

# Happy Halloween from The Mendik Library

As a Halloween Treat, here's your opportunity to WIN one of more than a dozen great study aids, texts, NYLS swag, Starbucks gift cards, and much more! Just answer any 3 of the 6 Haunted Halloween Info Hunt questions. **Answer all 6 or wear a costume to the drawing and we'll double your chances to win by adding a second entry for you.** Your answer doesn't need to be perfect—just close! Submit your answer sheet by 3 pm on October 31 and then join us outside the library at 5:30 pm for some treats and the drawing.

Each slide includes just one question, along with step-by-step instructions to get you to the answer. To get to the next slide, press "enter."

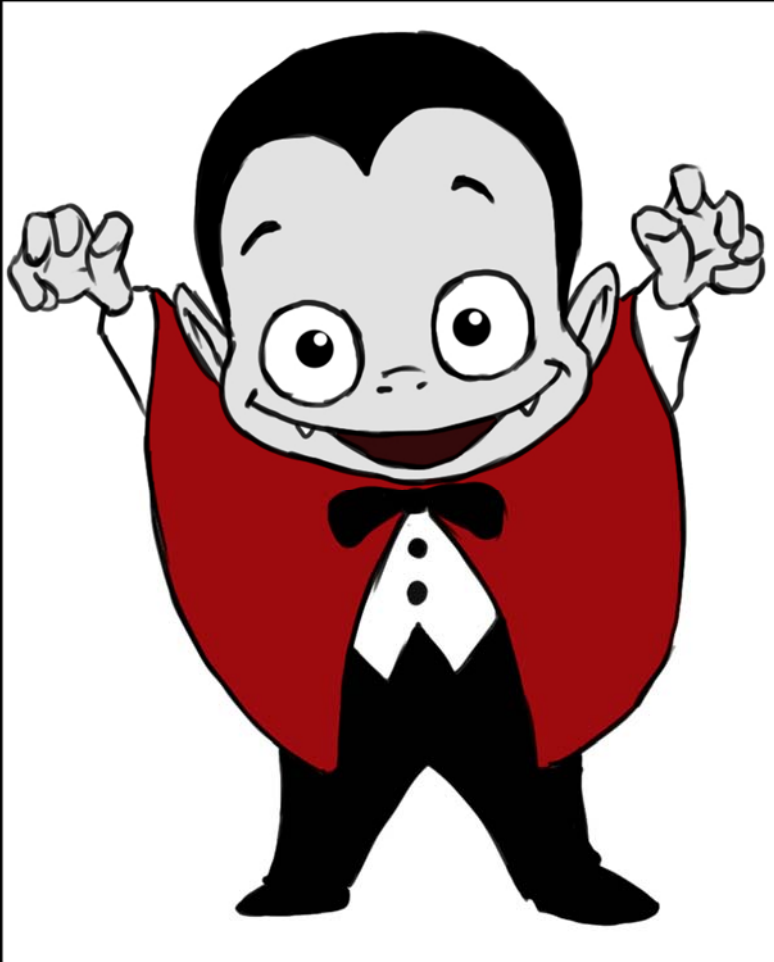
# Demonic Possession Not a Defense.

In a 1992 first degree murder case, the Idaho Supreme Court held that the lower court properly excluded witness testimony that concluded the actions of the defendant were due to “demonic possession.” Provide the citation to this case.

- ⇒ Log into [WestlawNext](#)
- ⇒ Using the drop-down to the right of the search field, make sure your jurisdiction is set to Idaho
- ⇒ Type “**demonic possession**” in the search field



## Note to Self: “Self-Professed Vampire” Not a Good Babysitter.



In a 2008 child custody case, the Arkansas Court of Appeals directed the trial court to reconsider the extensive visitation awarded to the mother, considering that the trial court found the mother unfit due, in part, to the fact that she was living with and allowing her child to be cared for by a “self-professed vampire who actually drinks blood.” Provide the citation to this case.

- ⇒ Log into [Lexis Advance](#)
- ⇒ In the search box, select Search: Everything
- ⇒ Select “Arkansas” under Jurisdiction
- ⇒ Type **vampire and custody** and run the search

## “I ain’t buying no haunted house!”

In the early 1990s, a house buyer sued to rescind a purchase after learning the house was said to be possessed by poltergeists. Find the case in which the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, ruled the house haunted as a matter of law.

- ⇒ Go to the library webpage and find the *All Subscription Resources* list in the Electronic Resources quadrant
- ⇒ Click on F to jump to that portion of the alphabetical list
- ⇒ Select *Fastcase*
- ⇒ Under Start a New Search, click on Advanced Caselaw Search
- ⇒ Next to Search Type, select Natural Language
- ⇒ Select the + next to State Supreme and Appeals Courts
- ⇒ Select New York
- ⇒ Type **possess poltergeist haunted** in the search field
- ⇒ Review the results



## Something Wicked This Way Comes.



With Halloween come witches (and pumpkins, of course!). In a recent article appearing on law.com, *Something Wicked This Way Comes: A History of Witch Hunts*, Associate Librarian and Professor of Legal Research Michael Roffer writes about the role the legal system played in historic and modern day "witch hunts." After locating the article, provide the names of three of the five "witch hunts" detailed in the article and in Professor Roffer's book from which the article was adapted: *The Law Book: From Hammurabi to the International Criminal Court, 250 Milestones in the History of Law*.

- ⇒ Go to the Library's Homepage
- ⇒ Select "Law.com portal" from the Electronic Resources quadrant
- ⇒ Select "Law.com" from the list of resources
- ⇒ To search Law.com, select the magnifying glass in the top right hand corner
- ⇒ Enter the title of the article in the search box
- ⇒ Select **Search**

## Trick or treating on Capitol Hill.

All Hallow's Eve — the precursor to Halloween — commemorated the ancient, annual Scottish-Irish observance of the last night before All Hallow's Day... Trick or treat is the cry heard in the streets. But it is not the only place we hear that cry. It is October-November — and for Congress, it is the time of “smoke, mirrors, sequestration, continuing resolutions, and budget legerdemain.” What was the name of the Congresswoman who spoke these words on the floor of the House of Representatives in 1989?

- ⇒ Log into *Bloomberg Law* and click on the Legislative & Regulatory tab
- ⇒ Click on Search Legislative
- ⇒ Click the + to the left of U.S. Congress
- ⇒ Click on Congressional Record
- ⇒ In the search box, type “**All Hallow's Eve**” (be sure to use the quotation marks)
- ⇒ Limit by date: From the "Date Range" drop-down menu, select "Date Range"
- ⇒ Limit by the following date range: 01/01/1989 – 12/31/1989



## Halloween is known for ghosts, goblins and...lawsuits?

Provide the citation to the Texas Bar Journal article entitled "Creepy Cases," that outlines the Halloween costume mishaps and tombstone displays that resulted in litigation.



- ⇒ Go to the library's online catalog
- ⇒ Click the drop-down next to Search, select Title and type **Texas Bar Journal**; run the search
- ⇒ Click on *Texas Bar Journal [electronic resource]*
- ⇒ Click on *Online resource (Access limited to current members of the NYLS community.)*
- ⇒ Click on *LexisNexis Lawschool*
- ⇒ Use "Search Within Results" on the left side and type: **"Creepy Cases"**