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Building digital access points – the new standards – why ownership is irrelevant?



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Standard 606

Interpretation 606-2

The appropriate mixture of collection formats depends on the needs of the library and its clientele.



ABA Instructions – Question 3-6

- Electronic resources present new concepts of ownership and access to law library materials in ways that are not readily apparent to library users whether they are in the library or offsite.





However, the law library remains responsible for insuring access to electronic resources in accordance with Standard 606 and its Interpretations.



Questions 3 and 6 make a distinction between ownership and control over an electronic title which the library has purchased or over which it has otherwise assumed responsibility (Q. 3) and access to electronic resources which are licensed or linked to by the library.



Why the Distinction?

According to the instructions
it is because:

- the library has no control over the electronic resources and
- accurate and consistent title level counts would be unreliable



This view of complete control is seen in Instructions for Q. 3

Count only titles that are purchased or titles over which the library has complete control.



The example the questionnaire uses to illustrate complete control:

e.g. a government document that has been downloaded onto the library's local server.



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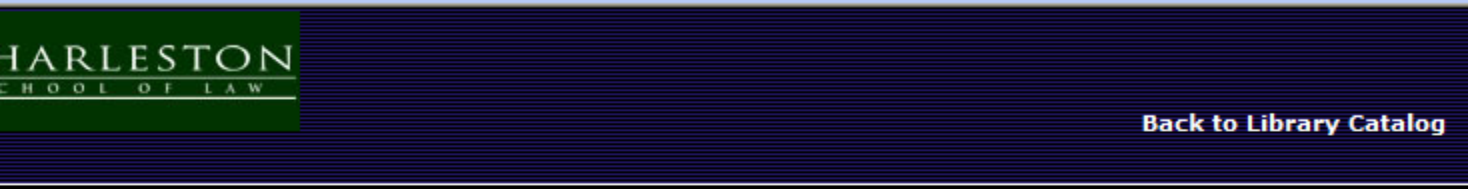
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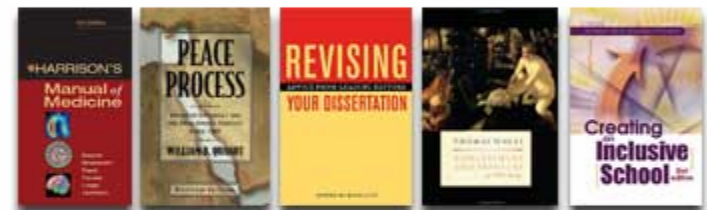
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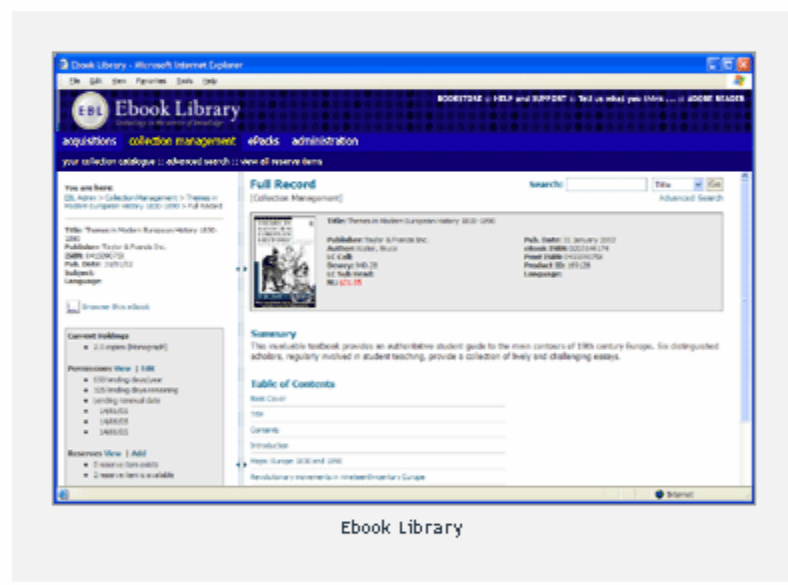
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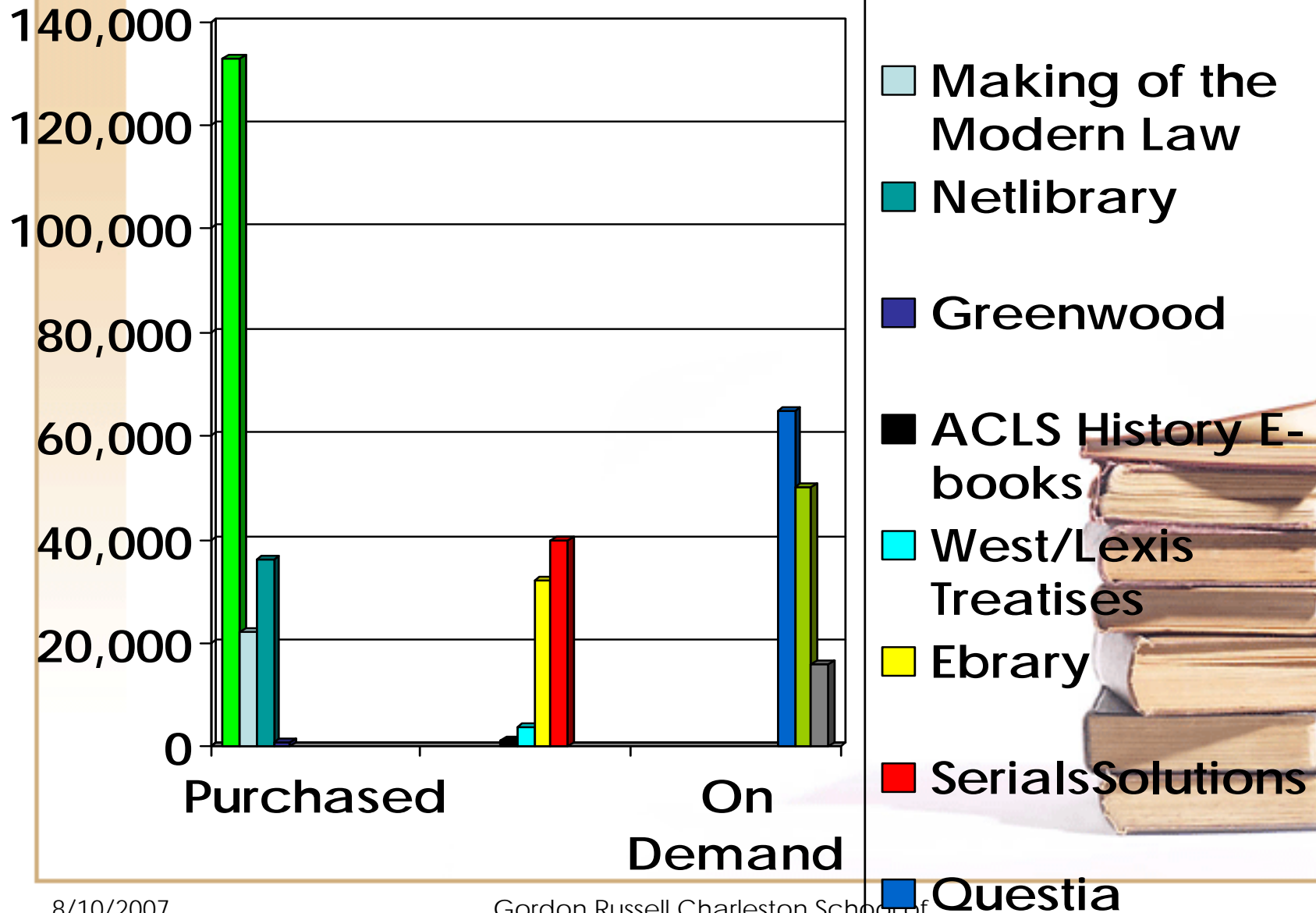


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