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Electronic Law Library Carrels
College of Law Library
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1. Executive Summary - One-time costs

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<td>55 Electronic Study Carrels for the College of Law Library @$1,000</td>
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<td>Networking 55 Electronic Carrels</td>
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2. Project Description

The changing format of information is fundamentally altering our libraries. For students to use electronic information, the library offers twenty computers in our computer lab. The twenty computers are in constant use by 580 law students, with lines of students waiting for an available computer. Many law students have laptop computers that they use throughout the Law Library. During the past few years, we have received Quality Improvement Funds to wire and network a few carrels. We have fifty-five additional carrels to wire and network. This request is a continuation of the project that law students have identified as necessary in the Law Student Technology Fee Survey. Sixty-seven law students out of 100 responses requested additional wired carrels. Electronic carrels are a perfect example of how libraries have been adapted to facilitate access to valuable networked information.

Besides the rich legal databases, WESTLAW and LEXIS, electronic casebooks are now available. As legal publishers make more of their titles available in electronic format, students not only take notes on their laptop computers, but also use their computers to read
assignments, consult the text, and generate outlines. Currently, this valuable means of communication is limited to those workstations in the Law Library computer lab.

Several institutions in Georgia require students to have laptop computers. Before the College of Law can seriously consider such a requirement, students must have a place to use their portable computers in the Law Library.

3. Relevance to Regents Guidelines

According to the Regents Guidelines, access to technology is the key (Guideline #1). With wired and networked furniture, the students can use their laptops to access electronic information almost everywhere in the College of Law Library.

4. Justification of One-Time Funding Requirements

There are no ongoing costs.

5. Continuing Funding Requirements

N/A

6. Accountability of Funds

We will use the funds to purchase the wired carrels, which will be in the university’s inventory.

7. Impact on Computing/Network Infrastructure

The carrels would add 55 additional stations to the network. This addition is within the
capacity of the location on campus.