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## AALL

WELCOME TO  
WASHINGTON,  
D.C.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY THAT YOU'RE HERE - BACK "AT THE CROSSROADS" in Washington, D.C. for the 92nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Librarians, thirteen years since our last meeting in D.C. We welcome you on behalf of the AALL Executive Board, Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee, Annual Meeting Advisory Task Force, and the Local Advisory Committee. We invite you to learn and network with your law librarian colleagues and friends and invited guests from other professions, but also to have fun at this Annual Meeting and in the capital city.

Here's a sampling of what's available to you? "At the Crossroads: Information Management, Technology, and Policy."

### PROGRAMMING

With more than 75 programs and 7 workshops, you will no doubt find programs that address your individual educational and work-related needs, but also find something new to try as well. Attend a program that addresses an issue outside your daily work and take advantage of the expertise of the speakers at that session. Programs fall into five tracks: Technical Services; Management; Foreign, Comparative, and International Law; Technology; and Information Access & Policy. There's a first-ever event at the Annual Meeting - a special one-day Paraprofessional Forum, which will address issues facing our paraprofessional colleagues on Monday, July 19. Say hello to these colleagues when you see them at the opening luncheon, in the exhibit hall, or at the opening reception. Also, some related associations such as the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools are co-sponsoring several of our programs. Welcome the guests from those associations to our meeting.

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Don't miss the three plenary sessions either. On Sunday, July 18, Roberta Katz, CEO of TechNet (formerly General Counsel with Netscape) and author of Justice Matters promises to stimulate you with her ideas about the U.S. civil justice system. On Monday, July 19, join AALL member Bob Oakley as he moderates a lively discussion about "access" vs. "pay-per-view" with leaders in the information world: Congressman Rick Boucher; Patricia Schroeder, President and CEO of the American Association of Publishers; and Professor Peter Jaszi, American University, Washington College of Law. Finally, don't miss David Baugh, an African-American attorney who is defending a member of the Ku Klux Klan, on Tuesday, July 20, as he talks about re-vitalizing the Constitution.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

Take the opportunity at the Annual Meeting to meet the many special guests who will be attending our Annual Meeting. There will be special Chapter VIPs, who were invited by the AALL chapters to attend the meeting; judges, who are attending as part of a special grant from the State Judges Institute; representatives from other associations; and, of course, our speakers. Take this opportunity to talk with them and make them aware of the knowledge, skills, abilities, and vision of law librarians.

### OPENING RECEPTION, CLOSING BANQUET, AND OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Yes, our opening reception is being held at what has been called Washington's "most beautiful public space" - the Great Hall at the Library of Congress. The Bureau of National Affairs and the Local Advisory Committee promise a festive evening with the opportunity to view the opulent main reading room, gorgeous artworks by 52 American sculptors

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Carolyn P. Ahearn**  
Wiley, Rein  
& Fielding

HAVING BEEN THROUGH IT TWICE, I THINK I CAN SAY WITH SOME AUTHORITY that a common reaction when receiving the Presidential gavel at the closing banquet, quite honestly, is something just a little short of terror. Can I really do this? Can I possibly accomplish anything useful? Will I still have a paying job at the end? Oh, why did I ever agree to this?

When you get the gavel you've got lots of ideas and you've made plans. But at that point in time you find yourself viewing the upcoming year as a huge hill, and it is almost impossible to see the top, much less the other side. And it all seems pretty overwhelming.

But as the Italian saying goes, "You wanted the bike - now you've got to peddle," so you quickly settle down to business filling committee positions, setting up budgets and launching initiatives. And guess what? You find it isn't so bad after all. As a matter of fact, it is, for the most part, quite a wonderful experience.

And what makes it so wonderful? What makes it so wonderful is the fact that no matter what you are doing, you are not doing it alone. As we Americans say, "Many hands make light work." That definitely applies to the Society. LLSDC is truly an organization of many hands.

Now that I've climbed the hill to the top and made it down the other side of the year, I am amazed at all we've accomplished. The Education Committee offered the Technology Institute sessions throughout the year, the Mentoring Committee connected us with a significant number of students, our Website Committee kept us up to date on the web, *Dates* went electronic, and the *Directory* again linked us together. The Scholarship Committee supported the educational needs of members and the hotline provided job information. The Membership Committee helped integrate our new members. Our publications, from *LIGHTS* to the union lists, continue to be the envy of the profession. Arrangements provided three Society wide events for us and the Public Outreach Committee shared our expertise with others beyond our group. The SIS's did some wonderful things including social events and substantive programming. Space limits prohibit mentioning everyone by name but you know who you are and I want to thank you all. I hope each of you feels as I do, that volunteering provides wonderful returns both personally and professionally.

It has been a great honor to work with such terrific people and for such a wonderful organization. Thank you for the opportunity. ■

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and artisans, and a collection of treasures form the Library's shelves. Don't miss the closing banquet either. Start with the satiric comedy review, the Capitol Steps, and end with dancing to the Marcia Ball Band from Austin, Texas. Enjoy the city also - take a library tour, shop in Georgetown, sip afternoon tea at the Willard Hotel. Let your LLS-DC hosts tell you the coolest places to visit.

**EXHIBIT HALL & EXHIBIT HALL ACTIVITIES**  
Join your colleagues and friends in the Exhibit Hall to see an intriguing variety of exhibitors. Join Jim Heller and others for coffee and pastries in the Exhibit Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday for the opening of the Exhibit Hall. Enjoy the Exhibit Hall all day Sunday until 5:00 p.m. Return on Monday, July 19 from 8:00 a.m. - noon and then again from 1:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Enjoy dessert in the Exhibit Hall on Monday after the Association Luncheon. Conclude your review of the

Exhibit Hall on Tuesday by visiting the Exhibit Hall between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Hundreds of your colleagues have worked hard during the past year to make the 92d Annual Meeting an enjoyable adventure for you. We take this opportunity to thank all of them for their hard work. Enjoy your meeting, take advantage of the programming and networking opportunities, but see a little of the capital city as well.

Welcome to the crossroads.

**James H. Heller, President**, Annual Meeting  
Program Selection Cmte.

**Timothy L. Coggins**, Chair

**Shelley Dowling & Kate Martin**, Co-Chairs,  
Local Advisory Committee ■

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*Ellen S. Feldman,  
Williams & Connolly*

THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME AT AN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE, the Social Responsibilities SIS (SR-SIS) will sponsor a volunteer event as part of the conference activities. Contributing volunteer service to the host community is a fitting way for conference attendees to extend their conference experiences into the local community and show how librarians can make a positive difference in the lives of others wherever they go. And what better place to kick off a tradition of volunteer service during the annual meeting than in our nation's capital! Library volunteers giving of their time and talents can have an enormous impact on our community and make it a better place for others. The others benefiting in this case will be the students at Adams Elementary School and the School Without Walls.

You can participate and make a difference in

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## Alert Publications

two ways: first by giving just two hours of your time to help in one of these schools (or additional schools if we get enough volunteers), and second, by contributing books to be donated to the District of Columbia Public Schools.

The act of giving to others brings with it its own rewards in feelings of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. Surveys show that the major reason people give for not volunteering is lack of time. Despite the lack of time, 48.8 percent of Americans do volunteer in some way. Our conference projects have been planned to allow participation by even the busiest attendees.

### VOLUNTEERS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

On Wednesday, July 21, two teams of volunteers will work in the library at Adams Elementary School from 10-12 and 12-2 helping the librarian rebuild the library after its complete dismantling for three years. Help is needed at Adams ES making catalog cards, labeling books, shelf reading and weeding the collection. D.C. school librarians typically do not have any staff to help with library maintenance tasks and they teach a full load, plan lessons, attend meetings, etc., leaving little time for keeping up with the collection. The librarian at the School Without Walls needs help inventorying their library collection. The School Without Walls is a senior high school that uses the city as a classroom and educational training ground for students by giving them internship experiences and using community resources as an integral part of the curriculum. There are other schools that also need volunteer help if we have enough volunteers. To sign up in advance, e-mail Karen Westwood, Social Responsibility SIS Chair at [karen.westwood@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:karen.westwood@courts.state.mn.us) or sign up at the conference at the SR-SIS table in the exhibit hall.

### BOOK DONATIONS FOR THE SCHOOLS

All LLSDC members are encouraged to purchase one or more books for donation to the schools. These books will be collected at the SR-SIS table in the Exhibit Hall during the conference. For suggestions of books to buy, e-mail Social Responsibilities member, Carol Billings at [cbilling@lasc.org](mailto:cbilling@lasc.org)

With our tradition of volunteer service, LLSDC members should lead the way on these two volunteer projects that benefit our own community and schools. We even have the advantage of not having to pack the books in suitcases to take to the conference via airplane. If you have questions about either of these projects, please call or e-mail Ellen Feldman, the local project coordinator, at 202/434-5301 or [ellen.feldman@williamsandconnolly.com](mailto:ellen.feldman@williamsandconnolly.com). ■



THE LAW LIBRARY HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE HEART OF THE LAW SCHOOL and it is no doubt a vital part of a law firm as well. AALL President Jim Heller has stated that while the library is recognized as the heart of these organizations, he considers the paraprofessional staff to be the heart of the law library. Recognizing the important role played by paraprofessionals in law library settings, President Heller asked Steve Margeton, Director of the Law Library at Catholic University, and myself to design a new program for the AALL annual meeting that would address the needs of paraprofessionals. From this the Paraprofessional Forum was born!

The Forum is designed to provide practical knowledge that will be useful to paraprofessionals regardless of their work setting. A variety of topics will be covered at different levels and attendees will be able to select from two separate programs in each of four program slots throughout the day. In addition, we've tried to give attendees a flavor of the regular AALL Annual Meeting and an opportunity for networking. Our speakers have proven experience in their areas of expertise and several of them began their library careers as paraprofessionals.

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## SESSION 1

### PROGRAM A: COMMUNICATION: THE KEY TO SUCCESS

*Learning Outcome:* Participants will learn the basics of communications theory and then concentrate on the very practical aspects of successful communications in a library setting.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* getting your point across; effective patron interviewing techniques; talking to the senior partner, dean or judge; dealing with difficult people.

### PROGRAM B: JOB VS. CAREER: WHAT'S THE COMMITMENT?

*Learning Outcome:* Participants will analyze the difference between a job and a career and what it means in their work setting. Useful tips for determining a career path will be provided.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* job vs. career path - which is right for you? Career planning; resume writing; grants for educational expenses.

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## SESSION 2

### PROGRAM C: CUSTOMER SERVICE: SATISFIED PATRONS/SATISFIED YOU

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## THE PARAPROFESSIONAL FORUM

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**Carolyn P. Ahearn**  
*Wiley, Rein & Fielding*

Wash. Doc. Service 1/2 page ad



*Learning Outcome:* Outstanding customer service is a necessary goal of every organization. This session will give attendees the tools to understand and provide exceptional customer service from which they can personally benefit.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* what is customer service really? Effectively assessing patron needs and expectations; what it takes to satisfy customers; what's in it for you; the give and take of pleasing people.

#### PROGRAM D: TIME MANAGEMENT

*Learning Outcome:* The basic tenets of time management will be conveyed and applied to a library setting.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* tips for organizing your work and your workspace; doing more with less time; working under pressure.

### SESSION 3

#### PROGRAM E: NO AVOIDING IT... TECHNOLOGY AND ITS IMPACT ON YOU

*Learning Outcome:* Attendees will investigate

some of the new technologies that are available to better understand the relationships between paraprofessionals and technology. Identifying opportunities to use technology wisely and coping with the impact of change will be emphasized.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* changes in life as we knew it; managing the change-not just surviving; technology's impact on library procedures.

#### PROGRAM F: THE WORLD OF THE INTERNET IN THE LIBRARY

*Learning Outcome:* Selected Internet library applications and sites will be identified and their effect on library paraprofessional work will be discussed.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* how it can change your work life - a look at applications; push/pull technology; electronic receipt of publications routing in the 21st century; how to get the most from the Internet in your job;

#### PROGRAM G: SUCCESSFUL DEALINGS WITH MANAGERS/UP THE HIERARCHY

*Learning Outcome:* Attendees will learn the basics of organizational structure and receive tips on effectively applying this knowledge to their role in their organization.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* working with professionals - how to be effective in your setting; improving your working relationships; earn the respect you deserve; paraprofessionals with professional duties.

#### PROGRAM H: MANAGING OTHERS

*Learning Outcome:* Special skills are needed to manage others effectively. These skills will be identified and applied to a library setting.

*Topics Covered Will Include:* supervision and management; working effectively with student workers and clerks; team building for success; motivating workers for effectiveness.

In addition to the formal learning opportunities, participants in the Forum will join the regular AALL convention at special tables for the Opening Lunch and after lunch will have an opportunity to visit the Exhibit Hall for dessert and a quick look at some of the vendors.

Participants able to remain after the close of the forum will be encouraged to form a group for a Dutch Treat dinner and networking, and will also be invited to the West Group party that evening.

Whether the attendees are comfortable as a paraprofessional or interested in possibly pursuing a graduate degree, the Paraprofessional Forum will provide an opportunity for developing some very useful job skills and career tools. ■

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BOARD MEETING

MARCH 17, 1999 ELECTRONIC VERSION

PRESENT: Carolyn Ahearn, Elmo Dattalo, Barbara Fisher, Rita Kaiser, Karen Silber, Rick McKinney, Ann Green, Herb Somers, Debbie Trocchi, Bob Oaks

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Ahearn at 9:14 a.m.

MINUTES: The motion to accept the February minutes as corrected carried.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: C. Ahearn reported that the AALL nominations committee is seeking nominees for consideration for the 1999-2000 slate.

Valerie Railey has been appointed LLSDC recruitment liaison to AALL.

The Board discussed selling items in the AALL store and exhibiting in the activities area; C. Ahearn will reserve space.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The Public Outreach Committee's March 14th WETA fundraiser was a success. A suggestion was made to have the volunteers work at WETA in the evening instead of the weekend, or have a mix of evenings/weekends.

The Technology Bootcamp is coming along, 5-6 spaces left. There was a complaint regarding having the program on the weekend.

PLL has a slate of candidates and a murder mystery is scheduled for May.

E. Dattalo used the electronic mailing system to send out notices for the upcoming Town Meeting and there were some returns.

The next issue of *Dates* will be electronic and paper with a note saying something to the effect, "if you did not receive this electronically, please report it".

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Kaiser gave the account balances for all accounts except the Rushmore as of 3/16/99. Rita reported that there is a lot of money in checking but we have a lot of outstanding bills to pay.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE: Rita reported that E. Carr wanted to know if the Board preferred the term "Executive Committee" or "Board Members" on the homepage; it was decided that "Board Members" would be less confusing. E. Carr will be here next time to present ideas to the Board. The committee has the logo and they need to incorporate it into the first page. The Board recognized that the Website Committee has done a terrific job in getting information posted to the home page quickly.

ILL - the new Board will be done at 4/14/99 meeting.

ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT: B. Fisher reported the deposit into the checking account. The Advertising committee met and discussed ads for

the LLSDC directory. They decided to use black and white, not color ads. The Board asked the committee to meet again to recommend a policy on how ads will be accepted.

C. Ahearn reported that Kate Martin's brother died and the Society is sending a card and donation.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: K. Silber reported that J. Leon has narrowed the closing banquet down to four hotels and is continuing to visit and determine the best location for the banquet.

K. Silber also reported that G. Van Pelt will put a notice in *Dates* regarding the scholarship application.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RICK MCKINNEY: The Legislative Research SIS is working on plans for nominating and electing a new Vice President/President Elect, on compiling and publishing a new edition of the Society's Union List of Legislative Histories, and on a program for the AALL July conference in Washington.

The Federal SIS is working on hosting an agency day.

ANN GREEN: L. Whitbeck is working on the next issue of *Lights* and S. Paup is working on *Dates*.

HERB SOMERS: The Academic SIS is planning a White House Law Library tour. They also have a slate of candidates for elections.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPORT

Debbie Trocchi reported that there are 822 members. There are 142 subscribers to *Lights*. The Board discussed how to best update members moves; the Management Company will make sure the DTR gets the changes. This is especially important now that we are moving to electronic transmission of *Dates*. A motion to accept new members as presented carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Oaks attended the meeting to discuss changes to the LLSDC Procedures Manual. The Board will need to submit changes to Bob by April 17. Also, the Board will need to look at questions that Bob passed out and be prepared to discuss them.

The Tee shirt design was accepted with the logo on the front and design on back. Debbie will look into getting the design printed on gray shirts because of the WETA volunteer work. There was discussion on selling the tee shirts in the store at AALL. C. Ahearn wants the shirts in time for National Library Week. Will put out at the Town Meeting tonight with order forms. The





members can either order from the management company and pay shipping and handling or pick up from R. Kaiser's office and save on S/H. D.C. tax will have to be charged.

COUNSEL: The Publications committee, E. Dattalo and C. Ahearn met with Bob Drescher and the COUNSEL project director. Roberta Shaffer, LLSDC member and CAPCON Board member, facilitated the meeting. Committee will meet Thursday to decide on publishing next issue.

VIP PROGRAM: Received response from Judge Martin and the President Elect/Vice President of the DC ALA - they've accepted. AALS invitation is still outstanding.

FAQs discussion on including information on 1) listserv, 2) Management Company and 3) committee opportunities. E. Dattalo will incorporate changes and send to E. Carr.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed hosting the Internet Law Library site from E. Chabot's House site. The was further discussion on how much work this would involve and a mention was made that there is software to update the links. The Board encouraged the Web Committee to continue the investigation process for this initiative and to report back.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED: agenda, account balances for March 16, 1999 including the 1998-1999 General Operating Budget-Expenses, deposit amount into checking account, Master Calendar of LLSDC Activities as of 3/12/99, memo from Debbie Trocchi dated 3/17/99, procedures manual revision updates notes from Bob Oaks, e-mail to C. Ahearn from E. Chabot re: Internet Law Library.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 14, 1999 at Wiley, Rein & Fielding, 1776 K Street, N.W., 9th floor. ??

#### APRIL 14, 1999

PRESENT: Carolyn Ahearn, Brian Baker, Elmo Dattalo, Rita Kaiser, Mabel Shaw, Karen Silber, Rick McKinney, Dennis Feldt, Debbie Trocchi, Bob Oaks

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Ahearn at 9:20 a.m.

MINUTES: The motion to accept the March minutes as corrected carried.

In-depth discussion on revisions to the Procedures Manual was lead by Bob Oaks. The proposed revisions will be mailed to the Board before the May 5th, 1999 meeting so the Board can be prepared to vote based on today's discussions.

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The Public Outreach committee requested permission to donate between \$500 - \$1,000 from their budget to the D.C. Public Library MLK branch. They also proposed presenting a plaque to Paul Mills in recognition of his support of the LLSDC Public Outreach Committee efforts. The Public Outreach Committee hopes to give the plaque and the donation gift at the closing banquet. A motion to approve the award of a plaque and donation up to \$1,000 from the Public Outreach Committee to the D.C. Public Library carried.

A request was received from Kate Martin, Co-chair of the AALL Local Advisory Committee, for \$600 for 1/2 of the production and printing costs of a Washington Guidebook for AALL conference attendees. The Board requested that the LLSDC logo be present and that we have equal representation with the vendor who is also supporting the Guidebook. A motion to approve a \$600 contribution to support the Guidebook carried with one abstention.

A request from Steve Margeton for \$300 to help support the AALL Paraprofessional Forum was discussed. A motion to authorize \$300 to support the AALL Paraprofessional Forum carried with one abstention.

The Assistant Director of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) will be attending the AALL conference as part of the AALL VIP Program.

LLSDC received a thank you note from Malcolm X Elementary school for the donation of grocery receipts.

The revised election ballots will go out April 13th and 14th. An error in candidates and the offices they were running for was made in the earlier mailing.

AALL has begun an initiative to get LLSDC members who are not AALL members to join.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Thirty participants are scheduled for the Technology Bootcamp this weekend. The handouts appear substantive and the idea that the Society might be able to sell them separate from the program was discussed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: R. Kaiser gave the account balances for all accounts as of April 13, 1999. The spread sheet reflects expenses but not revenue.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: K. Silber reported the Grand Hyatt (near Metro Center) has been selected for the Closing Banquet. The cost to members is set at \$29, the actual cost is \$76. LEXIS has made a generous contribution to the event.

G. Van Pelt and the Scholarship Committee will meet May 4th in time for awards to be used to attend the AALL meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

RICK MCKINNEY: The Legislative Research SIS is still working on the Union List of Legislative Histories and AALL program for the July conference in Washington. They will have a meeting to hold elections.

The Federal SIS is planning an elections meeting and a presentation by GPO access.

DENNIS FELDT: The "Competencies" program is still on track.

MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPORT

DEBBIE TROCCHI reported that there are 821 members and 139 subscribers to Lights. A vote on new members was postponed to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

C. AHEARN reported that the Publications committee and the COUNSEL subcommittee have successfully addressed all concerns with CAPCON and recommends that the contract be signed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED: Agenda; Account balances for April 13, 1999 including the 1998-1999 Gen-

eral Operating Budget-Expenses (but not the revenue); Master Calendar of LLSDC Activities as of 4/6/99; Memo from Debbie Trocchi dated 4/14/99; Procedures Manual revisions; request from Ellen Feldman; request from Co-chair AALL Advisory Committee; request from Steve Margeton; thank you note from Malcolm X Elementary School; AALL flyer.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at Wiley, Rein & Fielding, 1776 K Street, N.W., 9th floor. ■

**LLSDC HOTLINE**

■ ■ ■ Call anytime for access to a telephone tape listing available law library positions in the D.C. metropolitan area as well as a listing of LLSDC current events. The service is free to job seekers. The tape is updated every Friday. Please call the LLSDC HOTLINE 202/310-4570.

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## EYE ON SERIALS

**Susan Ryan**  
Georgetown Law Library

### PRINT PUBLICATIONS

#### **International Corporate Law Bulletin, 1998-**

Published monthly by Kluwer Law International, 675 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139; 800/577-8118, Fax: 617/354-8595, Website: www.kluwerlaw.com.

Price: \$277.50 per year.

This title covers new laws, regulatory obligations and rules relating to corporate enterprises throughout the world. Court decisions are also analyzed for their impact on corporate law. The concise format (approximately 30 pages per issue) allows practitioners to get the information they need in a short period of time.

#### **Telecom Land Management Law Report, 1998-**

Published by Pike & Fischer, 4600 East-West Highway, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814; 800/255-8131, Fax: 301/654-6297, E-mail: pike@pf.com, Website: www.pf.com.

Price: \$375.00 per year.

This title provides coverage of growing overlap of zoning, land use and federal communications law. Subscriptions include a monthly newsletter featuring new developments in this area along with a looseleaf print volume or CD-ROM with full-text documents, including court and administrative decisions, statutes and regulations. The looseleaf or CD will be updated whenever new developments (new federal legislation, regulations and court and FCC decisions) warrant.

### ON-LINE SUBSCRIPTION

#### **The Leadership Library on the Internet, 1999-**

Updated quarterly by Leadership Directories, Inc., 104 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011; 212/627-4140, Fax: 212/645-0931, E-mail: info@leadershipdirectories.com, Website: www.leadershipdirectories.com.

Price: ranges from \$2780.00 to 8340.00 depending on the number of simultaneous users.

This web product makes all fourteen Leadership Directories (also known as yellow books) available over the Internet. Users can search individual directories or search across all directories. In addition to the information provided by the print directories, users can also connect directly to organization homepages from the directory, send e-mail to listed individuals and export information into word processing or other software packages.

### TITLE CHANGE

#### **The Buffalo Human Rights Law Review, 1998-**

Published annually by the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, 523 John Lord O'Brian Hall, SUNY at Buffalo, Amherst Campus, Buffalo, NY 14260; 716/645-6206, Fax: 716/645-2064, E-mail: BHRLR@juno.com.

Price: \$40.00 per year.

Formerly Buffalo Journal of International Law, this new publication began with volume 4, dated 1998. The last issue of the previous title was volume 3, issue 2 dated Winter 1997. ?? ■

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

**Gina Clair**  
Morrison & Foerster

### MEMBER NEWS

**Lan B. Choi**, previously with Pillsbury Madison, is now a Reference Librarian at Powell Goldstein Frazer & Murphy.

**Nancy J. Holland**, formerly at KPMG, has transferred to a new position in Boston.

**Jeri Lynn Hunter**, formerly at Burt, Maner & Miller, is working from home.

**Dawn Johnson**, formerly with Venable Baetjer Howard & Civiletti, is now at Sutherland Asbill.

**Melanie Michaelson**, formerly with Hogan & Hartson, is now Librarian at Jackson & Campbell.

**Susan Pries**, formerly at the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers, is the new Assistant Librarian at Van Ness Feldman.

**Merrill D. Wistreich** has a name change. She is now Merrill D. Chertok.

A WARM WELCOME TO  
OUR NEW MEMBERS!

**Denise A. Adams**, Executive Legal Assistant,  
Spranger & Lang DC, PLLC.

**Catherine Agresta**, Manager of Technical Services, Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering.

**Tashia G. Alford**, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Steptoe & Johnson LLP.

**Rosada Bennett**, Librarian, Federal Mine Safety & Health Review Commission.

**Jo Burke**, Librarian, Oblon, Spivak et al.

**Ivy E. Cohernour**, Librarian, Washington Counsel, P.C.

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## MENTORING COMMITTEE YEAR-END REPORT

*Valerie Railey  
Howard University  
School of Law*

THE MENTORING COMMITTEE OF LLSDC HAD A VERY PRODUCTIVE YEAR: half a dozen matches were made between mentors and proteges, and two educational programs were held. One focus of the Committee over the last two years has been to reach out to the local library schools. Last year the Committee sponsored Career Day at the U of MD College of Library and Information Science, and this year programs were held at each of the local library schools. Blending mentoring with recruitment has increased both name recognition and Society membership, and given members the opportunity to explore both MLS and post-MLS educational opportunities.

On November 20, 1998, the Mentoring Committee held a Legal Research Teach-In at U of MD. Librarians demonstrated the workplace challenges of a prison law librarian, technical services manager in a large law firm library, and an academic public services law librarian. Linda Hutchinson from Lexis-Nexis gave a presentation on alternative career paths for MLS degree holders and Jennifer Lane of the West Group demonstrated Computer Assisted Legal Research (CALR) on Westlaw. The West Group provided lunch.

On April 23, 1999, the Committee held a program entitled Competencies for the Law Librarian in the 21st Century which was held at Catholic University and hosted by the School of Library and Information Science. The program was organized around two scholarly documents: The McCrate Report Legal Education and Professional Development: An Educational Continuum and The SLA Competencies Report. Competencies for Special Librarians of the 21st Century <http://www.sla.org/professional/competency.html>

### MCCRATE REPORT

In 1992, the Task Force on Law Schools and the Profession of the American Bar Association (ABA) issued the McCrate Report. Part two of the Report sets forth 'A Vision of the Skills and Values New Lawyers Seek to Acquire'. The third skill outlined in the report is the need for lawyers to acquire a working knowledge of the fundamental tools of legal research which is the cornerstone of law librarianship. Knowledge of legal information resources is a subject area expertise for the special librarian. This expertise is only one component of the competencies necessary in special librarianship.

### SLA REPORT

The Special Libraries Association (SLA) prepared a report entitled 'Competencies for the Special Librarian of the 21st Century'. This report describes the skills, education and attitudes necessary to be

successful as a special librarian. The SLA report highlights two competencies necessary for special librarians to be effective in their roles: professional knowledge and personal attitudes.

**Professional Competencies:** knowledge in the areas of information resources, information access, technology management and research and the ability to use this knowledge as a basis for providing library and information services.

**Personal Competencies:** this represents the set of attitudes and values that enable librarians to work efficiently, communicate well, focus on continuing education, demonstrate the value-added nature of their contributions and survive in the new world of work.

The thesis of the Competencies program held at Catholic was that competencies for the law librarian in the twenty-first century are acquired and maintained by using one of these three formulae:

- Mastering the legal research skills outlined in the McCrate Report, plus developing the personal and professional competencies outlined by SLA;
- Mastering Technical Services skills plus developing the personal and professional competencies outlined by SLA;

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- Mastering Electronic Services skills plus developing the personal and professional competencies outlined by SLA.

After the two scholarly reports were explained and the formula for competency in the twenty-first century was introduced, several law librarians made presentations. Leah F. Chanin, a living legend in the profession, spoke on developing a career path through publishing, as well as the competencies of a law library manager. Mary Katterfield explained the process of acquiring competency as a legislative specialist and Herb Somers described the challenges that one faces in acquiring and maintaining competency as an international law librarian. MaryEllen Albin did a presentation of competencies of a dual-accredited law firm librarian and Mary Wilson did a Powerpoint presentation on competencies for the law librarian from a technical service perspective. Linda Hutchinson of Lexis-Nexis gave tips on resume creation to showcase competencies. Lexis-Nexis was the corporate sponsor for the networking luncheon that followed the educational program.

Outreach at the local library schools is a practical implementation of the competencies of a spe-

cial librarian. Since personal competencies include 1) recognizing the value of professional networking and solidarity; 2) commitment to lifelong learning; and 3) personal career development, the Committee's visits to the library schools are directly aligned with the vision of these competencies which are the backbone of the special librarianship.

The mentoring committee continues to foster a commitment to competency in law librarianship. This goal has been achieved by presenting excellent programming to the membership of LLSDC and the local library school community. Support for library and information service providers is a core philosophy of mentoring. The LLSDC members are always looking for partnerships and alliances to optimize complementary knowledge, which is why LLSDC is such a strong chapter of AALL. There is a wealth of resources to be shared and mentoring is a valuable way to build partnerships, network and give back to the profession. The next time a call for mentoring is sent out to the LLSDC membership, seriously consider answering it with a positive response. The only way the profession can optimize our collective knowledge is to mentor and share what we have learned. ■

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## ACADEMIC SIS NEWS

**Virginia Bryant**  
*George Washington  
University Law  
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AS THE LAW STUDENTS TAKE THEIR FINAL EXAMINATIONS and graduation approaches, the academic community quickly realizes that another year of instruction and filling numerous research requests has drawn to a conclusion. It's time to evaluate the year, and see what we've accomplished. Upon evaluation of the Academic SIS this year, I'd like to say, we've had a great year, with programs emphasizing current and future technology in systems and digitization, a most interesting tour of the Executive Office of the President Law Library highlighted by a view of the Vice President's Office, and valuable time spent networking with our colleagues discussing topics of interest to academic law librarians.

I would like to thank Susan Ryan, current Vice President, for her assistance in helping plan programs this year and create the flyers announcing the events, and Miroslav Lazarevich, current Treasurer, for his assistance as well. Thanks also to all of the members who came to the programs, and supported the Academic SIS. Recently next

year's registration forms for LLSDC were mailed. I would definitely encourage all academic librarians to register for the Academic SIS. Registration does require a separate fee, but this nominal charge allows the SIS to provide quality events to members mostly without charging any extra fees.

Next year, Susan Ryan of Georgetown University Law Library will be the President of the Academic SIS. Joining her as incoming Vice President/President Elect will be Michael Petit. Congratulations are in order for Mike who will soon be moving to American University Law Library to be the Head of Cataloging. Kimberly Pogue, from George Washington University Law Library, will be the new Treasurer. I would like to thank both Mike and Kim for graciously agreeing to serve in these positions. It has been a pleasure to serve as President of the Academic SIS this year, especially because of the support and encouragement I have received from the terrific staff of the George Washington University Law Library. ■

## INTERLIBRARY LOAN SIS NEWS

**John Louis Leigh, Jr.**  
*Piper & Marbury L.L.P.*  
202/861-3946

I WANT TO SAY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ILL/SIS FOR THE 1998-1999 TERM. The year began with the initial "brainstorming" meeting this past September at Morgan, Lewis and Bockius. Since then, those second-Wednesday-of-the-month meetings offered a mixed bag for all who attended to enjoy and to become informed. We were honored enough to have two guest speakers this year. LLSDC President Carolyn Ahearn led a roundtable discussion on the importance of interlibrary loan back in October. This past April, attorney Nora Garrote of Piper and Marbury graced our stage by giving a presentation on "Copyright Law". We were also able to have fellowship with the Private Law Libraries SIS in November to discuss the past, present, and future existence of the Cooperative Buying Project. Other informative meetings we had included "ILL Protocol", "ILLs of Legislative Histories", and "Document Delivery Services". Our group even continued the Christmas holiday tradition of the "Annual Cookie Party", and will once again have the "Annual ILL/SIS Social Luncheon" this upcoming June.

Further thanks go out to ALL the firms that volunteered to host the meetings for this past year. They are Morgan Lewis and Bockius, McKenna and Cuneo, Beveridge and Diamond, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, Howrey and Simon, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer and Murphy, Kelley, Drye and Warren, Howard Law

School, Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering, and Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Finally, as I leave the office of President of the ILL/SIS, I wish to thank the officers that helped my year in office go so smoothly. Thanks to Keith Gabel of Beveridge and Diamond, who will be my successor and take the ILL/SIS into the new millenium. Also, special thanks go out to Secretary Peter Vay of Williams and Connolly, and Eva-Marie Nye of Shaw Pittman. I cannot say how much you helped my year go stress-free!

As I close, I encourage those who participated, or those who were unable to participate this past year to come join us in Y2K. I know you will enjoy it. I did! ■

### LLSDC HOTLINE



Call anytime for access to a telephone tape listing available law library positions in the D.C. metropolitan area as well as a listing of LLSDC current events. The service is free to job seekers. The tape is updated every Friday. Please call the LLSDC HOTLINE 202/310-4570.





OUR YEAR STARTED OUT WITH A BUSY SCHEDULE AND MANY GOOD INTENTIONS. For the most part, we have lived up to our own expectations. The SIS began last September with a major issue already in hand - the cancellation of the weekly published insert of new GPO publications. With sometimes heroic efforts on the part of our volunteer crowd, we have managed to (mostly) regularly post a list on the listserv and on the LLSDC web site. We had all hoped that by late winter or early spring, another publisher or even GPO itself would have taken this burden from our shoulders, but it was not to be...here it is summer, and the lists are still being posted to the listserv. The SIS will try to continue providing this service as long as necessary.

We have kept busy this year with several other events, of course, among them a tour of the GPO facility; a round-table discussion on the practices of legislative librarians today; and our annual Congress Is Back party. The Union List of Legislative Histories is being overhauled; we hope to have the completed new edition available by mid- to late summer.

And last, but certainly not least, the SIS is

coordinating a program for the AALL annual meeting in July. The program, called "Changing Lanes on the Legislative Information Superhighway", is scheduled for Sunday, July 18, at 2:30 pm. Cheryl Graunke from the Library of Congress and T.C. Evans from the Government Printing Office will be giving presentations on the current and future capabilities for legislative research on their respective Internet sites. We hope to see you there.

I'd like to conclude by thanking everyone for a great year. Many of you have stepped in with extra time and effort when I and the SIS needed it most, and your contributions have been greatly appreciated. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Lorelle Anderson of Covington & Burling for her work on the congressional publications listings; to Emily Carr for her dedication in getting those listings up on the LLSDC web site; to Emily Howie for her work on the Union List; and to David Mao, for taking over that chore from her. And to Carole (Moroughan) Waesche, my right-hand vice-chair and our new chair for 1999-2000, thanks for putting up with my waffling and late responses, and best of luck for the coming year! ■

## LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SIS NEWS

**Catherine Rogalin**  
*Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton*

### A REMINDER FOR ALL PLANNERS OF SOCIETY EVENTS

■ ■ ■ All meetings, educational programs and other LLSDC events must be coordinated on the Society's calendar. Each person who is planning a meeting must check with the Corresponding Secretary, currently Mabel Shaw, 202/662-9139, shawm@law.georgetown.edu, to ensure that the date is available, and that the planned function does not conflict with any other gathering. Additionally, this will enable your meeting to be included in the Current Events listing on LLSDC's Events/Job Hotline, 202/310-4570. The Corresponding Secretary will also help you with information regarding vendor support, if requested, and will record any vendor support that you have secured, so that particular vendors are not burdened with repeated requests for donations.

### LIGHTS DEADLINE

■ ■ ■ The deadline for the September/October 1999 *Law Library Lights* is August 2, 1999. For submissions, call Beatrice Wise at 202/383-6868 or e-mail wiseb@howrey.com.

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■ ■ ■ The Registry, offered as a free service of the LLSDC, is a listing of law library professionals available for temporary assignments and projects. To obtain a copy of the Registry or to add your name as a freelance professional to the list, please call Pam Mandel at Ballard, Spahr at 202/661-2247.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Christine K. Dulaney**  
Catholic University  
Law Library

### MAY

- 7 Internet Resources Seminar: Financial. Location: Kirkpatrick & Lockhart. Contact: Pat Keller, 202/778-9161.
- 12 ILL/SIS Monthly Meeting. Contact: John Leigh, 202/861-3946.
- 13 Closing Banquet. Location: Grand Hyatt at Washington Center, 1000 H Street, NW. Guest: Jim Heller, AALL President. Fee: \$29. Contact: Judith Leon, 202/828-2069.
- 17 Federal SIS Meeting. Contact: Elaine Sullivan, 202/326-2385.
- 23 Private Law Libraries/SIS outing to "Desk Set." Studio Theater, 14th & P Street,

NW. Fee: \$20. Contact: Mindy Klasky, 202/857-8981.

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### JUNE

- 4 Legislative/SIS Meeting. Location: Cleary, Gottlieb. Contact: Catherine Rogalin, 202/974-1935.
- 15 Private Law Libraries/SIS End of the Year Wrap-Up. Location: Tony Chang's Restaurant. Contact: Beth Conte, 202/383-7129. ■

## PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES SIS NEWS

**Joan Sherer**  
Department of State  
Office of the Legal  
Adviser Law Library

PLL'S SPRING ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A FIELD TRIP TO THE NEWSEUM IN ARLINGTON. The eight adults and two children gained an insight into the history of the news industry. The day didn't end with the tour, but continued as the group gathered for dinner at a nearby Chinese restaurant.

Managing the Digital Library was the theme for this year's Spring Education Program. Margo Chisholm and Eve Valdivia discussed development of law firm Intranets and they included their personal experiences of setting up the intranet at Spiegel & McDiarmid. Felice Sacks demonstrated the Work Product Database she designed and implemented at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering. Approximately 20 people attended the two presentations.

Theater buffs enjoyed a performance of the play *Desk Set* at the Studio Theater at the end of May. The setting for the play is a library. You may be familiar with the movie version starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn.

As a result of the recent election, the officers for 1999-2000 will be Mindy Klasky - Pres-

ident, Maureen Stellino - Vice-President/ President-Elect, Beth Conte - Secretary, and Janet Baxter - Treasurer.

The year ended the same way it started, with a Dutch Treat dinner at Tony Cheng's Mongolian Bar-B-Que.

The Private Law Librarian's SIS has had a very busy year. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the people who served so diligently on our committees. Without their hard work and dedication our programs and activities would not have succeeded. The Education/Program Committee includes Scott Larson (Co-Chair), Keith Gabel (Co-Chair), Felice Sacks (Co-Chair), Laurie Green (Co-Chair), Eve Valdivia and Sophia Worden. The Social Committee consists of Mindy Klasky (Chair), Margo Chisholm, Kate Clukey, Beth Conte, Elmo Dattalo and Eve Valdivia. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Margo Chisholm (Chair), Elmo Dattalo and Tracy Fritz. Thank you for sharing your time and talents. ■

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LAW LIBRARY LIGHTS IS YOUR PUBLICATION and is reflective of the volunteer contributions of members of the Society. If you have ever wanted to "see your name in *Lights*," please consider ideas for a feature article and submit them to the 1999-2000 editor, Beatrice Wise at Howrey & Simon, 202/383-6868, wiseb@howrey.com.. Ideas and articles are always welcome.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thanks go out to not only the authors of the feature articles, but also to those who wrote regular columns: Carolyn Ahearn for "President's Column"; Virginia Bryant, John Louis Leigh, Pat Gudas Mitchell, Catherine Rogalin, Joan Sherer, and Elaine Sullivan for "SIS News" columns; Gina Clair and Kay West for "News of Members"; Christine Dulaney for "Calendar of Events"; Karen Silber for "Board Summary"; Mary Grady for news from the Bylaws Committee; and Ellen Feldman for news from the Public Outreach Committee.

#### EYE ON SERIALS

Susan Ryan of Georgetown University Law Center's Edward Bennett Williams Library has been writing "Eye on Serials" since 1996. Her column

has consistently provided us with concise, accurate, pertinent information about new publications, online subscriptions and title changes. Thank you, Susan, for always submitting impeccable work well before deadlines!

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Roger V. Skalbeck, Electronic Initiatives Librarian at Howrey & Simon, is the new Web Committee chair; expect exciting things during the coming year, if not weeks! You may contact him at SkalbeckR@Howrey.com and 202/383-7360.

Please remember to visit the website which is updated daily and weekly. Recent additions, for example, are listed on the What's New page <[http://www.llsdc.org/whats\\_new.htm](http://www.llsdc.org/whats_new.htm)>; they include Roger's Legal Research Institute presentation, Mindy Klasky's Intellectual Property links, and member affiliations. See the URL's below.

Thanks again to everyone!

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