

MEMORANDUM

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To: David Marwell
From: Laura Denk
Subject: Georgetown Law Library

I am aware that you are considering whether to obtain access privileges to the Georgetown University Law Library. As you know, before I came to the Review Board in March of 1995, I worked for a small law firm in Washington. The firm did not have a very extensive library, and I used the Georgetown Law Library several times a week. The library has an extensive selection and it is an excellent place to do legal research.

Although the Review Board has access to the law library at the Department of Justice, materials at DOJ are often checked out to individual offices, and thus are not available to us. I have had particular problems with locating secondary source material at DOJ. Because we are a new Federal agency, we have a frequent need for secondary source material concerning administrative law. DOJ rarely has such material available. Even where the computer shows that DOJ owns certain materials, the books are often not on the shelves. Moreover, reference librarians are not available at DOJ after 5:00, whereas such resources are available at Georgetown into the evening hours.

Georgetown's Law Library would be a valuable resource to the Review Board and access to its collection would, I think, save us a significant amount of time. In addition, it is quite close to the Review Board's offices, and I would certainly use it often if the Review Board obtained access privileges.