

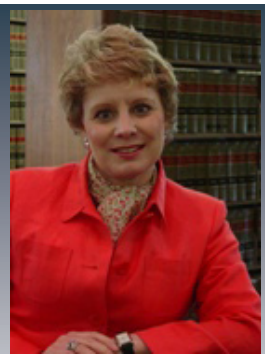
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## Presidential Postings



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As this is my first official column I'd like to say thank you for extending to me the honor of serving as President of your organization. While I may be slightly biased I believe that SEAALL is the finest chapter within AALL. SEAALL has produced unprecedented numbers of leaders at all levels within AALL which speaks strongly to our chapter's commitment to both the profession and our organization.

In March many of you were lucky enough to attend the joint SEAALL/LLSDC Annual Meeting held in Alexandria, Virginia. By all accounts, the meeting was a resounding success due in no small part to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to put this meeting together. Much of the success of the meeting goes to the Local Arrangements committee headed by Rhea Ballard, Bille Jo Kaufman, Mike Petit and Abigail Ross. The accommodations at the hotel were wonderful and the food at all the events was delicious (I heard people talking about the apple pie for days afterwards). I'd like to thank each and every member of the Local Arrangements Committee for making us feel welcome and ensuring that everything from registration to technology ran smoothly. There is no doubt that Southern Hospitality is alive and well in SEAALL.

From an FBI agent discussing Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement to programs on Facebook and digital technology and copyright, the meeting featured a wide range of programs covering the varied interests of the SEAALL membership. Our proximity to D.C. provided us

with many outstanding speakers including internationally known journalist Helen Thomas, Judge (and former librarian) Leonie Brinkema and Dr. Michael Kurtz. I'd like to thank the Program Committee for all of their hard work in selecting programs from the many submissions received and for helping to organize all of our speakers and their various needs. A very special thanks is extended to Sally Wiant who organized the entire SEAALL Institute which ran without a hitch and was an overwhelming success.

For those of you unable to attend the Annual Meeting I would encourage you to do so in the future. Nothing can replace the networking and camaraderie that takes place when you meet with your fellow law librarians at a conference. SEAALL and AALL meetings provide a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues and learn what they are doing in their respective libraries. It can also be encouraging to learn that you are not alone in facing the problems that many of us deal with in our various institutions. I find that whenever I attend a SEAALL or AALL meeting I come back to my library invigorated and full of new ideas. I hope you do too. While it goes without saying that most of us are facing shrinking library and travel budgets, with a little initiative there are grants to be found that may assist you in attending professional meetings. Both SEAALL and AALL offer various grants and scholarships to help librarians defer the cost of

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## *And now, a word . . . or two*

Welcome to the Spring issue of The Southeastern Law Librarian! We would like to thank Lisa Smith-Butler from Nova Southeastern University's Shepard Broad Law Center Law Library & Technology Center in Florida for her hard work these past two years as editor. We appreciate the time, effort and dedication she has given to this endeavor.

As the current editor, I would like to challenge each and every member of SEAALL to consider sending us a submission of some sort for publication in the coming year. Send us your news, your articles of professional interest, your fun stories, your comings and goings, your musings on topics of interest or other items you might think worth sharing with your colleagues. In other words, Let's get to know one another better!

*Carolyn Santanella, Editor*

professional travel. Next year SEAALL members will have yet another opportunity to apply for funding to travel to professional meetings through the Kathryn Mattox Scholarship. Jennifer Sekula, 2007/2008 Chair of the SEAALL Scholarship Committee worked this year to implement this new permanent scholarship. This scholarship is named in honor of Kathryn Mattox, Librarian at the law firm of Stites and Harbison from 1987 until her death in 2005. SEAALL has already sent a letter of thank you to Kathryn's sister Marilyn Swinford for her generosity in funding this scholarship that will help future generations of law librarians.

If you are heading to Portland in July be sure to join us at the SEAALL Business meeting which will be held on Monday July 14th from 5:30 to 6:30. If you can't make the Business Meeting join us for the SEAALL reception on Monday July 14th from 6:30 – 7:30. Several of your SEAALL Colleagues will be presenting programs in Portland and thanks to the hard work of Adeen Postar and the Education and Publications Committee one of the programs proposed by SEAALL is on the Portland meeting schedule. Be sure to attend program G-4, The Fourth E: The Environment and Law Libraries which is being coordinated by SEAALL member Elizabeth Outler.

I am constantly amazed by all of the exciting and innovative things that are being done by SEAALL members both in their libraries and out. I look forward to working with all of you over the next year and learning about all of the exciting things taking place in law libraries throughout the Southeast. Benjamin Disraeli once said, "As a general rule, the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information." I believe that SEAALL is a successful chapter because we have the best information professionals.

See you in Portland!

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# IP Institute Recap

In Paul Goldstein's book *Copyright's Highway: The Law and Lore of Copyright from Gutenberg to the Celestial Jukebox*, he uses humor to illustrate the point that it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between the types of intellectual property. Goldstein tells a general practitioner that he is a copyright lawyer, to which the practitioner says, "You mean patents". The general practitioner then continues, "So anyway, as a patent lawyer, you can copyright a name for me, can't you?" The punchline here is that one would seek to trademark a name.

I became interested in copyright in the mid-90's while employed music retailing. Our store was an independent store, but by no means small potatoes. When the Dave Matthews Band's major label debut was released, only two stores in the country sold more copies in the first week than ours.

As popular music became a consumable commodity in the later half of the twentieth century, sales of recorded music had always waxed and waned. However, a precipitous decline in the sales of albums began in the last half of the nineties that has continued up to the present day.

Part of that decline can be attributed to peer-sharing networks such as Napster. These provide software that basically "shop-lifted" the music. This was unfair to retailers and to the artists, and seemed to violate every conceivable aspect of copyright.

At the same time Congress was passing the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA). The DMCA was controversial in part because of so many competing interests: Internet Service Providers, media companies, artists, and libraries, which feared that if restrictions were too limiting, fair use could be threatened. Ultimately, the DMCA passed. The DMCA made it illegal to circumvent technological safeguards that prohibit copying.

Before beginning to learn about copyright, the nuances of Goldstein's joke would have been lost on me. Indeed, learning about copyright may also compel an interest in learning about trademarks and patents. So I was delighted that the focus of the LLSDC/SEAALL joint conference happened to be on intellectual property. I saw this conference as a great opportunity to build on what I knew as well as learn about the latest trends and developments in the law of intellectual properties.

I was fortunate to be able to attend both the opening institute, *Clearing Up Confusion* with

IP, as well as the LLSDC/SEAALL joint conference. Since many of the readers of this newsletter may not have had opportunity to attend the institute, I would like to share some of what I learned from that experience.

The speaker for the first session was Jessie Roberts, the administrator for Trademark Identification, Classification and Practice at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Ms. Roberts began by describing trademarks and showing examples. There are two important aspects of any definition of trademark. It must be: 1.) "Any word, name, symbol, or device, or combination thereof", 2.) "that is used to identify and distinguish goods or services and to indicate their source". Devices may even include sound or smell. Trade dress is also something that trademark may cover, as long as the distinctive trade dress is nonfunctional. One of the determinants of this aspect of trademark is whether your mark is used for no other purpose than to distinguish your product or service. We were given good examples of trademarks so everyone had a clear idea as to what differentiates this class of intellectual property from the others.

Trademarks may be protected by federal or state registration as well as common law. State registration is often valuable as a means of determining first use in the event of a challenge. Common law affects trademarks in that it may limit the rights of a registered mark to a particular area of use.

The discussion turned to the registration process. Trademarks may be registered by paper applications or by the Trademark Electronic Filing System, or TEAS. Examining attorneys search the Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS) database for any potential conflict with prior filings. The examining attorney will also determine whether the mark is descriptive of the associated goods and services and if it is geographically descriptive. It will also be examined for functionality. If the design is primarily utilitarian, it will not be accepted on those grounds. The best example of this concept is the curvy bottle associated with Coca-Cola. The bottle is not able to receive trademark protection, but the unique curvy design may. Trademarks can sometimes be thought of as the intersection of art and commerce.

The next speaker was Joanne Dugan, who supervises the Patent and Trademark Depository program at the University of Baltimore Law Library. She explained the three types of

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patents: utility, design, and plant. Utility patents are the most common and must meet four legal requirements. First, it must fit into one of the five classes: processes or methods, machines, articles of manufacture, compositions, or a “new use” of one of the first four. Second, the item in consideration must be useful. Third, the item must be ‘novel’ or unique. Fourth, the item must be non-obvious. This concept loosely means that the use of the item in comparison to the prior arts must not be obvious to one with ordinary skill in the field of the subject matter’s intended use. Subject matter which is deemed non-obvious is the most common reason for rejection.

The first legal requirement can be broken down into five classes:

- *Processes or methods*

These might include business methods, software, or a new way of making things.

- *Machine*

This would include any device that performs a function.

- *Articles of manufacture, or manufactures.* There can and may be some overlap in the criteria between the manufactures and process categories, as many devices could be classified as either.

- *Compositions of matter* usually involve chemicals.

- *New use*, or the discovery of a new use for something that already exists and can be used in a new non-obvious way.

Patent searching was the next topic for discussion. A great deal of patent research can be accomplished through the USPTO website, including all full text patents since 1976. One only needs a computer with Internet access and a TIFF viewer. TIFF viewers may be downloaded for free from Aware Systems. TIFF is an acronym for Tagged Image File Format and is similar to a MARC record for photographs, illustrations, or images in general.

After a wonderful lunch and an interesting talk by United States District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema, who was a librarian before studying law, the Institute resumed with copyright discussions. Copyright is the area of intellectual property law most often of concern to librarians.

Peter Jaszi, Faculty Director of the Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic at American University, explained the work of the Center for Social Media at the University’s School of Communications, including the statement of best practices developed at the Center for documentary film makers. He also discussed various aspects of fair use for a variety of media. Librarians will need a keen awareness of fair use across the spectrum of media and technology as the methods and means of information retrieval continue to stretch and change, so as not to end up crossing the amorphous line in the sand which is fair use. Visit the Center’s website for more information on fair use in film making and much more. <http://www.centerforsocialmedia.org/>

Attorney Chris Wolf of Proskauer Rose LLP was the session’s final presenter. His presentation was called Hot Topics. In it, he discussed how technology is having a direct impact on a variety of legal issues. Legal issues involving the Internet are among the hottest topics and that is where we began. Mr. Wolf reinforced the notion that law is typically reactive to technology. The enforcement of laws is increasingly difficult due to the proliferation of new technologies and the ease with which digital entertainment can be manipulated.

Some of the issues Mr. Wolf discussed at length were those involving Web 2.0, Adwords, the responsibility of websites, rights of privacy, infringement, and ISPs and their role in peer-to-peer sharing, particularly the new technologies which alter protocol like BitTorrent. I knew nothing of the way BitTorrent operates before the Institute.

I am grateful to the SEAALL Scholarship Committee for providing me with the opportunity to attend the joint conference and institute. I certainly learned a great deal by attending the 2008 Institute: Clearing up Confusion with IP. I also learned a lot from the great speakers and presenters during the conference itself. Meeting many people from both LLSDC and SEAALL was also a great experience, as I am now able to attach human identities to the many helpful exchanges I see on the listservs. It was a pleasure to meet so many of them. Thank you for a wonderful experience!

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## Government Relations Committee Update

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Greetings from the Government Relations Committee! As the new chair for the committee, I look forward to keeping SEAALL members up to date on legislative, regulatory and judicial developments that effect libraries and information centers. On behalf of the committee, we welcome your involvement, suggestions and questions. Rest assured that we will do our best to work with the AALL Washington Affairs Office to monitor events that effect the Southeast.



# SEAALL Scholarship Report

This year I am excited to report that I was one of the recipients of the Lucille Elliot Scholarship. I used the award to pay for my registration to the LLSDC/SEAALL 2008 Joint Conference: Intellectual Property for the Information Professional, in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

The mayor of the city of Alexandria, William D. Euille, presented a most eloquent welcome to the group on Friday morning. He told conference attendees that he once worked in a library and that it was one of his most rewarding experiences. One aspect of this prior experience was that of learning to interact with people one-on-one as well as face-to-face, an important skill to have in any position. He also added that the tasks law librarians perform change constantly and that conferences such as this provide a way to keep abreast of those changes as well as provide the opportunity to network with colleagues.

The keynote and plenary speakers brightened my perspective on political issues that impact law libraries. Keynote speaker Helen Thomas has an amazing presence and unique experience of covering the White House press during nine Presidents of the United States. Her speech was mixed with an expertise that was perfectly laced with the wit of a sharp and humorous tongue. The plenary speaker was Dr. Michael Kurtz, Assistant Archivist for Records Services, National Archives & Records Administration, and author of the book *America and the Return of Nazi Contraband: The Recovery of Europe's Cultural Treasures*. Dr. Kurtz delivered a fascinating lecture with revealing visual graphics of artwork and books that were returned after having been looted from much of Europe during WWII.

My two favorite programs were D:3: Reporting on Government Agencies, presented by

BNA; and C:1: So You Think You Can Teach: Five Lessons in 50 Minutes, presented by Ron Wheeler, Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Pamela Melton, Donna Nixon, Faye Jones, and moderated by Nancy Johnson.

The BNA group was outstanding. They had over 20 years of experience in gathering news from Capital Hill, which is very impressive, and reporting it in a way that reflects particular BNA news sources for the BNA reader.

I learned so much from the So You Think You Can Teach group. They displayed refreshing new ways about teaching legal research. The methods ran the gamut from considering how law students process information from a structured approach to category grouping of information. The presenters encouraged law librarians to incorporate enthusiasm into legal research by teaching with passion – a positive way to get students interested in what you are teaching. Another method came from the digital perspective and focused on using digital video in the classroom. A more tactile method of teaching showed the benefit of using props and interaction in the classroom to make learning about legal research of greater interest for today's multitasking law students.

The Lucille Elliot Scholarship afforded me a chance to attend LLSDC/SEAALL 2008 Joint Conference. My attendance at the conference helped enhance my professional career in law librarianship because I learned from the conference programs and the keynote speakers. I also visited the exhibit halls and used the conference to meet old colleagues and make new ones. It is important for Southeastern law librarians to meet together once a year so that we can get caught up on what is going on in our field, to exchange stories, and learn from each other.

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## Minutes for the SEAALL Business Meeting Friday, March 28, 2008 The Westin Hotel, Alexandria VA

1. President Ken Hirsh called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.
2. Announcements
  - a) Ken expressed appreciation for the sponsorships of Thomson West, LexisNexis, Hein, BNA and local law libraries
  - b) Ken recognized the keynote speaker Helen Thomas; Abigail Ross, President of LLSDC; Janet Camillo, President of LLAM; Leanne Battle, Vice-President/President-Elect of VALL; and Ann Fessenden, President of AALL
3. The membership approved the minutes of the annual business meeting, July 15, 2007, in New Orleans.
4. Secretary Sally Wambold announced the results of the February SEAALL electronic election

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and thanked Ken Hirsh and Duke University Law Library for conducting the election. The bylaws amendments, to permit electronic meeting and electronic voting of the Board and also to add Maryland to the list of SEAALL states, were passed by the membership.

a) Ken introduced the newly elected officers: Maureen Eggert, Vice-President/President-Elect; Rebekah Maxwell, Secretary; and Linda Sobey, Board Member at Large.

b) The members approved the destruction of the ballots.

5. Treasurer Paula Tejada presented the financial report which will be updated after the meeting. The members approved the Treasurer's report.

6. Committee Reports (Note that the Annual Reports of SEAALL Committees are posted on the website.)

a) Article and Bylaws: Ken Hirsh reported for Anne Klinefelter. He reiterated the addition of Maryland to the SEAALL states and the added ability of the Board to vote electronically.

b) Community Service: Chair Donna Nixon reported that Bread for the City was chosen as the organization in DC to be supported by SEAALL. At the time of her report 150 books had been donated.

c) Education and Publications: Adeen Postar reported two SEAALL educational programs had been accepted for Portland. Her committee is working toward non-traditional teaching and subjects on the web.

d) Government Relations: Ken Hirsh reported for Christine Sellers that several resolutions had been forwarded to the SEAALL Board for action.

e) Membership: Chair Ed Hart presented a proposal for a Life Membership for Pam Williams in addition to presenting his budget for handouts at the SEAALL table in Portland.

f) Newsletter and Public Relations: Newsletter editor Lisa Smith-Butler thanked the members for the opportunity to edit the newsletter for two years. She reported that she was handing the newsletter over to Carolyn Santanella after the Spring 2008 newsletter.

g) Nominations: Ken Hirsh thanked Chair Pedro Padilla-Rosa for the work of the Nominations committee.

h) Placement: Chair Masako Patrum reported that nearly 70 positions had been posted, usually for 60 days and longer if requested. She had encouraged employers to notify the committee when SEAALL members were hired.

i) Program: Vice-President/President-Elect and Chair Amy Osborne reported that choosing programs to be presented at the 2008 SEAALL/LLSDC 2008 Joint Conference, the Program Committee worked with the topical theme chosen by the Local Arrangements Committee, IP for the IP: Intellectual Property for the Information Professional. The selection of a topical theme for the meeting was a variation on most SEAALL meeting themes which are generally tied to the location of the Annual Meeting rather than a specific topic.

j) Scholarship: Chair Jennifer Sekula reported that in early March 2008, the SEAALL Executive Board approved the creation of a new scholarship in memory of Kathryn Mattox, a law librarian with Stites & Harbison in Lexington, KY. This scholarship will be funded by Ms. Mattox's sister, Marilyn Swinford, and will help defray members' expenses associated with attending the AALL and SEAALL annual meetings. The Committee awarded four library school scholarships and 5 Lucile Elliott Scholarships. The AALL and CONELL grants are yet to be announced.

k) Service to SEAALL: Carol Nicholson kept SEAALL members in suspense as she summarized the contributions of the newest person to be given the Service to SEAALL Award. That person was Elizabeth Terry Long who was surprised and delighted by the honor.

l) Special Committee on Strategic Planning: Chair David Lehmann told the members he would develop a survey to aid the work of the committee.

7. Local Arrangements/Future Meetings Arrangements

a) Rhea Ballard-Thrower spoke for Local Arrangements at the 2008 Alexandria meeting: She told the members the idea for an Alexandria meeting originated three years ago and pointed out that the Local Arrangements Committee "even built a hotel for you." Over 200 people registered for the meeting and the Westin was very pleased.

b) Ann Puckett spoke for the Athens, Georgia meeting in 2009: She presented a video of Athens which showed the musical, historical, culinary and other opportunities in Athens, which is one of the top 25 arts destinations. Several prizes were awarded during Ann's presentation.

c) Fred Dingley spoke for Jim Heller about the Williamsburg, Virginia meeting in 2010: He said that the meeting would be held in an excellent venue, the Woodlands, at the perfect time of year.

8. Administrative Positions

a) Archivist: With the departure of John Barden from the University of Richmond, this position

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# Confessions of an IP Addict

My name is Katie Brown, and I have a strong affinity for Intellectual Property. For some, it may merely be an enthusiasm for the topic, but I LOVE it! My passion for IP leads me to interesting places and captivating individuals. Recently, it has led me to the 2008 Institute: Clearing up Confusion with IP. The all-day Institute occurred on March 27, 2008 and I was truly honored to receive a COSELL Scholarship to attend the event.

On the morning of the Institute, I sat with my barely-touched cup of coffee, jazzed about the exciting speakers I would hear throughout the day. The speaker lineup for the day was exceptional and included Jessie Roberts (Administrator for Trademark Identification, Classification and Practice, United States Patent and Trademark Office), and Joanne Dugan (Assistant Director for Public Services at the University of Baltimore and overseer of the library's Patent and Trademark Repository Program). The keynote speaker was Judge Leonie Brinkema and the last speaker I would learn from that day was Peter Jaszi, a professor at American University.

While the focus of the Institute was Intellectual Property, the speakers' presentations highlighted specific aspects of Intellectual Property law. This article is a review of my experiences at the Institute and some of the highlights from each of the presentations. For those of you who were unable to experience the Institute, I hope that you find this informative and that you are enticed to attend the Institute next year.

*How to Spot and Hunt Down a Trademark – Jessie Roberts*

Jessie Roberts's first PowerPoint slide was titled "Trademark Basics". I peered at the title with a heavy heart, anticipating a slow review of the basic concepts I had already learned in law school. But, I was wrong. In fact, Ms. Roberts's first PowerPoint slide would have been more appropriately titled "Beyond the Trademark Basics". Each slide provided basic rules and guidelines about trademarks, and Ms. Roberts discussed how one can register a trademark with the USPTO. However, her presentation also contained humorous anecdotes and details that only an individual working within the United States Patent and Trademark Office would know. For a self-proclaimed IP addict like me, small dips into the IP unknown such as these left me fascinated and feeling like I should run out and find a trademark to register. At the end of the presentation, when Ms. Roberts left time

for questions, I watched a flurry of hands raise in the air. And, I thought to myself, "I don't think I am the only IP addict in the room!"

*Basic Patent Law Search Strategies - Joanne Dugan*

I must admit, I was the least excited about the Patents portion of the day. I think that patents are like the lima beans of the IP world. While it is important for me to be exposed to patents, I have difficulty getting very excited about them. But, Ms. Dugan's excitement about patents made me realize how much I was shortchanging a significant part of the IP world. During the presentation, I learned some interesting and little known facts about the Patent and Trademark Depository Library Program. Did you know that the program was established after a fire in the Patent Office destroyed several designs? Now, if each library receives a copy of the patent, there will always be the opportunity to recover a "lost" patent!

Ms. Dugan also used fun and silly patent examples to help make the topic more understandable and less mired in science and numbers. From then, I knew that I needed to find my patent research niche. Ms. Dugan's niche is gardening, and her excitement for all patents dealing with gardening was apparent to everyone in the room. It was this wonderful enthusiasm that allowed her speech to captivate the audience and not allow it to become bogged down. Her non-gardening examples also allowed the audience to laugh at some of the bizarre designs that have been granted a patent. One silly patent example featured the diagram and design for the hair come-over for the balding man. The presentation concluded with easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions on how to search the USPTO database.

*Key Note Speaker- Judge Leonie Brinkema*

While the Institute attendees enjoyed some wonderful food, Judge Brinkema spoke to the group about her journey from librarian to attorney to judge. She stressed the importance of archiving court documents and how essential it is for these materials to be publicly accessible. Judge Brinkema also mentioned a frightening trend she is witnessing: court documents are now being completely sealed from the public's view. Instead of sealing the entire document, attorneys used to provide a redacted version of the court documents with blacked-out company trade secrets. Judge Brinkema ended her talk by leaving plenty of time to answer questions from the diners.

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# SEAALL Briefs

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## ALABAMA

*Samford University*

“Dean” of Alabama Law Librarians Retires\*

**Laurel R. “Becky” Clapp**, Law Librarian and Professor of Law at Cumberland School of Law, will be retiring at the end of May 2008 after 33 faithful years at Cumberland. Becky is a graduate of David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Mercer University’s Walter F. George School of Law, and the University of Washington. After graduating from library school, she began her career at Texas Tech University, where she worked

from 1970 to 1974. Upon leaving Lubbock in 1975, she moved to Birmingham and started work at Cumberland School of Law where she taught Legal Research and Writing for twelve years (directing the program for three years) as well as serving as director of Cordell Hull Law Library, later to become Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library when the library entered a new facility. She was instrumental in planning and coordinating the construction of this new library which opened in 1995 with a library organization of six librarians and six library staff.

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*Fair Use Today- Peter Jaszi*

A speaker always faces the challenge of keeping their audience involved in active learning. But, a speaker after lunch has the additional challenge of fighting the food coma! Peter Jaszi met this food coma challenge head on and won. His presentation addressed the vagueness of fair use law and how the judiciary has created additional confusion in their attempts at clarification. When clarification is needed in a particular profession with regard to fair use law, Mr. Jaszi asserted that it is the responsibility of the profession to establish a best practice statement. He knows that this is effective because he was directly involved with the creation of the Documentary Filmmakers’ Statement of Best Practices in Fair Use. The anecdotes about the project were very informative. I was surprised to learn that the best practices project was born after documentary filmmakers felt that their visions were stifled by the demand placed by

insurance companies and financial backers to “clear the rights to copyrighted material”. Today, the completed statement has changed the way that fair use is viewed with regard to documentary filmmaking. The presentation ended with Mr. Jaszi passing the torch to the audience by suggesting that perhaps it is time for librarians to get together and create a Librarian Statement of Best Practices.

At the end of the day, I felt as though my addiction for all things Intellectual Property had temporarily been satiated by the insightful and informative workshops I had attended. As I recapped all the topics that had been covered, I was once again struck by the amount of knowledge I had been provided with as a participant in the Institute. I was also reminded of how fascinating the world of Intellectual Property law is and that there will always be more to learn on the topic. Until next time, my name is Katie Brown and I love Intellectual Property Law.

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is vacant. Director Tim Coggins indicated that the University of Richmond will continue to host the archives.

b) Database: Ken Hirsh told the members there will be a real time live database for SEAALL members.

c) Handbook: Laurel Brown reported that all files are now in Word. She requested updates and any missing forms. She promised to follow up on these items.

d) Postmaster: Ken Hirsh thanked Paul Birch, who was not at the meeting, for his work as Postmaster.

e) Webmaster: Ken Hirsh also thanked Steve Melamut, who was absent. Ken reported that he would replace Steve as Webmaster.

9. Old Business: There was none.

10. New Business: The Membership Committee recommended Life Membership for Pam Williams. Coming from the committee, this motion needed no second. Life Membership was unanimously approved for Pam Williams.

11. President’s Remarks: Ken told the members that he considered serving SEAALL as President to be an honor and a privilege and he valued his gavel, which would have an honored place in his office. He thanked the Board, the Committees and the Members. Then he gave Amy Osborne her own gavel and announced that the new Board members were duly installed.

12. Amy Osborne accepted her gavel and took office as SEAALL President. She gave Ken a gift which was designed to keep his family close to him at work (a lovely picture frame).

13. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.



Becky served as President of Law Libraries Association of Alabama in the 2004-2005 term. She was published in *Law Library Journal* in 1994 with an article entitled, "Faculty Privileges and Abuses: A Librarian's Dilemma." She was reporter for Alabama Pattern Jury Instructions (Civil) Committee from 1978 to 2007 and was Secretary/Treasurer for that same organization from 1995 to 2007.

Becky raised a generation of Alabama law librarians and was, after State Law Librarian Bill Younger's retirement in 1992, the "Dean" of law librarians in Alabama. No law librarian, other than perhaps Bill Younger, had a greater impact on law librarianship in Alabama. The Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library is the culmination of Becky's years of service to Cumberland Law School and to the profession of law librarianship.

Thank you, Becky, for your dedication and help along the way! We will miss you!

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## FLORIDA

*Nova Southeastern University*

**Lisa Smith-Butler**, Assistant Dean & Director of the Law Library & Technology Center & Associate Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University, has two of her articles now available on the SSRN site and will be published soon. *Cost Effective Legal Research* will be published in the Spring 2008 issue of the Florida Coastal Law Review while *Workplace Privacy: We'll Be Watching You* will be published in the Fall 2008 Ohio Northern Law Review.

*Florida Coastal School of Law*

**Doina Farkas** has joined the staff at Florida Coastal School of Law as our new Acquisitions Librarian. Doina comes to us from the University of North Texas System Libraries in Denton, Texas where she was the head of the Contracts Office since 1998. She is not new to the SEAALL region, having worked for a few years as the Head of Acquisitions and Serials at the UNC-Chapel Hill Law Library. Nor is she new to Florida - she was the Chair of the Acquisitions and Serials Department at the University of Florida. Nor is she new to Jacksonville! Doina was a librarian at the Bolles School in Jacksonville for several years. She was glad for the opportunity to get back to Jacksonville, and we are happy to have her at FCSL.

*University of Florida, Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center*

**Pam Williams** will retire June 30 as Assistant

Director of Public Services at the Levin College of Law, University of Florida. Her position is being reorganized: **Elizabeth Outler** will serve as Head of Public Services and **Edward Hart**, Head of Technical Services. **Christopher Vallandingham** has been recommended for tenure and promotion to Associate Librarian. Cataloger **Jean Bostwick** will retire on December 30, 2008. She will be replaced by **Susy Potter**, currently Documents Librarian. The Legal Information Center will begin a search for a reference librarian.

## GEORGIA

*University of Georgia*

**Wendy Moore**, Acquisitions Librarian at the University of Georgia Alexander Campbell King Law Library, was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Technical Services SIS of AALL.

The University of Georgia Alexander Campbell King Law Library had two winning entries in the recent Day in the Life photo contest run by AALL. The library's entry in the Librarians as Information Evaluators and Managers was adjudged the best picture in that category. Its entry in the Artistry of Librarianship was adjudged second in the category and second in the Best Picture Overall category.

## KENTUCKY

*Northern Kentucky University*

**Carol Bredemeyer** has been promoted to Professor of Library Services at Northern Kentucky University, effective July 1, 2008.

## NORTH CAROLINA

*Duke University*

**Lauren M. Collins** has been promoted from her position as Reference Librarian to Head of Reference Services at the Duke University Law Library. Prior to joining Duke in March 2007, Lauren was the Public Service Librarian responsible for library instructional initiatives at the Arthur Neef Law Library at Wayne State University School of Law.

Duke will also welcome two new reference librarians to the library staff this summer.

**Amy Taylor**, currently a Reference Librarian at Georgetown Law Library, will join the staff in May. Amy, a former United States Supreme Court intern, will work with several faculty services projects including the Law Library's Empirical Legal Research Initiative.

**Molly (Mary) Brownfield** will join the library in July. She will serve as coordinator of the Law Library's Faculty Research Assistants Program. Molly comes to Duke from the Rutgers-Newark Law Library and is a former Tarlton Law Library Fellow.

# Renew, Refresh, Rethink\* in Athens, Georgia

April 16-18, 2009

*\*and Rock 'n' Roll*

The Local Arrangements Committee hopes to see you all in Athens, Georgia during the 2009 SEAALL Annual Meeting. You'll have plenty of opportunities to explore the conference theme while you "Renew, Refresh, Rethink\*" in Georgia's Classic City.

Most of the conference programs and meetings will take place in a beautifully renovated foundry in a historic part of downtown Athens. The meeting rooms are part of the Classic Center (<http://www.classiccenter.com/>), which is located across the street from the official conference hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn. Additional activities, including the SEAALL Institute, will take place at the Hilton. Conference attendees may reserve their rooms now. For more info, see <http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=AHNDTGI>.



Both the conference facilities and the conference hotel are located in Athens' exciting downtown area, where numerous restaurants, stores and nightclubs await you. And don't forget Athens' vibrant music scene and the numerous venues providing a plethora of opportunities to catch a show featuring performers ranging from flamenco guitarists to bluegrass legends to the latest college rock darlings.

You'll be sure to enjoy the Opening Reception at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, where you can take a stroll through the themed gardens, visit the stunning Day Chapel, explore one or more of the nature trails, and view the art displayed both indoors and out. Learn more about the beautiful "Bot Garden" at <http://www.uga.edu/~botgarden/> and at

[http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/040808/living\\_2008040800135.shtml](http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/040808/living_2008040800135.shtml).

Mark your calendar now for April 16-18, 2009 and be sure to check frequently the SEAALL web site as well as this newsletter for registration information and updates on meeting events.

## SEAALL Committees

### Articles and Bylaws

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

Kenneth J. Hirsh, Chair, Immediate Past President (2009)

Amy Osborne, President (2010)

Maureen Eggert, Vice President/President-elect (2011)

### Community Service

Identifies, promotes, and implements non-political volunteer and community service activities.

Ron Wheeler, Chair (2009)

Pam Deemer (2009)

Sarah Mauldin (2009)

Jennifer McLean (2009)

Olivia Weeks (2009)

Marin Dell (2010)

Sally Irvin (2010)

Anne Burnett (2010)

Joyce Janto (2010)

Ismael Gullon (2010)

### 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)

Elizabeth Outler, Chair (2009)

Tom Latuszek (2009)

Iris M. Lee (2009)

Terrance Manion (2009)

Constance M. Matzen (2009)

Phebe Poydras (2010)

Lillian Weeks (2010)

James Donovan (2010)

Adeen Postar (2010)

### 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)

Dionne M. Dockendorf, (2009) - Virginia

Sharon Bradley (2009) - Georgia

Pam Brannon (2010) - Georgia

Kevin Butterfield (2010) - Virginia  
Melane Sims (2010) - Louisiana  
Marilyn Estes (2010) – D.C.  
Dee Dee Bradsher - Alabama(2010)  
Tom Heard - Kentucky  
Christine L. Sellers - South Carolina  
Jim Kelly - Tennessee  
Janet Camillo - Maryland

### **Local Arrangements: Athens, 2009**

Ann Puckett, Chair (2009)  
Deb Baker  
Sharon Bradley  
Anne Burnett  
Maureen Cahill  
James Donovan  
Suzanne Graham  
Wendy Moore  
Cheryl Solomon  
Carol Watson  
Pam Brannon  
Quin Cui  
Trina Holloway  
Nancy Johnson  
Terrance Manion  
Michael Tillman-Davis  
Ron Wheeler  
Suzanne Cassidy  
Denise Gibson  
Ismael Gullon  
Williamsburg, 2010  
Jim Heller, Chair (2010)

### **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)  
Edward T. Hart, Chair (2009) - Florida  
Margaret L. ztiansen (2009) - Virginia  
Penny Gibson (2009) – Alabama  
Rebekah Maxwell (2009) – South Carolina  
Dee Wood (2009) – Kentucky  
Cathy Wagar (2010) - Louisiana  
Reba Best (2010) - Tennessee

### **Newsletter and Public Relations**

Responsible for the publication of the "South-eastern Law Librarian" four times a year. (2 year term)  
Carolyn T. Santanella, Chair (2010)  
Chris G. Hudson (2009)  
Justine Roach (2009)  
Ryan Valentin (2010)  
Elizabeth Farrell (2010)  
Jessica de Perio Wittman (2010)

### **Nominations**

Georgia Chadwick, Chair (2009)  
Charlie Condon (2009)  
Karen Nuckolls (2009)  
Nancy Johnson (2009)  
Jennifer Sekula (2009)

### **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)  
W. Robert Farmer, Chair (2009)  
Sarah Maudlin (2009)  
Denise Gibson (2010)  
Michelle Cosby (2010)  
Trina Holloway (2010)

### **Program**

Plans and implements the educational program for the chapter's annual meeting.  
Maureen Eggert, Chair (2009)  
Jaime Edge (2010)  
Sarah Glassmeyer (2010)  
Ismael Gullon (2009)  
Sally Irvin (2010)  
Iris Lee (2009)  
Terry Long (2010)  
David Lehmann (2010)  
Katherine Marsh (2010)  
Terrance Manion (2010)  
Susan Skyzinski(2009)  
Ron Wheeler (2009)

### **Scholarship**

Publicizes, manages and awards the annual Lucille Elliott scholarships. (2 year term)  
Jason Sowards, Chair (2009)  
Donna Bausch (2009)  
Marie Summerlin Hamm (2009)  
James S. Heller (2009)  
Ray Lytle (2009)  
Nichelle Perry (2009)  
Denise M. Uzee (2009)  
Lorelle Anderson (2010)  
Kathleen Brown (2010)  
Masako Patrum (2010)

### **Service to SEAALL**

Nancy Johnson, Chair  
Ken Hirsh  
Terry Long