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# Official newsletter of the Southeastern Chapter of A.A.L.L.

### From the President

It is a distinct pleasure and honor to present my first "From the President" column for the Southeastern Law Librarian. The Southeastern Chapter has been a significant part of my professional career, and I enjoy the opportunity at AALL meetings of extolling the virtues of our chapter. I promise my best effort this year toward maintaining the excellence that SEALL represents.

Unfortunately, the membership of SEALL is faced with financial questions which require that the Executive Committee consider a dues increase for 1993-1994. The newsletter will no longer be underwritten by Randall Brown of Law Book Exchange. That cost must now be paid from the SEALL treasury. Furthermore, the continuation of the joint reception held at the annual national meeting must be reconsidered. A number of the chapters within SEALL's boundaries do not feel that they can support the reception with funds from their chapter Receptions held at convention hotels are dues. expensive. We need to decide if we should continue hosting a reception or go back to the previous practice of paying separately for attendance at either a breakfast, a luncheon, or a reception.

I encourage you to get involved with the activities of your chapter. The list of committee members is in the newsletter. I am still seeking individuals to serve on the Membership and Placement Committees. I would like to have a member for those two committees from each of the states within SEALL. A strong placement service must rely on the work of committee members. The newsletter does not appear frequently enough to be a truly effective vehicle for placement. Furthermore, state liaisons can work to encourage law firms, courts, corporate offices and academic institutions to hire librarians.

Jack Hurd and the Publications Committee is working on the State Practice Materials Project. I have been interested in this project for years, and I hope that this year finally produces a strong product.

Work is continuing on the SEALL meeting for Charleston in April 1993. The program and the institute promise to be interesting, and I hope that a large number of members can attend the meeting. The SEALL meeting has a great number of things to offer. Because the meeting is much smaller than the annual AALL meeting, an attendee is afforded a much greater opportunity to meet and talk to people The professional in a relaxed atmosphere. associations formed at these meetings are important in the daily work that members have at their own libraries. Also, the programming can be focused more specifically on the interests of a much smaller group. The program options are different from a national meeting of AALL or ALA or a meeting of the state library association or even a state chapter of the Special Libraries Association. SEALL is a vital and important professional association for many of the members because of the direct benefits members receive from attendance at the annual meeting.



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### **Editors Note**

This issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian represents a variety of new items in the Southeastern Chapter of the AALL. The is the inaugural issue to be released under the auspices of the 1992-1993 Executive Committee, and also represents the initial efforts of a first time editor. More importantly, this issue is being produced in an entirely new method. Due to the fact that our previous publisher decided to stop underwriting the cost of publishing and mailing our newsletter, we have had to re-establish a new system of producing, printing and mailing this item to our members. Using Wordperfect and a laser printer, this publication was produced in cameraready form at the Legal Information Center of the University of Florida and taken to a local printer. All issues are than delivered by the editor to the US Post Office for delivery. Setting up this new system has caused several delays, but future issues should come out with more regularity. The cost of production and printing will rise dramtically. With the assistance of Rhea A-L Ballard we will soon begin a more aggresive approach to gaining advertisers. Our initial goal is to cover from 25-50% of our printing cost via advertising. Finally, I would like to thank Pam Williams for her significant assistance in preparing this issue. Her expertise, patience, and teaching ability made it possible for me to bring about this issue before the turn of the century.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUGUST 1, 1992 - OCTOBER 31, 1992

OPENING BALANCE		\$5,632.19
Income Dues Checking Account Interest/Credit	\$845.00 	_865.89
TOTAL INCOME		\$6,498.08
Expenses Library of Congress' Tax Return Preparation San Francisco Reception Newsletter Sundry Items FDIC Charges	\$267.57 100.00 2,898.02 685.86 57.00 	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$4,010.32</u>
CLOSING BALANCES		
Cash at Bank	2 222 223	2,487.76
Add Certificates of Deposit	3,000.00³ <u>4,000.00</u> ³	7,000.00
TOTAL		\$9,487.76

This represents a late reimbursement request from our Calloway Gardens Meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Burch, Treasurer

# MINUTES OF THE SEALL BUSINESS MEETING

San Francisco, CA Monday, July 20, 1992

Mary Cross, President, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and introduced the other officers at the head table: Ed Edmonds (Vice President/President-Elect), Alva T. Stone (Secretary), Sue Burch (Treasurer), and Tim Coggins (Immediate Past President).

Announcements. Mary acknowledged the Chapter's gratitude for all the hard work of Robin Mills and her staff on local arrangements for the Annual Meeting at Callaway Gardens last April. Members who were not present in April might not have heard that Hazel Johnson was presented with SEALL's Distinguished Service Award during the Annual Meeting in Pine Mountain, GA. We are also pleased to note that SEALL's nominee for the Mersky/Leiter "Spirit of Law Librarianship" Award, Wes Daniels, has won that award, largely because of his contributions in the area of public interest law and his extensive work on behalf of the homeless in the Miami area. Mary then reminded members that immediately following this meeting, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm., the SEALL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Maturity date is 1/24/93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Maturity date is 1/3/93.

Reception (co-hosted by NOALL, SFALL, and VALL) would be held in Continental Ballroom 2.

Officers' Reports. Alva Stone announced the results of SEALL's recent election. Of the 527 members who received ballots, 274 actually voted. This is a return rate of 52% (compared to 53% last year). Pam Williams has been elected as Vice President/President-Elect, and Donna Bausch was elected to serve a two-year term as Secretary. Alva requested permission to either destroy or recycle the ballots, and this was approved. The minutes from the General Business Meeting last April have been approved by the Executive Committee, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. They are also to be published in the Summer issue of the Chapter newsletter, which has been unexpectedly delayed, and can be amended, if necessary, at our next meeting.

Sue Burch distributed copies of the current financial statement. The Chapter has a bank balance of \$5,567.70, and an additional \$7,000 in certificates of deposit. Unfortunately we lost money on the Annual Meeting this year; SEALL's share of the loss was \$1,227.08, while the Atlanta Chapter share was \$453.85. Membership dues for 1992/93 are now past due; if not paid by September, a member will be removed from the SEALL mailing list.

Executive Committee Report. Mary mentioned that SEALL has a display in the AALL Activities Area here at the San Francisco convention, thanks to Ed Edmonds. Ed reminded the current Committee chairs to review the procedures handbook in order to suggest changes, and to send their files to successors.

Future SEALL Annual Meetings. Next year's meeting will be April 15-17 in Charleston WV, with Cam Riley and Marjorie Price in charge of local arrangements. In 1994 SEALL will hold its meeting in Asheville NC (Connie Matzen, local arrangements). Other future meetings will be in Virginia (1995, actual site not yet determined) and in Austin TX (1996, a joint meeting with SWALL).

Old Business. The 1992 SEALL membership directories have been mailed to members who did not receive them at the April meeting. SEALL officers reviewed some suggestions made by Sue Burch regarding Travel Expense Reports (for annual meetings) and related procedures, and have amended the instructions and the forms to make the process more thorough, efficient and consistent.

The proposed changes to the Chapter's Bylaws were mailed to all members in late April. The Articles & Bylaws Committee added more captions to the Bylaw sections to make labeling of section headings more uniform. Student-category members, like others, must

send in their dues in a timely manner; the use of voice ballots was clarified; and the provision about following Robert's Rules of Order was moved to a different section of the document. Two final changes were required by AALL: that the SEALL President also be a member of AALL, and that Chapter article and bylaw amendments be forwarded to AALL for approval. Mary called for a vote on the proposed amendments; they were approved unanimously.

New Business. Mary announced that the Chapter has been asked to consider Bill Younger, who served as Secretary-Treasurer and as Vice President and President of SEALL, for <u>lifetime membership</u>. Bill has retired from his position as Director of the Supreme Court and State Law Library in Alabama. A lifetime member does not have to pay dues, and receives the newsletter and other mailings free. After a brief discussion and a vote of the members present Bill Younger was awarded lifetime membership.

Separate motions were then made and seconded for two other retired members who had served the Chapter in exemplary ways, Cherry Thomas and Frances ("Frankie") Hall. Both were unanimously approved as new lifetime members of SEALL.

The Chapter must begin reviewing its financial conditions, since the Southeastern Law Librarian will no longer be printed by Law Book Exchange, and the recent annual meetings have resulted in losses. Since the printing of our newsletter amounts to about a \$2500/year expense, we may need to pursue other underwriters or advertisers more vigorously. We may need to raise our membership dues, eliminate receptions at the AALL meetings, or charge members for attending. Please give Ed Edmonds your suggestions on how we should resolve these problems.

Installation of New Officers. Before presenting the new President with his gavel, Mary Cross expressed her gratitude for the work and accomplishments of Committees and other SEALL officers during 1991/92. She enjoyed being our President, but admitted that it had been difficult, since she was moving and looking for a new job during the same period! Ed Edmonds, our President for 1992/93, reminded members that there are positions still available on some Committees (especially Membership and Placement), and he asked everyone to pick up a Committee roster.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alva T. Stone Secretary, 1990/92

# MERSKY/LEITER SPIRIT AWARD

Westwell R. Daniels, Professor of Law and Director of the University of Miami Law Library, was named the 1992 receipient of the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award.

The award, created by Roy Mersky and Richard A. Leiter (compilers of *The Spirit of Law Librarianship*), is presented annually to the AALL member who, through his or her position, makes a contribution toward the improvement of a social condition or the increased awareness of a social concern. In lieu of accepting royalties for their book, the compilers and their publisher, Fred B. Rothman and Co., are setting aside funds to annually endow the "Spirit" Award.

The award is being presented to Wes for his valuable contribution in the area of public interest law and his extensive work on behalf of the homeless in the Miami area. Wes was nominated by the Executive Board of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL and by his colleagues at the University of Miami Law Library.

Below is a partial list of Wes Daniel's commitments and accomplishments:

- Member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of the Miami Coalition for the Homeless, volunteering many hours of research and legal assistance with various lawsuits and projects.
- Winner of the Dade County Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyer Award for his volunteer work at homeless and other shelters.
- Member of the ACLU Legal Panel Homeless Committee.
- Contributor of many articles to Res Ispa Loquitur, the student newspaper, that have served to heighten student awareness. Article titles include "Legal Research on the Cutting Edge" (using law and homelessness as a research example), and "Casualties of War: Eviction of Public Housing Tenants for Alledged Criminal Activity."
- Faculty advisor for the School of Law's Public Interest Group.
- Co-Director of the School of Law's 1990 and 1991
   Summer Public Interest Seminar Programs on the subject of homelessness, which culminated in the publication of the Homeless Legal Advocate's Manual.
- Faculty advisor to the Law Review's symposium issue on homelessness and organizer of a 1990 Law Review

symposium on law and the homeless.

 Developer and teacher of a two-credit workshop course on Law and the Homeless and a three-credit class on Poverty Law.

The award was presented to Wes in July during the AALL Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

## **COSELL CORNER**

by Carol Roehrenbeck

This quarter I have good news and I have bad news. Since I like to keep things on a positive note, I will give you the good news first.

### **BOOK BUYING CLUB**

Last spring we decided to approach book jobbers and ask if they would be interested in acquiring law and law related publications for us at a discount. We, COSELL member libraries would purchase domestic law and law-related monographs from one, or perhaps two book jobbers. In return for concentrating our buying power with the jobber, we anticipate a more favorable discount rate and enhanced service. We sent out RFP's to many jobbers and five companies bid on our proposal. A committee headed by Tom Steele is busy reviewing the responses and I hope to have more information shortly.

#### FICHE-TO-FICHE DUPLICATORS

Jim Heller reports that the COSELL grant request was denied. After reviewing the awards made and the responses of the reviewers, it looked like awards went to very "High tech" projects. Ours did not seem to fit in that category, but it would have been helpful to member libraries. The COSELL Board is considering whether to resubmit our grant or apply for a different type. Let me know your thoughts on this matter.

### ANNUAL REPORTS/FIVE YEAR PLANS

Jim Heller volunteered to collect these for us. I cannot give you a list of what he holds because only one library submitted these (Guess who? Correct, Nova!) It is very helpful to look at what other libraries have put together, Please send these to Jim Heller, College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe Law Library, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

### INTERNET BULLETIN BOARD

I still have not received addresses from some of you. I am in the process of setting this up. If I do not have your address you will be excluded from this group.

### **SEALL 1993 INSTITUTE**

### "COMPUTER NETWORKING IN LAW LIBRARIES"

The Education Committee of SEALL is planning an Institute on Computer Networking in Law Libraries on April 14, 1993, immediately preceding the SEALL meeting in Charleston, West Virginia. We need your help in planning for an Institute that will meet your needs. Please take a minute to answer the following short questionnaire.

#### **OUESTIONNAIRE**

INTERNET. What is it? Why would you want to have anything to do with it? What role does it have in library networking (resource sharing) services?

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

- 1. INTERNET is a global network of networks which began in 1969 at UCLA, and provides computer-to-computer communication.
- INTERNET connects over 5,000 separate local, regional and national networks. A common protocol allows communication to take place
  between many different types of computer systems. This protocol, TCP/IP or Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol, permits the
  interconnection of a diverse variety of computer hardware.
- 3. An individual can get access only through an organization which participates in the network.
- 4. INTERNET may be reached through a dedicated terminal or dial-up access to the local network.

#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Do you know the fundamental differences between BITNET & INTERNET?

YES NO

2. Which level do you consider you are at in terms of understanding the function of INTERNET?

BASIC INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED

3. Are you interested in the "e-mail" function, i.e. knowing the dfferences in the addressing in BITNET & INTERNET; the accessing ability from INTERNET to CompuServ ... etc.?

NOT INTERESTED INTERESTED VERY INTERESTED

4. Are you interested in the "remote login" function, namely, the TELNET capability to access online catalogs at remote locations?

NOT INTERESTED INTERESTED

Do you want to know more about networking via INTERNET in the areas of:

PUB SERV TECH SERV MANAGEMENT OTHER:

6. What about FTP (file transfer protocol) work in INTERNET?

NOT INTERESTED INTERESTED

7. What about new options for ILL and document delivery via INTERNET, e.g., Carl Uncover, Uncover2, RLG CitaDel, OCLC FirstSearch?

NOT INTERESTED INTERESTED

Other suggestions?

8. Access to LEXIS and WESTLAW over the Internet?

NOT INTERESTED INTERESTED

	NOT INTERESTED	INTERESTED			
10.	10. Internet access for non-academic law librarians?				
	NOT INTERESTED	INTERESTED			
11.	GOPHER?				
	NOT INTERESTED	INTERESTED			
12.	WAIS?				
	NOT INTERESTED	INTERESTED			
13.	USENET?				
	NOT INTERESTED	INTERESTED			
14.	LISTSERVS?				
	NOT INTERESTED	INTERESTED			
15.	Would you like to have the	sessions organized around specific categories:			
	FIRMS ACADE	EMIC			
	PUB SERV TECH	SERV MANAGEMENT OTHER:			
16.	Hands-on sessions with actua	al applications for the areas discussed:			
	ESSENTIAL PREF	ERRED DOESN'T MATTER			
17.	Would you be willing to brin	ng a written statement to share what you are doing at your own institution?			
18.	8. Speaker suggestions for the areas of interest:				
	Area of interest:				
	Mama				
	Name: Address:				
	Audress.				
	Phone: FAX: BITNET: INTERNET:				
19. Are you planning to attend the Institute?					
	YES NO MA	AY-BE			

Thanks for your help. Please return the form by January 15th to:

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9. Electronic Bulletin Boards?

## **Cataloging Institute**

by
Jackie Shieh
1992 Recipient Lucile Elliott Scholarship

From muggy, misty "HOTLANTA" to sunny and cool (sounds like a contradiction in terms, but what do you expect? It's California...!) northern California was an experience. I flew to Santa Clara University for one of the many successful AALL educational programs for 1992, the Cataloging Institute, July 14-17.

Santa Clara University, situated 47 miles south of San Francisco, was the host institution for two of the summer institutes; Legal Reasoning, and Cataloging. A total of 76 catalogers attended the program.

The Directors, Melody Busse Lembke and Kate Pecarovich did a superb job in gathering topics and faculty for the programs. The topics were definitely essential and vital to issues which routinely challenge catalogers around the country. Kendra Anderson, from the host university, provided a hospitable and comfortable environment for all participants.

The Institute was divided into two tracks: basic and advanced. There were also joint sessions which dealt with issues that needed to be addressed by both groups. The programs included: Materials for Common Legal Materials, I & II; LC Subject Cataloging Materials; Materials for Debate on Standard vs. Non-standard Practices for Classification and Subjects in the Firm Environment; Materials on Uniform Titles; Earliest, Latest and Successive Serial Cataloging Materials; Materials for Closing It: Retention of Information on Replacement Volumes, Supplements, and Serials: Materials for Audio. Video, and Machine Readable Data File Formats; Authority Work in the Online Environment: Materials on AACR2 1988 Revision" of 21.12, learning and unlearning; Materials for Working Session on Description Problems; Working Session on Classification Materials; Materials for Collective Court Names; Working Session on Subject Cataloging Materials: Materials for Working Session on Uniform Title.

Information was abundant but the time was limited during the Institute. I attended only five sessions. The materials for all sessions mentioned above are available. If you are interested in any of the sessions, or wish to contact the instructor, let me know.

The AACR2R (Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd ed. revised) was used along with the examples. LCRI (Library of Congress Rules Interpretation) was recommended to have when interpreting some ambiguity in AACR2R.

The following paragraphs are highlights of some of the sessions I attended. The examples and guidelines are taken from materials distributed during the sessions.

### Materials for Common Legal Materials

by Jean Pajerek

In the two sessions for "Materials for Common Legal Materials," Ms. Pajerek discussed loose-leaf publications, Rules 21.13, 21.31-21.36 with detailed examples. I was not familiar with cataloging loose-leaf publications and the information has definitely been beneficial in my routine cataloging activities.

Loose-leaf publications are treated as monographs in cataloging in MARC (Machine Readable Cataloging) format. The record is noted as loose-leaf format in the field 300. The title entry in the 245 field always reflects the latest title information. The previous title history is noted in the 500 field. Added entry is made in the 740 field for tracing. The latest publisher is recorded in the 260 field, the previous publishers noted in the 500 field. However, the publication date is the earliest date (NOT THE LATEST). Gradual revision for the edition does not require a new record in OCLC. Make note in the 500 field for the gradual changes. Only the one time revision is required to have a new bibliographic record.

### Earliest, Latest and Successive Serial Cataloging

by Toni Forrester

In this session on serial cataloging, we looked at the three main methodologies in dealing with title entries; earliest, latest and successive. Advantages and disadvantages were highlighted and discussed. The latest methodology for loose-leafs is re-emerging while session laws use the earliest title entry system. Ms. Forrester brought up the experience of Northwestern's experiment to help participants in understanding what role that automation has in relation to these methods of serial cataloging.

# Audio, Video, and Machine Readable Data File Formats

by Joni Cassidy

In this session, guidelines for non-print materials were given with examples. Notes for physical description are provided in the 500 field, i.e. VHS, Stereo,...etc.

Locally produced videos, such as in-house lectures or seminars, should be treated as unpublished materials. Transcribe title and statement of responsibility information from the piece. When the title is missing, supply one as instructed in AACR2 Rule 7.1B2. The publication, distribution area (260 field) should contain only the date of recording in subfield c unless the date already appears in the title.

Locally made videotape copies may be treated as copies. Add a local note to the record for the original to indicate the existence of the copy and describe it briefly. If a separate record is to be created for this type of copy, transcribe the title and statement of responsibility and publication information for the original item. Use the GMD "videorecording" in the 245 field following subfield h and give the physical description of the video copy in the 300 field. Add a note indicating the original format.

Off-air recordings (video copies made directly from TV broadcasts) should be considered as unpublished materials. Transcribe the title and statement of responsibility from the title and credits of the recording. The publication distribution area should only contain the year of the recording in subfield c. Add notes indicating that the copy was made under license and naming the television station that broadcast the program.

### Example:

Broadcast as an episode of Wild Kingdom; taped off-air from WABC-TV, New York, NY.

Off-air licensing rights through the Television Licensing Center.

\*\*For information about "fair use" copies for library use, contact the Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. 20559 for Guidelines for videorecording of broadcast programming for education purposes.

Non-print materials sometimes accompany their print counterparts. You may choose to catalog the printed materials as the primary piece simply because the information is more complete. In this case, the non-print materials are noted in the physical description (300 field).

Note the variant title for the non-print materials in the 500 field. The 740 field is added for tracing the variant title.

A bibliography of cataloging aids for non-print materials was also provided.

### **Authority Work in the Online Environment**

by Barbara Tillett

Authority control is the activity related to the control of access points to assure correct collocation of bibliographic records. This includes the provision for and maintenance of consistency in the form of names (personal, corporate, conference, geographic), titles (uniform titles, series, etc.), and subjects used as access points in bibliographic records.

In the online environment, authority control can include:

- computer-assisted establishment of authorized headings with automatic validation to compare new headings against an existing authority file and automatic verification of the new headings and their coding;
- matching algorithms to normalize capitalization, spacing, punctuation, and diacritical marks, etc. to compare incoming forms with existing forms;

In the overview session, the background and purpose of authority work, review of AACR2R, LCRI's and LCSH (Library of Congress Subject Headings) highlights related to authority work, NACO (National Coordinated Cataloging Operation) standards and authority control in the online environment were discussed. The second period was dedicated to USMARC format for authority records and analysis for online systems.

In this AALL Summer Cataloging Institute, many aspects of cataloging issues were presented. I wish we had more time to discuss all that we face every day. Although, time was quite limited, we were able to participate in the ones most relevant to our work situation.

Through the interaction of different activities, a network among catalogers undoubtedly was established. I particularly enjoyed the tours to Santa Cruz pier and Mirassou winery which were a wonderful way to conclude days of hard and intensive brain work. I want to thank the Scholarship Committee for giving me this opportunity to attend the Institute. It was a terrific experience from all angles.

# "All I Really Need to Know About Libraries I Learned From Dr. Seuss"

by Rhea A-L Ballard

In his bestseller, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten, Robert Fulghum explained that he learned in kindergarten what simple things were necessary for a rewarding life. Some of the things he learned were:

Share everything.

Play fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you found them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.

All I Know I Learned From My Cat,<sup>2</sup> is Suzanne Becker's comic adaptation of Fulghum's book. In her book, Becker explained that she learned the important things in life from her pet cat. Some of the things she has learned are:

Show discretion.

Don't be afraid to take chances.

Don't dwell too much on the past.

Challenge yourself.

Be a good listener.

As a librarian, I, like Fulghum and Becker have had a great revelation. All I really need to know about libraries, I learned from Dr. Seuss.

Pulitzer Prize winning Dr. Seuss sold more than 200 million children's books. Dr. Seuss revolutionized reading by creating books that children would like to read. He replaced Dick and Jane with such memorable characters as the Cat in the Hat and the Grinch.<sup>3</sup> No, he did not specialize in reference, collection development, cataloging, or the Library of Congress classification system. But if he had, I think the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules at least would have been more fun to read. The things I have learned from Dr. Seuss are:

1. Libraries are great places to work. Libraries house a wealth of information; they are the "repositories of human experience." Historically, libraries were private book collections owned by the rich and powerful. Today, they provide access to materials which may not otherwise be available to patrons.

'It's a pretty good zoo,'
Said young Gerald McGrew

'And the fellow who runs it Seems proud of it too.'<sup>6</sup>

2. Librarians should provide good service. The "attributes of successful reference librarians have been enumerated as: ... intelligence, knowledge, humor, and good feet." Librarians should be attentive, pleasant, respectful, and helpful.

'I'll help you,' said Horton.
'But who are you?
'Where?'8

3. Librarians should be tolerant. At some time in their careers, all librarians will have contact with hostile, mentally imbalanced, abusive, demanding, or confused patrons.

A host has to put up with all kinds of pests, For a host, above all, must be nice to his guests.

4. Every employee must do his/her part if the Library is to function properly. All employees must understand they're essential parts of a large operation.

But everyone seemed to be doing his best. Everyone seemed to be yapping or yipping. Everyone seemed to be beeping or bipping. But it wasn't enough, all this ruckus and roar! He had to find someone to help him make more.<sup>10</sup>

5. Decision making is not as easy as it looks. As a subordinate there were many times when I knew I could handle a situation better, do it faster, and be more efficient than my boss. As a supervisor, I realize that decision making requires thought, expertise, compassion, and a little luck.

Did you ever sit and fidget when you don't know what to do...? Everybody gets the fidgets. Even me and even you.

6. No one likes to work with a dictator. Employees should have input in making decisions which will affect their work situations.

We all talked the hunches over, up and down and through and through. We argued and we barg-ued!
We decided what to do. 12

7. No matter how hard you try, it is impossible to do everything and please everybody.

One of me could never do it. And quite suddenly I knew... To get a job like that done would take more of me, ... like two!<sup>13</sup>

8. Appreciation is nice. Sure, a salary increase would be even nicer! But librarians know that a smile and a thank you can make one's day.

'My friend,' came the voice,
'you're a very fine friend.
You've helped all us folks on this dust speck
no end.'14

Although Dr. Seuss will never write another book, it is comforting to know that he will always be a part of our hearts, minds, and libraries.

His voice is now silent
But he's with us always.
To get us through those trying days.
When faced with a problem, make no excuse.
Just remember of Dr. Seuss.

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### LLSDC PRESENTS INEX'93

The Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. (LLSDC) is presenting INEX'93 (INformation EXposition '93). INEX'93 is a day long exhibition and vendor fair to be held March 19, 1993 at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center. Major vendors of library products and services will be represented. Additionally, there will be scheduled demonstrations throughout the day. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

INEX'93 will culminate in a Gala Dinner featuring Congresswoman Patricia Schroeder (Dem.-Colorado) as the keynote speaker. A fee will be charged for the dinner. All proceeds from INEX'93 will benefit the Scholarships & Grants, and Education Committees of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.

All interested library professionals are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Jane Towell, 202-778-2133; or Ann Simpson, 703-641-4332, Co-Chairs of the INEX'93 Publicity Committee.

### **AALL RESEARCH AGENDA**

President Mark Estes has appointed a special committee to establish an AALL research agenda and to develop proposals for supporting and encouraging research on the topics listed. The members of the committee are Dick Danner, Nancy Carol Carter, Jack Ellenberger, Catherine Lamann, and Lee Nemchek.

What is a research agenda? As defined by the special committee, the AALL research agenda will be a list of research priorities: areas with law librarianship where research is needed to improve the work of the profession. Some topics on the list will be of general benefit; others will be specific as to library type of specialization.

Why is research in law librarianship important? All professions need ongoing research in order to improve the work and practice of the profession and to remain vital in a changing environment. Research topics on the agenda should have practical value for the members of the profession. (For more discussion of the importance of research, see Dick Danner's editorial in the Fall, 1991 issue of Law Library Journal.)

How will the agenda be compiled? The research agendas of the other library associations, such as SLA, will be the sources of ideas for the AALL research agenda, as will other studies that have identified trends and emerging areas of concern where research is needed. We will also have the benefit of a study on academic law library director's research priorities published in the

Summer, 1992 issue of Law Library Journal, and a survey of private law librarian published in the PLL Perspectives.

These sources will provide the committee with a number of ideas, but what we need most is the current, active participation of all segments of the AALL membership in our project. We hope to compile a tentative list of research topics this fall, which will then be published in draft form for member comment and reaction before it goes to the AALL Executive Board.

What topics should be on the research agenda? How can I let the committee know what research I think needs to be done? Members of the committee are working with the academic, private, and state, court, and county special interest sections to ensure that the needs of librarians in all types of law libraries are considered. We will also be publicizing our project in chapter and SIS newsletters.

# **SEALL BRIEFS**

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### **ALABAMA**

L. Scott Johnson, new SEALL member in Montgomery, has been Reference Librarian at the Jones School of Law, Faulkner University, since early 1991. He has previously been a stockbroker, realtor, and a sole practitioner of law.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ruth McKeen is the new Librarian at Odin, Feldman, Pittleman. She was with Skadden, Arps, also in D.C., before taking the new job, last October.

Kathleen T. Larson has returned to the U.S. Department of Justice, after five years at Hazel & Thomas, in Falls Church, to become JURIS Program specialist with the JURIS Office. Kathy will be marketing JURIS, a

computerized information retrieval system designed and maintained by the Justice Department. Her new address is:

JURIS Program Specialist U.S. Department of Justice JURIS Office - Room 129 C.A.B. 425 Eye St., NW Washington DC 20530

### **FLORIDA**

Several of the Miami area's law librarians have recently deserted for Washington, DC: Warren Rosmarin, former Associate Director of the University of Miami Law Library, is now Director of Howard University Law Library. Mary Cross, who was Library Director at Stearns, Weaver, Miller, is now Librarian at a law firm in Washington. St. Thomas University Law Library hosted a farewell lunch for the two, and gifts were presented from the South Florida Association of Law Libraries, at their June luncheon.

### St. Thomas University:

Brian Jenkins, evening librarian at St. Thomas Law Library, has moved to the Washington, DC area, taking a position with West Services' CD-ROM Department. Ricardo Lasso, weekend librarian, has moved to DC as well, and serves as legal counsel to the Panamanian Embassy; he was replaced by Richard Watson, a recent St. Thomas graduate. John McNeill has replaced Jeanette Neuschaffer as Circulation Librarian; Jack has a J.D. from New York Law School and is working on an MLS.

### University of Miami:

Scott Schaeffer has left the University of Miami Law Library, where he was a reference librarian, to be Head of Reference at Villanova Law Library. Gordon Russell has also left the Law Library, to take the position of Head of Public Services at the University of New Mexico. Three new librarians have joined the Library staff: Yolanda Jones, from the University of Michigan Law Library; Sid Kaskey, from Kelley, Drye and Warren in Miami; and Ruth Parlin, from the University of Arkansas School of Law Library in Fayetteville. Sid and Yolanda are reference librarians, while Ruth is the new Head of Reference.

Unfortunately, Michael Whetzel has left Greenberg, Traurig, et al, due to poor health.

New Member Mary F. Barmmer, Librarian at Akerman, Senterfitt & Eidson, Miami, has been with the firm for two years. She has an MSLS from Long Island University, and was previously Librarian at New City Library in New City, New York.

Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, Orlando, have a new Librarian; Linda K. Fowlie has been with the firm since early 1992. Her MLS is from the University of Maryland, and her previous position was Deputy Librarian at Steptoe & Johnson, Washington, DC.

#### **GEORGIA**

Kilpatrick & Cody, Atlanta, have relocated to new offices, address:

1100 Peachtree St. Atlanta, GA 30309-4530

The new phone number for Claire Engel, Louise Cherry, and Kathy Croslin is (404) 815-6500. FAX (404) 815-6555.

Leah Chanin has resigned her position as Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law at Mercer University's Walter F. George School of Law, effective July 1, 1992. She had been on the faculty of Mercer Law School since 1964. Mercer's 1992 Law Day activities included a dinner and roast by friends, colleagues and former students. The Law Alumni Association has launched a fund-raising project to automate the Library in her honor. Leah is now Director of the Library and Professor of Law at the D.C. School of Law.

Leah Chanin's new address is: 719 13th St. NW Washington, DC 20005

Interim Director at Mercer is Suzanne Cassidy; Pat O'Neal is Interim Associate Director.

Rockdale County Law Library is the first county law library in Georgia to be housed in a public library. They are open 33 hours per week, serving the public as well as the bar, with an attorney and a paralegal on staff. The Law Library Specialist is Roberta A. Earnhardt, who has her MBA and JD from the University of Georgia. Roberta is also Law Clerk to a Superior Court Judge of the Rockdale Judicial Circuit, and an attorney at Smith, Gambrell & Rossell, Atlanta.

New member Joe Orth is a Library Technician with Kilpatrick & Cody, Atlanta. His background is in the classics, but he has also worked in interlibrary loan at Loyola University of Chicago.

### KENTUCKY

Sallie Howard, director of the Kentucky State Law Library, planned and hosted the fourth annual Law Library Staff Meeting in June. The professional and technical staffs from the University of Kentucky Law Library, University of Louisville Law Library, and the Northern

Kentucky Law Library converged in Frankfort for the day's activities. The group heard arguments before the Kentucky Supreme Court and then toured the Capitol, the Legislative Research Commission Library and the Governor's mansion. Lunch was followed by remarks from the Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court, Robert Stephens. The day concluded with a tour of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

Mark Linneman, Director of the University of Kentucky Law Library, is finally able to report that NOTIS circulation is up and running. Training should be completed by the beginning of the Fall semester.

David Ensign, Director of the University of Louisville Law Library, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Law.

New member Bridget Lynn Kocks is Assistant to the Director, Jefferson County Public Law Library.

### LOUISIANA

Elizabeth Birchey Butler, new Head Librarian at Deutsch, Kerrigan & Stiles, New Orleans, had previously worked at the Louisiana State University Law Library for several years, then with Chaffe, McCall, et al, also in New Orleans.

Another new SEALL member, James M. Donovan, has been Librarian for Access Services at Tulane Law Library since last year. His MLIS is from Louisiana State University, and he is a PhD candidate (anthropology) at Tulane.

#### **MISSISSIPPI**

Mississippi College:

Carnette McMillan retired from the Law Library on May 31, 1992. She served as Acquisitions Librarian from the Library's opening in 1975. Joyce Ziegler has been appointed Acquisitions Librarian. Former Librarian at Clarke College in Newton, Mississippi, Joyce holds an MLS from Sam Houston State University.

### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Julia Best, Serials Librarian at the University of North Carolina, has moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where she works in the Archives at the State Capitol. She has been replaced by Sandra Dyer, whose new title is Serials/Government Documents Librarian. Sandy, who began work on July 13, has her MLS from the University of Indiana, Bloomington, and has worked in the Education Library there.

### **TENNESSEE**

Susan Delp is Law Librarian at Tennessee Supreme Court Law Library, Knoxville, and a new member. She has an MSLS from the University of Kentucky and has held the present position for nearly three years. She was for nine years Cataloging Department Library Specialist at the University of Tennessee Law Library.

### **VIRGINIA**

Emily Carr, new member, is Government Documents/Reference Librarian at George Mason University Law Library. She began in January 1992, has an MSLS from the University of Michigan, and was Assistant Law Librarian (trainee) at the Library of Congress Law Library during 1991.

Two new SEALL members at Washington and Lee: John N. Jacobs, has for two years been Archivist /Librarian. He has an MLS from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and was formerly Archivist /Librarian at the George C. Marshall Research Foundation, also in Lexington. Thomas A. Williams, Director of the Media Center and Reference Librarian, has also held his position for two years. For the twelve years previous, he was Media Technician. His MSLS if from the University of Kentucky.

### **PLACEMENT**

The SEALL Placement Committee is chaired by Claire Engel. Should you wish to place an advertisement in the Southeastern Law Librarian, please contact Claire at Kilpatrick and Cody, 100 Peachtree Street, Suite 3100, Atlanta, GA 30303, 404-815-6261 or 404-815-6555 (fax).

In addition, the Placement Committee maintains a resume file of job seekers. If you would like to put a resume on file, or review those currently on file, please contact Claire or any member of the Committee.

Keep in mind the joblines in our region and nationally which are available for the cost of a phone call:

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### **FLORIDA**

### **Head of Technical Services:**

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### MISSISSIPPI

### **Public Services Librarian:**

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