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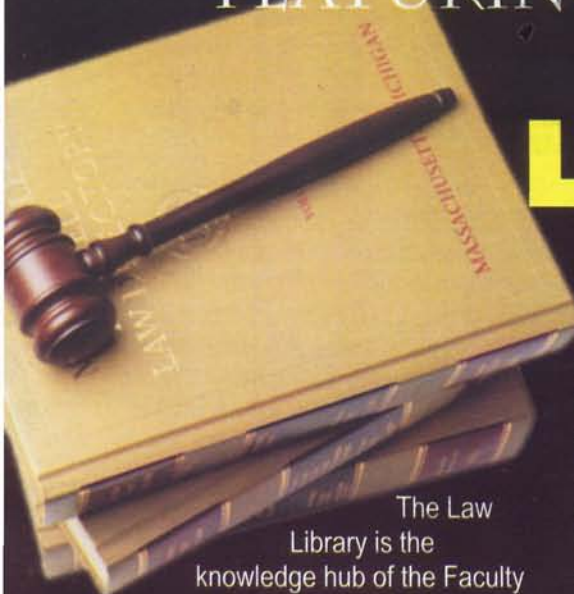
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# FEATURING FACULTY LIBRARIES:

## ADEOLA ODUTOLA LAW LIBRARY

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The Law Library is the knowledge hub of the Faculty of Law. Formerly located in the Kenneth Dike Library until May, 1994 when it was moved to its present location, a building donated for the purpose by a great philanthropist Chief Adeola Odutola. In appreciation of this great contribution, the building was named after him.

Adeola Odutola Law Library is a special Academic Library which could be likened to a science laboratory where practicals take place regularly. For each course

taught in the Faculty of Law, references and citations are given to students which are compulsory for them to read regularly in the available law reports as well as in law texts.

As an Academic Library, it caters for the learning, teaching, research and academic needs of students, teachers and researchers of the faculty; the University and the society in general. Adeola Odutola Law Library contains written, print, Information Technology (IT) and all other non-book materials like periodicals, audio tape, television, DSTV, atlases, calendars and other information bearing resources.

The Law Library is the only faculty library running shift duty services like the Kenneth Dike Library. This is due to the unique nature of the program which demands a high rate of the use of law resources.

The resources are catalogued and organized, using special classified scheme dedicated to law materials, the MOT's classification scheme. Cataloguing and classification of law materials are handled by the Law Librarian apart from those processed centrally in the main library.

### Opening Hours

Mondays – Fridays:

8.00am-9.00pm

Saturdays:

9.00am -12.00 noon

### Staffing Situation

The Law Library has a total number of nine members of staff including six permanent staff and three ad-hoc staff. The names and responsibility of the members of staff are:



S/N	NAMES	RESPONSIBILITIES
1	Eguavoen, O.E.L.	Law Librarian
2	Omoike, A.D.	Librarian
3	Bhadmus, M.N.	Desk Staff
4	Oluwole. M.O.	Desk Staff
5	Oyekale, T.A.	Ad-hoc Support staff
6	Ibrahim N.A.	Ad-hoc Support Staff
7	Babadiya, O.S.	Ad-hoc Support Staff
8	Obimakinde	Porter
9	Jaguna, F.I.	Security

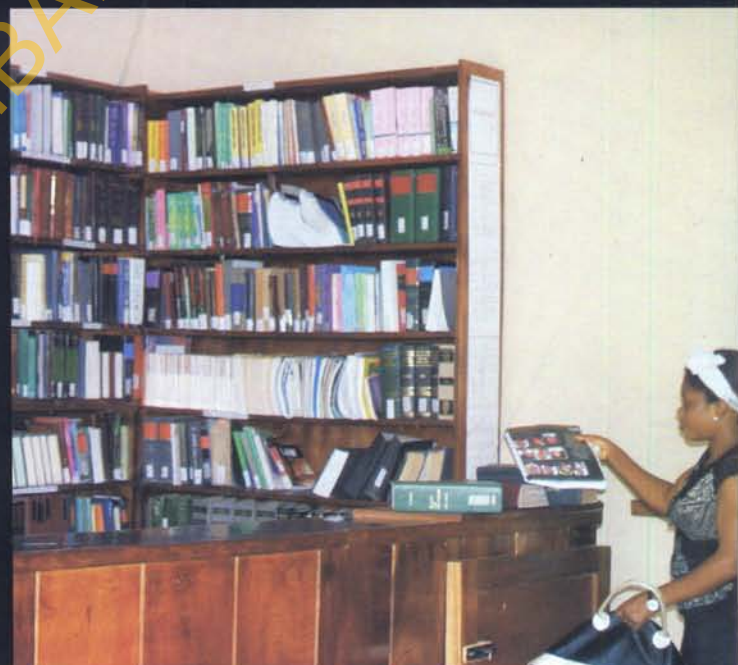
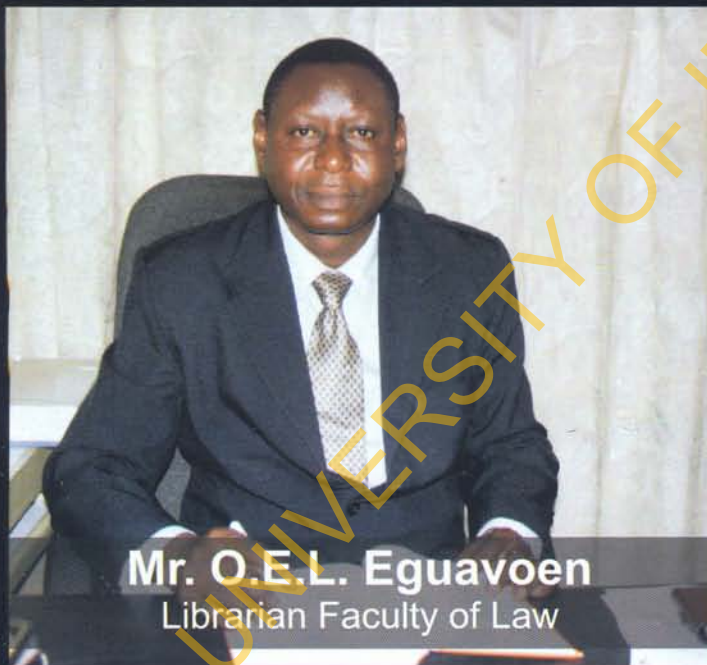
- Newspapers 1342
- (d) Encyclopedia and Dictionaries 189 volumes
- (e) Status 383 volume
- (f) Students' projects 2275 volumes

### E-Library

Adeola Odutola law Library is connected to the internet. In all, there are seventeen computer systems strategically located in the library. Fifteen of these computer systems are placed in the e-library unit of the Law Library to facilitate teaching and research endeavors by teachers, students other staff of the faculty and external users.

In addition to the availability of internet facility, Adeola Odutola law Library also subscribes to some data bases and e-resources most of which were acquired and subscribed to through the assistance of the university Library Management. The e-resources include:

- West Law
- LexisNexis
- E-Cases & Law Materials
- Nigerian Monthly Law Report Database
- Judicial Renaissance Database



### Library Holdings

Adeola Odutola Law Library is a well equipped library in terms of books and non-books materials. The Library has a total of 21,174 volumes as indicated below:

- (a) Textbooks 6763 volumes
- (b) Academic Journals 3299 volumes
- (c) Other periodicals (News, Bulletin etc)
  - Pamphlets Bulletin etc 275 volumes
  - Local Law Reports 2522 volumes
  - Foreign Law Reports 4126 volumes

- Nigerian Virtual Library
- Jstor
- Wilson Web Omni File
- African Journal Online
- E-Journal

### Library Equipment

Adeola Odutola Law Library is adequately equipped with state of the art structure, furniture and other facilities which enhance teaching, learning and

research. It is an independent structure situated in a serene environment in the faculty to avoid distractions from other activities within and outside the faculty. It accommodates a total of one hundred and fifty seven (157) readers at a time.

Below is the outline of equipment in the Library:

- (a) Sitting capacity for users 157 chairs
- (b) Book shelves
  - Wooden 26
  - Metal 3
  - Wooden table shelves 2
- (c) Trolleys
  - Wooden 2
  - Metal 2
  - Metal stood 2
- (d) Catalogue cabinet 1
- (e) Computer systems
  - Computers 17
  - Scanner 1
  - Printer 1
- (f) Notice board 2
  - Back Rack 2
  - Journal display 1
  - File cabinet 1
- (g) Electrical/Electronic equipments
  - Fans 18
  - Television 2
  - DSTV decoder 1
  - Air conditioners
    - Industrial air conditioners 2
    - Wall air conditioners 5
  - Water dispenser 1
  - Rechargeable lamp 1
  - D-link Switch 2
  - OX Industrial Fan 2

### **Photocopying Services**

The Law Library has a strong policy which forbids users to take reserved books and other reference materials out of the library. As a result, a space is provided for photocopying needed materials within the library. The service is outsourced to an independent body appointed by the University Library Management on rental basis. The photocopy operator understands and abides by the rules and norms of the library relating to photocopying services and copyright obligations.

### **Future plan**

The automation process in the Law Library is on-going with special reference to online catalogue so that users can access materials online. To do this, there will be need to convert the present manual catalogue to electronic form using software packages that can be easily maintained and which should be compatible with that of other libraries to facilitate resource sharing and networking.