Review	1987
13	8	1988 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis	1988
13	9	1989 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis 2 copies	1989
14	1	1990 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis 2 copies	1990
14	2	1991 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis 2 copies	1991
14	3	1992 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis 2 copies	1992
14	4	1993 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis 2 copies	1993
14	5	1994 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis 2 copies	1994
14	6	1995 Large Firm Survey and Statistical Analysis	1995



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Addition, 1999-2002, .21 linear ft

15	1	PC Lab drawings	n.d.
15	2	Conference materials: Knowledge Management	1999
15	3	2000 ABA Techshow planning materials	2000
15	4	2002 ABA Techshow planning materials	2002