We appreciate the opportunity to voice our concerns regarding HB1937 and the resolution that seeks the Bar Association’s support for that proposed legislation. **If HB1937 is passed, two-thirds of the revenue Jenkins Law Library receives from its primary funding source will be redirected to the First Judicial District’s general fund. This threatens the library’s existence.**

Proper and adequate payment of counsel for the indigent is a government responsibility and obligation, which is why, for example, the City pays for the Defender Association of Philadelphia. The City has the same responsibility to private lawyers that represent criminal defendants where the Defender Association is conflicted.

The resolution alludes to a “pledge” by the City, which claims that the City’s obligation to fund the FJD will be reduced (a credit) by an equal amount lost by Jenkins, and the amount saved would then be available for the City to pay conflict counsel. This secret pledge – not revealed or made part of the resolution – is being kept from the Bar, the committees, and Jenkins. It has not been made public by the resolution’s proponents or by the City.

**HB1937 fails to solve the conflict indigent defense issue, threatens Jenkins and seeks to divide the legal community.** First, we see this unpublished pledge as unenforceable. Second, it is an attempt by the City to shirk its constitutional and executive obligation and responsibility to pay for indigent defense from its budget of $4.3 billion. It is unnecessary and unwarranted to remove funding and imperil a landmark legal institution that – every day - provides legal tools that are needed by the community and all practitioners. And it is an attempt by the City to divide the legal community. Recently, the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Bar, representing 48 legal services organizations, when asked to consider the resolution refused to vote on it expressing a variety of concerns.

**Small firms depend on Jenkins.** As Philadelphia’s public law library, Jenkins serves firms of all sizes, as well as self-represented litigants. Our heaviest attorney users come from solo and small firms, who will tell you that Jenkins “levels the playing field” for attorneys who cannot afford the resources of large firms. In 2017, 62% of our online resource usage and 85% of our onsite visits were from firms with 10 or fewer attorneys. The Library collects membership fees from these attorneys, however those fees pay for benefits only members receive. The fees do not pay for our physical space, resources like Lexis and Westlaw available onsite to anyone, or the staff required to support those services.

**Self-represented litigants use Jenkins.** Disoriented and with little experience navigating our complex court system, SRLs arrive at Jenkins daily, seeking information to help them understand their rights in a wide variety of extremely personal and emotionally charged legal problems including: employee rights, a tenant facing eviction, seeking or modifying a Protection from Abuse Order including where the person is a victim of crime, debtor/creditor issues and bankruptcy, divorce and custody issues, or access a Pa-specific form. There is no limit to the time we spend with an individual, beyond staff capacity. We served 1,882 in 2017, and countless others online.

Members of the Bar deserve to make informed decisions and we would like to correct some of the misinformation included in the resolution:
Despite the resolution’s suggestion that endowments can fund the library, they cannot. While Jenkins benefits from modest endowments, they are incapable of covering a reduction of two-thirds of our filing fee revenue, per HB1937. They are insufficient, restricted in purpose (i.e. rare books), and/or limited to interest only. These endowments will not preserve the library.

Membership fees do not cover our services to the public. The revenue from membership pays for “add on” services only members receive -- online access to Fastcase, e-books and legal treatises. The revenue does not cover our space, the physical collection, on-site e-resources like Lexis and Westlaw, and staff who serve the public. We depend on filing fees to serve the public, and maintain our print and online collections. In any event, membership fees are wholly inadequate to fund this library that acts as a collective for all.

We regret that this legislation was written without input from the Library, and that no one contacted the Board beforehand to inquire about our funding, operations and services that we render to members of the practicing bar, the courts, thousands of self-represented litigants, and our 6,500 members. Nor has anyone inquired or considered the devastation that would befall the legal community and the public should Jenkins cease to exist, or the hundreds of thousands of clients and their families adversely affected.

Libraries form the cornerstone of a healthy democracy. They provide access to timely, relevant information, and are one of the few public spaces left in modern America. Jenkins not only contributes to equal access to justice, but is an indispensable component of the legal system. This legislation does not just threaten Jenkins, but the fair administration of justice in Philadelphia.

Attached are three fact sheets that demonstrate Jenkins’ service to the public and the legal community. We are also providing our June 6, 2017 letter to The Legal Intelligencer, which we authored when this type of legislation first was considered, but was ultimately not pursued. We said then and we say now that we stand shoulder to shoulder for the proper and constitutional funding of conflict counsel attorneys but believe it would be a disservice to the general public and legal community to defund the library as proposed.

We hope you will oppose the resolution.

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Comments From The Legal Community
I have been a member of Jenkins almost as long as I have been an attorney. I carry my Jenkins Law Library card right behind my "bar card" because they are so inextricably linked that I have found that one is no good without the other. Jenkins has enabled me to successfully oppose mortgage companies long before our government ever acknowledged that there was a "mortgage crisis." Working with the USDOJ, Patrick Meehan, Esquire (before he went to Washington and became Congressman Meehan), Jenkins provided the resources I needed to assist over 800 people (myself included) in regaining title to properties fraudulently converted by American Business Mortgage Services (ABFS, Upland Mortgage, ABC Credit). It was one of the most phenomenal efforts I have ever experienced and it was a success, in significant part, because of the equalizing power of my Jenkins Membership. We defeated some of the largest law firms over three to four years of extremely adversarial, contentious and demanding litigation--this would have been IMPOSSIBLE without my Jenkins Membership. However, this does not begin to touch upon the countless victories and positive results made possible because Jenkins was my headquarters.

Moreover, most of the people I service are low income and, for a small fee, Jenkins gives me the same power, knowledge and legal assistance wielded by the most prestigious law firms in the world. Jenkins has made me appear to be a one-person army. However, the truth is, Jenkins' staff, resources and accommodations have helped to steer and power my twenty plus (20+) years of law practice into a series of triumphs that have greatly impacted the lives of many people in our great city and beyond. I am eternally grateful and forever indebted to this great historic yet relevant institution. Jenkins Law Library levels the field in this challenging legal arena--it is a powerhouse that enlightens and edifies anyone who is willing to spend time with the wealth of information it houses.

Last but not least, the CLE classes are not only extremely affordable, but they are convenient, practical and informative--they are the best CLE deal in this Commonwealth. I save time, money and gain useful yet digestible tools to enhance my knowledge and practice of law.

Thank you and please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. I just completed my Jenkins' Support Form please acknowledge receipt and let me know if I can volunteer my services to help preserve this invaluable resource--it is not just a legal resource, it is a powerhouse of knowledge and impeccable support and I am gravely concerned.

Olivia Adams

As a practitioner in a smaller law firm, access to the materials at Jenkins is a critical element to my ability to render top-notch services to my clients.

Raymond Agran

I am a sole practitioner who depends on Jenkins for essential research, preparation materials for general practice drafting, discovery and trial materials. I do a good deal of work for low income and immigrant clients with small businesses, real estate and will and estate questions. I am a member of the Florida bar, which require lawyers to indicate on the annual registration a
minimum number of hours of pro bono work they completed the previous year. This might be another idea for encouraging us to do work for people who cannot afford a lawyer.

Richard Aherne

As a solo private attorney practicing in Iowa and California I have found Jenkins Law Library to be invaluable in my effort to provide pro bono representation. Why? Because of the outstanding value for the low cost for legal reference materials. In behalf of said pro bono clients, please do not cripple Jenkins' ability to provide said resources as they have for many years. Thank you.

Robert Anderson

I use Jenkins Law Library to perform legal research whenever I have a pro bono client. Since I am not affiliated with a firm, losing Jenkins would mean that I would stop doing pro bono work. Every year, I decide whether it makes financial sense to join Jenkins, the PA Bar Association or the Philadelphia Bar Association. I choose Jenkins because it gives me the tools to help people. Bar Associations are useful networking tools and have great resources, but Jenkins is superior at empowering me to help people at the level I am able. Since I'm not making money helping clients, I can't afford to spend over $1,000 to join a law library, pay for legal research tools, and a bar association. My pro bono clients are people at the edge of the legal system. Without my help it is not clear that anyone would help them. I, too, am in some ways at the edge of the legal system. Losing resources at Jenkins would push me away from continuing to offer pro bono services.

Mason Apostol

Jenkins Law Library is invaluable for research. As a solo attorney, I can't afford to have a big library, and I don't have space for it. Jenkins is a shining jewel in the Philadelphia bar, both for lawyers and for pro se litigants, in giving access to facilities usually only available in large firms and law schools to everybody else. Their funding is crucial for justice in the Philadelphia area. They also have great and affordable continuing education classes.

As a solo attorney, Jenkins is essential for my research needs.

Lionel Artom-Ginzburg, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I am a solo practitioner in the District of Columbia and also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar. I have used the Jenkins Law Library for several years and am astonished at the breadth of on-line resources it offers and the readiness of Jenkins staff to provide friendly and accurate assistance. Jenkins has made a major contribution to the viability of my young firm. I hope this remarkable resource to the public and the bar will continue to thrive for several more centuries.

Ralph Avery

Working for a non-profit organization that serves the public free of charge, it is important to have access to Jenkins Law Library. The services Jenkins provides allows my organization to provide competent representation as we're able to research cases, laws and other regulations when advocating for our clients.
Juan Baez

Jenkins allows small firm and solo practitioners access to information needed to stay up-to-date on the law. Providing adequate representation requires continual reading of the law. Without Jenkins it would have been much less likely that I could build a small practice because the cost of accessing legal materials is so high. Thank you, Jenkins, for helping me to build a practice I am proud of!

Keelin Barry

Jenkins provides vital research support to solos and small law firms. It is crucial that it receive adequate funding.

As a small solo practitioner, I rely on Jenkins' data bases and materials for all my research needs. Without Jenkins, I could not prepare my briefs, motions, filings, etc. I also rely on Jenkins to provide many of my CLE credits.

As a solo attorney, I rely on Jenkins for all my legal research. It is very important that Jenkins continues to provide its services to solos and small firms.

Dennis Bartholomew

"I have a Pro Bono Practice. I use Jenkins Law Library services every day because it is particular to Philadelphia practice and the location of the library is centrally located between the federal, state and county courts. All attorneys who practice in this city can avail themselves of the highest level of preparation for court using the Jenkins Law Library. If attorneys of all economic levels do not have access to the best resources, not to just adequately prepare, but to be able to prepare at the highest level of practice, then the citizenry as a whole suffers. Diminishing the fund for the library so that you can hire attorneys is illogical if you are not arming those attorneys with the best possible resources. Being the first law library in the country is definitely something that should be honored. Once destroyed or diminished, it cannot be rebuilt. I whole heartedly support the library."

I’m starting my own practice. Jenkins has been an invaluable tool in that process.

Mary Catherine Baur, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I am a sole practitioner. The long and short of it is this: I truly need this library in order to continue practicing law.

Patrick Beattie

As a solo practitioner when I was still doing litigation I relied upon Jenkins for all my research both for precedents and applicable statutory laws and authorities.

Joel Beaver, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association
I have been an attorney for over 40 years having been admitted to the bar in 1976. For most of the time I have practiced as a small Corporation with one or two part-time associates at any given time. Over the years I have done some pro bono work and substantial amounts of limited fee work. A major portion of my continuing legal education has been provided by Jenkins Law Library membership continuing legal education classes. I do substantial amounts of civil rights law, all of which would be vastly more difficult or impossible without the support of Jenkins Law Library and membership therein. Many of my clients would be unable to afford the level of representation I provided were Jenkins unable to provide the support it has provided me in the past.

Before I became a lawyer, I used Jenkins for several of my own cases, one of which lasted for 9 years. I have used Jenkins daily since it began offering Fastcase, and a number of data base that small firms would be unable to afford on their own. There are limited resources for pro se litigants to seek justice on their own and Jenkins is the primary source. Their CLE's are important for many of us. Save Jenkins

John Beavers

Jenkins Law Library is the only repository I know of where all Philadelphia City Solicitor Opinion books are available and can be researched electronically through term searches. This is invaluable to attorney's practicing in the Philadelphia City Solicitors Office. For example, as the City Solicitor assigned to counsel the Philadelphia Art Commission, I can research all formal opinions and memorandums of legal advise (MLAs) advising on the powers of the Commission throughout the years since adoption of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter in 1951. The City Solicitor's Office recently discarded its collection of City Solicitor Opinion books in reliance on the availability of this collection at Jenkins Law Library. Although this body of law may not be of interest to the average general practitioner, as a unique repository of local Philadelphia government law, I hope that I will continue to have access to Jenkins Law Library's collection of Philadelphia City Solicitor Opinion books as it serves as a valuable resource for a local municipal government attorney like me.

As law firms and government legal offices downsize and digitize their law libraries, Jenkins Law Library remains the one, single source where a Philadelphia area attorney can obtain professional, personal service for in depth legal research. For example in my municipal government practice for the City of Philadelphia, City Solicitor opinions over many years that touch upon esoteric subjects (like the jurisdiction of the Art Commission over commercial signage proposed to be located over a City Sidewalk) can be easily found at Jenkins. Don’t let this valuable resource die.

Claudia Becker, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Yes; I have been using it since 1968 and it is an amazing resource.

Harry Begier

As a solo-practitioner, the Jenkins Law Library is the only reason I am able to have a practice. My clients depend on me to advise them on the current issues of the law. Jenkins gives me the
opportunity to zealously and effectively represent my clients. I need Jenkins resources: their books and their Lexis and Westlaw computer-access to effectively and efficiently perform my job as an attorney.

*Mijrane Belizaire*

I have a subscription for case law research but rely on Jenkins for journals, monographs, and specialized treatises. There is really no other equivalent source. I have had the research librarians undertake detailed research and have used the interlibrary loan service. I have also used the library for very specialized local research in municipal law that is not available anywhere else. I have run out of the federal courthouse during trials to research some point that came up in argument. I have taken a few CLE courses at the facility.

Many of the texts and periodicals available at the library are not available on my firm's online research subscription. For example, unless a firm subscribes to both Westlaw and Lexis, which is largely wasteful, one has access only to the Patry or the Nimmer copyright treatise. They are very different. The same point could be made for most subject areas. The availability of periodicals is especially spotty on the online subscriptions. When looking at an unfamiliar area of law, going to the shelves and looking at subject-organized material is often the best way to get a handle on a topic. Jenkins' assemblage of the yellow PBI publications, otherwise unavailable, is especially helpful on subject peculiar to Pennsylvania law. More generally, a profession in one of the world's great cities should have a research resource.

*Bruce Bellingham, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

Excellent resources

*Robert Bender, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

I am a solo out of state attorney. I would never have access to PA research materials except online through the portal. I depend upon it.

*Leonard Bennett*

I am the Director of a law firm library in Boston and I greatly value the Jenkins Law Library and the services and resources they make available.

*Sarah Bennett*

As a small/solo legal practitioner Jenkins is vital to my practice of law. I rely on the library's resources on a regular basis. From research, to CLE's to secondary sources, i use Jenkins in many different ways. If Jenkins loses funding it will be a huge blow to my practice of law and the legal community at large.

*David Bercovitch*

I use the reference librarians. It's a small practice, myself and one associate. I don't have Lexis or Westlaw or anything like that. I use my membership to do legal research. I use the reference staff to copy case and assist me, and pull administrative code for NJ and PA practice and I utilize, especially for NJ administrative code / statutes / case law. It would be a real problem to
not have Jenkins around.

Edward Berger

I am a member of Jenkins Law Library, and practice mainly in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. My Jenkins membership is important to my practice. I support Jenkins L.L., and oppose any attempt to cut the existing support for Jenkins, as in HB 1937.

Michael Betts

Legal research and related services, and for satisfying annual CLE requirements.

Kenya Bey

I do primarily pro bono law, so having affordable resources is critical.

Jean Binkovitz

WI have worked with Jenkins since moving to the Philadelphia metro area in 2004 to find and obtain for use as trial exhibits, legal and medical materials that were either unfindeable or unreacheable. Their research staff is like nothing I have ever seen before. Vital, unique, efficient, reasonably-priced. If they were gone, there would be a huge void in the legal community of Philadelphia. I am a paralegal who has worked for plaintiffs' mass torts firms in Philadelphia and currently works for a defense firm in center city.

Virginia Bishop

We use Jenkins when we need a reference that no other entity has, which these days includes pretty much any reference that is in book form. They are a unique, valuable, irreplaceable resource that should not be taken for granted. Jenkins also reaches out to other libraries so that our staff doesn't have to go on a wild goose chase to find something. Please rethink this legislation, which does not take care of any specific entity's needs.

Virginia Bishop

Jenkins helped me start my own law practice when I couldn’t afford an office.

Michael Boland

I am a solo practitioner who relies on Jenkins regularly for essential legal research.

Adam Bonin, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I am solo. Jenkins is affordable and dependable. I dont know how I would otherwise get the service offered by Jenkins if Jenkins were not around. I pay so much money in fees and its nice to have something affordable for the solo attorney. Thank you Jenkins.

Terri Booker

As a sole practitioner, I rely heavily upon Jenkins Law Library's resources, especially Fastcase, Lexis, and treatises. I also have utilized the library's conference rooms and other resources.

Carolyn Bostic
I rely on Jenkins Law Library for all of my research required for serving my clients. Without their many legal reference resources I be sorely handicapped.

   *John Boyce, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

It is the best law library available to me.

   *Sharon Brass*

I am a sole practitioner. I rely heavily on Jenkins for its on-line resources, especially Fastcase and Loislaw treatises, and its research assistance by telephone. I have very few paper books other than New Jersey-specific treatises, and would sorely miss Jenkins

   *Peter Broeman*

Low cost internet research program key for solo practitioner.

   *James Brose*

Jenkins Law Library is an invaluable resource to the Philadelphia legal community that I have turned to many times in my 15 years of practice. It is unique, accessible, and a necessary part of practicing law in Philadelphia.

   *Andrew Brown, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

As a solo practitioner, Jenkins is absolutely essential to my capacity to represent clients who would not otherwise be able to afford counsel.

   *DeWitt Brown, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

Jenkins offers exceptional support for attorneys by providing essential research tools and CLE support without political baggage.

   *Shannon Brown*

Jenkins was fundamental to me and other students when obtaining our degrees and I did use Jenkins for a lot of research and will continue to.

   *Zakia Brown, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

As a retired lawyer Jenkins resources are necessary.

   *Joseph Bukis*

Jenkins helped me to get my life back. If not for Jenkins, I could not defend my constitutional right as a parent. Also, Jenkins helped me to help others with the same problem. Jenkins helps the City of Philadelphia with those who cannot afford legal help. For 7 years Jenkins has given me support with legal issues. Do not defund this law library – it is important to the poor.

   *Gerald Bush*

The Jenkins Law Library is the most valuable asset that a sole practitioner can have. The online access to legal databases, access to librarians, continuing legal education classes, and everything else Legal, is well worth the investment. I have been a lawyer for almost thirty years,
the past twenty as a sole practitioner. Having Jenkins Law Library as my law library means that I have access to the best law library in the nation. Any threat to the continuing viability of Jenkins Law Library is a threat to all users of the Library.

As a sole practitioner, the Jenkins law Library levels the playing field. Without Jenkins Law Library many lawyers and lay people will not have access to critical legal research materials. What alternative is there to a sole practitioner if Jenkins Law Library were to close?

_Ricardo Byron_

I am part of a 2-person law firm. Jenkins allows us an affordable and accessible way to complete research. If we lose this invaluable resource our costs would go up astronomically and/or we would have to revert to manual research which would not be cost effective for our clients.

_Donna Cantor, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

As a sole practitioner, the services that Jenkins provides for a reasonable membership fee are invaluable. Jenkins helps my business remain competitive.

_Eric Carroll_

As a solo attorney, Jenkins provides invaluable legal research services at a reasonable cost that my office could otherwise not afford. The cost of Lexis, Westlaw, and physical research publications is outrageous. Without Jenkins, small firms like mine would face significant, if not fatal, competitive obstacles.

_Eric Carroll, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

There is absolutely no way a solo or very small firm may compete with big law attorneys without the resources and lower charges of Jenkins Law Library. If Jenkins were to not exist, I would imagine that many, many small practices and solo practitioners will go out of business. The charges for the Jenkins resources, including but not limited to, Lexis and Westlaw, are exorbitant. Further, the average cost of a CLE class is very high, and Jenkins has the lowest price option. In short, Jenkins is the only way that the "playing field" can even begin to be somewhat leveled between the resources of big law and the rest of us.

_Carl Carty_

Jenkins is the only affordable place where I can do research, especially for matters that I'm handling on a pro bono basis or for financially pressed clients.

_Gerald Chalphin_

The Jenkins Law Library is indispensable to complete our library services at Cohen & Grigsby, a 150-attorney law firm located in Pittsburgh, PA. The JLL book collection helps fill our library collection gap (e.g. legislative content) that's needed for efficient research. In addition, its staff provides first class service in legal research and document delivery. Please keep Jenkins and increase its funding so it can continue to serve the legal community.

The Jenkins Law Library is a critical component for our law firm (Cohen & Grigsby, located in
Pittsburgh, PA) to implement a cost-effective approach to legal services. With our membership, the JLL book collection helps fill our library collection gap (e.g. legislative content) and its online databases are indispensable for researching content that’s not available elsewhere. In addition, its staff provides first class service in legal research and document delivery. Please continue to provide adequate funding to keep the Jenkins mission to serve the public and the legal community.

Tony Chan

As a member of a small firm, currently consisting of three attorneys, Jenkins Law Library has proven indispensable as a highly economical total resource center. Without this service operating at full capacity, our practice in representing individuals and business entities would be significantly impaired. Through Jenkins, we have centralized access to print and other research tools which otherwise would be cost prohibitive.

Jeffrey Chebot, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins is important because it provides affordable access to essential information that many individuals, including smaller practitioners, cannot afford. It is exactly the kind of thing the Bar Association should demand funding for if the legal profession is to be worthy of its mission.

John Chesney

Great affordable resource for solo practitioners

Eddie Choi

I routinely use the Jenkins Law Library for research into statutes and court rules enacted decades ago that remain in effect today.

I use the resources provided by the Jenkins Law Library on at least a weekly basis, particularly for statutory research into older bills where the history or bill text is not available elsewhere. I have also used its resources to find explanatory comments and other information in the bound copies of the Pennsylvania Bulletin that are unavailable elsewhere. The Jenkins Law Library is an incredibly important resource for my legal research.

Andrew Christy

I'm a solo practitioner, and Jenkins is invaluable to my practice. I rely on Jenkins' extensive resources so heavily that if Jenkins is forced to close, I may be forced to close my practice as well. Defunding Jenkins may not hurt the larger firms, but it will be devastating to small firms and solos.

Kenneth Cohen, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I use Jenkins for research for clients. I have a large number of poorer clients who cannot afford the many, more expensive clients. I also have a number of middle class clients in West Philadelphia who have extensive requirements that I could not provide with my services without the large collection of information and access to Westlaw and LexisNexis that Jenkins provides.
Andrew Cole

Jenkins is an important research resource for all lawyers and has critical written materials that are not available elsewhere, especially for our local Orphans' Court. The librarians are knowledgeable and have greatly helped our practice, especially in understanding resources available to research PA case law. Losing this resource would be detrimental to our community's legal practice in many substantive areas.
Please help support this intellectual community.

Marla Conley

I use it for legal research

Lisa Copland

As a sole practitioner, it's vital for research.

Conor Corcoran

I work in a small legal department for an insurance company in Philadelphia and appreciate all the support, resources and courses offered by the Jenkins Law Library. They have helped me to gain an in-depth knowledge in many areas and have been an excellent, reliable and valuable resource for our company.

Yvonne Cruzado

Jenkins is a superb resource which I, as a sole practitioner, utilize on a frequent basis in representing my clients. The loss of the library, or a substantial reduction in the materials and services it supplies, would prove utterly frustrating to my practice of law.

Randal Cowles, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I have been a member of Jenkins for many years. I rely on the library for assistance with research. As a solo practitioner, the assistance I have received over the course of my career has been invaluable. Additionally, the CLE classes offered has allowed me to keep abreast of a wide variety of topics which have been helpful in expanding my practice. My Jenkins membership is an effective and economical way to secure my practice needs.

Vivienne Crawford, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I greatly depend on Jenkins Library when i am there personally and remotely. Its research tools are unsurpassed and it personnel knowledgeable, personable and willing to do all to answer questions and to point in the right direction. I also take advantage of its Continuing Legal Education programs.

I greatly depend on Jenkins Library, both in person and on line. Its research materials are unsurpassed and it personnel knowledgeable, personable and willing to do all to answer questions and to point in the right direction. I also take advantage of its Continuing Legal Education programs. Please do not cut its funding.

Anthony Creato
Jenkins Law Library is an important part of the history of Philadelphia's legal community and is an essential resource for many of the area's lawyers, scholars and the public at large.

Kevin Cronin

I have relied on Jenkins for my 45+ years before the Bar in Philadelphia. As a solo practitioner for the last few years, I use Jenkins on a regular basis. It should be recognized as an indispensable source for the legal community.

Extremely important. I am a solo practitioner who uses Jenkins on a regular basis.

J. Craig Currie

As a solo practitioner representing individuals of limited means, I could not afford to purchase all the resources available at Jenkins. Jenkins' librarians help me with challenging legal research of administrative agency and executive orders.

Doris Dabrowski

The Jenkins law Library is the go to and back up library to the Philadelphia Community. Without it we would all be lost. More and more budgets are being reduced at institutions creating gaps in available resources for patrons. We recommend that funding be continued and will pay the extra tax to that fact. Thank you.

Scott DeMaris

The exceptionally talented librarians at Jenkins have helped me to find the appropriate resources to answer complex questions on many occasions. They expedite the research process every time I ask them a question.

Patrick Devine

Jenkins Law Library is a valuable and necessary resource for counsel for the indigent and the less fortunate in our society, Jenkins Law Library levels the playing field between Big Firm counsel and small firm counsel, by providing equal access to legal resources otherwise unavailable to moderate to small firm and solo counsel.

John Devlin, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins is critical to my success as a solo practitioner. I don't have thousands of dollars per month to pour into a subscription to Westlaw or Lexis, so I rely on the very reasonable cost of membership to Jenkins to allow me access to the materials I need to represent my clients. I rely on Jenkins for forms, case law, and secondary resources to guide me in my first year in practice. Quite frankly I'm not sure I would have been able to successfully navigate my first year without its support.

Louis DiLello

Jenkins is an essential resource for public interest lawyers like myself who cannot afford Lexis or Westlaw. Don't destroy this valuable resource to the local bar, especially the public interest
members.

*Kim Dolan*

My solo practice cannot sustain a Westlaw or Lexis contract. Jenkins is necessary whenever I litigate a complex matter, or if I am opposing a large firm. I also use Jenkins' treatises and other reference materials.

*Peter Dolinger, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

Jenkins is a vital resource to small law firms and members of the community. In many cases it is impractical and cost-prohibitive for a sole practitioner or small firm or community member to acquire all the legal resources necessary to address a particular legal issue. Small firms in particular provide legal services to often under-served members of our community. The loss of Jenkins would be a grave loss to Philadelphia and surrounding areas.

*Dimtri Dovas*

As the sole member of the legal team at a small company, I rely on Jenkins resources when my role requires primary-source research as well as in-depth practical research. While I have a variety of resources available through professional associations such as the Association of Corporate Counsel and AIPLA, when I need to review cases or take a deeper dive, Jenkins is my first stop.

*Elizabeth Downey*

As a solo practitioner, Jenkins Law Library provides access to resources that promote thorough preparation and quality representation.

*Cowanis Duckett*

We most certainly value and depend on the support and expertise that Jenkins Librarians provide. We are also grateful for easy access to the print collection and e-resources our membership provides to all of the attorneys/staff in the office. This resource will leave a great void and be difficult to replace.

*Joanne Dumapay*

The Law Library is important to all members of the Philadelphia Bar for its service to those lawyers not fortunate enough to have other resources for their practice. This includes particularly those members of our Bar who serve indigent clients and other caught in the maw of the justice system without the resources to hire private counsel.

*Ned Dunham, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

It is very important, essential. We are a small firm. We rely on the treatises and practice aids found at Jenkins. They are critically important to our work.

*Marc Durant, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

I use Jenkins for all my research for Briefs and other matters requiring the citing of case law.

*Edgar Einhorn, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*
Jenkins Law Library provides a location to help with my education in finding information that only leads me to become a unique professional. This place it not just a library but it’s a direct path in finding knowledge for the legal community. This has to be the only library in Philadelphia where I know that I will ask for help in finding information about the law and I am direct to the history, other cases and books that about the similar status. This is not like the Philadelphia Free Library which is wonderful but you have to sign up for the computer and limit study areas.

Laura Elam

I and the colleagues at my law firm have benefitted from the availability of online services, even though I live and work in Delaware County. I have also taken CLE Classes offered at Jenkins.

Gerry Elman, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I'm a solo lawyer and need Jenkins for my research.

Berto Elmore

Over the years, all lawyers have turned to Jenkins to uncover hard to find sources

Alan Epstein, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a small firm Jenkins is critical to keeping our lawyers up-to-date on the law while keeping our library and research costs reasonable. While I'm no longer a Philadelphia Bar member, I was for a long time, during which I was even more dependent on Jenkins for legal research.

Joseph Erb

I cannot imagine my practice without Jenkins.

Peter Erdely, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a solo practitioner for 20 years, I used Jenkins frequently for research, as a meeting place and as a source of CLE. Although I am presently living in Davidson, North Carolina and not currently a member, I think it is important that Jenkins be available to independent attorneys for their practice needs.

Francis Farina

I frequently rely on Jenkins for legal research.

Adele Faure

I am a sole practitioner. I can't afford the kind of law library the big firms maintain. I rely on Jenkins for books and other research tools that are either not included in my Westlaw subscription or not available from Westlaw. I don't use Jenkins a lot--mainly because my office is not in Center City. Nevertheless, I always renew my membership because when I need the resources that Jenkins offers, I really need them. It would be a major loss to the city's legal community if Jenkins were to have to close. The city must fund conflict counsel for indigent defendants -- but don't take the funding the resource that those attorneys need to do their job.
Jim Feldman

In cities outside NYC and Boston, there is nothing comparable to the services and research materials provided by Jenkins to the Philadelphia area legal community and pro se men and women. The physical collection and online databases are enhanced by the invaluable research guides and the legislative histories. As an outsourced librarian in many law firms whose attorneys are served by JLL, I appreciate the level of experience of the reference staff, the talent brought in for CLE’s (as well as the in-house staff), the tech staff, document delivery at 11th hour, social media representation and all around talent. If you care about the availability of legal resources and the people who maintain them and make them useful, support for Jenkins should not be taken away.

Barbara Felicetti

I have used Jenkins countless times during my 28 years practicing in Phila. The staff is wonderful and responsive. And the resources available thru the Library is not replaceable on the Internet. It would be terrible to lose such an institution.

Robert Feltoon, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a solo, it is the most cost-effective way to do legal research. The membership gives you access to anything you could possibly need. The CLEs offered are also valuable. Out of all the services my firm uses, Jenkins represents the best value for the price.

Tom Ferrant

Jenkins Law Library is invaluable to the solo practitioner.

Joseph Ferry

I use Jenkins for research and shepardizing - critical to my practice.

Andrea Finamore

Valuable resource for sole practitioners, students and academics.

Deborah Fitzgerald-Correll, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I am a solo practitioner who represents individuals in litigation in federal courts in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. I used to use Westlaw but it became prohibitively expensive – really prohibitively expensive. As a result, for the past several years, I've relied on Jenkins Law Library to conduct all of my legal research. Without Jenkins, I would no longer be able to afford practicing law for my clients. End of story.

Paul Fitzmaurice

As a solo attorney Jenkins resources are valuable to my legal practice.

Patrick Flanigan

Jenkins Law Library is an invaluable resource that provides access to materials not available anywhere else. It makes my job easier knowing that I can provide my attorneys with materials
from an easily accessible, thorough collection. Losing access to Jenkins would be devastating.

*Michael Fleckenstein*

Jenkins is excellent and necessary, as it helps expand legal services to clients of lawyers who cannot afford to build their own libraries or even to pay for many of the services available on the computerized databases.

*Brian Foley*

Jenkins Law Library is an excellent resource for the small practitioner. I visit regularly.

*Don Forest*

Jenkins is crucial to the City.

*David Freeman*

As a solo practitioner, I depend on Jenkins Law Library mostly to keep overhead expenses low, so that I can continue to provide legal services to clients who would not be able to afford to retain a medium or large firm. On fee shifting consumer cases, their issues are often considered too small or the opposing side’s pockets not deep enough for a larger firm to see the case as worth while. Yet, these consumers are harassed by debt collectors, even without owing, and would otherwise go without help. This population relies on solo practitioners and small firms to work with their budgets or take matters with the potential for only a small pay off. I need affordable access to research materials and high quality scanning. I also network with other lawyers who use Jenkins and are similarly situated.

*Melissa Freeman*

I work in a law firm library. I have used Jenkins Law Library for more than 4 decades and it is invaluable. I depend on Jenkins daily in my work. I can’t imagine what it would be like without it in its present form. We are so very fortunate to have Jenkins Law Library in Philadelphia as it is.

I work in the library of a large law firm in the city and have been using the services of Jenkins Law Library for many decades. I can’t imagine Philadelphia without Jenkins. Very few cities in this country have anything similar to Jenkins for the legal community and the general public to use. It would be so ignorant to have the funding stopped. Jenkins is a precious jewel in this city!

*Allen Friedman*

The amazing staff at the Jenkins Law Library help us every day to meet the legal research needs of our attorneys and clients every day! If it weren’t for Jenkins and their incredible staff, services and outstanding collection of print and online resources, my job would be so much more difficult!

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Gwen Friedman

It appears that the Philadelphia Bar Association, Board of Governors, by its proposed Resolution Supporting Legislation to Fund the Payment of Court Appointed Counsel, has failed to properly account, in conformance with the facts, the actual reality of the consequences of enactment of House Bill 1937, Printer's No. 2812, Section 1725(c)(7)(i) upon "the entity operating the county law library." Such failure alone would impeach the integrity of the proposed Resolution, as the issue is financing, which should not be accomplished by the diminishment of any legal resource, herein, the operation of the county law library.

Cheryl Furey

Yes. It is my go to source for treatises and I have used the on line materials also.

Nicole Galli

I access Jenkins online at least once a week for research needs, and visit several or more times a month. As a solo practitioner, Jenkins provides the resources that I need in an accessible and economical way. It is an invaluable service.

I use Jenkins resources at least once a week. As a solo practitioner, it is invaluable to me.

Peter Gardner

As a sole practitioner I rely on Jenkins for numerous resources that would be cost prohibitive to me if I needed to purchase them myself.

David Garner

I recall once attending a bar association meeting where Justice Newman revealed to the audience that the quality of legal services in Philadelphia was much better than the other 60 counties in the state, and they preferred to decide cases where the attorneys were in Philadelphia. I would suggest the reason for the steadfast high quality of legal services in Philadelphia was because of Jenkins Law Library.

At the beginning of my career I served as court appointed counsel in Municipal Court, The Court of Common Pleas, and for juveniles in Family Court. I also served in the Dependency Branch of Family Court. Any fee paid to me at that time would have been meaningless without the facilities of Jenkins Law Library to provide the resources necessary to competently represent indigent clients. Jenkins gave me the resources to research motions, to familiarize myself with every aspect of the law, of my obligations under the Code of Professional Responsibility, and to efficiently operate a law office to that I could keep afloat despite the small fee paid for representing indigent clients. That also indirectly served the interest of the judges to provide a high quality of justice with knowledge of all the law pertaining to the case before them.

I now use my accounting and legal skills to represent the elderly. I can do so at a reasonable fee, and also perform some pro-bono work, only because I have the resources of Jenkins Law Library available to me. As the elderly population of the county increases, this is just as important as representation of indigent defendants.
I am currently working with a nurse practitioner to give a pro-bono presentation to other medical professionals about elder abuse - how to recognize it and what to do about it. I used the facilities of Jenkins, including the databases, to collect the information needed to give the presentation. I am also working on another pro-bono presentation to accountants, attorneys, and investment advisors on Advance Medical Directives. I could not have produced the presentation without the resources at Jenkins Law Library.

Jenkins Law Library is not a luxury service. In order to reach Jenkins one must be willing to leave the comfort of the office and visit the facility to do a good job. It serves attorneys and the general public willing to make the extra effort to do a good job. Legal services without Jenkins would be like a court system without computers. Both are essential tools to serve the needs of the court system.

Robert Gasparro

I'm part of a small 2 attorney firm. Most of our cases are against large corporations with multiple large law firms on retainer. Access to the library and electronic databases allows us to have an even playing field with our much larger adversaries.

Joseph Gentilcore

I am the librarian at the Lancaster County Law Library, and I've been in this position for 35 years. Throughout this time I can honestly say that I have always found the staff at Jenkins to be helpful and supportive of county law libraries and librarians throughout the state. Many of us are in 1 person (or small staff) situations, and, as hard as we may try, we can't always begin to have all of the resources we need or understand all of the questions we get. The staff at Jenkins has always been there to help us out in whatever way they can, and to give us guidance in finding that elusive resource. Also, the palawlibrary database that they began a number of years ago was one of the best new products in the legal research field that I had seen in a long time. Jenkins truly has a great reputation for service to the legal community!

Eleanor Gerlott

It is my primary source when doing legal research

Daniel Gibbon, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I am a solo practitioner and rely on Jenkins for research and CLE's. Jenkins offers research opportunities I would otherwise not be able to afford.

Laurie Ginsberg, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a solo practitioner Jenkins is a great asset and value to my practice

Felix Gonzalez

I depend on Jenkins for research and CLE. It is VITAL to the small firm/sole practitioner.

Mark Goodheart

Jenkins is a vital and truly essential resource for the solo practitioner, including those whose practice is mostly pro bono. Without Jenkins, lawyers in the region who don't have access to
the resources of a large law firm would simply be unable to function.

Hugh Gordon

Yes

David Gradwohl, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins is affordable and convenient way for solo practitioners to access vast amount of research at one spot. Without Jenkins, solo practitioners like me will have to go out of business.

Alexander Granovsky

Legal research

I love Jenkins!

Ronald Grimes

Sounds like a nasty April fool’s joke.

How could anyone contemplate dismantling Jenkins?

It is an outrage to the Philadelphia legal community. I am sure even the dead are outraged.

As a practical matter, there are still publications and journals that are not available on line or are very expensive, (the cost of which is not justified on such a limited basis), which are available at Jenkins, and nowhere else (not even local law schools). Many lexis features are a waste of money for the specialized practitioner.

This cannot be allowed to happen.

Nicholas Guiliano, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins is an indispensable resource to the legal community, from librarians to attorneys alike.

Suzanne Habib

Semi-retired Attorney, with major disabling medical issues, depends solely on Jenkins Law Library for my ability to get needed research, etc., online!

Thomas Halfpenny

I was a solo practitioner who retired in 2006. I relied solely on Jenkins for on-line research as it was the most affordable option. Because of the affordability of Jenkins resources to solo practitioners, I was able to competently represent clients in cases where the opposing counsel was from a large firm with endless access to online resources. I practiced outside of Philadelphia for the bulk of my career and simply did not have adequate access to the research resources Jenkins provides online.

Since 2006, I have retained my membership in Jenkins as various legal issues arise for family
and friends and, while I do not practice or represent anyone anymore, I use Jenkins online research resources on a fairly regular basis to find answers for them. I have also, both before and after retiring, used the "Ask a Librarian" service on occasion when I have not been able to find my answers using the online resources and the Librarians at Jenkins are terrific. They are responsive, find answers quickly, and are a pleasure to deal with.

Indeed, I presently live in southern Virginia in an area which has no reasonably accessible law library. Without Jenkins, I would be unable to assist family and friends with their legal issues. In addition, I am working on the initial material for a blog on the Constitution and what its authors meant to achieve by various clauses relevant to current events, The Elephant Under the Rug, (which I intend to release publicly shortly, after I have enough content to publish the inaugural material. I rely on Jenkins' online resources for researching many of the issues about which I write.

It would be a tragedy were Jenkins to loose any of its funding as solo practitioners simply do not have the same financial resources as large firms. Without Jenkins, it would be difficult for the many individuals who cannot afford the services of large law firms, with their added overhead expenses, to find affordable legal representation which would have a very negative impact on our justice system and society in general.

Please do nothing to reduce Jenkins funding!!!!

Let me start with a bit about my background related to the practice of law. In 1985-86, I was the Law Clerk to the Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court. After that, I worked at one of the top firms in Wilmington, Delaware, and a spinoff from that firm. Needless to say, all those years, I had access to the best legal research tools available. Subsequently, I moved to Pennsylvania, where I was a solo practitioner for many years. (I am now retired, living in Virginia.)

It is almost impossible for me to list all the ways Jenkins Law Library ("Jenkins") has, helped me. As a solo litigation practitioner with a practice, Jenkins' incredible array of online research portals and the Jenkins' Librarians research assistance, it was possible for me to draft briefs, pleadings, and other documents reflecting the breadth and depth of research to which I had become accustomed at the Delaware Supreme Court and the top Wilmington firms.

Perhaps more importantly, because I had Jenkins' tools and Librarians by my side, I was able to produce documents which reflected a depth of research equal to any in documents I authored as a Law Clerk and at big firms. My reputation among the colleagues with whom I collaborated on many cases depended in no small part on that fact. So, for me, Jenkins not only made it possible for me to do top flight research, but I also staked my professional reputation on Jenkins' resources, all of them. This also gave me the foundation on which to litigate against some of the largest law firms in Philadelphia.

Now that I am retired, I live in a fairly rural area with no access to a local law library. I was
surprised at how often I need to do legal research here in Virginia, but, thankfully, Jenkins is still by my side. In my opinion, the Jenkins Law Library is an extraordinary institution which deserves all needed support to continue its awesome services.

"I am a retired PA and DE litigator who moved to Chesapeake, VA where there is no really decent law library closer than 2 1/2-3 hour drive. Had unfortunate interaction with two (2) local contractors. I am not admitted in VA. Without my Jenkins online subscription and the assistance, not infrequently, of Jenkins Librarians, my ability to do legal research to support my case would pretty much evaporate.

I also assist my adult daughters who are PA residents with issues that arise for them from time to time, one of whom is about to marry a Philadelphia Police Officer, so they live in the City of Philadelphia, meaning Philadelphia residents are benefiting from my membership.

My sincere hope, as a former Pennsylvanian who still spends a considerable amount of time in Philadelphia and Delaware County, is that the Pennsylvania Legislature will be generous to Jenkins Law Library. What you have in Philadelphia is not only a National Treasure, but America's First and Oldest Law Library which was founded only a little over 25 years after the Declaration of Independence and a mere 13 years after the Constitution was ratified.

So, IMHO, Jenkins is not just THE most awesome law library with which I have had the privilege of working with, it is an American Institution created by, among others, many Framers of the Constitution and which they viewed as necessary in a government of laws, not men."

Vicki Hagel

I am a sole practitioner. I depend and rely on the services that are provided by Jenkins Law Library for my practice.

Warren Hamilton, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I have been a member of Jenkins Law Library for my entire 35 year legal career. It is an invaluable legal resource in this era when most lawyers do not have a library and rely solely on electronic research. Jenkins Law Library also provides all of my CLE credits and access to Fastcase in my office. I know that the people behind the defunding of Jenkins Law Library know that it would put them out of business and I have seen nothing that would support this outrageous position.

Richard Hannyé

The Jenkins Law Library is a critical resource for our firm. Their research support and access to resources are essential elements of our strategy to provide world-class client services here at Ballard.

John Harbison

Jenkins is important to me, but most importantly important to many pro se and solo practitioners, such as myself, and others who do not possess the financial resources to singlehandedly pay for research tools or even books that can costs thousands of dollars to own
or acquire. Access to research material means access to the courts and to deny or cripple such access by reducing funding that has been received and relied upon, would unequivocally shackle those who rely upon the library to conduct their research and stand a fighting chance against the corporate giants. Jenkins Law library is the rock that slays the giant. Without that rock that giants will take over and consume everyone.

_Rhashea Lynn Harmon-EI_

I support Jenkins availability for research and study for everyone

_ Ronald Harper, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

I am a solo practitioner who works with a number of low-income and indigent clients. I could not access the required practice guides, statutes, case law, etc., without Jenkins. The cost of entry through the content providers is too much for someone like me.

_ Heather Harris_

I use Jenkins in person and online to research issues up to date cases and any changes in the statutes.

_Sharon Harvey_

I own a small law firm without access to books, and we depend on Jenkins to be our firm library.

_ Steve Harvey, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

For research that I can't find anywhere else! Sometimes books are the best option, and it is great to have so many online databases as well.

_Anna Haslinsky, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

I have a small shop. I do a lot of low bono and pro bono work helping expand and protect access to addiction treatment. When I do this work, the resources available through Jenkins allow me to go toe to toe with Goliaths in Harrisburg and D.C. Jenkins is a great leveler and I could not do the work I do without it. Please do not destroy or diminish Jenkins.

_Gregory Heller, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

Legal info mostly tax law related.

_Earl Helstrom_

As a small firm Jenkins is critical to our practice. It provides resources such as access to their knowledgeable and resourceful staff and written/digital materials such as documents, forms, legal publications, and research materials (legal and non-legal) that assist us in better representing our clients. I have been a member for about ten (10) years and Jenkins has helped me countless times with research, court filings, litigation needs, and staying up to date on known practice areas and even being the foundation for entry into new practice areas- both through CLE classes as well as myriad paper and digital journals. Their online access allows 24/7 access to nearly all of their resources and their hours of operation are convenient to the
schedule of busy attorneys. Jenkins also has a rich history. The old law books and portraits are part of the character that makes it so special. It would be a terrible disservice to many of us in the legal community to lose Jenkins because of all that it provides. It would also be a great pity to lose a place so steeped in the history of the practice of law in Philadelphia.

Jenkins library is an incredible resource to me, a solo practitioner, to be able to help my clients in their vast legal issues by allowing me to provide top quality representation at prices they can afford. Without Jenkins' resources, at affordable rates, there is no way I could charge the reduced fees I charge to represent clients in their battles against the "big" firms with unlimited resources. Cutting the funding to Jenkins, and thereby limiting its resources to me, or by increasing the costs to me, would directly impact the fees I have to charge my clients. Since most of my clients do not have much, if any, financial resources, any increase in the cost of my services to them would potentially make them unable to defend themselves or advance their legal claims because it would become cost-prohibitive. Furthermore, every time I am at Jenkins, I see countless indigent people using the services there themselves.

David Henry

I am a solo practitioner, who practices consumer law. Jenkins' online resources have been invaluable to me.

Lawrence Hersh

I have used Jenkins Law Library for years now. It's low membership fees help solo practitioners like me who do not have the funds to invest in many of the materials useful for helping our clients.

Jack Herzig

Jenkins has been a tremendous resource for my paralegal students at CCP. The students have access to the library and get trained to use the online resources. The staff at Jenkins have been an valuable resource for our program and our students.

Linda Hibbs

Research- would be difficult to practice without the tremendous resources of Jenkins Law Library

Harry Himes

Jenkins provides valuable resources to small and solo-practitioners. Its loss or increase in rates would significantly and negatively impact my practice.

Michael Hollister

As the Director of Allegheny County Law Library, I know how important Jenkins is to the county law library community in Pennsylvania. They have material that is only available through them. Their staff is extremely knowledgeable and have helped us many times. Losing this library would not only be disastrous for Philadelphia but would affect the entire state's legal community. Proper funding for our law libraries is imperative for the future of legal research in
the state of Pennsylvania and as the cost of legal resources continues to sky-rocket, we must not pull valuable funding resources to pay for these important resources for our lawyers, general public and other legal researchers. Good legal research is the basis for our legal system. Don't blow it!

I am the Director of the Allegheny County Law Library and we are a member of Jenkins. We depend on Jenkins for sources in Pennsylvania that only they have. Their collection is far better than ours and are constantly striving to improve to their level. So many of our lawyers and self-litigant clients depend on libraries like Jenkins to research their cases. Filing fees are an important part of their funding and it must be continued!

*Patricia Horvath*

Jenkins helped me when I was a solo practitioner and continues to help me as a partner in a small law firm. It is ridiculous that anyone is even considering changing funding for America’s oldest law library.

*Michael Houghton*

As a work-from-home lawyer of a very small law firm, I heavily rely on Jenkins law library and its vast resources.

*Erica Intzekostas*

I could not have started or run my legal practice without Jenkins. When I first became a sole practitioner, Jenkins was my best resource for the treatises and databases I needed to begin my practice. Early on it also functioned as de facto office and meeting place with other attorneys. Now that I am more established, I still begin almost every new case with a trip to Jenkins. Because I am a general practitioner, I frequently have cases in areas that are relatively new to me. Simply being able to browse at Jenkins is incredibly useful. It means I can review the law at low cost and easy determine threshold questions. Through Jenkins I have access to excellent resources and to the most up-to-date books, without which I would feel less prepared to serve my clients.

*Robert Jackel*

I'm a pro se litigant and Jenkins provide enormous resources. If it were not for this institution I may not be able to defend my rights. Please continue to fund them. I can't speak for lawyers but we members of the public need a place that is accessible.

*Amia Jackson*

Students at CCP use this as a valuable resource to their education

*Jane Jacobs, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

Jenkins Law Library has always provided me with all of the legal resources that I need to do my legal research. The reference librarians and support staff are extremely knowledgeable and very helpful in so many ways. I feel quite fortunate to have such a great library which I can consistently count on.
Michael Jacobs

As a true solo, Jenkins is my answer, for CLE, for research, and for a place to stop when I'm out and about, to check my voicemail and email. If I have to meet with clients, I would try to book a room at Jenkins, since I practice from a home office and would not meet with clients in my home. Jenkins has been an invaluable resource for me. In addition to the services it directly provides, I have met colleagues, both the instructors and fellow attendees, at the CLEs who have become friends. For a solo, who does not have partners or associates, meeting other lawyers in a professional setting is an added bonus.

Miriam N. Jacobson

I have been a sole practitioner and member of Jenkin's law library since 1982. Without access to the library, needless to say, professional representation could not have been afforded to the many clients that I have been privileged to serve over the course of my career. I urge that all necessary steps be taken to preserve this jewel of the Philadelphia Bar.

Daniel Jaffe, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins has been a critical part of my practice, both when I began (in 1985), and today when I have many electronic resources available from my desktop. There are many resources that are not cost-effective for I or my firm to acquire, but which we can obtain from Jenkins. More importantly, the Law Librarians at Jenkins have always been a resource on which we can rely when we have questions for which we cannot easily (or cost-effectively) find an answer on Westlaw. I cannot imagine a legal practice without a Jenkins Law Library available as a resource.

Stanley Jaskiewicz, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

The ABA and PBA resource books have been vital in allowing me to represent my clients on behalf of Philadelphia VIP. Without them I doubt I would have been able to provide quality representation. Jenkins provides literally, vital resources.

Michael Juliano, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I depend on Jenkins to do research. It is very handy to have access to various databases all in one place. It would be a huge disservice to the law community should Jenkins not receive the funding necessary to keep it going.

Michelle Jurick

I depend on it to be a resource for smaller firm lawyers and solos, as I once was. I express that by contributing annually, but Jenkins needs its primary and long-standing funding source.

Edward Kaier, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

It is an integral part of my practice.

Arnold I. Kalman, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Solo practitioner who can't afford library and am on disability now.

Bradley Kane

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I have a solo law practice. I use Jenkins to conduct legal research for paying and pro bono clients. Without Jenkins, it would be more difficult for me to maintain a solo law practice and provide pro bono services at the request of, and for the benefit of, the courts.

_Gregg Kanter_

Jenkins is an affordable and strong resource for any attorney that does not have the leverage and resources of a medium to large-sized law firm. It would be a travesty to divert funding from such a crucial resource.

_Will Kaufmann_

Online access and use of librarian research

_Larry Keller_

Given my choice to specialize, unfortunately, the conventional job-seeking route in my area of expertise was not readily available to me here in Philadelphia. I had little choice but to 'hang out a shingle' if I wanted to pursue my chosen field of law. While that alone is intimidating enough, to do it without the resources of Jenkins would be all the more trying. As a sole practitioner being just over year out of law school, Jenkins has been an incredible and indispensable resource for me. Simply put, given the numerous financial burdens of starting a solo practice, I could never afford the resources of Jenkins on my own, or even at a higher rate. Jenkins affords me both the resources, confidence, and network to be able to learn, grow, and advocate confidently. I have to believe without Jenkins and their reachable yearly membership, there is a very real chance I would not be where I am today... successfully building a robust solo practice in an area of specialty; one very much needed to serve Philadelphia's creative and innovative classes.

Jenkins has been an INVALUABLE(!) resource to me and any reduction in its funding, which would ultimately result in increased member dues, would cause a significant detriment to my practice. I am an attorney who deals almost exclusively in the arts where most of my clients are barely making ends-meat. I am only able to assist them in large part because Jenkins provides me the research and career resources that as a sole practitioner I could never dream of affording on an a la carte basis. I can tell you as a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, any increase in my dues to Jenkins would be directly compensated for by a reduction in my membership with the bar. I hope the proponents of this change reconsider their efforts as it would hurt the lawyers in fighting it out in the trenches solo and small firm advocacy.

_Ash Kernen, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

The Jenkins Law Library is a crucial resource for researching legislative history.

_Johan Kian, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

The attorneys in our Philadelphia office regularly tap the resources of Jenkins. We are members.

_Donna Kielar_
Jenkins is an invaluable resource, especially for young lawyers, retired lawyers, and those without affordable access to Lexis, Westlaw and practice treatises. Staff librarians are knowledgeable, supportive and helpful - a rarity in the internet age.

William King

What’s with this city always looking to close libraries. Shameful!

Debra Klebanoff

I am a solo and use Jenkins regularly

W Craig Knaup

I use Jenkins routinely for research, particularly Westlaw, Purdon's, PBI books, Pennsylvania Practice, among other Pennsylvania sources. The staff are exceptionally helpful when I need assistance with my research. I also use Jenkins for CLE's, including Ethics credits, which are difficult to get elsewhere. The ethics CLE's are unique, since they deal with subjects that are both critical to my solo practice and are not offered by other providers: such as internet and privacy related topics.

Itzchak Kornfeld, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I am an independent paralegal. I can’t afford the other legal search engines. Jenkins is a lifesaver.

Stephen Kotzen

Jenkins is very important. Do not support House Bill 1937

Robert Kramer, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins books repository and archive simply cannot be re-created. If you defund Jenkins this information will be lost and quite frankly it would be shameful if that occurred.

Timothy Kulp, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I have been a member for many years and as a sole practitioner this Library has been invaluable to my practice. The staff is knowledgeable and friendly. For the value and the resources provided, I cannot imagine a replacement.

Thomas G. Landis

I am (literally) a one-person law firm. Not "one lawyer" -- one "person." Most of my practice is litigation, usually for the plaintiff. The legal arguments are complex. Opposing counsel is almost always a major law firm. Without the resources -- books, journals, and most especially people -- that Jenkins provides there is no way that I could maintain the practice in which I've been engaged for the past 25 years. Every time I ask for Jenkins' help it is forthcoming -- and every time it comes forth I say to the person with whom I've been speaking, "Why do I always say you guys are the best deal in town?"
I am the only person — not just the only lawyer: the only person — producing legal services over my name. I could not provide the legal services I provide without the service Jenkins has without fail provided me over the last twenty-eight years.

_E. Daniel Larkin, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

Jenkins was very important to us when I worked at the Social Law Library in Boston, which opened one year after Jenkins did.

_Patrick Lavey_

It has been a life saver. Research engines and access to data basis I normally wouldn't have access to. The free CLE's are awesome and I would be detrimental if this library is jeopardized in any way.

_James Lee, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

The librarians can find anything. It's not just the books, it is the people that work there that make it so good. Having access many online services and treatises are also very helpful. Great books and an even better staff.

_Gary Lesser_

As a solo practitioner Jenkins provides support that is not available anywhere else.

_Robert Lipsey, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

I have used the library and its librarians for years to help research areas outside of my core competencies. The CLE programs help me keep current with advances in computer-assisted legal research and in how to protect confidentiality of communications on the Web. Through my membership, I have access to databases I could not afford otherwise. Jenkins had been my ever-present and critical partner.

The research staff frequently assists me when I have to research out of my usual practice areas. Membership provides access to databases often unaffordable to many practitioners. Its CLE is inexpensive and excellent. I especially value its annual reviews of electronic filing, docket searching and computer ethics. There is no greater bang for the buck than money spent on Jenkins membership.

_Robert Lipshutz_

I have always been an independent, essentially sole practitioner. Jenkins single-handedly enabled me to do that as soon as I graduated law school. I was able to provide lower-cost legal services but also support myself and my family on a bare-bones revenue flow. Jenkins is key. Do not defund Jenkins. I still belong and though I don't physically go there as often as I once did, the on-line access it provides still to this day enables me to provide a sliding scale charge to enable legal services to be affordable and available to people who might not otherwise afford.

_Harriet Litz_

Assisted me in acquiring my Paralegal Degree
Victoria Long

I love Jenkins Library. Why? As a solo practitioner it's an invaluable resource. I rely on it to get me up to speed on all matter of legal questions that any lawyer, specialist or not, must delve into and find answers to on a daily basis. The staff are considerate and helpful in directing me to relevant areas. I make use of the modestly priced CLEs to keep my expenses down, and their CLEs have grown better year by year. If I need to do research I have access off-site to Fastcase and onsite to Westlaw. And I love the intimate atmosphere of a relatively small library. Jenkins has been around a long time and my practice would be diminished if it were to fundamentally change. The funding mechanism up to this point has worked to make Jenkins a viable and responsive resource for the Philadelphia legal community.

Richard Louisell

Jenkins is a great resource to all attorneys.

Stuart Lurie

Jenkins has a tremendous depth of research sources that no online service or private law library can match. I've used Jenkins to track down ancient legislative history, study the leading treatises on specialized areas of the law, and discover practice guides to help me become a better lawyer. The library is also one of my favorite quiet places to focus on brief writing.

Jennifer MacNaughten

I am a solo attorney whose practice is focused exclusively on assisting individuals with significant consumer debt, often in bankruptcy court. My clients typically earn less than $50,000 a year and are not paying me a high hourly rate. I consider Jenkins and ESSENTIAL service for my law practice. I simply could not afford to operate if I needed to pay for the resources provided to me through my Jenkins membership. I know of many solo and small firms in a similar situation.

As a solo practitioner, Jenkins Law Library is essential to my practice, which is focused on representing consumer debtors who typically earn less than $30,000 a year. As such, I am not pulling in large fees. To maintain my practice, I NEED Jenkins Law as a resource.

Alfonso Madrid, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Most of the work I do as an attorney is as a court- appointed guardian helping the indigent. I earn very little. Jenkins fair/low prices to me as a solo attorney help me practice, and help me maintain my license. I also have been able to research new areas of law in the extensive book collection and through the CLE classes.

Elysia Mancini Duerr

I only have access to treatises and sources other than reported cases through Jenkins. It would be a tremendous loss, especially for small firms and solo practitioners, if Jenkins were to close.

Jerome Marcus

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Sole practitioners have but one available resource aside from the costly use of Lexis and Westlaw, and some of us still remember turning the pages of books which had necessary information in context as opposed to searches /near or /4 words. For young lawyers not part of a medium on up law firm the resources of Jenkins are unparalleled in this City. The library is more important than the association since it gives all lawyers an equal opportunity to access the LAW in its many manifestations i.e decisions, statutes, regulations, commentary etc. Don’t take my Jenkins away!

Michael Markovitz

I am a career legal aid attorney. For more than forty year, I have worked for a low-income non-profit enterprises, representing low-income Pennsylvanians with serious civil legal problems. Without the resources available from Jenkins, I would not have been able to offer my clients the high-quality legal assistance that Jenkins makes possible. Please continue to fund this important entity.

Donald Marritz

Jenkins Law Library is invaluable, iconic Philadelphia resource, I have used it often. The proposed legislation would be destructive of law practice in Philadelphia, & particularly of small firm practice.

James Marsh

Regular user since 1988; regularly visit the library

Jon Marshall, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a solo criminal defense attorney and civil litigator, with many pro bono clients, Jenkins Law Library low-cost service has enabled me to provide effective representation in state and federal matters where the client would otherwise not have representation, and the deprivation of constitutional rights and preservation of justice are at risk.

Laura Mascheroni

Jenkins is a vital resource for me. As a sole practitioner, I rely on Jenkins literally every week for access to online legal resources and databases. I also find it essential to visit the library for legal research I can’t perform with my LexisAdvance account. The library is extremely well-run and well-maintained and my practice would be severely crippled if Jenkins were to close or significantly cut back on hours or maintaining its subscriptions.

As a solo practitioner I rely on Jenkins for critical legal research every single month. There is no alternative to Jenkins.

Steve Masters, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Yes. Jenkins enables me, a small-firm practitioner, to provide the highest quality legal work to clients who cannot afford to pay a large firm that has professional librarians.

Lisa Mathewson
Yes, very much as an available resource.

Eugene Mattioni, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a solo practitioner, Jenkins is critical in allowing me to provide the best representation possible to my clients by giving me access to research materials.

François-Igor Mazur

Jenkins Law library has been the single most important resource for my firm for the past 15 years. The professionals are competent, efficient and compassionate with their time.

Michael McCarrie, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Access to resources many only available at Jenkins is important to effective representation and helps insure the adversarial system functions fairly. I am a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association and past co-chair of medical legal committee of the association.

John Mirabella, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I have used Jenkins over the last 31 years of my professional career. It has been an indispensable part of my clients’ representation. Jenkins offers invaluable research all in one place. I use Lexis and Westlaw but they are very limited and expensive. Jenkins has legal treatises, legislation and law from other jurisdictions I need to support my clients. There is no other place but Jenkins where I can get such access all under one roof. The beauty of Jenkins is it has reference materials that can’t be had without exorbitant expense and travel time. It levels the playing field between large law firms with deep pockets and smaller firms by providing the same access to legal resources at the same cost. Loss of this resource would be a loss not just to my practice and my clients but a loss to the public at large. There is no other library I’m aware of in the Philadelphia area with the research resources provided by Jenkins.

Jenkins is extremely important. It is a cost-effective library which levels the playing field between large well to do firms and small or solo firms. Large firms have private law libraries which they can bill to corporate clients. Small and solo firms and the public need the extensive resources offered by Jenkins to compete. I depend on Jenkins to research law which would be exorbitantly expensive on Lexis or Westlaw. Jenkins offers these resources at a very reasonable price. It would be tragic to my practice to lose Jenkins.

J. Bradlley McDermott

My firm uses Jenkins exclusively for our legal research. It also has a great CLE program, nice facilities and a helpful staff. It would be tragic if 70% of the funding were stripped away.

Rebecca McDowell

Jenkins has always been there when I needed hard-to-get information fast. Their librarians are extremely knowledgeable and helpful.

Carole McHugh

I am a solo practitioner who uses the library facilities from time to time. I have used the
Fastcase database, the CLE courses.

Tamika McKoy

I cannot afford Westlaw and Lexis Nexis or an old-fashioned library. I rely on Jenkins Law Library for my research needs and often use it nights and weekends when libraries I would have to travel to from my Chester County office would be closed. It is essential to my practice of defending those who cannot defend themselves!

Richard Meanix

I've been a member of Jenkins Law Library for over 15 years. Jenkins' funding should not be cut - the library is an invaluable resource to the community.

Stephanie Mensing

Jenkins has helped our small firm with legal resources, legal research assistance, and low-cost CLEs that are relevant and informative. Jenkins is a great resource for the Philadelphia legal community.

Jennifer Meyer,

Am not computer savvy, so need the help and resources of the Library to aid my practice.

Albert Michell, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins is my lifeline for my law practice which centers mostly on civil rights in public education, including teacher tenure law and First Amendment retaliation. I serve mostly as an advocate for the best practices in public education school governance and leadership. I also author books, articles and commentaries on the law and academic research on school governance and school choice issues. My law practice is only part of what I do. I am a solo practitioner.

I do the vast majority of my legal research through Jenkins. I use the library services at Jenkins and always find the librarian staff to be of great assistance. I borrow books often. I also use Fastcase at least every week and intensively when I do my brief writing, I also use my google skills to find case law and legal articles online, a product of what I learned during Jenkins' CLE courses.

I also find the CLE classes to be informative and useful. I attend as many as I can. The value of Jenkins and its history extends through our entire community. Its value touches everyone in Philadelphia and throughout our state and region.

Our legal system and our legislature should fully support the Jenkins Law Library in every way, including for starters, maintaining the present surcharge on filing fees.

Rich Migliore

It is an invaluable resource for me as a sole practitioner

Steven Mirow
I served as Executive Director of the New York Law Institute from 2004 - 2015. A three-pronged revenue stream supported the services of the Institute; dues, fees for service and investment income from an endowment. Within 4 years our endowment lost 30% of its value almost overnight due to the international financial crisis with corresponding reduction in investment income. Consequently endowments can rarely supplant a "predictable" revenue stream especially when they account for 70% of operating revenue as is the case with Jenkins. So it is precarious for proponents of HB 1937 to state that Jenkins "is supported by a multi-million endowment". Imagine entering into contract for electronic services and have your revenues diminish precipitously within the contract year. It has happened and it can occur again. HB should be rejected and filing fee revenues restored to Jenkins.

Ralph Monaco

Most law firms have disbanded their traditional libraries and rely upon on-line research. The Jenkins Law Library maintains a full collection of traditional law library materials in hard copy, a resource which is very valuable. it also has on-line research. Jenkins provides assistance in effective and efficient use of on-line research tools; smaller firms do not have that assistance available to them in-house.

H. Laddie Montague, Jr.

Jenkins provides an invaluable resource for small firms, allowing us to provide free services more frequently due to its low cost and broad scope of legal resources.

Will Montague

Online services

Susan Moody

For the computer access to Westlaw and Lexis and for Criminal Law Reporter

Jenkins is indispensable to my work as a court appointed attorney focusing on post-conviction matters. The law library at City Hall is just not sufficient.

Mark Mungello

Absolutely important to me and many sole practitioners. Stop the madness.

Patrick Murphy

I can always rely on the professional and knowledgeable research staff to locate obscure, outdated or just difficult to find cases, publications (older PA Bulletins as just one example), articles and case law. The price that is charged for these research services is incredibly cost-efficient. They are just life savers!

Jenkins Law Library is the ONLY facility where I am able to access resources that are not available anywhere else. Everyone at Jenkins is extremely knowledgeable, dedicated and helpful.

Patricia Nagel
Jenkins is an important resource.
    Scott Nakama

Research and assistance preparing cases for trial

    Claiborne Newlin, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I go out of my way to get legal service and be serviced by the Jenkins Law Library. I live in Montgomery County and avoid the Montgomery County and Bucks County Libraries because of the superiority of Jenkins. I have been practicing over 50 years and for appx. the first 35 was a member of the Phila. Bar. Although I am not presently a member, I maintain my membership in Jenkins. The physical facilities are excellent, but the helpfulness and cooperation of the people are what I find are more valuable. It would be a tragedy put the premier law library in in the nation jeopardy for any reason.

    Francis X. Nolan

As a retired lawyer who still does pro bono work, I maintained my membership to Jenkins Law Library. My membership with Jenkins allows me to continue my pro bono work. The cost of using Westlaw or Lexis for my limited pro bono practice would be prohibitive. Additionally, my Jenkins Law Library membership allows me to maintain my law license by offering CLE credits at a very reason rate.

    Charles O'Connor

I'm a librarian at a law firm. We depend on resources that are available to us through Jenkins to appropriately support the research needs of our attorneys.

    Jennifer O'Donnell

I attend my CLE courses at Jenkins Law Library

    Bruce ONeil

I just need a real law library within walking distance of my office. I like real books. Thank you.

    Patrick O'Neill, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I depend on Jenkins for all aspects of research and making research more affordable and accessible as a solo practitioner.

    John Padova Jr., Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins Law Library is the great equalizer that gives all members of the legal community access to the vital texts and treatises needed to study and apply the law. If you take away funding for Jenkins Law Library, you are in effect taking away a vital tool from the Philadelphia legal community.

    Sal Pastino

The Erie County law library has a county law library membership with Jenkins Law Library and

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we regularly utilize the electronic resources available through this membership. We have also used the expertise of the reference librarians in providing research assistance or copies of materials not available in our collection.

Max Peaster

I am a sole attorney. But my practice is in dispute resolution. While I do not use the library often, it has been useful when I have needed it. Everyone has been more than helpful.

Edward Pereles, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a solo practitioner, I lack the resources of a large, or even small, firm. I always write briefs opposing those produced by firms with much greater resources. Legal research is key to my practice and Jenkins is key to my research.

David Perlman

As a librarian at a large law firm in Philadelphia, I rely on Jenkins for their expertise as well as their electronic and print materials to assist the attorneys that I serve.

Janet Peros

It is very upsetting to even think that someone would try to jeopardize existence of institution with over 200 years tradition of service to the legal community. Jenkins works so hard to lead the way to stay the most relevant to all, its members and to struggling pro-se patrons.

Katrina Piechnik

As a solo practitioner practicing in New Jersey as well as California, the ability to have Jenkins as a source of legal research and services is a lifeline. Jenkins has provided my firm with its legal resources for over 8 years. As a solo, others like myself cannot afford to have an onsite legal library that some major firms do. To remove the funding will cripple the ability of other solos like myself from being able to provide cost effective legal solutions for our clients.

As a sole practitioner with limited resources in comparison to larger firms, the research and legal authorities provided by Jenkins Law Library are crucial to delivering legal services to my clients. Jenkins Law Library provides cost effective and substantial legal research needed to advance both my practice and the goals of my clients. Without such resources available for my use, I would be unable to service the needs of my clients.

James Phan

I am a solo attorney in New Hampshire. Access to Jenkins research materials, for a most reasonable cost, allows me to conduct extensive research, on line, which would be impossible exclusive of my Jenkins membership and benefits. Loosing access to Jenkins would be a tremendous loss for my practice and clients. Jenkins 'levels the research playing field' for solo practitioners. No other research facility compares with Jenkins Law Library for value and affordability! I sincerely hope the 'Jenkins benefit' will remain available for solo attorneys.

Paul H. Pike
Even since Westlaw and Lexis became commonly available, Jenkins has been an important resource for me. In recent years I have visited the library infrequently, but I have visited its website quite often for the wide array of resources that are available there which, even if offered on Westlaw or Lexis, would be expensive. When I have visited, it has always been apparent how important a resource Jenkins is for the lay public. There is no doubt that appointed criminal defense counsel should be well paid. But depleting Jenkins funding should never have been a thought.

At various times over the last decades, I have utilized the services of Jenkins Law Library many times (and in many locations). It has been an essential resource to me, both when I was at Community Legal Services and since. And it is obvious on a quick visit that it provides a unique resource to non-lawyers in Philadelphia. Anything that jeopardizes its continued vitality should be unthinkable.

Elliot B. Platt, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

The oldest law library in America, Jenkins has an extensive collection of rare and historical legal material. I have made use of this material in the past and hope to do so again in the future. As a law library director I can say without hesitation that this collection must be preserved.

Mark Podvia

Member since 1993. As a starting solo at that time, I literally could not have done it without Jenkins. I spent thousands and thousands of hours reading and doing research using Jenkins materials that weren’t available at Temple or Penn’s libraries. Thanks for everything.

Steven Pollak

As a sole practitioner Jenkins membership has enabled me to compete in the legal marketplace. The staff is not just friendly but extremely knowledgeable and a mainstay of the Philadelphia legal profession. Diversion of the funds would be a travesty and likely destroy one of Philadelphia’s finest institutions.

Gerald Pomerantz, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As a law firm librarian in Philadelphia, I utilize the resources available through Jenkins Law Library every day of the workweek, be it through remote access to various legal and news databases, borrowing print materials that are not in our collection, working with the reference librarians on various research requests or tapping into Jenkins' vast repository of government documents and state court briefs. I have a very tough time imagining legal research without Jenkins Law Library.

I use at least one of the services offered by Jenkins nearly every day. Be it reference requests, book loans or remote database access, I cannot imagine functioning professionally without it.

Susan Posternock

Jenkins is the number one best asset generated by Philadelphia Bar Association membership. To say it is an invaluable resource, particularly to a sole practitioner like myself, would be a
gross understatement. Most notably, the Jenkins' staff is non-pareil. They're always a font of cutting edge know how for Jenkins' state of the art research technology as well as their collection of books, cd's, dvd's and audio collection. Jenkins is unique among all of the other law libraries in town, in that it is not just a great research institution but truly a working lawyer's library. Can't forget to mention their CLE offerings annually.

Our small firm of 4 lawyers uses the library often for research

Shaila Prabhakar, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I regularly use Jenkins library and when doing so I often observe the staff helping non-lawyers. Without Jenkins members of the community that are not lawyers would be deprived of an extremely valuable resource for understanding the law and the legal system in America which would make our society less good. This is not the direction our community should be going we should be striving to make things better not worse!

Jim Prendergast, Jr.

I'm one of those lawyers who had become jaded at the ever-rising cost of MCLE's over the years. I've been around long enough to remember when it was just CLE before the addition of the M. With the ability to satisfy the 12 hour yearly requirement for Jenkins' unmatched low price of $100, you're not feeling like one of the barrister sheep being led to the annual slaughter of some of the long established, well recognized providers, shall I say? Dating myself even further I can remember when the library was housed in the Widener Building on the other end of Chestnut Street. The current physical plant is a literal sanctuary of jurisprudence. Whether it's a brief, a memo, a motion or pleadings, I know I can pack up my lap top and spread everything out on one of those long wired tables at Jenkins and be ready to produce a product that will stand toe to toe (and more often than not exceed) the countering submission from one of my big firm opponents. Let me date myself a little further, I remember when the library was open on Saturdays from 9-12 and looked forward to jaunting downtown. When the library did away with Saturday hours, I was quite dismayed but they've more than made up for the loss with their powerful online research engines available 24 hours 7 days a week. And that's been just great, cause now as I get older I can sleep in on Saturdays.

Ronald Pressley

I have a membership to Jenkins Law Library through the Philadelphia-based law firm Ballard Spahr. The staff at Jenkins is an invaluable resource to the firm's Research Department. We rely on Jenkins for various resources, as well as for the expertise of their law librarians. I don't know what we would have done without the help of Jenkins in numerous instances over the years. They are a vital part of the law library community in Philadelphia (and beyond)

I rely on Jenkins Law Library for frequent research assistance and borrowing of legal materials. I work as a Research Analyst in a local Philadelphia law firm library, and do not know what we would do without Jenkins. I urge you to reject this resolution.

Susan Price
I reiterate my belief that funding the Jenkins Law Library is essential for the legal community and the public. Reducing the funding level through this legislation would cripple Jenkins.

Jenkins is a pillar of the legal community. It provides services to my law firm, individual attorneys and members of the public who are experiencing legal problems. Its extinction would be an incomparable loss. Philadelphia is a city of firsts, and to lose the oldest law library in the country is not a first to be proud of.

David Proctor

As a self-employed lawyer, I depend upon Jenkins as my knowledge base.

Michael Ramage

Text books and Lexis database.

Carlette Ramsay

I am a private citizen and do not want to pay the City's bills. The resolution tries to force the Bar to make an unfair and unnecessary choice to fund indigent defense - a governmental constitutional obligation - at the expense of Jenkins Law Library.

Regina Ravasco

Jenkins provides valuable CLE resources as well as historical laws that are no longer in print. They also provide resources on unique topics that arise all too often in litigation.

Christina M. Reger, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins Law Library has been and continues to be a vital resource for small firms. Its loss would be our loss.

Alan Reich, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins is an invaluable resource both to the Philadelphia Bar, and, ultimately to the public at large--high quality legal libraries are invaluable resources, and Jenkins is a treasure that should be supported.

Thomas Reimel

As both a law student and a sole practitioner I have relied on Jenkins for the past two decades. It is my go to source for all of my legal research needs and to even think of it not surviving as the oldest law library in the country is shocking.

Mark Rhoades

I am a member of the advisory board to the Paralegal Program at the Community College of Philadelphia. As such, the Jenkins Law Library has always been accessible to paralegal students. In addition, as a former paralegal and now a legal recruiter, I know that many small law firms, sole practitioners and individuals who work on a contract basis as lawyers utilize the Jenkins as their law library in order to serve the interests of their clients, not only going into the "stacks" but also utilizing the lending library feature for more obscure factual and legal research Primary
and Secondary sources of the law. I am also personally aware of individuals who do not have enough funds to hire an attorney utilize the library to represent themselves. I remember, when I was being trained as a paralegal through the prestigious Institute for Paralegal Training in Philadelphia in the 1980's, I utilized the Jenkins and the resources where invaluable. Failing to appropriate necessary funds to the Jenkins will jeopardize equal access for lawyers who face the global firms as adversaries in representing their clients. Moreover, it would hinder future ABA approved paralegals from gaining "hands on research skills" that cannot be replicated via Lexis or Westlaw.

_Stephanie Ristvey, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

As a solo practitioner and a managing partner of a small firm, access to Jenkins Law Library is the only way we can effectively represent our clients.

_Marirose Roach, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

I use it for research and at times I use the conference room

_Kenneth Robinson_

Jenkins is invaluable. It is the only source to go to for a number of documents which cannot be accessed any other place in any other manner. It is indispensable for any lawyer let alone a trial lawyer. Its existence must be continued. We cannot become a paperless society.

_Dolores Rocco Kulp, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

We depend on Jenkins daily.

_Russell Rokicki_

Yes, Jenkins Law Library is important to me and to many others as well!!! I have used Jenkins Law Library’s services for over 25 years and its services are a fundamental aspect of my law practice!!!

_John Rollins, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

Jenkins Law Library is very important to me. It provides the only access I have to a law library, including on-line services, access to legal databases and other legal resources I need for me research and courses I teach. I did not attend law school in Pennsylvania so I do not have alumni privileges at local law school libraries.

_Martha Romney, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

I am a remote member so rely on library for my legal research needs day and night.

_Barbara Rosenberg, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

I use all the resources it provides. I am a sole practitioner.

_Bruce Rotfeld, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

As a solo practitioner, it is crucial that I have access to the services offered by Jenkins Law Library. Without Jenkins, I would be virtually cut off from legal research. As my practice tends to
revolve around matters involving clientele that are not in a position to pay in excess of $200/hr. The ability to access Westlaw, Lexis and Fastcase are crucial. In addition, the ability to contact a researcher at Jenkins to assist in the search for a myriad of items is invaluable. The ancillary services that are offered by Jenkins such as reasonably priced CLE's are another factor in allowing me to charge reasonable prices and in many cases, accept a matter for no money. It would be a travesty to allow a jewel like Jenkins fade into oblivion after over 200 years of operation. It will also be a blow to small solo practitioners such as myself.

_Melvyn Rothbard_

Jenkins has always been an invaluable resource for ready access to materials not easily available elsewhere.

_Jay Ruder, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

Since I am a student, it was a wonderful resource for research. It is also a teaching source for research not covered in the classroom.

As a senior citizen at Olli/ Temple University, Jenkins Law Library provides the tools to research class material on Elder Law and medical legal issues. The resources are invaluable to the community. We can help ourselves in the community but only if we have the Jenkins Law Library. It needs the current funding to be continued and not decimated by the city politics.

_Ann Ryan_

I am a sole practitioner in the Philadelphia area, and Jenkins is a vital resource to me in my practice. It offers affordable access to legal research materials that are not available anywhere else on such a cost- effective basis. Without Jenkins my clients would be denied equal access to justice.

_Robert Salvin_

After I graduated from law school, I started my own solo practice. More and more young lawyers are having to go this route as traditional firms limit the number of graduates they hire. It would not be possible to maintain privately all the reference materials I use from time to time. Jenkins is a vital resource to conduct legal research necessary to represent my clients.

_Anna Sappington_

As a Law Librarian for three prominent Center City law firms for many years--as well as a citizen of the state of Pennsylvania, I value Jenkins as a treasured Archive of significant Pennsylvania legal materials; an extensive collection that provides both print and online access to essential legal research resources on federal and state levels--saving impressive amounts of expenses for individual member firms; and a long-standing beacon of inspiring professionalism in the legal field--providing materials on all levels to those who need them most. Its Research Staff, in particular, has always provided excellent service and is a model for such operations in any type of law library facility. I strongly oppose the Resolution encouraging the Legislature to enact House Bill 1937, which would cripple Jenkins Law Library and its ability to serve those in need and the legal community in general.
Linda-Jean Schneider

I do ALL of my research using Jenkins. They have courses I attend and I would be lost! How is anyone to survive w/o a law library?! For God’s sake, it’s not as if there are 2 libraries and then there would be an option to access a second facility! We are just as large as NY...we are a litigious city! How can anyone ever think of defunding the Only Law library in our city?! I thought this was a great city! If you defund our library, whatever it was that made us great, will surely slip away!!

Madeline Schwartz

The Jenkins library helped me at a critical time in my life when I needed access to legal research and couldn't afford a lawyer. Access to research sources at a low cost allowed us to win and save my family home from litigation. I also attended seminars that have been essential for my professional growth.

Julie Seda-Agrait

I use Jenkins for my research and know of no substitute.

Stephen Seidel

As Court-appointed conflict counsel, I couldn’t do my job without Jenkins Law Library.

Robert Sellers, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins Law Library has made legal research resources available to a small practitioner like myself that would be hardly affordable through the commercial legal research services. That has enabled me to provide better representation to my clients.

Franco Serafini

Without the resources available at Jenkins it is impossible to carry on any meaningful research on anything more than simple run of the mill legal problems. These resources include not only access to electronic data bases otherwise not available because of prohibitive costs, but also advice from highly competent and trained staff as well as the ability to obtain photocopies, etc. of valuable treatises and articles. As the law becomes more complex true competence in knowledge and representation will require more support for good law libraries---not less.

Without Jenkins the odds are that I would NEVER be able to provide competent services to my clients and draw even more disrepute upon the bar.

Charles Shields

I first became a member of Jenkins Law Library about 12 years ago. Since then, my practice has helped people from all socio-economic backgrounds, including indigent individuals. The affordability of a Jenkins membership helps me keep prices low for my clients. As the cost of resources necessary to represent individuals increase, the cost usually flows down and is ultimately paid for by clients, who are often underprivileged or in unfortunate situations. Please keep the cost of Jenkins low, and affordable, which will help keep representation of
individuals affordable as well.

*Brad Shuttleworth*

First, full disclosure: I met my wife at Jenkins Law Library, and she still works there. Nevertheless, I was a big Jenkins fan before we met. When I started out as a young solo practitioner, my practice was possible because of Jenkins. All of my work is research-intensive. Without having access to Westlaw and Lexis, I would not have been able to start my practice, and I could not have afforded anything like the research package that I can access at Jenkins. Also, as a younger attorney, there were times when I wanted to expand my practice but needed to read some of those old-fashioned resources known as "books." They are very good for when you don't know how much you don't know - Westlaw is less useful for that. There is no greater resource than Jenkins for the emerging youngest generation of attorneys in Philadelphia, a generation that will be forged in an atmosphere of job scarcity and will really have to hustle. They need Jenkins, badly.

*Henry Sias*

I am a solo attorney. Without Jenkins, I would not be able to afford an electronic research database. Access to Fastcase is very important to my practice.

I am a solo practitioner with a very small operating budget. I cannot afford expensive search tools, and access through Jenkins at a reasonable price helps me to keep costs low for my clients.

*Kay Sickles*

As a sole practitioner for over fifty (50) years I do not have the benefit of others to do my legal research. I depend on Jenkins Law Library as my source of research, whether through the various portals that are available or by personal contact. It is imperative that Jenkins continue to be available for both myself and others in the legal profession.

*David Silverstein, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

I started my practice on a tight budget. I had little money for building my own library. I came to rely on Jenkins Law Library and its wonderful collection of case law, texts and practice books. Even now, I rely on the library books and its newer digitally accessed materials. Their CLE offerings are also great. I believe younger attorneys need the library too. It would be horrid for any of us to lose the library or suffer a cut back to its services.

I use the library for research and online work. I cannot afford to subscribe to all the legal material I need privately. The library allows me to get what I need.

*Arlene Simolike, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

Yes. Definitely has been a very helpful resource over the years.

*Michael Simone*

Jenkins gives my office and other solo practitioners the ability to provide quality, affordable
legal counsel where otherwise might not be financially feasible. More specifically, my firm counts on the ability to use Jenkins to level the playing field with matters where our clients face opposing parties that have large law firms representing them. In turn these large law firms have far more resources and budgetary leeway than my clients or my office have. Jenkins truly provides my clients with the reasonably priced and valued support they need when often their very livelihoods or personal lives are at stake.

_Dimitri Smirnov, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

Needed when information not otherwise available.

_Edwin Smith, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

The library is the only means for less affluent firms, or firms that have minimal research needs, to meet their research needs at a reasonable cost. Without the library, in order to meet one's research needs, one would have to buy expensive subscriptions to Lexis or Westlaw, something too costly for most firms. As a result, it would be impossible for most firms to function. Aside from being a hardship on many lawyers, the result of taking funding from Jenkins would lead to the public being underrepresented as most people cannot afford the prices affluent law firms tend to charge, and they would no longer have the option of using a less affluent firm that charges an amount most people would find affordable.

_Howard Smith_

I am a solo practitioner and volunteer attorney with CBAP and VIP and would not be able to properly serve my clients without Jenkins' resources. Additionally, as a sole prop., I cannot afford the yearly CLE classes offered by the PBA or PBI. Jenkins provides very affordable CLE classes every year in order to satisfy my requirements. I am sure I am not alone in these issues.

_Maggie Soboleski, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association_

Law libraries need to be available for the public. A low-income mother trying to learn about dealing with an irresponsible landlord, or a person who lost their job and has debt collection pending, or someone who is dealing with a divorce, all should have a place to go to learn about their rights and how to get through the legal system. Money from this resource should not be taken to fund indigent defense. The city should step up and manage its budget and fund indigent defense as they are required to, rather than cutting a legal resource that serves the whole area. Law libraries are valuable and should be supported and protected. Once you take away these funds, the library will be destroyed and it will never be replaced.

_Maria Sosnowski_

Jenkins has been a trusted partner for more than a decade. A boon for the small firm and pro se litigants in Philadelphia

As a solo practitioner I rely on Jenkins for research and CLE classes. It is a great resource.

_Eric Spero_

Jenkins helped me find materials that enabled me to successfully represent, pro bono, a
disabled veteran who was facing eviction from her home. I wrote about the case in The Pennsylvania Lawyer magazine, which is distributed to members of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Without Jenkins, solo practitioners would lack the resources necessary to competently represent their clients.

*John Spitzer*

As a partner in a small firm, we rely on Jenkins to provide access to foundational research tools. Jenkins not only offers this access but allows small firms to compete with larger firms in terms of research capacity.

*Jeffrey Stacey*

I depend on Jenkins for Westlaw use.

*Patricia Starner*

Jenkins library collection and research services are vital to our firm. So many private firm collections have been downsized and archival material that has not been digitized is often only accessible at Jenkins.

Even with access to numerous services, e.g. Westlaw, WoltersKluwer etc., there are items which only Jenkins can provide, and their ILL service is top-notch.

*Janet Steiner*

Essential to my practice.

*Paul Stewart, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

Jenkins is crucial legal research source to me as a lawyer practicing law in the Greater Philadelphia Region, especially in light of the fact that the Pennsylvania Appellate Courts hold oral arguments in Philadelphia and because the U. S. Federal District Court for the Eastern District Court and the Third Circuit Federal District Court of Appeals are located in Philadelphia.

I also depend on Jenkins' online legal research facilities.

*Ronald Stockham*

Jenkins is vital for the survival of the small firms. We are a firm of 3 attorneys, we use Jenkins on a regular basis for research, CLE's and their conference rooms. Jenkins helps us save tons of money a year and helps us do a great job for our clients.

*David Strenfel*

I have worked as a neutral arbitrator of labor management disputes for 30 years. From time to time it is necessary for me to use Jenkins' extensive materials relating to labor and employment law to draft opinions and awards. I work by myself and do not have the resources to subscribe to the materials necessary to write thorough decisions. Without Jenkins I cannot service the
parties to the degree which is expected.

Alan Symonette

I reside in Representative Taylor’s district and would like to personally let him know how valuable and indispensable the Jenkins has been to me as a resource.

I have been a Pro Se litigant for over 15 years in the Family court Division of the court of Common Pleas for Philadelphia County. I have been caught up in the dysfunction that is the Philadelphia Court system defending my paternal rights. I just recently have been sued again by an attorney and her client who use the Family Court as their personal legal club to attack me and my daughter who resides with me.

Without the resource of the Jenkins Law Library the course of my child’s and my entire life would have been different. The library has been a sanctuary where I have been able to do research and prepare the documents to protect my rights in a court system which simply cycles litigation in order to keep its docket full and resolve nothing. With the help of Jenkins I have defended my rights and kept balance in an otherwise chaotic experience.

This resource although not fully utilized by many citizens is in my mind as important as any Miranda or other fundamental civil rights. I can only hope that with the current budget crisis in Harrisburg this basic resource available to the common citizen will not be removed and make the court system even more inaccessible to a Pro Se litigant. The basis of our legal system being every person has the right to appear before the bar.

Robert Tagliatela

The library is a great source of information and continuing legal education courses

Anthony Tancini

Have been a Jenkins member for the past 15 years and make frequent use of the library for both electronic legal research and advanced case reports as well as PBI publications pertaining to my specialty. I have taken advantage of the CLE programs as well which offer credits some of which are free for members. It houses a plethora of invaluable reports and legal resources and the staff always does an excellent job assisting with my research requests.

Clayton H. Thomas Jr., Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I practice solo so I very much depend on Jenkins, don’t know what I do without it.

Bobbie Ann Thornburg

I am a solo practitioner who takes court appointed PCRA cases for indigent defendants. I could not do this court-appointed work without the services that Jenkins Law Library provides. I use Jenkins’ resources in nearly every PCRA court appointment I accept. The library staff are incredibly knowledgeable and helpful; the print resources are valuable; and the access to Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw are indispensable to my practice. Not having Jenkins will severely hinder my ability to help my clients, who are the very indigent defendants at issue in this controversy. I
don't believe that we need to "rob Peter to pay Paul" by depriving Jenkins of filing fees in order to increase fees for court-appointed attorneys. There has to be another way to move forward so that court appointed attorneys are fairly paid AND have access to the excellent resources provided by Jenkins -- resources which are critical to their work.

I am a sole practitioner, and I heavily rely on Jenkins in my practice. I can't imagine maintaining my practice without the resources Jenkins offers. The staff is incredibly helpful and knowledgeable; the access to Lexis and Westlaw are vital to my work; and the remote access to databases via the internet is something I use nearly every day. Somewhat ironically, I accept court appointments. Without Jenkins, I would not be able to do this court-appointed work.

Jennifer Tobin,

Essential
Gilbert Toll, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins is both an American and cultural icon. Jenkins is indispensable for me and my practice of the law and for CLE courses. It is unconscionable that even the thought of defunding Jenkins is being discussed. I am shocked and appalled that the Philadelphia Bar Association is supporting such an effort. It makes me question the entire purpose and values of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and makes me doubt whether or not I will continue my membership and support for the Association with its excessive membership fee. I feel betrayed by the Association. It is cowardly. Miserable putatu!

William Torichia, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I have used Jenkins for over 40 years. Although I do some electronic research there are many texts not available on line and only available at Jenkins.

I have depended on Jenkins for over 40 years.
Howard Trubman

It is a vital resource for the small/solo practitioner.
Demetrios Tsarouhis

There is no better place than Jenkins to conduct legal research
Ramon Urteaga

Practice immigration law.
James Valentin

I utilize Jenkins CLE courses regularly. Moreover, I use the hard copy resources at the library and their electronic services a great deal. Unfortunately, as a part-time, solo attorney, I cannot afford the typical Westlaw and/or Lexis research tools due to cost. As a former member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, I am not surprised and disappointed in the association's support of this ill-conceived bill. I my personal view it is a serious disservice to our profession.
Milton Velez

I am a solo practitioner that represents mostly low income citizens of Chester City Pa. I don't have a lot of extra income to buy any other access to the law to help my clients. Defending Jenkins would cripple my practice and in turn cripple low income residents in my area representation. There may be legal aid but it is over worked and does not function efficiently for the working poor.

Daniel Vermeychuk

Jenkins is an invaluable resource for me and others that run small practices.

John Walker

I am both a published historian and an attorney, busy writing a new history of the Elizabethan Poor Law. Jenkins is important among my resources. It is ironic that this great legal resource, which has anciently served the legal community, faces a doom from the same kind of legislative stinginess that produced the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act.

Vincent Walsh

As the county law librarian at Westmoreland County Law Library, Jenkins Law Library has provided valuable assistance on many occasions. With the depth and breadth of their collection, and such knowledgeable and helpful staff, they are able to provide materials and information not available elsewhere. We appreciate and rely on their services.

Betty Ward

Jenkins provides crucial services to pro-se litigants and the public, in addition to being a valuable resource for attorneys attempting to zealously represent their clients. Defunding Jenkins will negatively and disparately impact small practitioners and the public the most.

Rebecca Warren, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I use the library for word processing, and CLE's. It is an important research library

Cornelia Weathers, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I have used public law libraries in other communities and know their value. Jenkins provides a needed service related to access to justice and should continue to receive filing fee funding to support its critical mission.

Gail Wechsler

Our Jenkins membership has helped to close a gap in services here in a small county law library. They provide us with access to things we are in no shape to pay for, and with that are helping to provide equal access to justice for ALL law library users. The access to so many vital databases that Jenkins provides gives the librarians on the front lines of legal information the ammunition that our patrons, both lawyers and self-represented parties, need in order to represent their case to the highest extent.
Our membership to Jenkins Law Library provides more than I feel I could ever put into words. As a legal resource center providing assistance to indigent and self-represented parties, the wealth of knowledge and content provided to us by our membership helps us greatly in our capacity to serve. Simple things such as the PA Legal Forms database, something we couldn't afford as a stand-alone subscription, have provided our patrons with an enormous amount of information and the confidence to be able to navigate the PA courts on their own. It would be a travesty to allow if funding to Jenkins were to be cut.

*Kathryn Weidner*

When I was a solo practitioner, I absolutely relied on the Jenkins Library to conduct legal research. Even though I am now retired, I still rely on Jenkins to help relatives and my condo association with various legal issues. I could not do those things without Jenkins. I also rely on Jenkins for my CLE credits as they are very reasonably priced.

*Stanley Weinberg, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

I find Jenkins Law Library to be one of the most valuable recourses that a Philadelphia (or local) lawyer could possibly have, particularly when commencing one's career as a young lawyer. The very idea that its funding will be diminished is horrifying. It must not happen. The competence of future generations of Philadelphia-area attorneys depends upon the financial strength of this great institution!

*Michael Weinstein*

For access to legal information.

*Amy Whalen*

Jenkins Law Library is not only the first law library in America but a cultural heritage asset to the City of Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley. Jenkins serves not only the needs of the legal community but also the public at large. Jenkins is clearly more culturally and institutionally important than the Liberty Bell.

Jenkins is critical to my law practice. It is also a national treasure as the oldest (first) law library in the United States. It's part of the history of the City of Philadelphia.

*John White, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association*

As a solo, I depend on Jenkins.

As a solo practitioner, Jenkins is my only library source and is frequently used. The loss of Jenkins services will be a great disservice to me and my clients.

*James Wiley*

Jenkins is a great law library that gives personal research assistance that I have found nowhere else. Please continue or increase, not decrease, their funding.

*Leon Williams*
I have been using Jenkins Law Library for almost thirty years, and still do so on a weekly basis. The Westlaw and Lexis access provide a great way to provide computerized research to clients at a reasonable cost. The extensive secondary publications are vital for working on new types of matters, and exploring conflicting positions and emerging trends in a cost-effective manner. The staff is friendly, knowledgeable, and very helpful in locating materials. The CLE courses they offer are well priced compared to other vendors. Jenkins is an important part of not just my practice, but the entire Philadelphia legal community, and should be preserved.

John Winter

Whether with a large firm or small, a Law Library is the foundational cornerstone to every lawyer and every civic community.

Paul J. Winterhalter, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Several years ago, my wife and I decided to start our own small firm, after working separately for over a decade at different firms. We no longer live in or center our practice out of Philadelphia, but we return several times a year to take advantage of the extensive hard-copy resources of Jenkins. We also make ongoing use of the online resources provided by our Jenkins membership. Together, the Jenkins library and online resources allow our two-attorney firm to represent clients in a zealous manner, while helping us to keep client costs and fees reasonable. There are increasingly few resources that small-firm attorneys can use, to level the playing field. County law libraries in most rural Pennsylvania counties are downsized or non-existent. Law school libraries throughout the Commonwealth may be open to local attorneys during limited hours, but as many law schools downsize their book resources, they are less useful for local practitioners who only have access to book resources, and not online resources limited to faculty, staff, and students. Jenkins Law Library has helped us and our clients, by providing us with access to up-to-date case law, statutes, regulations, practice guides, forms, and countless secondary sources. In the present legal market in our area, we would not be able to exist if we were forced to pay the monthly going-rate of the major nationwide online research providers. Jenkins Law Library serves a very useful purpose. In this age of increasingly larger firms and consolidation, it allows motivated attorneys in small- and medium-sized firms to "keep up" with the mega-firms, with regard to effective, case-changing legal research.

Adam Witmer

Jenkins provided the research materials to allow me to help others. I have been practicing for more than 25 years. I know my area of the law pretty well and the need for me to do research for work is minimal. However, from time to time friends and acquaintances ask for help in unfamiliar areas of the law. Instead of simply saying no, I can't help you, I have been able to use the resources at Jenkins and offer some assistance.

Gregg Wolff

Jenkins is an incredible resource to me and my profession. NO WHERE ELSE can we get the compiled legislative histories of PA statutes on key if not most of the laws in this Commonwealth!

Rita Young
It is not as important to me at this stage of my career as it was at the beginning. However, the resources contained in the Library should remain available to those members of the Bar and the community needing same.

Victor Young, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

Jenkins has been at invaluable resource for me as a sole practitioner.

Timothy Zearfoss

Very important for the public interest.

Mark Zecca

I am a solo practitioner of law and depend on Jenkins to perform my research. Jenkins helps leveling the playing field in performing legal research and provides equal access to all practitioners of law as well as pro-se litigants regardless of their economic status.

Ying Zhou, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

As someone who does a lot of pro bono work and does not have a law practice of my own, I depend on Jenkins to provide me with resources. It’s imperative that this institution remain funded and operating.

Diane Zilka, Member of the Philadelphia Bar Association

I have used Jenkins law library as a student for my LLM courses and through my entire career as a practicing lawyer. Jenkins serves everyone in the Legal Community and also provides access to the public.

When I received my Masters in Law, one of my topics was “Economic Evidence in Antitrust Case, I used Jenkins as my resource for Supreme Court briefs. Jenkins allowed me to take the bound briefs out since I was working during the day and commuting for classes at NYU at night. While I was working on appeals, I frequently looked at briefs and records in cases while formulating my arguments. Some of these cases were the matters of first impression. One example is whether or not being HIV positive could be admitted for purposes of damage calculation.

When I ceased being a student, I continued using Jenkins law library in every firm I worked, while I worked at SEPTA and even now in semi-retirement working on cases with other attorneys. I don’t think that the attorneys in large firms truly appreciate that there are couriers from their offices on a regular basis picking up books. Nor do I think that many attorneys have any idea of the amount of money Jenkins needs to support its collection. I do. While at SEPTA, I was involved in the contracts for online research and for books. Specialized reporters add substantial amounts to a monthly bill and do not give you access to the treatises that Jenkins has. Even large firms do not have this type of collection and that is why they use the resources of Jenkins.

Jenkins collection cannot be duplicated online and if there are cutbacks updates will not be
available. A year or two from now and the Bar Association realizes that a mistake was made to update the library will cost even more. Jenkins has cut back on staff; however, cutting back on the collection would be devastating.

Without Jenkins, where are you going to find a book concerning practice in the United States Supreme Court? Moreover, without Jenkins the majority of practicing lawyers would not have access to the BNA and CCH collections. Recently while working on a matter involving the FLSA, I needed to look at old wage and hour opinions going back to 1968. Where are you going to find that? Moreover, many of the wage and hour cases are not reported; therefore, access to the BNA Wage and Hour Cases is critical.

Likewise, I was working on a potential immigration case with another attorney. Again, Jenkins came to our assistance with treatises that outlined the visa issues that were potentially at issue. A cut back in funding to Jenkins would impact the legal community and the public in general.

*Joan Zubras*

Jenkins is very important to me. It's a unique resource that has proved to be invaluable time and time again.

*Anonymous*

I've relied on Jenkins since law school at Drexel when Jenkins was the first law library that I knew. Now in private practice, I use Jenkins's resources frequently when I need assistance delving into an unfamiliar area of law, or when I need a secondary source or broader view of a subject.

*Anonymous*

Jenkins provides an invaluable resource to individuals and smaller firms - please do not kill it.

*Anonymous*

I support its mission to serve solo practitioners, small firms and self-represented individuals and utilize its resources on occasion myself, in particular, online databases.

*Anonymous*

I depend on Jenkins for necessary research. I find its sources critical to a law practice on a regular basis.

*Anonymous*

Jenkins is indispensable and valuable to many lawyers and non-lawyers. I am a sole practitioner with a general practice. I represent a variety of clients in court and in transactions, some at reduced or no fee. Jenkins provides me with access to high quality legal materials that I need to represent my clients. Through my Jenkins' membership I have access over the internet to a variety of legal materials, such as cases, statutes, law review articles, treatises, form books, and appellate briefs and records. At Jenkins law library, I have access to the major computerized legal research providers, Westlaw and Lexis; form books, major treatises, legal education course materials; and continuing legal education courses. Jenkins' hours of operation are
convenient. Their librarians diligently and cheerfully provide valuable assistance to me, other lawyers, and non-lawyer members of the public in the library and on the telephone, and for members, by live chat over the internet. I oppose any reduction of Jenkins' funding. Counsel fees should be funded by another source.

Anonymous

I am a sole practitioner who has provided Pro Bono representation during my 40 plus years as a Philadelphia lawyer and my revenues consequently are smaller. Without the Jenkins Law Library's support by providing their wealth of available services at the current costs I would not be as able to provide these services. Many of my colleagues who practice with the concept of Professional Responsibility as a hallmark of the profession also would be negatively impacted if the services currently made available were not maintained at the current level. Jenkins Law Library is part and parcel to the great tradition and of "THE PHILADELPHIA LAWYER" and making it less affordable and accessible would be a tragedy.

Anonymous

I work for a small law firm and I work remotely (as do others in my firm). We have a dynamic practice, representing businesses in a vast array of industries, and I often need to research obscure areas of the law. We do not have the physical space to maintain a large collection of resources in our office, and the books we do have, I do not have access to from my home office. My home office is a quick 15-minute bus ride or walk from Jenkins, while it takes me over an hour to get to my firm's office. Without Jenkins, it would be extremely difficult (if not impossible) for me to continue my current practice. As more and more law firms and lawyers move away from the traditional (expensive) office spaces, I believe Jenkins Law Library will become even more vital to our city's legal community.

Anonymous

I work at a local law firm and use Jenkins resources and services on a regular basis. In a time when many law libraries have been cost-cutting and shrinking their print collections, Jenkins is a reliable source for Pennsylvania primary law sources, both current and historical, and for legislative history materials. The time they've devoted to creating and maintaining their PA legislative history collection and their PA brief bank materials make these valuable resources for the legal community.

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