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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Chapter committee appointments for 1980-82 are announced in this issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian. Whenever possible I assigned people to the committees they designated as their first preferences. My many thanks go not only to those who volunteered to help, but also to those who cheerfully agreed to work when solicited!

I do hope that members of the Chapter will look at the list of committees and write or call committee chairmen or members with suggestions and comments on Chapter activities. We need your input to make the work of the Chapter a success.

The same holds true for me. I would very much like to hear from you, for I need your ideas and I need to know what you expect from the Chapter. We have a large membership, but for some reason it is not a particularly active one. I would like to know why. A.A.L.L. chapters are designed to meet needs and interests that cannot be met by our national organization. I need you to tell me what those needs and interests are and how you think we should go about trying to satisfy them. Do we need different kinds or more or fewer programs? Do we need different kinds or more or fewer chapter projects? Do we need to change our priorities? This is your chapter. Let's hear from you!

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Chairman: Cheryn Picquet (University of Tennessee Law Library)
Members: Brian S. Polley (Florida Supreme Court Library)
Cheryl Jones (University of Kentucky Law Library)

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County and Court Libraries Committee

Chairman: Peggy Martin (Fulton County Law Library, Atlanta, Ga.)
Members: Jo A. Dowling (Florida Supreme Court Library)
Raymond M. Taylor (Practicing attorney, formerly with North
Carolina Supreme Court Library)

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Chairman: J. Lamar Woodard (Statson University Law Library)
Member: Charlotte Corneil (Louisiana State University Law Library)

Program Committee, 1981

Chairman: A. Michael Beaird (University of Mississippi Law Library)
Members: William Younger (Alabama Supreme Court Library)
Joseph Cross (University of South Carolina Law Library)
Kay Todd (Kilpatrick & Cody, Atlanta, Ga.)

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

BY

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In 1798 the Congress of the United States created the Mississippi Territory, which, with subsequent additions, basically encompassed all lands from Georgia to the Mississippi River, south of Tennessee. The western portion of this territory was admitted to the Union as the 20th state on December 10, 1817. Since attaining statehood, Mississippi has had four constitutions: 1817; 1832; 1869; 1890. The Constitution of 1832 was modified when the state entered the Confederacy. The Constitution of 1890 as amended is still in effect.

Since 1970 the bicameral Mississippi legislature has met annually on the Tuesday after the first Monday of January, unless convened sooner by the Governor. The sessions are limited to a period of ninety calendar days, except that the 1972 and every fourth legislature thereafter shall be limited to a period of one hundred twenty-five days. The House of Representatives may extend by resolution, with the Senate concurring, limited sessions for a period of thirty days. There is no limit to the number of such extensions.

BILLS AND GENERAL ACTS

The Mississippi Constitution states that no law of a general nature shall be enforced until sixty days after its passage, unless provided otherwise therein. The Secretary of State has the responsibility for having the laws printed.

While neither house will mail bulk or standing orders for all legislative bills, a copy of an individual bill may be obtained from the clerk of either house. A collection of bills filed during previous sessions is maintained by the Legislative Reference Bureau. While they do not always have all forms of each bill, they usually will have the last form of the bill at least.

Slip laws are not published in Mississippi. However, when the slip bill is in the form as sent to the Governor, it functions as a 'slip law'. Because there is a delay between passage and publication of the laws, Commerce Clearing House's Advance Session Laws Reporter is useful in locating recently enacted laws. According to the title page, this provides "all laws of general business interest enacted by the State Legislature." The cost is \$112.50 per year.

The Advance Sheets of the General Acts of Legislative Session are published in May or June of each year. These are the first available official copy of the laws as passed. Arrangement is by chapter number. Each entry includes the House or Senate bill number and date of approval. No cross reference between bill number and chapter number is provided. Each issue has a brief, non-cumulative subject index. These may be obtained from the Secretary of State's office.

The bound volumes of the Laws of the State of Mississippi (General Laws) and the paperback Local and Private Laws are published in May or June of each year. Both are arranged by chapter number and each entry provides the House or Senate bill number and the date of approval. The "General Laws" includes a subject index, an index to appropriations, and the following tables: concurrent resolutions; laws repealed or amended; and a numerical list of laws. It also includes a calendar for the Mississippi Chancery, Circuit, and Supreme Courts.

The Local and Private Laws includes separate indices by counties, municipalities, and miscellaneous (e. g., institutions, organizations, and geographical regions). Neither subject indexing nor cross-referencing from bill number is provided in this volume. Both the "General Laws" and the Local and Private Laws are available from the Secretary of State. The "General Laws" cost \$15 (1979 ed); the Local and Private Laws cost \$5.50 (1980 ed).

CALENDAR

A daily Legislative Calendar is published by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate shortly before the start of the day's session. The Calendar lists all bills eligible to be considered during that day's session. It is available on a subscription basis from the Clerk or Secretary.

DIGEST

While there is no daily digest of bills published, the legislature has computerized the current status of bills pending into a "Bill Status System". This may be accessed by the public through the Legislative Reference Bureau or through the Status System Information (601-354-7354).

The Factual Reporting Service publishes Mississippi Legislature: Legislative Report, which provides a daily summary of actions, including bills filed, introduced, or referred, of both houses. No digests of the bills are included. While this is the only complete daily service published, several special interest summaries are available. Cost is about \$100 a month during the legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Few sources for legislative history exist in Mississippi. While legislative journals for each house have been published since 1817, they are not published on a daily basis. Each annual volume is published after the session, usually appearing around February of the following year. The journals contain the texts of bills and resolutions as introduced, amendments, voting records, and executive messages. Committee reports are not usually available, although sometimes special studies done for or by the committee are available. These may be obtained through the Legislative Reference Bureau. At times, Legislative intent may be determined through the legislation's preamble, if there is one.

CODE

Lawyer's Co-op and the Harrison Company publish the official codification of Mississippi Law, the Mississippi Code Annotated. The M. C. A. is currently in 21 volumes with a 4 volume index, plus 1980 pocket parts. Statutory tables in the 4 volume index permit cross references to sections of the 1930 and 1942 codes as well as the session laws adopted since 1973. The annual pocket parts are usually received around November. The current cost of the code is \$395.00, plus \$58.00 after the first year for pocket parts.

DIRECTORIES AND HANDBOOKS

Biographical information on Mississippi legislators may be obtained from the Mississippi Legislature Handbook, prepared for each session of the legislature by the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House. In addition to biographical information, the Handbook provides: a listing of elected state officials; senators, and representatives by District and County; personnel of standing committees; committee assignments by Senator or Representative; and selected legislative phone numbers. The Handbook is available from either the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House.

Names and addresses of elected officials, including Senators and Representatives, may be obtained from the Directory of Mississippi Elective Officials prepared by the Secretary of State at the beginning of each Governor's term of office. The Directory includes: State offices; county officials; district attorneys; county attorneys; and state legislators. The Directory is available from the Secretary of State.

Another useful directory is the Official and Statistical Register ("the blue book") published by the Secretary of State. This volume is published every four years and is the primary reference on State and Local government in Mississippi. It provides information on elected state officials, the legislature, judiciary, boards, and commissions. It also contains chapters on education, industry

and commerce, resources, recreation, social services, and law enforcement. It is available from the Secretary of State's office.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The Legislative Reference Bureau, which is under the joint jurisdiction of the House Management Committee and the Senate Contingent Expense Committee, assists members of the legislature by providing information and reports dealing with legislative problems. The bureau also serves the governor, the various departments and agencies of the state, and to a limited degree those citizens of Mississippi who desire to avail themselves of its reference facilities.

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compiled by Ann T. Fessenden

Please accept my apologies that these items did not get in the last issue. I was not aware of the change of editors and deadlines so they were not sent in time. - A.T.F.

FLORIDA

Conrad Painter has replaced Mary Elizabeth Conner as librarian at the Miami Beach Auxiliary of the DADE COUNTY Law Library. Mr. Painter was formerly Director of the educational program at Dade Correctional Institute where he established their law library.

NOVA UNIVERSITY Law Library has a new director, Carol A. Roshonbeck. She holds a B.A. from the University of Delaware, an M.L.S. from Rutgers University, Newark, N.J. Most recently she served as the Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education Institute in Boston from 1979-1980. Prior to that she was Head of Public Services at Rutgers. She served at the Law Library for eight years in the Reference Department. She was also an instructor at the law school. She taught legal research and has done some consulting work on law libraries and legal research.

Eileen McMackin Romano has joined the staff at Nova as Reference Librarian. She holds an A.B. from St. Lawrence University, a J.D. from Columbia University, and an M.L.S. from Rutgers. She was formerly Law Librarian at the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, in Newark, N.J. She also served as Assistant U.S. Attorney before leaving that office.

KENTUCKY

John Lindsey, Professor and Law Library Director at Salmon P. Chase College of Law of NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY has taken a one-year leave of absence to become Library Director at Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia. Tom Vergamini, formerly Head of Technical Processing, is now Acting Law Library Director. Beth Gwynn, formerly Associate Law Librarian and Head of Reader Services at Chase has received her M.B.A. from the University of Cincinnati and has accepted a position as Marketing Analyst at the Miami Herald in Florida.

LOUISIANA

Margaret D. Benetz became Circulation Librarian at LOYOLA UNIVERSITY Law Library effective August 1, 1980. She holds an M.L.S. degree from Florida State University. Prior to joining the Loyola Law Library staff, she was a law firm librarian at Milling, Benson, Woodward, Hillyer, Pierson and Miller in New Orleans.

J. Wesley Cochran became reference librarian at Loyola Sept. 15, 1980. He recently completed his M.L.L. degree from the University of Washington. He also holds a J.D. from the University of Houston and was Director of Circulation at its Law Library.

Lance E. Dickson, Librarian, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER LIBRARY, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Organization of South African Law Libraries held in Johannesburg, November 25, 1980. His topics: "Education for Law Librarianship" and "New Developments in Law Libraries in the U.S."

Deborah D. Mann joined the staff of Louisiana State University Law Center Library as Reference Librarian in January 1981. She received her B.A. (1974) and M.L.S. (1975) from George Peabody College, and her J.D. from the University of Tennessee (1980). She was previously a member of the public services staff at the University of Tennessee Law Library.

Guy Tanguay, Librarian, Sherbrooke University Law Library, Quebec, has accepted an appointment as Visiting Librarian at Louisiana State University Law Center Library during March 1981. He is a former President of the Canadian Association of Law Librarians, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Société Québécoise d'Information Juridique.

Min-Shin S. Chiang, Librarian, Loyola University Law School Library, New Orleans, and Lance Dickson, Librarian, Louisiana State University Law Center Library, Baton Rouge, are the co-editors of LEGAL BIBLIOGRAPHY INDEX 1979, published in 1980 by Publications Institute, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. This is the second annual issue of the index.

MISSISSIPPI

Vickey L. Baggott has been appointed as Cataloger at the MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE LAW LIBRARY. She holds a Master's degree in Library Science from East Carolina University and an Education degree from Stetson University. She has taught school at the elementary level in Japan and Israel. She is joining the staff just in time to help plan the move from Clinton to the new library in Jackson.

John Paul Laughlin has been appointed to the recently created position of Night Reference Librarian at the Mississippi College School of Law. He holds a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and an undergraduate degree in education from Wichita State University.

WEST VIRGINIA

John Montgomery was appointed Director of the WEST VIRGINIA STATE LAW LIBRARY, effective August 25, 1980. He was formerly Law Librarian at Northern Illinois University. He replaces Kenneth Evans, who accepted the position of Professor of Law at New England School of Law.

POSITIONS IN SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER STATES

LOUISIANA

Reference Librarian. Louisiana State University. Requirements: JD and MLS degrees from ABA/AALS and ALA accredited schools, with appropriate law and library related experience. Practical knowledge of computer information systems. Effective interpersonal skills. Supervisory capabilities. Duties: Responsible for the provision of legal research and reference assistance to patrons; liaison with faculty, book selection, library user orientation, and instruction in computer-assisted legal research. Some evening and weekend assignments. Salary: Open, depending upon qualifications and experience. Available: Immediately. Include names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references. CONTACT: Lance E. Dickson; Law Center Library; Louisiana State University; Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Documents Librarian. Loyola University. Requirements: MLS degree with one year of professional academic library experience, preferably in the area of technical services. Duties: Responsible to the Head of Technical Services for the overall operation and staff of the documents department, acquisitions, cataloging, serials recordkeeping, processing, shelving and statistics. Some evening and weekend reference duties. Salary: \$13,000 minimum. Available: Immediately. Send application, resume and three letters of reference. CONTACT: Win-Shin S. Chiang, Law Librarian; Loyola University Law Library; 6363 St. Charles Avenue; New Orleans, LA 70118.

Law Librarian. Southern University School of Law. Requirements: JD and MLS preferred. Duties: Supervising the operation of the library and its personnel, responsible for library policy, drawing up library budget, some teaching. Salary: Negotiable. Available June 1, 1981. CONTACT: Dean N. K. Agnihotri; Southern University School of Law; Southern Branch Post Office; Baton Rouge, LA 70813.

NORTH CAROLINA

Law Librarian. Duke University. Requirements: JD and MLS degrees or equivalents and significant administrative experience in a large academic law library. Familiarity with modern library technology, including computerized research, cataloging and acquisitions systems, is desirable. Duties: Overall planning, development, coordination and management of 275,000 volume autonomous law library and supervision of programs of instruction in legal research. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications. Available: July 1, 1981 or earlier. CONTACT: Professor H. B. Robertson, Jr.; Duke University School of Law; Durham, NC 27706.

NORTH CAROLINA

Readers Services Librarian. Wake Forest University. Requirements: MLS from accredited school. JD or law library experience desirable, but not essential. Duties: Administers Readers Services program including circulation, stack maintenance, interlibrary loan, copy service, reserves, WESTLAW assistance. Has shared responsibility for delivery of reference services and WESTLAW training. Primary responsibility for training and management of student assistants. Salary: Dependent upon qualifications. Available: June 1, 1981. CONTACT: Professor Kenneth A. Zick, Director; Wake Forest University Law Lib Library; P. O. Box 7206; Reynolda Station; Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

TENNESSEE

Librarian I. Memphis State University. Requirements: MLS degree from accredited library school. Law library experience and/or academic technical services experience strongly preferred. Familiarity with OCLC and LEXIS desirable. Duties: Cataloging and classification, supervision of processing, some reference in rotation with other staff. Available: December, 1980. Salary: \$16,000. CONTACT: Sara T. Cole, Law Librarian; Law School Library; Memphis State University; Memphis, TN 38152; 901-454-2426. (Updated version of ad in December 1980 President's Newsletter)

POSITIONS IN BORDERING STATES

MARYLAND

Librarian, Head of Public Services. University of Maryland. Requirements: MLS from an accredited school and 2 years of administrative experience in an academic law library. Duties: Responsible for administering the public services department including reference, circulation, audio-visual and governments documents. Improving service to faculty and students in a new building. Collection development and teaching legal bibliography to first year students. The department consists of five full-time staff positions. The Head of Public Services reports to the Library Director and will participate in general administration of the Law Library. Salary: Negotiable, according to qualifications. Available: Immediately. CONTACT: Barbara Sutton Contrum, Director of the Law Library; University of Maryland; School of Law Library; 500 West Baltimore Street; Baltimore, MD 21201.

The Newsletter Committee members want the Southeastern Law Librarian to be the vehicle for informing Chapter members and reporting Chapter news. In order to be more effective, we have divided the responsibilities involved in producing the newsletter. Any suggestions, contributions or questions may be directed to the Editor, but specific assignments are listed below. The deadline for copy for the May issue is April 6, 1981.

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