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# ANNE'S PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS



Anne Klinefelter, President

With 2007 upon us, SEAALL welcomes new key contributors, anticipates strategic planning based on survey results, and looks forward to the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge.

Many thanks go to Laurel Brown, from Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein in Charlotte, North Carolina, who has taken on the role as editor of the SEAALL Handbook. When Cathy Lemann, formerly of the Law Library of Louisiana in New Orleans, moved to become the Alaska State Law Librarian, we thought about inviting Alaska into SEAALL, but decided the geography presented some logical and logistical barriers, so we had to bid Cathy farewell. We send our thanks to Cathy for the care and feeding of the Handbook over the years. We are fortunate to have Laurel already at work on making sure the Handbook is accessible and up to date. This Handbook is the principle advisory resource for SEAALL and includes Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and the institutional memory guidelines known simply as "the handbook" which is updated each year by Committee Chairs and Officers. We appreciate Laurel taking on this important role for the chapter.

Thanks too to **Thomas Walter** from Mississippi College in Jackson who has accepted the torch of webmaster from **Steve Melamut** who was tapped for an acting role as Assistant Dean for Information Technology in the UNC School of Law. Steve was always very responsive to requests for changes and updates on the site, and we are indebted to him for his excellent service. Thomas has already designed a possible new look for the site, so we may be seeing some changes in the future.

We also appreciate the energetic leadership from Lisa Smith-Butler at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, who accepted the role as SEALLL Newsletter editor and chair of the SEAALL Newsletter and Public Relations Committee. I can attest to her charm and dedication in getting columns and other contributions for the newsletter, so many thanks to Lisa for taking on these areas of leadership for SEAALL. These were roles that Steve Melamut had assumed so well over the last several years, and thanks go to him for the time and expertise he gave to these responsibilities.

The SEAALL membership survey has drawn a substantial number of responses, but we are calling for more of you to share your thoughts about how SEAALL could best serve you. With the results of this survey, your SEAALL officers can begin strategic planning for the chapter.

And, the big event of each spring is the SEAALL Annual Meeting! This year we are converging on Baton Rouge, and I hope many of you join us there. You'll be seeing much more about that event soon, thanks to the Local Arrangements Committee and the Program Planning Committee.



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#### SEAALL BRIEFS

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#### Florida

#### **University of Miami**

Michelle Cosby joined the library staff this semester as the Reference/Information Services Librarian. Michelle graduated from Indiana University (Bloomington) with a joint J.D./M.L.S. in May 2006. In January, Whitney Curtis will take over the position of Reference/Instructional Services Librarian. Whitney expects her M.L.S. in December from the University of South Florida, and she received her J.D. from Roger Williams University School of Law.

#### St. Thomas University

**Kathleen Brown,** of Seattle, WA, joined the staff as the Faculty and Student Services Librarian while **John Beatty**, of Syracuse, NY, became the Multimedia/Public Services Librarian.

#### Georgia

#### **Georgia State University**

In early August, **Ron Wheeler** began working for the Georgia State University College of Law Library as the Associate Director for Public Services. Ron spent the previous 5 years at the University of New Mexico School of Law where he held various titles including assistant director for faculty, research, and instructional services. Ron was recently featured in the Law Librarian Blog's Spotlight on Law Librarians <a href="http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law-librarian-blog/2006/08/spotlight">http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law-librarian-blog/2006/08/spotlight</a> on la.html

## Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin in Atlanta

Welcome to **Sarah Mauldin** who wrote: "I'm a new member. I just moved home to

Atlanta to work for Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin. I was previously the Director of Library Services at Lionel Sawyer & Collins in Las Vegas."

#### Kentucky

#### **University of Kentucky**

Karen A. Nuckolls, Head of Technical Services (University of Kentucky) has been chosen to participate in the ACRL Dr. E. J. Josey Spectrum Mentor Program, to be held at ALA Midwinter in Seattle in January. Helane Davis, Director of the Evans Law Library (University of Kentucky) has an article published in the fall issue of *Law Library Journal*, entitled, "Keeping Validity in Cite: Web Resources Cited in Select Washington Law Reviews, 2001–03."

#### Louisiana

#### Law Library of Louisiana

Georgia Chadwick is the new Associate Director of the Law Library of Louisiana, having assumed the position formerly held by Catherine Lemann, who became Director of the Alaska State Law Library in September. Miriam Childs is now the library's Head of Technical Services. Joining Miriam in the Technical Services Department is new law librarian Charles Gaudin, who previously worked at the Jefferson Parish Public Library and Northwestern Louisiana State University. In early December Katie Nachod, formerly of Tulane Law School, became the library's new Reference/Electronic Resources Librarian.

#### **North Carolina**

#### **Duke University School of Law Library**

Duke Law Library is pleased to welcome



Jennifer Behrens, our newest reference librarian. Jennifer joined our staff as a reference librarian in August. She received a J.D. and an M.L.S. from the University at Buffalo, and holds a B.A. in English from Daemen College. Prior to joining Duke, she worked for several years in public and academic libraries, most recently serving as the Graduate Assistant at the University at Buffalo Law Library, where she provided reference assistance, conducted library and research orientations, and coordinated the faculty document delivery service. In addition to teaching first-year research, serving as liaison for several faculty, and assisting reference patrons, Jennifer will be editing the library newsletter and coordinating library displays. Welcome, Jennifer.

It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that Duke Law Library writes to let you know that **Joy Hanson**, Reference Librarian at the Law Library, will be leaving Duke at the end of November to begin a new position as a reference librarian at the U.S. Supreme Court library. Joy worked as a summer intern at the Court during library school and obviously impressed them as much as she has us. Joy joined our reference staff in July 2004 and since that time has been a valuable and skilled member of our reference team, especially in managing the Library Research Assistants program. She has been a creative spark for DLSIS, and a wonderful colleague. I know that you will all join us in wishing her congratulations and success in this new position.

#### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Megan Garton, Reference/Electronic Services Librarian, is moving to Tulane Law Library in the role of Evening Reference Librarian/Instruction Coordinator. Librarians at UNC are sad to see Megan and her Mardi Gras bead collection go, but we wish her well and are glad she's still in SEAALL. Thanks to Megan for her role in starting Instant Messenger Reference service at UNC and for her many contributions to managing and improving access to resources and for finding many ways to teach students

how to do legal research. **Teresa Stanton**, the University of North Carolina Law Library's first Reference/Foreign and International Law Librarian, is moving across the country to become Reference Librarian for Foreign and Comparative Law at the G.W. McEnerney Law Library at the University of California Berkeley School of Law. Thanks go to Teresa for shaping the foreign and international position at UNC, for special contributions to collection assessment and management, and for teaching both Advanced Legal Research and Introduction to American Law. We look forward to seeing you at AALL.

#### Washington, D.C.

#### **American University**

John Smith has joined the Library Faculty at the Pence Law Library, Washington College of Law as Access Services Librarian. Formerly, John was Serials and Technical Systems Coordinator. He recently completed his MLS degree at Catholic University of America's School of Library & Information Science.

#### Virginia

#### **University of Richmond**

Timothy L. Coggins, Associate Dean for Library & Information Services and Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law, received the "Distinguished Alumni Award" from North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount, NC at its alumni reception and banquet on October 14, 2006. Tim also recently presented two programs, "Internet Research – Part I: What's New and Exciting?" and "Internet Research – Part II: Finding Gems (of Information) Online', at the fifth statewide conference of the Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Associations on October 6, 2006.



# **SEAALL 2007 Slate of Candidates and Their Biographies**

Submitted by Carol Avery Nicolson

#### For Vice-President/President-Elect:

Carol Bredmeyer, Assistant Director for Faculty Services Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library Highland Heights, KY

Amy B. Osborne, Head of Public Services University of Kentucky Law Library Lexington, KY

#### For Treasurer:

Timothy Alan Lewis, Director & State Law Librarian Alabama Supreme Court & State Law Library Montgomery, AL

Paula Tejeda, Associate Law Librarian/Head of Technical Services Charleston School of Law

Charleston, SC

#### For Member at Large:

Nancy J. Adams, Librarian U.S. District Court Library Atlanta, GA

Jennifer E. Sekula, Senior Reference Librarian Law Library College of William & Mary School of Law

#### **Biographies of Candidates**

Nancy J. Adams

**Current Position:** Librarian, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, GA

**Education:** MLS, Simmons College (Boston), 1986; BA, Emory & Henry College (Va), 1983.

#### **Professional Association Membership and Service:**

#### **AALL**

Chair, Scholarship Committee

Program Moderator/Coordinator AExpanding Reference Services Using the Internet@

Program Moderator/Co-Coordinator AAdministrative Decisions in the Electronic Environment@

#### **ALL-SIS**

Committees: Nominations, Scholarship, Faculty Services, Centennial Celebration

**GD-SIS** 

**CS-SIS** 

**SCCLL-SIS** 

#### **SEAALL**

Program Speaker, AGeorgia Case Law,@ at Basic Legal Research for the Non-law Librarian

Program Speaker, AE-Mail is for U: Internet for Beginners@

Committees: Membership, Placement, Scholarship, Nominations, Government Relations,

Local Arrangements (2001)



#### **ALLA (Atlanta Law Libraries Association)**

Chapter President, Vice-President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Listserv Administrator

Committees: Legal Research, Nominations, Newsletter, Placement, Bylaws, Technology, Scholarships, Government Relations, Programs

#### **Presentations:**

Computer-Assisted Legal Research@ and Legal Research on the Internet@ Institute for Paralegal Education (IPE) 2003.

Faculty member in ICLE program Cost Effective Legal Research@ 1997.

#### **Publications:**

Researching Georgia Law (2006 Edition),@ 22 Georgia State University Law Review 381. 1998 Edition: 14 Georgia State University Law Review 545. 1993 Edition: 9 Georgia State University Law Review 585.

Georgia Primary Research Materials@ CALI lesson, 2004.

An Annotated Bibliography of State Legal Research Guides, @ 14 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 23-77 (1994)

#### **Carol Bredemeyer**

**Current Position:** Assistant Director for Faculty Services and Associate Professor for Library Services, Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University

**Education:** M.S.L.S., University of Kentucky, 1981, B.A. (History), Morehead State University, 1978

**Professional Association Memberships and Service:** 

#### American Association of Law Libraries

- · Awards Committee, 2005- Present; Currently Chair
- Academic Law Libraries SIS, Currently Executive Board Member
  - o Member, Marketing Toolkit Task Force, 2003-2004
  - o CONALL Committee, 2002-2003
- Mentoring Committee, 2003-2005
- Law Library Journal Editorial Board/AALL Spectrum Advisory Committee, 1999-2002, Chair, 2001-2002
- Public Relations Committee, 1995-1999;
   Chair, 1998-1999
- · Nominations Committee, 1992-1994
- · Publications Policy Committee, 1998-1991, Chair, 1990-1991
- · Education Committee, 1983-1987
- · Reader Services SIS: Chair, 1987-88, Secretary-Treasurer, 1983-1984

#### **SEAALL**

- Member, Scholarship Committee, 2003-2004, 2005-2007
- Member, Program Committee, 2002-2003
  - o Co-Coordinator, SEAALL Institute, "Project Management", 2003
- · Recipient, Lucile Elliot Scholarship, 1998

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries



- Member, Program Committee, 2001-2002, 2005-2006
- Local Arrangements Committee, 1986, 1991,
   Co-Chair, 1997, 2004
- Member, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, 1997-1999
- · Vice-President, President, Immediate Past President, 1991-1994
- · Chair, Nominating Committee, 1994-1995
- · Member, Newsletter Committee, 1987-1990

Cincinnati Bar Association (Associate Member); Member, Legal Research & Information Resources Committee

Have served on numerous College of Law and University Committees, including two terms as Faculty Senate President

Coalition of Senate and Faculty Leadership (an organization of faculty leaders from Kentucky's public universities): President, 2004-2006

#### **Presentations:**

- Moderator/Coordinator, "Rising to the Leadership Challenge Outside Your Library" for AALL 2007 Annual Meeting
- Panelist, "Collegial Governance", KY Council on Postsecondary Education Governor's Trusteeship Conference, 2004, 2006
- Panelist, "Keep on Keepin' On", KY Council on Postsecondary Education Governor's Trusteeship Conference, 2003
- · "Citation Form", Kentucky Court Reporters Association, 1998.
- Speaker, "Subject Headings and OPACS",
   1997 SEAALL Annual Meeting

 Moderator/Coordinator, "The Law School Computer Lab: What Is the Library's Role?", AALL 1987Annual Meeting

#### **Publications:**

- · "What Do Directors Do?", 96 Law Library Journal 317 (2004).
- Book review, 92 <u>Law Library Journal</u> 475
   (2000) (reviewing J. Moore, <u>Elections A to Z</u> (1999).
- · Book review, 15 <u>Legal Information Alert</u> 15 (February 1996) (reviewing R. Berring, <u>Finding the</u> Law, 10th ed. (1995).
- · Book review, 8 <u>Legal Information Alert</u> 7 (January, 1989) (reviewing W. Hodes, <u>Legal Research:</u> <u>A Self-Teaching Guide</u> to the Law Library, 2d ed. (1988).
- · "Serving the Evening Law Student", 80 Law Library Journal 619 (1988).

#### Awards:

- Youngs Library Faculty Service Award, Chase College of Law, 2000
- NKU Faculty Senate Service Award, 1998

#### Paula Tejeda

**Education:** M.L.S., University of Puerto Rico, 1974, B.S. University of Puerto Rico, 1969

**Current Position:** July 2004 to present: Associate Law Librarian/Head Technical Services, Charleston School of Law, Charleston, South Carolina.

#### **Previous work experience:**



1974 to 1981 – University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus – Head of Cataloging, Periodicals Collection and Gift and Exchange Departments

1981 to 1985 – Gulf & Western Americas Corporation, Dominican Republic. Librarian supervising four special libraries.

1985 to 1986 – Florida International University, Miami, FL working on a special project verifying and updating serials titles holdings.

1986 to June 2004: Associate Law Librarian for Administration and Technical Services, St. Thomas University Law Library, Miami Florida in charge of supervising Technical Services and assisting with the library administration.

#### **Memberships and Committees involvement:**

Active member of the Association of American Law Libraries (AALL), Southeastern Association of American Law Libraries (SEAALL), Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL)

#### AALL

TS-Serials SIS Chair of the TS-SIS Serials Special Committee on Statistics from 1992 to 1994 - working on a revised definition of Serials Title/ Serials Subscription

OBS SIS Executive Board –1996/97 to 1997/98.

TS-SIS Acquisition Committee

July 2005 to present Member of the subcommittees working on a second

revision of the definitions of serials titles/subscriptions and part 1 of the ABA Questionnaire.

TS-SIS Education Committee 2005/06

SEAALL Membership Committee 1993/94 to 1994/95

SEAALL Registered Agent 1995 to 2004

Member SEALL 2002 Local Arrangements Committee/Chair of the Registration Committee.

Active member of several Southeast Florida Library Information Network Committees and working groups, including Production Manager for their Serials Union List during years 1991 to 2004.

President Dade County Library Association 1996/97 to 1997/98

#### **Presentations:**

Coordinator: Who's Counting? Who Cares? Delivery the Message with Statistics, AALL 1996 Annual Meeting.

Coordinator/Moderator: Who's Counting? Who Cares? Revisiting the Statistics Issue. AALL 2005.

#### Jennifer E. Sekula

**Current Position:** Senior Reference Librarian / Foreign & International Law Specialist, College of William & Mary School of Law

**Education:** MSLS, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 2002, JD, Vermont Law School,



1998, Master of Studies in Environmental Law, *cum laude*, Vermont Law School, 1998, BS, the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA, 1994

#### **Professional Memberships and Service:**

#### AALL 1999-

 Memberships: FCIL-SIS, CS-SIS, GenX/GenY Caucus

I'Anson-Hoffman Inn of Court 2005-

#### **SEAALL 1999-**

- · Scholarship Committee, 2004-2008
- · Nominations Committee, Chair, 2003-2004
- Education/Publications Committee, Chair, 2002-2003
- · Program Committee, 2001-2002

#### VALL 1999-

- · Handbook Editor, 2005-
- · Program Committee, 2005-2006

#### **Presentations:**

#### AALL Annual Meetings

 "Legal Research Meets Darwin: The Origin and Evolution of Research Courses at Two Law Schools," 2002

#### I'Anson-Hoffman Inn of Court

 Forthcoming: "Civility and Decorum in the Practice of Law: Ethical Considerations,"
 January 2007 (working title; presentation to members of the bar and bench)

#### **SEAALL** Annual Meetings

· "Advanced Legal Research: Taking Legal Bibliography to the Next Step," 2003

- · "Everglades Evermore?" (Researching Environmental Law Pertaining to the Everglades), 2002
- Moderator/Coordinator, "From Technical Services to Customer Services: Improving Workflow Without Reinventing the Wheel," 2002
- Moderator/Coordinator, "Records and Briefs on the Web," 2002

#### **VALL Annual Meetings**

· "Researching Environmental Law in Virginia," 2002

#### Virginia Library Association Annual Meetings

· "Researching Environmental Law," 2003 (presented at joint VLA/VALL meeting)

#### **Publications:**

- Nothing Dismal about It: Researching Environmental Law without Getting Swamped, 54(5) Virginia Lawyer 43 (December 2005)
- Treatises, Manuals, and Form Books, in A
   Guide to Legal Research in Virginia (5th ed.
   2005) (with Christopher Byrne and Fred
   Dingledy)
- Using the Law Library: Your Guide to Legal Resources in (and Outside) the Law Library (3d ed. 2004)
- Tutoring the Tutor, 3(1) InfoEdge 8 (Fall 2002)

#### Awards:



- · AALL-LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship, 2002
- West Publishing's Excellence in Law Librarianship Scholarship, 2001
- · SEAALL Lucile Elliott Scholarship, 2001

#### Amy B. Osborne

**Current Position:** Head of Public Services, University of Kentucky College of Law Library

**Education:** M.S.L.S., University of Kentucky 1991, A.B., (Geography), Morehead State University, 1986

#### **Professional Association Memberships and Service**

American Association of Law Libraries, 1991 -

- Annual Meeting Program Committee 2006-2007
- Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals
   Advisory Committee 2002 2006, Chair 2005-2006
- · Awards Committee 2000–2002

AALL Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section, 1997 –

- Annual Meeting Middle Managers
   Breakfast Committee 2004 2006, Chair
   2004 2005
- Public Relations Committee, Chair 2002 -2004

Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries 1991 -

- Membership Committee 2005 2006
- · Chapter VIP Committee 2004 2005

- Program Committee 2004, 2003, 2000, 1998
- · Board Member at Large 2003 2005
- · Scholarship Committee 2000 2002
- · Nominations Committee 1999 2000
- Education and Public Relations Committee 1996-1997
- · Co-Editor, Southeastern Law Librarian 1997 1999
- Public Relations Committee, Chair 1994 -1995

Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries 1997 -

- . Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee 2000
- · Kentucky Legal Research Manual, Coauthored with Kurt X. Metzmeier and Shaun Espositio
- · Introduction and Overview of Kentucky Administrative Law, in *Kentucky Administrative Law*, Co-authored with Kevein Bucknam
- EISIL: A Gateway to International Legal Information on the Internet, Legal Information Management 5 (Autumn 2005)3: 161 171
- Baseball and the Law: A Selected Annotated Bibliography: 1990 -2004, Law Library Journal 27 (Spring 2005): 335 370.
- · EISIL (Electronic Information System for International Law) Author of categories on States and Groups of States, http://www.Eisil.org
- Matching Research to Students: Creating Your Own PR Moment Kentucky Libraries 63 (Winter 1999) 4.



#### **Presentations**

- Coordinator KLA Academic Libraries
   Section Program featuring Billie Jo
   Kaufman
- "Navigating the Maze of U.S. Treaty Research: Strategies for Finding Treaties, Treaty Actions and Interpretive Materials" Co-presenter, 2005 AALL Annual Meeting.
- · "EISIL: A Gateway to Legal Information on the Internet" 2005 Annual Study Conference, British and Irish Association of Law Librarians.
- Coordinator "Site Licenses in Law Libraries: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" 2004 SEAALL Annual Meeting
- "Managing and Encouraging Student Workers" Panelist, 2004 Kentucky Library Association Annual Conference.
- Coordinator "Equine Law Research"
   2003 SEAALL Annual Meeting
- "Crossing Borders: The Integration of International Documents into Reference Service" Co-presenter, 2003 Kentucky Library Association Annual Conference.
- "Manao a Mano: Technical Services and Public Services" 2002 SEAALL Annual Meeting.
- Coordinator Kentucky Library
   Association Special Libraries Section
   Program featuring Kee Malesky of
   National Public Radio
- · "Meeting Publication Requirements" 2001 AALL/CONALL Program
- · "The Role of the Academic Librarian" Panelist, 2001 Lexington Association of

Law Libraries/ Bluegrass Medical Libraries Joint Meeting

- Coordinator "Librarians in Strange Lands" 2000 SEAALL Annual Meeting
- "Teaching, Training and Whatever Happened to Reference" Panelist, 1998 SEAALL Annual Meeting
- Coordinator "Technology, the Library and the MIS Department" 1998 SEAALL Annual Meeting

#### **Timothy Alan Lewis (Tim)**

**Current Position:** Director and State Law Librarian, Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library

#### **Education:**

M.L.S., 1983, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa,

J.D., 1984, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa,

B.A. (English Literature), 1979, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

#### **Professional Association Service and Memberships:**

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1984-

Member, Legal Information to the Public Committee, 1988

Member, Grants Committee, 2003 - 2005

Member, Council of Newsletter Editors, 2001 - 2003

State Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section, 1984 -



Executive Board, 1999-2000.

Member, Program Committee, 1991.

Southeastern Chapter of AALL (SEAALL), 1984-

Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Annual Meeting (Montgomery), 2004

Member, Program Committee, Annual Meeting (Charleston), 1986

Law Library Association of Alabama (LLAA)

President, 1993-94

Member-at-Large, Executive Committee 1991, 2006-07

Alabama Library Association (ALLA)

Treasurer, 2002-2004

Chair, Local Arrangements, ALLA Convention Committee, 2004

Centennial Campaign Committee, 2002-04

Chair, Local Arrangements, ALLA Convention Committee, 2001

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Committee, 1998- 2004

Chair, Publicity Committee, ALLA Convention Committee, 1988

Moderator, Law Librarians Roundtable, 1988-89

Montgomery County Library Association

Coordinator, Library Resource Sharing Roundtable,1995-1996

President, 1985-87

University of Alabama Library School Association

"Advantages and Disadvantages of CD ROM." General Practice Seminar, Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, Dothan, AL. November 13, 1993.

"Dialogue with a Library School." Panel Discussion, SEAALL Annual Meeting, Tuscaloosa, AL. March 1991.

"Law Librarianship." Meeting, Mobile Law Librarians Association, Mobile, AL. July 31, 1990.

"Shepard's Citators." Access-To-Courts Training Seminar. Alabama Department of Corrections. Draper Correctional Facility. October 29-31, 1986.

#### **Publications:**

A Foot in the Door. Alabama State Bar Addendum. February 2004

Myth Information: CD ROM and legal research. 54

Alabama Lawyer 114 (March 1993).

The Law...Should be Accessible to Every Man at All Times. 54 *Alabama Lawyer* 22 (January 1993)

Book Review, 10 *Legal Information Alert* 11 (1991) (reviewing Devitt & Blackmar, <u>Federal Jury Practice and Instructions</u>, 1991)

Book Review, 5 *Legal Information Alert* #10 (November/ December 1986) (reviewing <u>Grand Jury Law and Practice</u> 1986)

L .Kitchens and T. Lewis, <u>Alabama Practice Materials:</u> an annotated bibliography 82 *Law Library Journal* 703 (1990)



# SEAALL ELECTION 2007: AMENDMENTS

#### Submitted by Pam Deemer

People keep referring to the SEAALL Executive Board, when the proper name, according to the SEAALL Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, is the Executive Committee. Rather than continuing to go against general usage by our members, the majority of the amendments presented are to change "Executive Committee" to "Executive Board" wherever it appears in the Articles and the Bylaws.

There are also some "housekeeping" amendments. A couple of places were overlooked for amendment last summer in St. Louis in the vote to allow electronic notification of the officers slate and amendments and the actual balloting. The AALL Articles and Bylaws Committee Chair was consulted and said we could still go ahead with electronic notification and balloting and that these added amendments regarding electronic notification and voting would be to keep things tidy. The amendments added this summer were sufficient for implementation of electronic notification and voting this election.

This year's Nominating Committee brought to the Articles and Bylaws Committee's attention that the wording for <u>Bylaws</u> Art. III. Nominations and Elections, Sec. 1a was vague as to whom the Nominating Committee was to present the slate of officers by December 1. When we looked at the handbook calendar for the Nominating Committee and the deadline for the SEAALL newsletter, it was plain it was the membership.

Old terms are struck through and additions are underlined.

# SEAALL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE VI: Officers. Section 1.

... In the event that the president resigns prior to the completion of a regular term, or is otherwise unable to perform the duties of the office in the judgment of the Executive Committee Board, the vice-president - president elect shall automatically ...

The special elections could be held by <u>electronic</u> <u>means or mail</u> or at the next Chapter meeting, at the discretion of the Executive <del>Committee</del> Board.

(Also move to follow paragraph on the replacement of the vice-president by special election)

In addition to correcting the electronic balloting oversight and changing "Committee" to "Board", moving this paragraph to follow after the paragraphs stating the requirements of special elections for incomplete terms of the president and vice-president would make this section hang together better. Right now this paragraph follows the paragraph about the appointment of the secretary or treasurer in case the elected ones cannot complete a term of office.

ARTICLE VII: Board of Trustees. Section 1.

...The Board of Trustees shall be the Executive Committee Board of this corporation and shall have general supervision, management and control of the business, affairs ...

ARTICLE XII: Amendment of Charter

Amendments to the charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee Board or by a petition signed by ten percent (10%) of the members.

#### **BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

ARTICLE I: Membership. Section 1. Membership Categories

a. Individual Members



... The Membership Committee's ruling may be appealed to the Executive Committee Board.

#### b. Student Members

... The Executive Committee Board is empowered to adopt procedures for verifying student status.

#### c. Institutional Members

... The Executive Committee Board is empowered to determine whether the institution applying for membership is a law library...

#### d. Associate Members

... residing outside the region may be selected to associate membership by the Executive Committee Board and shall pay annual dues.

#### ARTICLE II. Meetings. Section 1. Annual

An annual meeting of the Chapter shall be held at such time and place as the Executive Committee Board shall determine. A Chapter meeting shall be held at AALL National Conventions, when the Convention schedule permits, for the purpose of discussing future programs and projects and submitting progress reports on Chapter activities. The Executive Committee Board shall be charged with the duty of scheduling and making arrangements for such meetings; and attendance at these meetings shall not be confined to the Executive Committee Board, but extended to the entire membership.

#### Section 2. Other

The president shall call other meetings of the Chapter as deemed necessary or when requested to do so by the Executive Committee Board...

#### Section 5. Rules of Procedure

Meetings of the Chapter and Executive Committee

Board shall be conducted in accordance with Sturgis'

Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure ...

ARTICLE III. Nominations and Elections. Section 1. Elections

a. The president shall appoint a nominating committee who shall submit to the members the names of the candidate or candidates for each of the following offices by December 1 in the year which the officer is elected

Section 2. Special Elections

b. Nominations for Special Elections

Candidates for this special election will be selected by the Executive <del>Committee</del> Board.

c. Method of Election

At the discretion of the Executive Committee Board, the special election may be held ...

ARTICLE IV. Amendments to Bylaws. Section 1. Filing and Notice

a. Ballots

...The Executive Committee Board must specify the time for closing the balloting, but in no case shall it be less than 30 days after the providing of the ballots.

Section 3. Successful Elections.

If two-thirds of the members present and voting at a meeting or two-thirds of the members casting valid <u>electronic or mail</u> ballots are in favor of such amendment, it shall stand adopted.



#### SEAALL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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July - September, 2006

OPENING BALANCE \$65,499.44

RECEIPTS

Membership renewals

Associate 80.00 Individual 280.00

Institutional 2,160.00 Student 30.00

Subtotal \$ 2,550.00

Total Receipts \$ 2,550.00

Working Balance \$68,049.44

**EXPENSES** 

AALL 2006 annual meeting

Reception and meeting rooms \$3,477.92

Reimbursements (Klinefelter, Maxwell) \$ 107.73 Subtotal \$ 3,585.65

Contributions, Hurricane relief for

Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi library assns. \$4,238.40 Reimbursements, General (University of Richmond, By-laws mailing)

\$449.86

Tax exempt corporation return, preparation \$435.00

Total Expenses \$ 8,708.91

CLOSING BALANCE \$59,340.53

Bank of America CD \$3,399.65 Fidelity Investments \$5,801.40

TOTAL ASSETS \$68,541.58

Note: Since the close of the quarter, the two SEAALL Student Scholarships were awarded, totalling \$2,200.00, and the

Chapter Liability Insurance premium, \$576.00, was paid.



# Who the Heck is Lucil(l)e El(l)iot(t) and How Do You Spell Her Name?

by Joyce Janto

Quite simply, Lucile Elliott is one of our founding mothers. As Director of the Law Library of the University of North Carolina, she invited 10 librarians (from four law libraries) from the state of North Carolina to a meeting in Chapel Hill in 1937. This meeting resulted in the forming of the "North Carolina Law Librarians." In 1938, group expanded into South Carolina and became the "Carolina Law Librarians" It was in 1954 that the name was changed to the "Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries" aka "SEAALL."

And what's with the confusion over the name? Over the years, the spelling of Lucile Elliott has varied from one issue of the "Southeastern Law Librarian" to the next. Sometimes it was Lucile with one l, sometimes Lucille with 2 l's. The spellings of Elliott were worse. Sometimes it was Elliott with 2 l's and 2t's. Other times it was, Elliot, or Eliott, and once. Eliot. So, what is a good librarian to do? Research of course. The first mention of Lucile Elliott I found was in an article published in the Journal of Higher Education that mentioned Miss Elliott's work at Chapel Hill. Then I found citations to two articles written by Miss Elliott in Law Library Journal And finally, a citation to an article Miss Elliott wrote in the UNC Law Review. I figured that since these articles were not only written by Miss Elliott and published within her lifetime, that they must be the correct spelling of her name.

Now, why is all of this important? Because in 1964, to honor this outstanding member of our profession, SEAALL established the Lucile Elliott Scholarship. The purpose of the Scholarship is quite broad. According to the terms, the money awarded may be used for "any purpose reasonably designed to

improve one's career in law librarianship." While it is true that preference is given to applicants who wish funding to attend the SEAALL Annual Meeting, other worthy causes have been funded. Last year, funding was approved for a librarian to attend a course on rare books held at the University of Virginia.

The SEAALL Scholarship Committee is now seeking applicants for the Lucile Elliott Scholarship. The deadline for the applications is February 17, 2007. Applications can be found on the SEAALL webpage at: www.allnet.org/chapter/seaall/scholarship/index.htm

#### From the Editor:

This is your newsletter so please submit articles, share library and technology news and suggestions for articles. I need your feedback to make this the newsletter that you want and deserve so please forward articles, comments, or suggestions to smith-butlerl@nsu.law.nova.edu. Thanks!





# Make Plans to Attend the 2007 SEAALL Annual Meeting

by Rita Parham and Melanie Sims

After waiting a year due to Hurricane Katrina, BRAALL, the Baton Rouge Area Association of Law Libraries, and NOALL, the New Orleans Association of Law Librarians chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, are ready to serve as hosts for the SEAALL, Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, 2007 Annual Meeting. Beginning Wednesday, April 11th, and running through Saturday, April 14th, the meeting's theme is Mystic Krewe of SEAALL and will be held at the Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center Hotel, 102 France Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Krewe, pronounced "Krewe (kroo)," is associated with Mardi Gras and the members of organizations that participate in the annual parades and carnivals; it is a group organized for civic and social purpose. The Krewe of SEAALL is composed of members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Virginia, United States Virgin Islands, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia.

The pre-conference SEAALL Institute, *Law Librarians and Legal Technologists; Building Synergies in the New Internet Age*, will be held Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center Hotel.

The Louisiana members of the SEAALL Krewe are busy planning an awesome meeting with excellent accommodations, programming, and entertainment.

#### **Meeting Overview**

#### **Baton Rouge Welcome**

An old fashioned Baton Rouge welcome with

hugs and the traditional inquiries about health and family are waiting for you when BRAALL, Baton Rouge Area Association of Law Librarians and NOALL, New Orleans Association of Law Librarians, a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, greet their SEAALL, Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, guests, members, and friends in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Wednesday, April 11, 2007 through Saturday, April 14, 2007. The Sheraton Baton Rouge Convention Center Hotel, 102 France Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, will be your home away from home in one of Baton Rouge's newest full-service downtown hotels with 300 guest rooms/suites accommodations.

The Sheraton is located in short walking distance of wonderful downtown attractions:

- \* Belle of Baton Rouge Casino;
- \* Baton Rouge River Center;
- \* USS KIDD Naval Museum;
- \* Louisiana Art & Science Museum:
- \* Irene W. Pennington Planetarium; and
- \* the beauty of the mighty Mississippi River.

Local restaurants are plentiful in this area as well.



While you are in Baton Rouge attending the SEAALL annual meeting, BRAALL and NOALL members will ensure that you have a wonderful conference and Louisana experience.

#### **Opening Reception**

The Louisiana State University Museum of Art, LSU MOA, 100 Lafayette Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, located in the Shaw Center for the Arts, will be the setting for the Thursday, April 12, 2007 SEAALL opening reception. The new museum is an architectural award winning cultural center, housing a collection of 3500 art pieces in galleries designed by Schwartz/Silver Architects, Boston, Massachusetts. Be prepared to be surrounded in cultural beauty and wonder. Check out http://www.lsumoa.com.

Rural Life Museum

Louisiana is home to many ethnicities, including Indians, French, Spanish, Anglo-American, Germans, African Americans, and Acadians. All make significant contributions to the state's cultural heritage. The Rural Life Museum recalls the lifestyles and cultures of these people. The museum is divided into three sections: Louisiana Folk Architecture, illustrated by seven buildings; The Barn, containing artifacts from everyday rural life; and The Working Plantation, examples of activities of rural life on a working plantation. The Rural Life Museum, located at 4650 Essen Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809,

on the Burden Research Plantation, a 450 acre agricultural research experiment station will be the setting for the Friday, April 13, 2007, Cajun Buffet, with music and dancing. Check out http://www.Rurallife.lsu.edu.

Please save the dates, Wednesday, April 11, 2007 to Saturday, April 14, 2007, and begin planning to attend the 2007 SEAALL annual meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Louisiana members of the SEAALL Krewe have been planning for two years, and we are anxious to greet our members and friends. Let's get this show on the road or as we say in Louisiana, "Laissez les bons temp rouler."





### **Program Committee Notes**

- Ken Hirsh

The members of your program committee are busy preparing the institute and programs for the meeting in Baton Rouge. The institute, titled *Law Librarians and Legal Technologists: Building Synergies in the Net Age*, will bring together noted experts in information technology such as Pablo Molina, Chief Information Office at Georgetown University Law School, with librarians who manage technology at their institutions. The institute's goal is to foster dialogue among information professionals, dispel stereotypes, and identify means to make our working relationships more productive. The institute will benefit membership from all types of libraries.

We will have fifteen program slots during the annual meeting, covering topics such as library-vendor relationships, electronic serials cataloging, developing internship programs, and appropriate for our meeting location, comparison and history of civil law versus common law. We will announce our annual meeting keynote speakers very soon..

Be sure you place the 2007 annual meeting on your calendar – April 12th-14th.



# **Introducing BRAALL:** A Capital City Area Assocation of Librarians Turns Seven

- Rita M. Parham

For the past seven years Baton Rouge, the capital city of Louisiana, has been the home of an energetic association of law librarians. On Thursday, September 2, 1999, Carol Bean, a law firm librarian, and Cindy Ammons, a library assistant and student enrolled in the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science, hosted a meeting at Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, a Baton Rouge law firm. Attending were Charlene Cain, Madeline Hebert, Rita M. Parham, all of the Law Library, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Beth Paskoff, Dean, LSU School of Library and Information Science, and Allison Hillary, a student of that program. They met to begin discussion of an organization that would become BRAALL - the Baton Rouge Area Association of Law Libraries. Invitations to membership were issued September - November, 1999, and the first meeting of the membership was held Thursday, December 2, 1999 at the Senate Dining Room, Louisiana State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Beginning membership by the end of the first year was estimated at forty-five.

The membership is a diverse, impressive mix of people working and interested in law librarianship. It includes librarians and library associates from law firms, state and federal courts, state and federal agencies, law schools, and academic institutions as well as independent librarians, the Dean and students of the LSU School of Library and Information Science, and vendors. Membership categories include regular, student, and vendor.

The mission of BRAALL is to foster networking and cooperation among law libraries in the



Greater Metropolitan Baton Rouge and surrounding area, provide continuing educational opportunities, and advance the dissemination of legal information and resources by cooperating with librarians in all types of institutions. The association's goals include providing education on legal library issues to professionals and individuals within the community through continuing education and outreach.

Prior to BRAALL's inception, the closest AALL chapter affiliation was NOALL, the New Orleans Association of Law Libraries. Founded in 1982 and officially recognized as a Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, many BRAALL members have and still hold membership and leadership positions in NOALL. Most recently, Denise Uzee served as the 2002-2003 NOALL President. In the past, other Baton Rouge area members have served as NOALL newsletter editors, and committee chairs.

#### The chartering leadership team included:

Madeline Hebert, President

Carol Bean, Vice President

Cindy Ammons, Secretary/Historian

Denise Uzee, Treasurer

Rita M. Parham, Membership Coordinator

Dean Beth Paskoff, Student Liaison

Charlene C. Cain, Programming/Continuing Education

#### **Serving Presidential Leadership:**

M. Madeline Hebert 1999 - 2001

Susan P. Morrison

2001 - 2002

Randall J. "Randy" Thompson 2002 - 2003

Marie W. Louis 2003 - 2004

William T. "Will" Monroe 2004 - 2005

Rita M. Parham 2005 - 2006

Vicenç Feliú 2006 -

BRAALL has an impressive time line of events including:

- Thursday, September 2, 1999. Organizational Meeting.
- Thursday, December 2, 1999. First meeting of the membership.
- Friday, June 2, 2000. First Annual meeting of the Baton Rouge Area Association of Law Libraries. The featured speaker was Isabel B. Wingerter, Louisiana Assistant Attorney General, Chief, Consumer Protection Section. Mrs. Wingerter is a former librarian, Law Library, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, and graduate of the Paul M. Hebert Law Center.
- Tuesday, March 14, 2000. Brown Bag
  Luncheon meeting. State Library of Louisiana,
  Seminar Center, Room 214, Baton Rouge,
  Louisiana. The featured speaker was Judge
  Louis Phillips, U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Middle
  District Louisiana, speaking about bankruptcy
  filings and resources available for librarians.
- January 10, 2001. BRAALL NOALL joint meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Desiree's



Restaurant, 450 Main Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Tour of the Legislative Research Library, Louisiana State Capitol.

- Wednesday, June 6, 2001. Second Annual meeting. Luncheon and Business meeting, Chancellor's Dining Room, LSU Faculty Club, Highland Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Tuesday, December 4, 2001. Lunch, brief business meeting, Piccadilly Cafeteria, 5179
   Plank Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Tour of the Southern University Law Center Library.
- Thursday, February 21, 2002. Combined meeting of BRAALL and NOALL in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Morning tour of the offices of Governor Mike Foster and his Press Staff. Lunch Buffet at Avoyelles Café, 333 3rd St, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Thursday, June 20, 2002. Annual meeting and luncheon. DeAngelo's Pizzeria Company, 250 West Lee Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Business meeting and Election of officers.
- Thursday, February 14, 2003. BRAALL and NOALL joint meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Tour of the Law Library of Louisiana, Supreme Court Building, 301 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Lunch hosted by the Jones Walker Law Firm, 201 Saint Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Panel discussion on opportunities in law librarianship. Featured guest and panel members included Dean Beth Paskoff and students from the LSU School of Library and Information Science Program.
- Tuesday, June 24, 2003. Annual meeting hosted at Southern University Law Center Library. The presidential gavel was passed to Marie W. Louis, Chief Cataloger, Southern University Law Center Library.

2004-2006. Proposed interesting new meeting topics: Legal theory, social issues, and diversity in children's literature; Culinary Arts: Cooking up Culture; Come Fly with Me! Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport; The newly configured Greater Baton Rouge Metropolitan and surrounding area - New citizens; new needs; new ...

#### The current leadership team includes:

President, Vicenç Feliú

Vice President/President Elect, Phillip Gragg

Secretary, Cindy Ammons Bencaz

Treasurer, Maralena R. "Tootie" Murphy

Immediate Past President, Rita M. Parham

After a one year postponement, due to Hurricane Katrina, BRAALL is now set to commit its most daring feat in 2007 when it serves as local host organization along with the NOALL Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries for the SEAALL, Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, annual meeting. As you read this article, the members are busy planning an awesome meeting with excellent accommodations, programming, and entertainment.

The members of BRAALL look forward to continued growth in membership and expansion of the organization's mission and goals for networking, cooperation, and education to professionals and individuals in the Greater Metropolitan Baton Rouge area and surrounding communities.

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#### SEAALL TAKES ACTION

-Maureen Eggert

This fall, our President, on behalf of SEAALL, sent letters to Senators Byrd (WVA) and Cochran (MS) in order to request stronger GPO funding. A copy of a joint letter that the AALL, American Library Association, Association of Research Libraries, Medical Library Association, and the Special Libraries Association had previously sent accompanied each letter. The joint letter detailed exactly why GPO should receive the higher amount of funding approved by the Senate as opposed to the 10 million less suggested by the House. The SEAALL letters reiterated these arguments and emphasized the connection between the Senators and the many SEAALL members from the Senators' respective states.

To view the August 22 joint letter, go to AALL's recently established Washington Affairs E-Bulletin website, specifically the "Letters" page, at <a href="http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/letters.html">http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/letters.html</a>.

Orphan Works: Nothing to Do With Madonna or Angelina

What are they and where did they come from?

Orphan works are copyrighted materials whose owners cannot be located or sometimes even identified. Due to changes in copyright law over the past 30 years, copyright protection has become easier to gain. It is no longer necessary for the creator of a work to register the work, append a notice of copyright, or to renew copyright protection. These changes, coupled with seemingly endless opportunities to publish online, have resulted in a

system where copyright must be assumed whether or not it was actually intended by the creator(s) and in a sea of unattributable works.

#### A legislative solution?

In May, Lamar Smith (TX), then the Chair of House Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, introduced the Orphan Works Act of 2006 [H.R. 5439] which was later consolidated into the Copyright Modernization Act of 2006 [H.R. 6052]. This larger bill was later pulled due to concerns that there was insufficient time to pass it this year. [See <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a> 109th Congress for the text of both bills.]

If either of these bills, or others like them, were passed, they would limit penalties for copyright infringement if an infringer made and documented a "reasonably diligent search in good faith" for the owner of a work but was unable to do so. Additionally, infringing libraries that cease infringement upon notification would not be held liable.

#### What You Can Do

#### 1. Understand the issue.

For a more detailed, yet still concise, overview of changes to copyright law and some proposed solutions to the orphan works problem, see Tobe Liebert's "The Problem of Orphan Works" at <a href="http://www.llrx.com/features/orphanworks.htm">http://www.llrx.com/features/orphanworks.htm</a>.

Reports, studies and transcripts from the Copyright Office are available at <a href="http://www.copyright.gov/orphan">http://www.copyright.gov/orphan</a>.

#### 2. Stay up-to-date.

November elections will bring about changes in the members of the Committee on the Judiciary and its subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property. At the time of writing this article, eight of



the twenty-two subcommittee members are from SEAALL states, as are three more of the Committee members. Visit the web sites for both the Committee and the subcommittee in order to monitor changes and to check if any of the new members are from your state. <a href="http://judiciary.house.gov/">http://judiciary.house.gov/</a>
<a href="http://judiciary.house.gov/">CommitteeMembership.aspx</a> and <a href="http://judiciary.house.gov/">http://judiciary.house.gov/</a>
<a href="mailto:committee=3">committee=3</a>

#### 3. Take action!

- a. Write a letter (modify a sample from the AALL's Washington's Affairs Action Alert at <a href="http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/aa09072006.html">http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/aallwash/aa09072006.html</a>) to your Representative(s).
- b. Educate others by writing for firm, court, bar, or state library organization newsletters or by speaking at local bar or library programs.





# Service to SEAALL Award: Call for Nominations

-Joyce Janto

Members of SEAALL have always been willing to heed the call of the chapter. Many of our members have years of service to the chapter, either as officers or committee members to their credit. It was to honor the outstanding volunteer efforts that make SEAALL the chapter that it is that the "Service to SEAALL Award" was created. The idea for this award came from President Hazel Johnson. In 1987 she appointed a committee to develop and award to recognize and thank the members who has so selfless volunteered their time to SEAALL. The committee was chaired by Bruce Johnson. The committee developed the following guidelines for the award:

"The purpose of the award is to recognize special service to the Chapter. Candidates need a record on continuing participation in the Chapter. Candidates must have been Chapter members for at least five years. Current and immediate past officers of the Chapter are not eligible for nomination."

This award is the highest honor that SEALL can bestow on a member and is usually bestowed at the Annual Meeting in the spring. The Service to SEAALL Committee is currently seeking nominations for the award. For a list of past award winners you can go to the SEAALL webpage. The list can be found here: <a href="http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/service.htm">http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/service.htm</a>



Please send the names of potential Service to SEALLL recipients to any of the committee members. They are:

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Pam Deemer, Hugh F. McMillian Law Library, Emory University

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### Volunteer for a SEAALL Committee

- Ken Hirsh

SEAALL relies on its committee members to perform the day-to-day work of our organization. Whether the job is planning the next annual meeting, initiating community service projects, or keeping members informed about pending government action, there is a SEAALL committee with the responsibility to "get the job done." I encourage each of you to consider volunteering for a committee in the coming membership year. I have posted a committee volunteer form online at <a href="http://www.law.duke.edu/SEAALLvolunteer">http://www.law.duke.edu/SEAALLvolunteer</a> and I welcome your participation.

# Law Library Marketing: The Fundamentals

Recent law firm marketing research can help the library director who needs to demonstrate the library's value to management.

- Stephanie E. Fox

This article was originally published in Law Librarians in the New Millennium, a publication of Thomson West Librarian Relations (September/October 2006).

Suppose you are the new director of a large law firm library. Like most people in your position, you want to increase attendance at library-offered programs. Ultimately, you want to better market your library's services to the firm's attorneys and prove the value of the library to the firm decision-makers. What will be your game plan?

The current law firm marketing literature supports the following actions. You can access the complete bibliography and webliography for this article by visiting west.thomson.com/librarian.

#### **Marketing**

Determine the purpose and product of the information center. The first step is to determine exactly what it is that your library is "selling" (Koontz, 2002, 2004; Ojiambo, 1994). A product does not have to be something tangible; it can also be a "... service, idea, place, or ... person" (Koontz, 2004). To meet the needs of the various users in your library, you need to thoroughly understand the various services, ideas, places, and people that make up your product.



Reconcile market segments. Once you've identified your library's products, you need to identify which users will need particular products. To do that, you need to engage in market segmentation, i.e., "the process of identifying various groups of users and modifying your services and information based on those different groups and their different needs" (Ojiambo, 1994). The more discrete the segmentation, the better (Koontz, 2002).

Conduct market research to determine the specific needs of each segment. In order to determine what your various "markets" need, you will need to conduct market research. Of course, the research methods may be different for the different groups (focus groups, print or online surveys, etc.). Regardless of the method used, you will want to draw out three types of information needs: the expressed need, the unexpressed need, and the inactivated need (Ojiambo, 1994). Accordingly, you will not only examine what your users have specifically indicated that they want from the library but you will question them about aspects of the library's "product line" of which they might not yet be aware (Koontz, 2004).

Establish a market strategy using the marketing mix method. The marketing mix is the combination of the four Ps of marketing: product, price, place, and promotion (Koontz, 2002, 2004). You should create a strategy, that sets forth how you will determine what "products" your library will "sell," what cost will be "charged" for each product (this should be examined from the users' perspective), where the products will be offered (e.g., in the physical library or virtually through the computer), and which promotional tools are best suited to each of your market segments. You should include a timeline for accomplishing each step of the process. (Koontz, 2002, 2004; Ojiambo, 1994; Swart, 2000.)

Train library staff (and the director) on customer service techniques and model reference behaviors. It is just as important for the library staff (and their director) to receive customer service training as it is for the attorneys to receive legal continuing education training. Gers and Bolin (2000) explain the types of training that are most effective for learning (and retaining) good customer service habits. Improved customer service increases the overall usage of the library's products and services.

#### Value

Demonstrate return on investment (ROI). The bottom line for management is the bottom line. You need to establish that the cost of the library is far exceeded by the value that it generates in monetary terms. Kassel's article (2002) and several of the sites in the webliography provide detailed guidance for calculating ROI and communicating it to the firm decision-makers.

Perform usage trends analysis and conduct customer satisfaction and loyalty surveys. One method of proving value is to show that the usage of your information center's products has increased. Another is to demonstrate growing satisfaction and loyalty of your users. Trends analysis using the data gathered in your marketing research, as well as surveys conducted addressing satisfaction and loyalty, will help you communicate the value of the library to the management and ultimately lead to increased management support (Kassel, 2002; Lyon, 1998).

Benchmark against other information centers. One of the best ways to demonstrate value is to show the decision-makers how your library stands in comparison to similarly situated libraries. "Benchmarking Basics for Librarians" offers a step-by-step guide for engaging with a group of partner organizations in a benchmarking effort (Goehlke, 1997).

Proactively communicate value of library to management and markets. Knowing your library has value isn't sufficient: You need to shout it from the rooftops. Kassel (2002) provides a comprehensive list



of the types of steps you can take to successfully alert management to the value that the library provides to the firm.

Change job titles of library staff and the name of the information center. Some information professionals believe that the term library does not fully convey the offerings and benefits of the information center in the minds of their users. One way to combat this is to simply change the name of your physical location from library to something more descriptive such as information resource center. Likewise, changing your title and those of your staff can have a similar impact on your users' perceptions of your products and services (Kassel, 2002).

Implement new cost-saving techniques. Because the bottom line is uppermost in the minds of the management, it follows that an extremely effective way of getting management attention and support is by saving the organization money. Kassel (2002) offers some suggestions for cost savings that will improve the library's ROI.

I believe that if you implement these recommendations in an organized and well-designed manner, you will have great success in both marketing the library and proving its intrinsic value.

#### **Annotated Bibliography**

Gers, R. & Bolin, N. (2000). More than Meets the Eye: Management Support for Reference Service and Training. *Journal of Library Administration*, 29(1), 1-15.

This article outlines the need for library reference staff members (and their managers) to partake of training and peer coaching in "Model Reference Behaviors" so that they can provide the highest level of reference support to their users. In addition, the article suggests implementing a reference policy requiring the use of these behaviors. The authors suggest that excellent reference can only be provided if the staff understands

the "best" behaviors for conducting reference interviews and offering customer service. The article lists a combination of training models that offers the highest rate of learning and continued application of the learned behaviors as well as a list of the Model Reference Behaviors. The authors argue that the managers need training in the behaviors as well so that they know what to expect of their employees and can positively reinforce the newly learned behaviors.

Kassel, A. (2002). Practical Tips to Help Prove Your Value. *Marketing Library Services*, 16(4), 1-3.

This article provides many useful tips in proving the value of a library to the management decision-makers. It explains the need for calculating the library's "return on investment" so that the people who make the financial decisions in the organization can see how the library positively impacts the bottom line. The author sets forth the following steps for success: 1) understanding the organization's culture; 2) collecting, documenting, and analyzing data, assessing their implications and communicating them appropriately; 3) changing job titles of library staff members and/or the name of the library; 4) demonstrating value-added competencies, skills and services the library provides; 5) implementing new cost saving techniques; and 6) becoming more proactive.

Koontz, C. (2002). Stores and Libraries: Both Serve Customers! *Marketing Library Services*, 16(1), 3-5.

This article demonstrates the need to think of library users as customers and to consider the library's services as products being "sold" to those customers. The author suggests that taking such a customer-focused approach will aid the library in achieving a high level of customer satisfaction that, in turn, ensures the continued success of the library. The article outlines the similarities between "customers" and "users," "products" and "library services," "product prices" and "library costs," and "retail" and



"library facility" locations. It ends with a summary of the promotional tools that retailers successfully use to increase customer satisfaction: advertising, personal selling, sales promotion, and public relations. The author explains how each of these tools can play a part in promoting a library and increasing customer loyalty.

Koontz, C. (2004). The Marketing Mix: The 4-P Recipe for Customer Satisfaction. *Marketing Library Services*, 18(1), 3-5.

This article explains the "marketing mix method" of customer satisfaction—product, price, place, and promotion—and explains how this method can best be applied in the library setting. The most important parts of this article instruct the librarian to consider "price" and "place" from the user's perspective. When thinking about these components of the mix, the librarian must realize that the user is giving up something of value (e.g., time) in order to obtain the product (e.g., service, good). Thus, different types of users (segments) will be willing to pay different prices for the same products so the products must be offered in different ways to meet the needs of the various segments. Likewise, the same "place" is not always as convenient for one segment as it is for another. Accordingly, the library should consider offering the product in several locations (e.g., in the attorney's office, in the library, online) to accommodate the needs of the different segments. The article concludes with some tips for selecting the best promotional tools based on the segments' media habits, the characteristics of the product, and the cost of the various tools.

Lyon, J. (1998). Measuring the Unmeasurable Value. *Marketing Library Services*, 12(8), 4-5.

This article outlines the benefits of performing a "social audit" of users in an effort to measure the value of the library. The article explains that a "social audit" provides for the triangulation of the needs of the library's stakeholders – the "politicians" (or, in the

case of the a law firm, the decision-makers), the librarians, and the current and potential users. The audit then offers a picture of what the library offers the "community" in terms of "social cohesion" and "community identity." While law firms don't normally consider themselves communities in the typical sense, legal practice areas are communities of practice that tie certain attorneys together. Accordingly, a social audit could be a valuable marketing tool in the law firm setting.

Ojiambo, J.B. (1994). Application of Marketing Principles and Techniques to Libraries and Information Centres. *Library Review*, *43*(2), 46-51.

This article outlines central marketing principles and techniques and explains how to apply them in a library environment. It first sets forth the goals of marketing and elucidates the need for segmentation and market research. Next, the article goes into detail as to why libraries should even bother to engage in marketing at all. Finally, the author explains in 5 steps—1) know the purpose and resources or product of your library/information center; 2) know your competitors; 3) identify your users or segments; 4) establish a market strategy; and 5) use the marketing mix method—how to apply the techniques to libraries and information centers.

Swart, S.L. (2000). Marketing My Corporate Library on the Web. *Marketing Library Services*, 14(7), 1-3.

This article espouses the benefits of marketing one's library, primarily through Web-based resources. The library in question maintains two Web sites – one on the company's intranet and another on the extranet – through which a variety of materials are shared with the library's users. The author offers a step-by-step guide to creating an online bookstore and describes the collaborative process with the vendor who supplies the store. The article offers a number of



clever ideas for marketing the library such as a "Library Challenge" where users are challenged to read a certain number of journal articles each week; online and print newsletters and alert services; and folders with marketing materials, including a comic book, to be provided to each user along with their requested materials. Each of these ideas is outlined in sufficient detail to be implemented by a new library without much additional information needed.

#### **Annotated Webliography**

Additional Value Resources, SLA, Accessed March 27, 2006, http://www.sla.org/content/learn/ipvalue/additionalvalue.cfm.

This site provides first a list of SLA resources on creating and demonstrating value. It then offers references (many hyperlinked) to articles on various topics regarding proving the value of libraries, such as "Providing Value in the Workplace," "The Future of Information Professionals," and "Technology in the Information Profession." There is a link on this page to SLA's Value of the Information Center portal that is only accessible by SLA members. Further information about the portal is provided below.

Carlson, C. (2005). Law Library Marketing Resources. Retrieved February 15, 2006, from http://www.llrx.com/columns/notes79.htm.

In this article, a large law firm librarian from Washington, D.C., offers a list of online resources for marketing libraries, some of which are specifically geared to law libraries. In addition, there is a link to materials used for a presentation about law library marketing for the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting. Unfortunately, the link is no longer active but I imagine that a quick e-mail to Cindy Carlson would result in a copy of the materials. Also, if you run a Google search for "carlsonpages" and "marketing schmarketing," you will find a link to a PDF of the materials. That link doesn't work, but if you click

"View as HTML," you will get you the meat, if not the beauty, of the presentation.

Gohlke, A. (1997). Benchmarking Basics for Librarians, Accessed March 27, 2006, http://www.sla.org/division/dmil/mlw97/gohlke/sld001.htm.

This site is actually a 36-slide presentation by Annette Goehlke of Library Benchmarking International on benchmarking basics for librarians. The slideshow describes what benchmarking is, explains why benchmarking is important to libraries, offers guidance on deciding what should be benchmarked, identifies pitfalls in benchmarking, and suggests tips for avoiding them and offers a 5-step process for starting a benchmarking project. The most important thing to note is that benchmarking cannot be done in a vacuum. The library must develop a team of partners who also want to engage in benchmarking so that each library has some data against which to compare itself.

Marketing Toolkit for Academic aw Libraries, American Association of Law Libraries, ALL-SIS, http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/Toolkit/.

This is the base for the AALL Academic Law Libraries-Special Interest Section Marketing Tool Kit. It includes links to articles and bibliographies on topics such as "Library Marketing into the 21st Century," "The Law Library Mission Statement," "The Use of Annual Reports in Law Libraries," "User Surveys," and "Why We Need Trained Librarians." While each of the resources was created by an academic librarian and written from the perspective of an academic law library, many of the techniques and



principles apply equally well in the private law firm setting.

Outsell, Inc, Accessed March 27, 2006, http://quantum.dialog.com.

This Web site offers a variety of resources that, in total, constitute a leadership development program. The topics covered include business competencies, such as marketing, and strategic competencies, such as management buy-in. Each topic in Quantum<sup>2</sup>'s "leadership circle" offers online workshops, cases studies, white papers and links to additional resources to help improve the various skills involved in becoming a leader.

Value of the Information Center, SLA, Accessed March 27, 2006, http://www.sla.org/content/resources/infoportals/value.cfm.

This site provides a rather lengthy list of articles, SLA conference presentations and monographs on the value of the library/information center. You need to be an SLA member with a UserId and Password to access the page but, once there, you will find a rich source of resources regarding the worth, value and benefits of special libraries.



### SEAALL Business Meeting Minutes

-Submitted by Sally Wambold

Monday, July 10, 2006

Landmark 4, Renaissance Grand Hotel, St. Louis

President Anne Klinefelter called the meeting to order and welcomed the members.

The members approved the minutes of the General Business Meeting held in Raleigh, April 7, 2006.

#### Reports of the Officers

<u>President</u>: Anne Klinefelter reported on the Annual Meeting in Raleigh: over 200 people attended, including 185 full registrations and 15 day registrations. There were 51 first-timers. SEAALL will soon present a member survey which will be developed into a strategic plan.

<u>Vice-President/President-Elect</u>: Ken Hirsh deferred his report to the Program Committee Report.

<u>Secretary</u>: Sally Wambold noted that the Raleigh Business Meeting Minutes and the proposed bylaws changes had been placed in the chairs for the members to refer to. She said that Jack Bissett would report on the Fidelity Investment that the Executive Committee had processed in order to update the records.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Jack Bissett told the members that SEAALL has a healthy bottom line. Membership renewals are going well also. SEAALL contributed \$4500.00 to AALL: \$1500.00 to the George A. Strait Scholarship Fund; \$1500.00 to the AALL Type III



Scholarship (Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates Scholarship); and \$1500.00 to the Centennial (formerly Memorial) Scholarship. The proceeds of the April sale of the Maron Books in Raleigh at the Annual Meeting were given to the Raleigh YMCA. SEAALL has \$65,500.00 in the Treasury and two CDs for a total of \$74,589.45.

Members-At-Large: Virginia Smith reported there was no VIP at the Centennial Meeting. Next year SEAALL will invite three or four VIPs. In early September SEAALL will solicit names of people who will help promote law librarians.

Grace Mills will work with Rebekah Maxwell, Membership Chair, to develop an online membership survey. It will take 15 minutes to complete. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

#### **Committee Reports**

Articles and Bylaws: Immediate Past President and Chair of the Articles and Bylaws Committee Pam Deemer noted that a mailing in May notified the membership of proposed bylaws changes: 1. electronic notification of slate of officers and articles and bylaws amendments; 2. voting on said slate and amendments; 3. moving deadline date of notification of slate of officers from Nov. 1 to Dec. 1. Susan Lewis-Somers asked about the December 1 deadline. Pam answered that nominations could be made well before December 1 and also the newsletter deadline could be adjusted. Pam also mentioned the committee would be working on changing the name of the Executive Committee to Executive Board and looking into another amendment to create a renewable retiree membership.

<u>Community Service</u>: Chair Terrye Conroy thanked the Local Arrangements Committee in Raleigh for all of their help with the CSC's inaugural project. The committee surveyed SEAALL members in Raleigh; the members are willing to give time and money and to share expertise throughout the year and also at the

SEAALL Annual Meeting. Priorities of giving are first for libraries, but include all in need. Terrye closed by thanking Ken Hirsh for the inspiring theme for the Baton Rouge Annual Meeting in 2007 and by expressing the CSC's excitement to be part of the Mystic Krewe.

Education and Publications: Chair Rebecca Trammel announced that AALL now has a Speakers' Bureau online: AALL Members can add names to the database with the permission of the speaker. The Bureau is organized by topic or expertise. AALL also now has an Education Manager, Celeste Smith, to help with programming. There is a pool of \$50,000.00 for program grants at the local and regional level. Organizations must post their programs on the AALLnet Calendar. SEAALL has two programs in St. Louis: H1, the Hot Topic: Prepare for the Worst, Hope for the Best: Using a Library Disaster Plan Template to Prepare the Library's Disaster Plan developed by Nancy Johnson and H6, Pioneering With Professionalism: the Journey Begins with Ethics, presented by Timothy P. Chinaris, Charles Oates, and Cynthia L. Smith. Unfortunately, they are both being presented at the same time! There are a number of suggestions for programs for New Orleans: e.g., The Relationship between Technical Services and Public Services; Distance Learning. Members are encouraged to present ideas on the SEAALL website.

Government Relations: Chair Maureen Eggert reported that the GRC members are monitoring their state governments and they will report issues to the Executive Committee. The committee has the goal to meet newsletter deadlines.

Local Arrangements: Charlene Cain reported for Randy Thompson. SEAALL has a contract with the Sheraton and Baton Rouge is in good condition. There are decent bars in Baton Rouge at last. SEAALL will be welcome! Rhea Ballard-Thrower spoke about the joint SEAALL-LLDC meeting in



2008. Her committee is hard at work on the details of the meeting.

Membership: Amy Osborne spoke for Chair Rebekah Maxwell. She also mentioned the membership survey to be offered soon. Plus Amy asked folks to send new members to the SEAALL table in the Exhibit Hall.

Newsletter and Public Relations: Chair Steve Melamut would like to widen the variety of articles in the newsletter. As Webmaster, Steve expressed the goal of including the directory on the web site.

Nominations: Chair Carol Nicholson announced that three offices will be filled in the next election: Vice-President/President-Elect, Treasurer, and Member-At-Large. Steve Hinckley, a member of the committee, is leaving SEAALL and will be replaced on the Nominating Committee. Members are encouraged to suggest candidates for the offices to the Nominations Committee.

<u>Placement</u>: Chair Joy Hanson reported that the Placement Committee's goal is to keep the job offerings on the web current.

Program: Vice-President/President-Elect and Chair Ken Hirsh made known the title of the Institute for the Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge: "Law Librarians and Legal Technologists: Building Synergies in the New Internet Age." Also, Ken reported that Becky Wilson and Steve Melamut are doing the daily work on the database. There are 537 SEAALL members: 380 Academic, 90 Firm, and 60 Court Librarians.

Scholarship and Service to SEAALL: Joyce Janto, Chair of both committees delivered the report. She listed the Scholarship grants: CONELL, Annual Meeting, Lucile Elliott, and SEAALL Student. The Service to SEAALL Committee also includes Carol Nicholson and Pam Deemer. The Service to SEAALL Committee is requesting nominations for the award.

**Administrative Officer Reports** 

<u>Archives</u>: John Barden is getting the archives into rigorous order, scanning and posting.

Database Manager: Ken Hirsh reported earlier.

<u>Handbook</u>: Cathy Lemann will be moving to Alaska. SEAALL needs a new Handbook Manager.

<u>Discussion List</u>: Paul Birch's work was complimented.

Webmaster: Steve Melamut reported earlier.

#### **Unfinished Business**

The Bylaws Amendments were considered together and voted in.

#### **New Business**

<u>Straw Poll on Proposal for 2010 Meeting—</u> <u>Williamsburg</u>: All members in attendance were in favor of a 2010 Meeting in Williamsburg.

<u>Call for Volunteers for a New Handbook Editor</u>: President Anne Klinefelter again expressed the need for a Handbook Editor.

#### **Announcements**

President Anne Klinefelter reminded SEAALL Members of the Hot Topic Program on Disaster Planning and the Program on Ethics, both sponsored by SEAALL. She also reminded the members of the Centennial Variety Show act by SEAALL: "Showdown at the Long Branch Law Library," led by Carol Billings on Tuesday, July 11.

The meeting was then adjourned.



## Staying on Top: Electronic Current Awareness Resources for New Law Professors

- Lisa Smith-Butler

This article was originally published in the November 2006 edition of the AALS Newsletter for New Law Professors.

New law professors need to maintain current awareness about their particular legal field, legal education, the practice of law, and other research topics. Invaluable electronic tools exist to assist professors and their library liaisons with this task. Some of these tools include:

- \* listservs, providing access to moderated discussions in particular subject areas and allowing queries;
- \* blogs which act as a current awareness resource, providing information and opinions by experts as well making updates to the blog available via RSS feeds;
- \* law reviews and special scholarship/working papers; and
- \* electronic journals to which articles can be submitted.

Does a professor have questions about a subject area topic? Several electronic directories exist, providing information about moderated listservs. Listservs cover many subjects. Check out *Washburn University's Mailing Lists* at <a href="http://lists.washlaw.edu/mailman/listinfo">http://lists.washlaw.edu/mailman/listinfo</a>. This site provides access to moderated discussions on topics such as Adoption, Agricultural Law, Bioethics, Civil Procedure, Elder Law, Evidence, Family Law, Land Use, Oil & Ga, Patents, Products Liability, and Securities.

listTool.com at <a href="http://www.listtool.com/">http://www.listtool.com/</a> provides access to 186 law related listservs on topics that include Administrative Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, European Legal Information Exchange, Human Rights, Juvenile Law, Law and Education, Law Teaching, Online Dispute Resolution, Poverty Law, Russian Law, Sports, and the UCC. Findlaw available at <a href="http://legalminds.lp.findlaw.com/">http://legalminds.lp.findlaw.com/</a> arranges its listserv directory by subject (Civil Liberties, CyberSpace, Labor) or region. Addition categories include technology and legal education.

Do you have a new law professor with whom you are working? The *American Association of Law Schools (AALS)* moderates a listserv for *New Law Professors*. Information, including subscription details, can be found at <a href="http://www.aals.org/services-sections-nl.php">http://www.aals.org/services-sections-nl.php</a>. *Jurist, the Law Professor's Network* at <a href="http://legalminds.lp.findlaw.com/list/jurist/">http://legalminds.lp.findlaw.com/list/jurist/</a>, provides access to a listserv that is described as a "monthly email newsletter for JURIST: the Law Professor's Network."

Blogs, providing both subject content as well as authors' opinions, are also available. The **SCOTUSblog**, available at <a href="http://">http://</a> www.scotusblog.com/movabletype/, is published by Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld and provides commentary on decisions pending before the U.S. Supreme Court as well as recent decisions rendered by the U.S. Supreme Court. Contributors to this blog include Tom Goldstein, Amy Howe, Kevin Russell, Marty Lederman, and Jason Harrow. Recently podcasts were added and include recent interviews with Linda Greenhouse and Nina Totenberg. In addition, the Supreme Court calendar is located on this blog. This site also provides links to briefs, transcripts, opinions, and dockets. Other law related blogs are recommended. RSS feeds, automatically alerting you to new posts, are available for this blog. Keyword searching of the archives is available.



**PrawfsBlawg**, available at <a href="http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/">http://prawfsblawg.blogs.com/</a>, is sponsored by Aspen. It is published and authored by Dan Market, Ethan Lieb, Paul Horowitz, Rick Garnett, Matt Bodie, and Steve Vladeck. Recent posts include discussions about Local Government Law, **Yeo v. Lederman**, When the Law Review was Young, and Legislation/Statutory Interpretation. Again, RSS feeds are available while the site can be searched by keyword.

Law Professor Blogs, available at <a href="http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/">http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/</a>, is sponsored by Foundation Press and Thompson West. Paul L. Caron, University of Cincinnati, is the publisher and editorin-chief. The goal of this blog is to assist law professors with their scholarship and teaching needs. Topics included in the various blogs are Antitrust, Contracts, Environmental Law, Family Law, Legal Writing, Brian Leiter's Law School Reports, Sentencing, Statutory Construction and White Collar. Again RSS feeds are available, and the posts are archived. Keyword searching is also available.

For a list of legal related blogs as well as a discussion of blog tools, check out Melanie Putnam's *Legal Blogs* link, available at http://www.nsulaw.nova.edu/library\_tech/library/services/currentawareness/blogs.cfm.

Access to law reviews and recent publications is important. *The University of Washington, Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library* has a service, *Current Index to Legal Periodicals (CILP)* that provides access, either via Table of Contents or via Subject Headings, to the contents of recent law reviews. Over 500 journals are indexed. The current awareness resource is published every two weeks, approximately four to six weeks before the items are available in commercial legal indexes. Updating is possible with a service known as *SmartCILP*. With *SmartCILP*, the researcher can ask to be alerted whenever an article on a particular subject is published. The citation is automatically delivered to his or her email address. This is a fee based service so a subscription is

necessary for access. Information about this resource can be found at <a href="http://lib.law.washington.edu/cilp/cilp.html">http://lib.law.washington.edu/cilp/cilp.html</a> .

A similar, free service, is available from the University of Texas at Austin, Jamail Center for Legal Research, Tarlton Law Library. Known as the Contents Pages, this site is available at <a href="http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/tallons/content\_search.html">http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/tallons/content\_search.html</a>. Over 750 legal journals, both inside and outside of the United States, can be searched via keyword at this site. This site provides access to the journals' Table of Contents for the most recent three months.

To obtain a list of law reviews, visit the *Lexis-Nexis* online *Directory of Law Reviews and Scholarly Publications* compiled by Professor Michael H. Hoffheimer. Available at <a href="http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/prodev/lawreview/">http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/prodev/lawreview/</a>, this site provides a list of titles in student edited law reviews and journals, non-student peer reviewed and trade journals, and university presses. *Washington and Lee Law School*, at <a href="http://lawlib.wlu.edu/LJ/index.aspx">http://lawlib.wlu.edu/LJ/index.aspx</a>, provides a ranking of law reviews as well as an author submission service. Law Reviews can be ranked by category, i.e. General, Specialized, Student Edited, Peer Edited, or Referred from 2002 onwards.

In addition, scholarship working papers sites exist for *NELLCO* and the *Social Science Research Network*. *NELLCO's Legal Repository Scholarship*, available at <a href="http://lsr.nellco.org/">http://lsr.nellco.org/</a>, provides free access to the faculty working papers for several institutions, including Boston College, Columbia, Duke, Georgetown, New York University, Vermont and Yale Law Schools. This is a consortium of over 100 institutions which can be searched by keyword. Customized email alerts by subject area are also available.

The *Social Science Research Network* (*SSRN*) is available at http://www.ssrn.com/ . The



mission is described as being "devoted to the rapid worldwide dissemination of social research and is composed of a number of specialized research networks in each of the social sciences." One of the ten networks, the *Legal Scholarship Network*, is directed by Bernard Black, A. Mitchell Polinsky, and Ronald J. Glison. This site allows scholars to download and submit papers. It can be searched via keyword or author. A subscription is required to access all services but some items are available at no charge.

Several sites exist that allow proposed articles be submitted for submission. Fee sites include *Berkeley Press' Expresso* available at <a href="http://law.bepress.com/expresso/">http://law.bepress.com/expresso/</a>. With access to an account, you can electronically submit articles for publication to over 500 law reviews at this site. The *Legal Scholarship Network*, one of the *SSRN*'s networks, also allows electronic submission of articles. Lastly, *Washington and Lee*, at <a href="http://lawlib.wlu.edu/LJ/index.aspx">http://lawlib.wlu.edu/LJ/index.aspx</a>, allows electronic submission of articles with no subscription required.

As a library liaison, there are numerous resources that you can use to assist new law professors or associates with currency.



#### SEAAL COMMITTEES 2006-2007

#### **Articles and Bylaws**

Reviews and revises Chapter articles of incorporation as directed by the Executive Committee.

**Pam Deemer**, Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, Emory University. Chair (Immediate Past President) **Ismael Gullon**, Furman Smith Law Library, Mercer University

**Ken Hirsh**, Duke University School of Law (Vice-President/President-Elect)

**Anne Klinefelter**, Kathrine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (President)

#### **Community Services Committee**

Identifies, promotes, and implements nonpolitical volunteer and community service activities.

**Terrye Conroy**, University of South Carolina, Chair (2007)

**Rhea Ballard-Thrower**, Howard University (2007) **Marcia Burris**, Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart

**Scott DeLeve**, Law Library University of Mississippi (2008)

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**Lillian Weeks**, Campbell University Law Library (2008)



### SEAALL COMMITTEES 2006-2007

#### **Education and Publications**

Responsible for the development of publications for the benefit of the Chapter's members; also, responsible for developing SEAALL program proposals for the AALL annual meeting. (2 year term) **Rebecca Trammel**, University of Kentucky Law Library, Chair

Carol Billings, Law Library of Louisiana (2007) Scott Childs, Kathrine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2007) Veronica Foster, Georgetown Law Library (2008) Nancy Johnson, Georgia State University Law Library (2007)

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**David Lehmann**, Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of South Carolina (2008)

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**Adeen Postar**, Pence Law Library, American University (2008)

**Colleen Williams**, Georgia State Univ. Law Library (2008)

#### **Government Relations**

Monitors legislative, regulatory and judicial developments that affect SEAALL, the practice of law librarianship or the creation and dissemination of information for the states in the southeast region of the U.S. This committee keeps the membership informed by print and electronic means. (2 year term)

Maureen Eggert, Wake Forest University

Professional Center Library, Chair

**Helane Davis**, University of Kentucky Law Library (2008)

**Dee Dee Dockendorf**, Assistant Law Librarian/ Technical Services (2008)

**Kevin Fredette**, George R. Farmer, Jr. Law Library (2008)

**Brian Huddleston**, Loyola University of New Orleans School of Law (2008)

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Christine Sellers (2008)

**Linda Tesar**, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library, Vanderbilt University (2008)

**Thomas Walter**, Mississippi College School of Law Library (2007)

#### **Local Arrangements**

**Randy Thompson**, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Louisiana State University, Chair

**Jean Allen**, Southern University Law Library **Ajaye Bloomstone**, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Louisiana State University

**Charlene Cain**, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University

**Georgia Chadwick**, Law Library of Louisiana, Louisiana Supreme Court

Megan Garton, Kathrine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Marie Louis, Southern University Law Library Maralena Murphy, U.S. Courts Library, 5th Circuit



**Kay Naar**, Paul M Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University

Denise Uzee, Kean, Miller, Hawthorne

#### **Membership**

Promotes chapter membership and vitality within the region, maintains and distributes a biannual membership directory and coordinates activities for new members, retiring members and the organization. (2 year term)

**Rebekah (Becky) Maxwell,** Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of South Carolina, Chair

Nancy Adams, Georgia State University College of Law Library (2007)

**Shyama Agrawal**, Duke University School of Law (2008)

**Georgia Chadwick**, Law Library of Louisiana (2007) **Edward T. Hart**, Chiles Legal Information Center, University of Florida College of Law (2008)

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**Frosty Owen**, Hunton & Williams (2007) **Mary Jane Slipsky**, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP (2008)

**Linda Sobey**, Florida A & M University, College of Law Library (2008)

#### **Newsletter and Public Relations**

Responsible for the publication of the "Southeastern Law Librarian" four times a year. (2 year term)

**Lisa Smith-Butler,** Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center, Editor

**Steven Melamut**, Kathrine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Marcia Baker**, Wake Forest University Professional Center Library (2007)

**Karin Den Bleyker**, Mississippi College Law Library (2007)

**Stacy Etheredge**, Coleman Karesh Law Library, University of South Carolina (2008)

**Stacy Lane**, University of Mississippi Law Library (2008)

Nichelle Perry, North Carolina Central University School of Law Library (2008)

Carolyn Santanella, Smith Moore, LLP (2008) Etheldra Scoggin, Loyola University Law Library (2007)

#### **Nominations**

**Carol Nicholson**, Kathrine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chair **Carol Billings**, Law Library of Louisiana, Louisiana Supreme Court

**Kathy Crosslin**, Kilpatrick Stockton LLP **Patricia Kidd**, Howard University School of Law, Library

#### **Placement**

Communicates the availability of new positions in the southeast; also, responds to potential employers with information about SEAALL members who are interested in new employment opportunities. (2 year term)

**Joy Hanson**, Duke University School of Law, Chair **Glen-Peter Ahlers**, Barry University School of Law Library (2007)

**Billie Blaine**, Supreme Court of Florida (2008) **Karen Nuckolls**, University of Kentucky Law Library (2008)

**Masako Patrum**, Wake Forest Univ. Prof. Ctr. Library (2008)

**Monica Wilson**, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. (2008)

#### **Program**

Plans and implements the educational program for the chapter's annual meeting.

**Ken Hirsh**, Duke University School of Law, Chair (2007)

**Christine Ciambella**, George Mason University Law Library (2007)

**Tim Coggins**, Law School Library, University of Richmond (2007)

**Charlene Cunniffe**, Bass, Berry & Sims PLC (2008) **Elaine Fenton**, U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit



(2008)

**Jim Heller**, Marshall-Wythe Law Library, College of William and Mary (2007)

**Tim Lewis**, Alabama Supreme Court & State Law Library (2008)

**Helen Mellett Walker**, Bradley, Arant, Rose & White LLP (2007)

**Sally Wiant**, Washington and Lee University Law Library (2008)

**Tracy Woodard**, Howard University School of Law Library (2007)

#### **Scholarship**

Publicizes, manages and awards the annual Lucile Elliott scholarships. (2 year term)

**Joyce Janto**, Law School Library, University of Richmond, Chair (2007)

**Jack Bissett**, Washington and Lee University (2007), as treasurer

**Carol Bredermeyer**, Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University (2007)

**Lee Carnes**, Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, LLP (2008)

Emily Carr, Law Library of Congress (2008)

**Margaret Christiansen**, Regent University Law Library (2007)

**Janet Hirt**, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library, Vanderbilt University (2008)

**Pedro Padilla-Rosa**, Law Library University of Puerto Rico (2007)

**Jennifer Sekula**, Marshall-Wythe Law Library, College of William and Mary (2008)

**Denise Uzee**, Kean, Miller, Hawthorne (2007)

#### **Service to SEAALL**

**Joyce Janto**, University of Richmond Law School Library, Chair

**Pam Deemer**, Hugh F. MacMillan Law Library, Emory University

**Carol Nicholson**, Kathrine R. Everett Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

