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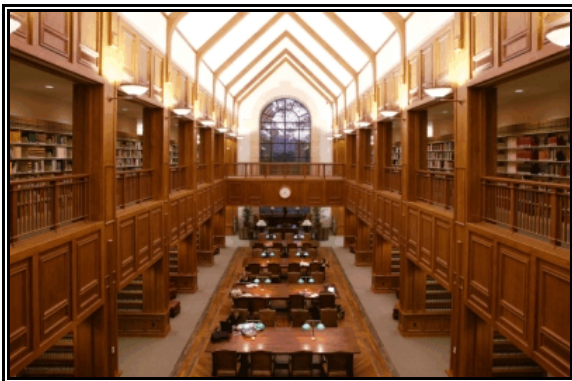
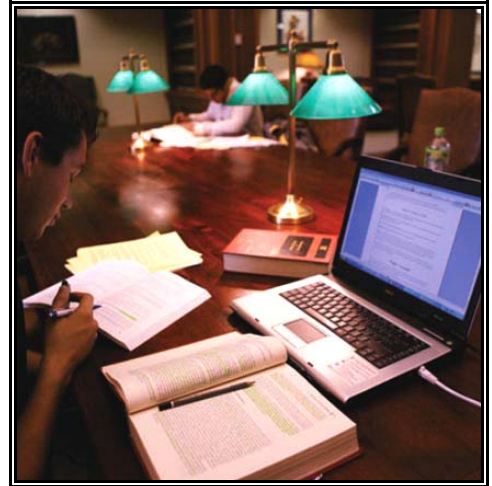
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Inasmuch Foundation Multimedia Study Rooms

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Project Background: Students today spend a significant portion of their study time working with technology. Case briefs, class notes and exams are prepared and taken on laptops. Classmates correspond by email or instant message. Course materials are downloaded from course web sites, and research for papers is conducted online. As the College of Law celebrates its centennial in 2009, the Donald E. Pray Law Library has initiated a project to provide additional library facilities which support the way modern students study the law.

Gift and Project Details: The Donald E. Pray Law Library at the University of Oklahoma College of Law received a generous gift of \$500,000 from the Inasmuch Foundation of Oklahoma City to construct four “multimedia study rooms.” These rooms will be outfitted with the latest technologies used by students today. They will feature large conference tables to accommodate the simultaneous use of laptops, casebooks and other course materials. They will be fitted with power outlets and network connections so that students can access network resources and use their laptops during long study sessions without the need for battery power. These rooms will also facilitate the following types of activities: (1) a group of students will simultaneously be able to connect their laptops to a large, flat-screen monitor which will allow them to prepare outlines and share class notes; (2) students will be able to watch videos and other multimedia content assigned by their instructors; (3) students will be able to record practice sessions for moot court, client counseling or other skills courses; and (4) students will be able to participate in video conferencing for national law student activities.



Description of Institution: The University of Oklahoma College of Law, established in 1909, is the state’s sole public institution for legal education. The College has established a record of excellence in legal education, including a superb faculty, first-rate facilities, and an outstanding student body. The Donald E. Pray Law Library within the College of Law is the state’s premier public facility for legal research. The Law Library’s mission is to support the scholarly and curricular needs of the Law Center's faculty and students. As a publicly supported academic

institution, the Law Library also strives to meet the informational needs of the University, the legal community, and the public at large. The Law Library collection includes more than 350,000 volumes and 160,000 titles. In addition, the Library strives to make the most modern legal research tools available to its patrons and provides access to more than two-dozen legal databases.