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## LIBRARY HOURS

The library will be open regular hours during Spring Break, March 13 to 19.



For details, check the Legal Research Center web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/about/hours.php>.

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## RENEWALS INCREASED



All books borrowed via the Circuit San Diego Library Consortium from UCSD, SDSU, or Cal State San Marcos may now be renewed twice. The Circuit combined catalog of materials may be found by clicking on the Circuit link at the top of the SALLY home page, by clicking on the **REPEAT SEARCH IN SDCIRCUIT** button at the top of any SALLY record, or by going directly to <http://circuit.sdsu.edu/>.

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## IRAQI TRIAL INFO ONLINE



The Law Library of Congress has created an informational Web site about the trial of Saddam Hussein to monitor, analyze and report legal developments. The site also provides a bibliography of reference materials that will further explain important aspects of the trial, and, if available electronically, links to those materials. The researcher should be aware that some of the narrative pages on the site link only to primary legislative sources in Arabic, but clicking on [Web Resources](#) should lead to English translations found on various governmental, NGO, and news organizations' Web sites.

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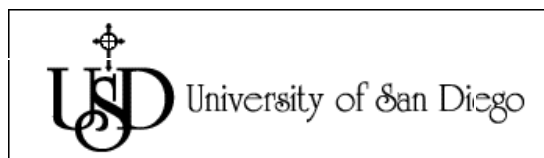
## HURRICANE REPORT



The Katrina report (all 387 pages of it!), A FAILURE OF INITIATIVE: THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SELECT BIPARTISAN COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PREPARATION FOR AND RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA, is now available at <http://katrina.house.gov>. The site also links to various hearings and press releases. *Submitted by Sushila Selness, Head of Collection Services.*

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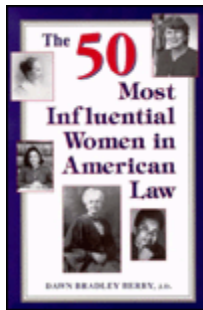
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**WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

This year during Women's History Month, we remember the Honorable Barbara Jordan of Texas. Jordan was born 70 years ago and died 10 years ago. Only 30 years ago, she was the first African American woman appointed to be a keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention. The text and audio of that stirring speech are found at the Web site *American Rhetoric: Top 100 Speeches Online Speech Bank* at <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/barbarajordandnckeynote.html>. Jordan was a graduate of Boston University Law School, and in 1973, she and Andrew Young became the first African Americans elected to Congress since Reconstruction.



Jordan's career and those of fellow female pioneers are reviewed in DAWN BRADLEY BERRY, *THE 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN AMERICAN LAW*/KF353 .B47 1996. The book begins with Margaret Brent, 1601 – 1671, who was already a lawyer when she arrived from England in 1638 and settled in Maryland. She was appointed legal counsel to the governor and performed with such competence that people did not know what to make of her or how to address her in court, often referring to her as "Gentleman" Brent.



In 1991, Sen. Hillary Clinton, then Chair of the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession, established the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. In ELIZABETH VRATO, *THE COUNSELORS: CONVERSATIONS WITH 18 COURAGEOUS WOMEN WHO HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD*/KF372 .V73 2002, winners of this award narrate their journeys through the gender inequalities of society, the law, and the legal profession.

Other books in the collection on women attorneys include:

EMILY COURIC, ED., *WOMEN LAWYERS: PERSPECTIVES ON SUCCESS*/KF372 .W65 1984

VIRGINIA DRACHMAN, *SISTERS IN LAW: WOMEN LAWYERS IN MODERN AMERICAN HISTORY*/KF299 .W6 D7 1998

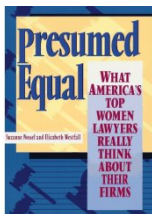
VIRGINIA DRACHMAN, *WOMEN LAWYERS AND THE ORIGINS OF PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY: THE LETTERS OF THE EQUITY CLUB, 1887 TO 1890*/KF299 .W6 W65 1993

MONA HARRINGTON, *WOMEN LAWYERS: REWRITING THE RULES*/KF299 .W6 H36 1994

JUDITH RICHARDS HOPE, *PINSTripES & PEARLS: THE WOMEN OF THE HARVARD LAW SCHOOL CLASS OF '64 WHO FORGED AN OLD-GIRL NETWORK AND PAVED THE WAY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS*/KF372 .H67 2003

SUZANNE NOSSEL & ELIZABETH WESTFALL, *PRESUMED EQUAL: WHAT AMERICA'S TOP WOMEN LAWYERS REALLY THINK ABOUT THEIR FIRMS*/KF299 .W6 N67 1998

JEAN MACLEAN SNYDER & AMANDA BARMASH GREENE, *THE WOMAN ADVOCATE: EXCELLING IN THE 90'S*/KF299 .W6 W642 1995



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