

# Memorandum

Date: January 9, 2008  
To: Students  
From: Jim Chen, Dean and Professor of Law  
Cc: James A. Becker, David Ensign, Virginia Smith  
RE: Budget cuts

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Effective immediately, all student printing on law school-owned printers in the Law Library will be limited to 500 pages per student per semester. Printing to Westlaw and LexisNexis printers remains unlimited, subject to contractual agreements with each vendor.

As you should be aware, President Ramsey has asked each University unit, including the School of Law, to identify immediate budget cuts in response to the Commonwealth's fiscal crisis. One source of expenditures that has grown dramatically is student printing. For the entire 2004-2005 fiscal year, our total cost for student printing supplies was \$8,001. Last semester alone, printing supply expenditures exceeded \$9,600. These figures include only the cost of paper and toner, not the printers themselves.

I am very cognizant of the \$50 per semester technology fee that every student pays. The student technology fee does not cover all of the School of Law's costs attributable to student technology use. Moreover, the technology fee proceeds are used to fund many things besides paper and toner, such as computers and printers in the student labs, exam software licensing, and the Law Library's wireless network. Even if the technology fee covered nothing but paper and toner, at five cents per page, each student's \$50 fee would be exhausted after only 1,000 pages. I also remind you that all printing should be law school related. This is and has always been our policy. Furthermore, law students are the only students at the University of Louisville who do not have to pay separately for printing. Everywhere else, students must pay five cents per page.

I have asked Jim Becker, assistant dean for information technology, to provide more information about enforcement of page-limit and other administrative details. Dean Becker will also address how we will accommodate students, such as Law Review editors and members and faculty research assistants, who have printing needs beyond their own course work. I have also asked the faculty to limit the amount of printing they require of each student and to use other means, such as electronic submission and distribution, to circulate hand-outs and other course materials.

I hasten – and regret – to add that the Law School must cease and desist from supplying food at school events.