



# **The Starting Place:**

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## **On Display:**

On Feb. 28, 2001, the earth shook and plaster fell at the Temple of Justice in Olympia, Washington. With the epicenter just a few miles away in the Nisqually Valley Basin and measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale, it was the earthquake Washington residents had been warned about.

Damage to the Temple of Justice and the Law Library in particular was minor. The Law Library damage primarily consisted of loose/cracked plaster, leaning bookshelves and books strewn across the floor. Fortunately, only a few books were irreparable, and no one was injured.

Parts of the library were closed to the public for about six weeks while crews examined the Main Reading Room ceiling and repaired/replaced bookshelves in the Periodical Reading Room. It took eight weeks to replace/repair the damaged shelving at the off-site storage facility.

The library's Main Reading Room, building foyer and Supreme Courtroom were closed again during the summer of 2002 while scaffolding was erected and crews of artists repaired the 35 foot high ceiling.

To the surprise of many, the ceilings are covered in plaster, not wood. The plaster is held together with hemp rope and was "faux painted" to look like wood. Thanks to the talents of Rebecca Carter Cody and her assistants, it is now very difficult to identify which large pieces of plaster were replaced.

To mark the five year anniversary of repair completion, a photo album showing the earthquake damage and repairs will be on display in the Main Reading Room, along with architectural pieces, such as marble samples, a brass door plate and plaster ceiling pieces. Photos will be changed daily.

## **From the BRC:**

[The... Washington Employer](#), 2006-2007 ed., Littler Mendelson, P.C.  
Call #: KF3319.W37 2006-07

[The Military Divorce Handbook: a Practical Guide to Representing Military Personnel and Their Families](#), by Mark E. Sullivan, American Bar Association, 2006  
Call #: KF535.S85 2006

[Uniform Commercial Code: Official Text and Comments...](#), Thomson/West, 2005  
Call #: KF889.A73 2005

[Defending DUIs in Washington](#), by Douglas L. Cowan, Jon Scott Fox, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Matthew Bender, 2007-  
Call #: KF2230.C68 2007

[200 Notable Days: Senate Stories, 1787 to 2002](#), by Richard A. Baker, U.S. Government Printing Office, 2006  
Call #: JK1161.B313 2006

This book is also online at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/2s6hzh> (shortened url)

[The New Encyclopaedia Britannica](#), 15<sup>th</sup> ed., Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2007  
Located in the Periodical Reading Room

[Send: The Essential Guide to Email for Office and Home](#), by David Shipley and Will Schwalbe, Alfred A. Knopf Publishers, 2007  
Call #: HD30.37.S5 2007

[Investigations Involving the Internet and Computer Networks](#), U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, 2007  
Call#: HV8079.C65 I68 2007

## Tech. Tip:

### **FirstGov.gov is now USA.gov**

In January the federal government changed its website to <http://www.USA.gov>.

### **Big changes at HeinOnline**

In June, HeinOnline launched a new interface. Changes include new graphics, easier navigation bars, and more search options.

Not sure what documents you have access to? The new welcome page saves confusion by only listing "libraries" (databases) on your subscription plan, linking you to the library of your choice.

Once inside a library, tabs at the top of the screen help you navigate the collection. Not sure what you want? Click the search tab. Have the article citation? Choose citation navigator. Want to browse the volume? Click the table of contents tab.

All this and more are demonstrated in the [HeinOnline Guide to Navigating the New Interface](#). There are two ways to view the guide, in PowerPoint at <http://tinyurl.com/24px25> or in Adobe (.pdf) at <http://tinyurl.com/yqayp7> (shortened urls).

### **New Graphical View on Westlaw**

Now you can view a timeline progression of federal cases and selected state statutes in a graph. More information can be found at: <http://west.thomson.com/documentation/westlaw/wlawdoc/wlres/graphst.pdf>

## Other News:

### **New WSBA Deskbook**

[Public Records Act Deskbook: Washington's Public Disclosure and Open Meetings Laws](#), Washington State Bar Association, 2006  
Call #: KF5753.P83 2006

Edited by the Open Government Ombudsman of the Attorney General's Office, this book includes legislative history of the act, who and what is covered, exemptions, and an introduction to the Freedom of Information Act.

### **Preservation at the Library of Congress**

The Library of Congress has announced a new Preservation Research and Testing Professor in Residence at the library's Preservation Research & Testing Division. This summer, he will test the break down of cellulose (a common component in paper) over time. For more information, check out these websites:

<http://tinyurl.com/2deesb>

Article about André Striegel

<http://www.loc.gov/preserv/>

Library of Congress' preservation page

### **Also from the Library of Congress**

View historic newspaper articles from the [Chronicling America](#) collection at:

<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica>

Each day, new images from the American Memory collection are on display at the [Today in History](#) page:

<http://tinyurl.com/ejh>

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