

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

A.A.L.L. TO PRESENT TWO NEW AWARDS



Two new awards to honor law library publications and distinguished service to the profession have been established by the A.A.L.L. Awards Committee. Nancy Johnson, chairman of the committee, has announced that A.A.L.L. members may place names in nomination for both the new awards and the Joseph L. Andrews prize for bibliography.

For the "Law Library Publication Award" the following description and criteria have been specified: "Presented to honor achievement in creating in-house user-oriented library materials outstanding in quality and significance. 'Creating' in-house works may include, but not be limited to, writing, compiling, or editing unpublished print or non-print materials, such as guides, brochures, bibliographies, newsletters, tapes or slides. The entries will be judged on quality, creativity and usefulness, rather than on magnitude of the project. The award is limited to members of A.A.L.L. (from all types of libraries) and may be presented to an individual or a staff of a library."

Members are encouraged to submit their own library's in-house publications for judging by a subcommittee composed of Nancy Johnson, Wesley Cochran, and Kyle Passmore. The award certificate is intended to be presented annually at the national convention, but it need not be given if no publication is deemed worthy. The deadline for nominations is March 1. Three copies of materials should be sent to Nancy Johnson at the Georgia State College of Law Library, University Plaza, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The following types of materials are eligible: bibliographies, library aids, guides, pathfinders, maps, legal research guides, newsletters, video tapes, slides and cassette tapes. Acquisition lists will be considered only if other information is included. The winning materials will be displayed at a booth at the annual conference and will be stored permanently in the A.A.L.L. archives.

The "A.A.L.L. Distinguished Service Award" shall be "presented to an individual for outstanding recognition of extended and sustained distinguished service to law librarianship and to A.A.L.L." The recipient shall be an individual who is nearing completion of or who has completed an active professional career. "Honorees may be recognized for achievement in a particular area of law librarianship, for service to the association, or for outstanding contributions to the professional literature. The individual must be a member of A.A.L.L."

Although one or more awards may be conferred at the annual conference, there is no requirement that this be done every year. The subcommittee which will judge the nominations is composed of Nancy Johnson, Francis R. Doyle, Rosemary Gallo, Anthony P. Grech and Susan Wood. Nominations must be sent by March 1 to Nancy Johnson at the address given above.

President's Page

I was sorry to miss the Houston convention and the chapter meeting there, but I will look forward to our upcoming meetings in Nashville and San Diego. It is a pleasure to follow Don Ziegenfuss in this office. He did an excellent job as President and made it look easy — perhaps the best compliment I can pay him.

The 1983-84 committee appointments are listed below. This year the standing committees will be working with Pam Graham (Georgia State Library) to develop a procedural manual for the chapter. This should save future committees from much wasted effort.

The Executive Board has begun to plan for the 1985 meeting. New Orleans has submitted a bid, suggesting that with the size of the chapter, we could choose a small hotel in the French Quarter. The possibility of joint participation by SWALL is also under consideration.

Program planning for the 1984 Nashville meeting is in the early stages. Ed Schroeder's Program Committee is composed of Margarette Dye and Larry Wenger, and all of them would be receptive to your suggestions. The meeting dates are April 12 to April 14, and the Nashville climate at that time of year is lovely. I hope you will begin planning now to attend.

Last year Don asked for volunteers for a committee to consider the chapter's long term goals and needs. There was no interest then, but the need for long range planning remains. If anyone is interested this year, please contact me.

Kay Todd

S.E.A.L.L. COMMITTEES, 1983-84

Constitution Committee

William Grady, chair
Steve Thorpe

Placement Committee

Glenn Cooper, chair
Georgia Chadwick
Angela Wier

Membership Committee

Martha Mashburn, chair
Jacqueline Lichtman
Judy Stinson

Program Committee

Ed Schroeder, chair
Margarette Dye
Larry Wenger

Newsletter Committee

Carol Billings, chair
Chester Bunnell
Joan Cannon
Mike Chiorazzi
Ann Fessenden
Marianne Musser
Fran Pughsley

Scholarship Committee

Peggy Martin, chair
Katherine Kott
Sara Straub

Special Committee on Procedures Manual

F. Pamela Graham

THE SOUTHEASTERN LAW LIBRARIAN is published quarterly. All member of the chapter are invited to submit articles and announcements for inclusions. The deadline for the next issue is November 15. Material should be sent to the editor, Carol Billings, at the Law Library of Louisiana, Supreme Court Building, 301 Loyola Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED . . .

Don Ziegenfuss, S.E.A.L.L. president during 1982-83 asked that the following invitation be printed in the newsletter:

June 17, 1983

Donald G. Ziegenfuss
President
Southeastern Chapter,
American Association of Law Libraries
Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler
Exchange Bank Building
P.O. Box 3239
Tampa, Florida 33601



Dear Don:

I am happy to report that the New Orleans Association of Law Librarians (NOALL) is thriving and that we are optimistic about receiving favorable action on our application to AALL for official chapter status. It will be voted upon at one of the business sessions at the Houston meeting.

NOALL held its annual business meeting on May 7. One of the prominent items on the agenda was the proposal to invite SEALL to hold its annual meeting here in New Orleans in the early part of 1985. Our association was very enthusiastic about the prospect of playing host to the chapter and voted unanimously to issue the invitation.

Therefore, I am delighted formally to invite the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries to meet in New Orleans in 1985 at a date and place determined to be convenient by the officers. The New Orleans Association of Law Librarians shall do everything possible to make the necessary local arrangements for housing, meeting facilities, meals and social events in order that chapter members may have a totally enjoyable experience. We believe that our city's unique cultural, historical and architectural features make it one of the most interesting in America. For a relatively small convention such as ours there are a number of excellent small hotels in the French Quarter that would make particularly convenient headquarters. That would also put us close to countless good restaurants and a number of historic sites that would be lovely places to hold a party.

We shall be grateful if the officers will give our invitation serious consideration. We look forward to your decision.

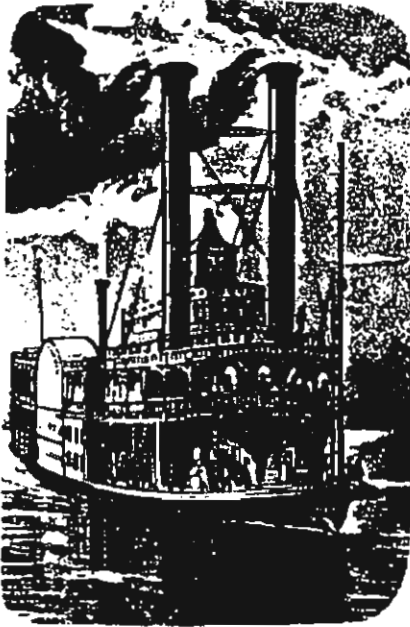
Sincerely,

Carol D. Billings
President, New Orleans Association of
Law Librarians

cc: Kay Todd

OBTAINING CURRENT LEGISLATIVE MATERIALS

Mississippi



I. Sessions of the Legislature

A. Duration:

Begins: First Tuesday after first Monday in January. Mississippi Constitution, Art. 4, § 36.

Length: 120 calendar days for 1972 session and every fourth year thereafter; 90 calendar days for other sessions. Mississippi Constitution, Art. 4, § 36.

B. House and Senate:

No new bill shall be introduced into either House of the Legislative during the last three days of the session. Mississippi Constitution, Art. 4 § 65.

Bills and constitutional amendments must be filed in own House by the 14th days of the 90-day session (49th of 120-day session) to be considered during the session.

Deadline for original floor action on bills and constitutional amendments originating in the other House is 66th of 90-day session (101st day of 120-day session).

Exceptions: Appropriations, Revenue, and Local and Private bills.

The above schedule shall not be deviated from except by the passage of a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the membership of the House and Senate present and voting.

(Source: Joint Rules of the Senate and the House)

C. Effective Date:

Acts take effect 60 days after passage, unless therein otherwise noted. Mississippi Constitution, Art. 4 § 75.

D. Bill Status Information:

Legislative Reference Bureau
219 Carroll Gartin Building
Jackson, MS
(601) 354-6165

II. Availability of Legislative Materials:

A. Recently filed bills and recently passed acts are available from the following sources. Bulk orders cannot be supplied.

Clerk's office
House of Representatives
New Capitol
Jackson, MS
(601) 354-6182

Docket clerk
Senate
New Capitol
Jackson, MS
(601) 354-7432

Legislative Reference Bureau
219 Carroll Gartin Building
Jackson, MS
(601) 354-6165

B. Transcripts of Committee Hearings and Meetings, Copies of Unpublished Committee Reports:

Write or call individual committee chairperson.

C. Publication of Mississippi Acts and Joint Resolutions:

1. Slip Laws— not published; bill, when in final form as sent to Governor, functions as slip law.

Available from address as listed under II. A. Supra.

2. Advance Sheets—time varies, usually around late May.

3. Bound volumes.

General Acts—time varies, usually February of next year.

Local and Private—time varies, usually March of next year.

Last two items available from:

Secretary of State
Heber Ladner Building
Jackson, Mississippi
(601) 359-1350.

Chester S. Bunnell
University of Mississippi Law Library

Virginia



1. To get a Bill

Call: 804/786-6984
Write: Bill Room
General Assembly Bldg.
910 Capitol Street
Richmond, VA 23219

2. Recently passed Act

Call: 804/786-7281
Write: Legislative Information
House of Delegates
P.O. Box 406
Richmond, VA 23206

3. General Assembly Committee Hearings

Non-existent

4. General Assembly Committee Reports

Non-existent

There are Senate and House Documents. These are not from a General Assembly Committee, but are usually reports of a Commission to the General Assembly. The Documents are available free from:

Legislative Support Commission
c/o Div. of Legislative Automated Systems
P.O. Box 654
Richmond, VA 23205

5. Duration of General Assembly's Session:

Begins on the second Wednesday in January. Lasts 60 days in even numbered years, 30 days in odd numbered years. There is an option to extend the annual regular session for 30 days or less.

6. Deadline for introduction of bills in the General Assembly:

There is no designated deadline. Each year, a joint resolution is passed providing a schedule for the conduct of business during the session.

7. Date when acts go into effect:

Bills enacted at regular session (or reconvened session) are effective July 1 following adjournment of regular session, unless another date is specified.

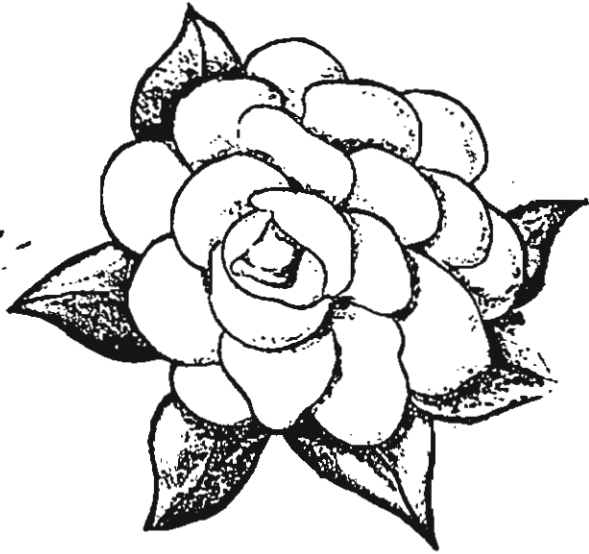
Bills enacted at special session (or reconvened session which follows) are effective on 1st day of 4th month following adjournment of special session, unless another date is specified.

Gen'l Appropriation Act is usually effective July 1st, and Emergency Acts become effective when signed by Governor.

8. Preliminary format in which acts are available:

- a) Enrolled bills—see 2 above.
- b) CCH Advance Session Laws Reporter (Virginia).

Jackie Lichtman
University of Virginia Law Library



ALABAMA

The Alabama Legislature began meeting annually in 1975 and convenes on the third Tuesday in April of the first year of the term of office of the legislators, on the first Tuesday of February of the second and third years of such term and on the second Tuesday in January of the fourth year of such term. Such annual sessions shall not continue longer than 30 legislative days and 105 calendar days.

Bills may be filed anytime within the legislative session, but it takes five (5) days for a bill to pass both House and Senate. Therefore, in effect, they must be filed within the first twenty-five (25) legislative days.

The act itself usually specifies that the law is to go into effect upon a specific date or upon passage and approval of the Governor. The acts are first published in pamphlet (slip) form. Bills of local application are required to be published in a local newspaper before passage by the Legislature. The Alabama Legislature Reference Service publishes a service entitled "Summaries of General Laws Enacted and Constitutional Amendments Proposed by the Legislature of Alabama . . ." of each legislative session. There is no cost.

Copies of Senate bills may be obtained from the Secretary of the Senate, State Capitol, Montgomery, AL 36130 (phone 205/263-2978). Copies of House bills may be obtained from the Clerk of the House, State Capitol, Montgomery, AL 36130 (phone 205/832-5219).

After the bill becomes a law, 40 copies of each slip act are sent to the Secretary of State, 105 State Capitol, Montgomery, AL 36130 (phone 205/832-3570). These are to be given away free. After these are exhausted, copies of the enrolled acts are available at a charge of \$1.50 per page.

Another source for both bills and slip acts is the Legislative Digest, 415 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36130 (phone 205/834-6717). They will send free copies of slip acts if available. If not available, the charge is \$.50 per page on any legislation (bills or enrolled acts).

Bound volumes of the Acts of Alabama are available from the Secretary of State but the best arrangement is to use a jobber, i.e., Gaunt, Hein or Rothman.

In Alabama there are no official committee hearings or reports published. There may be unofficial correspondence and reports made by committee members, but copies must be obtained directly from these committee members.

*Cherry L. Thomas
Alabama Supreme Court and
State Law Library*



Louisiana

(Numbers refer to addresses and telephone numbers at the end.)

The Louisiana Legislature meets annually in regular sessions which convene at noon on the third Monday in April and last sixty legislative days during an eighty-five calendar day period. The session usually runs from mid-April to late July. Extraordinary (special) sessions may be called by the governor or by a written petition of a majority of the elected members of each house. A proclamation must be issued stating the length and object of the session, which may last no longer than thirty calendar days.

Bills may be prefiled in either house up to three weeks before the regular session begins, but no legislator may introduce a bill after the first fifteen calendar days of the session except by favorable record vote of two thirds of the members of each house.

For an excellent and detailed description of the Louisiana Legislature see: *Citizen's Guide to the 1980 Legislature* published every four years by the Public Affairs Research Council. (1)

During the legislative session the House of Representatives Research Library maintains a public information service called PULS (Public Update Legislative System) (2) which provides description and status of pending legislation as well as information on committee action. The staff can search for pending legislation on a certain subject or legislation which will amend a revised statute or Civil Code article. Because the PULS line provides such timely and complete information, it is not necessary to consult the daily House and Senate journals to track pending legislation. Besides, these daily journals and interim calendars are not readily available outside the legislature.

The staff at the PULS line can provide copies of current bills and resolutions usually free of charge. Also, copies are available from the House Docket Room and the Senate Docket Room free of charge. (3)

Past bills and resolutions are available from the House and Senate Docket Rooms as well. The Louisiana State Library has copies of bills and resolutions on microfilm dating back to 1952. (4) They prefer to send out the microfilm rather than to copy it.

Bills passed by the legislature and approved by the governor (or not vetoed by him) become effective on the sixtieth day after the final adjournment of the legislature unless another effective date is specified. The acts first appear in the Baton Rouge *State-Times* newspaper, which is designated as the official state journal. The Secretary of State's office receives the signed acts from the Governor's office, numbers them, and sends copies to the *State-Times*. The acts are published numerically in groups about once a week for about nine weeks. Subscriptions to the acts sections are available from the *State-Times* for about \$7.00 plus postage. (5)

Certified copies of individual acts are available from the Secretary of State's Office, Publication Division. (6) This office will also provide copies of acts which have not yet appeared in the *State-Times* if you have a bill number or an act number. They charge a minimum of \$1.00 for up to ten pages and ten cents a page for additional pages.

There is no printed subject index to the acts until the *Acts of the Louisiana Legislature* is published and sold by the Secretary of State, Administrative Services, Book Distribution Section. (6) The "newspaper bound acts" are simply a compilation of the newspaper print acts as they appeared in the *State-Times* with the addition of a list of acts by bill number and a subject index. The acts cost around \$5.00 and are ready for sale about three months after the session ends.

About a month after the legislature adjourns, West's *Louisiana Session Law Service* begins publication. The service does have a subject index and lists of statutes affected and of senate and house bills enacted, which cumulate with each issue. (7)

During the time that West's *Louisiana Session Law Service* is coming out and before the newspaper bound acts are available with a subject index, it is best to call the House of Representatives Research Library (2) to find out if a specific bill has been enacted, if any laws were enacted on a certain subject, or if any new laws affected a particular statute or Civil Code article.

About three months after the adjournment of the legislature, the *Louisiana Legislature: Resume of Acts, Resolutions and Vetoed Bills* is published as a joint effort of the House and Senate staffs. It is a compilation of digests of all legislation passed during the session, and it also contains detailed statistical data summarizing the session. The *Resume* is available for sale for about \$25.00 from the House of Representatives Research Library. (8)

About seven months after the session is over, the hard bound acts are available for sale from the Secretary of State, Administrative Services, Book Distribution Section. (6) The set is usually published in two volumes and sells for about \$50.00. Unless you are desperate to fill up your empty library shelves with the bulky acts, they are also available in microfiche from William Hein Company. (9)

Trying to find out why a particular act was passed or amended is not an easy task. The cumulative House and Senate journals contain an outline account of each chamber's proceedings day by day. The journals do not

include minutes of discussion or debate, but they do include the titles of all measures (the title of a bill expresses the object of the legislation) introduced, considered or acted upon by each house, the text of amendments to these measures, committee reports (usually a sentence: "Reported favorably by the Committee on Retirement"), roll call votes, messages from the Governor and messages from one house to the other. The final Legislative Calendar serves as an index to the cumulative House and Senate journals. The calendar lists each bill, concurrent resolution and simple resolution by title and shows the legislative action on each and the date on which the action was taken. The cumulative journals and calendar are available about four months after the end of the session and are distributed by the Secretary of State, Administrative Services, Book Distribution Section. The only charge is for postage. (6)

For information about committee action or any other existing legislative history, it is necessary to call both the Senate Research Services and the House Legislative Services. (10) The Senate Research Services keeps copies of the minutes of the various committee meetings. The minutes are prepared by the secretary of the committee and are not a verbatim record of the committee's actions. The minutes are distilled from tapes of committee meetings and from notes taken by the secretary. The Senate Research Services will help you find any legislative history that does exist and may refer you to the committee itself if they cannot find any information. Prior to 1973 it is almost impossible to get legislative history. Most information is provided free of charge.

The House Legislative Services, like the Senate, will locate committee minutes or other materials, and if there is a cassette tape of a committee meeting, they will duplicate it for \$3.00. Again, prior to 1973, it is difficult to find anything. (10)

One other place to check is the Louisiana State Law Institute, which is the state's official law revision commission. The Institute directs and supervises the continuing codification of Louisiana law and recommends substantive changes in codes of law. If a piece of legislation has been drafted by the Institute, one may obtain information from them. (1)

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

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| <p>(1) Public Affairs Research Council
P.O. Box 3118
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
504-343-9204</p> <p>(2) PULS (Available during the session)
800-272-8186 (Toll free in La. during the session)
House of Representatives Research Library</p> <p>(3) House Docket Room: 504-342-8457
Senate Docket Room: 504-342-2365</p> <p>(4) Louisiana State Library
P.O. Box 131
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
504-342-4913</p> <p>(5) Baton Rouge <i>State-Times</i>
525 Lafayette Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
504-388-111 x225
800-272-9822 x225 (Toll free in Louisiana)</p> <p>(6) Louisiana Secretary of State
Baton Rouge, LA 70804
800-272-8363 (Main number toll free in La.)
504-342-5710 (Main information number)
504-342-5990 (Publication Division)
504-925-4680 (Administrative Services,
Book Distribution Section)</p> | <p>(7) West Publishing Company
P.O. Box 3526
St. Paul, Minnesota 55165
612-228-2500</p> <p>(8) House of Representatives Research Library
P.O. Box 44012
Baton Rouge, LA 70804
504-342-2431</p> <p>(9) William S. Hein & Co.
1285 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14209
800-828-7571 (Toll free)</p> <p>(10) Senate Research Services
504-342-2040 (Main number for the Senate)</p> <p>House Research Services
504-342-7393 (Main number for the
House of Representatives)</p> <p>(11) Louisiana State Law Institute
Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Rm 382
University Station
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
504-342-6360</p> |
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*by Georgia Chadwick
Reference Librarian
Law Library of Louisiana*

Westlaw Service Available to Alabama Judges



The Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library offers computer-assisted legal research as a service to both trial and appellate judges throughout the state. A staff attorney at the library takes requests in person, by telephone, or by mail from the judge or his law clerks and staff attorneys. In the interview, information is sought that will aid the researcher in defining the parameters of the problem. Once the problem is conceptualized, a query is formulated for entry on the retrieval terminal.

The time needed to formulate a query and answer a problem varies with the complexity of the problem and the clarity with which it can be defined. Many requests can be answered in minutes. More difficult problems may require hours of thought and analysis before a query can be formulated. But once the query is formulated, the retrieval system can often obtain results immediately.

The key to computer searching is formulating a proper query. In simple terms a query is a pattern of words that would occur in a case that discussed your issue. To define that pattern, the researcher has to be familiar with legal analysis and issues and the language used to express legal concepts. Our experience has shown that better results are obtained from the efforts of one proficient operator than from infrequent searches by each individual judge or law clerk.

The system is not difficult to understand, but detailed knowledge of the system is hard to retain without frequent use. Communication problems can be avoided if judges and law clerks are given an explanation of the functions and limits of the system. This enables them to know when to utilize the system and how to phrase their problem. As with conventional research, the initial analysis is the most difficult step. Computers do not replace traditional legal research methods but are only a complement and supplement to the conventional research tools. A thorough grounding in the use of manual legal research tools is advised because the computer cannot answer every question, even though it can obtain results unreachable by any conventional method. Proficiency in interrelating this versatile tool with other research tools is necessary. At this point, computers do not obviate the need to think and analyze.

Some of the services that we can offer because of the computer include rapid Shepardizing, obtaining opinions before the advance sheets are out, compiling lists of cases from other jurisdictions quickly and in an organized format without the need for typing lists of citations, bypassing the digest system to search directly for a certain type of case (e.g., Murder by hula hoop), locating a case with only one pertinent fact remembered (e.g., a case that mentions Alice in Wonderland), and finding a case a judge remember writing years back on a specific issue. The type of case that can be retrieved is limited only by your ability to determine what language would be used in the case. The hardest thing to accept is that a case does not exist on a certain topic.

Experience will soon show that computers are not panaceas, despite the often exaggerated claims of enthusiasts. They are proving to be versatile and powerful tools.

*James C. Berryman
Formerly Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library*

Monday, June 27, 1983, Houston, Texas

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries was called to order by Don Ziegenfuss of Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith & Cutler at 7:55 a.m. on June 27, 1983, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston, Texas.

The first order of business was the introduction of the head table and of the membership present at the meeting.

The membership agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the past meeting. There were no corrections.

Secretary/Treasurer Ed Edmonds gave the financial report. The beginning balance as of February, 1983, was \$3,214.14. Additional deposits amounted to \$5,351.57. Debits during the same period amounted to \$3,389.39. The ending balance as of June 20, 1983, was \$5,176.32. Copies of the financial report were circulated to all members present at the meeting, and a copy will be published in the newsletter.

Ed Edmonds gave the report of the election results. One hundred and fifty ballots were cast for the election of Vice-President/President-Elect. There were 145 ballots cast for Edwin Schroeder of the Florida State University Law Library. There were three abstentions and two write-in votes. The membership applauded the results and acknowledged Ed's election. The membership approved of the destruction of the ballots.

The Scholarship Committee report was given by Brian Polley of the Florida Supreme Court Library in the absence of Gene Teitelbaum of the University of Louisville Law Library, who was ill and could not attend the meeting. Mr. Polley noted that three scholarships, in the amount of \$250.00 were given to members during the past year. Two of those scholarships were granted to Constance Matzen and Carmen Melindez to attend the national meeting. One scholarship was granted to JoEllen McComb to be used for attendance at the first meeting of the Southeastern Chapter.

Leah Chanin, President of the American Association of Law Libraries and Past President of the Southeastern Chapter, stopped to say hello to the group and to thank them for their support during the past year.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reported that there was nothing currently pending. Ed Edmonds is working on the wording of an amendment concerning members who live outside of the region.

Don Ziegenfuss announced that the next annual meeting will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 12-14th, 1984. Howard Hood of the Vanderbilt University Law Library is chairman of local arrangements for that meeting. Ed Schroeder will serve as Program Chairman for the meeting.

Ed Schroeder discussed his current ideas regarding the program for the Nashville meeting. The focus of the program will most likely be on automation. However, any other suggestions for topics or speakers are very much welcomed.

Don Ziegenfuss noted that the New Orleans Chapter has extended an invitation for hosting the 1985 meeting. He read a letter from Carol Billings of the Law Library of Louisiana and current President of the New Orleans Chapter concerning hosting the convention for 1985. Betty Taylor of the University of Florida Law Library suggested the possibility that we hold the meeting jointly with the Southwestern Association of Law Librarians as was done in New Orleans in 1976. The feeling of all members in attendance was that this was an excellent idea.

Don Ziegenfuss reported on advertising possibilities for the newsletter. Don discussed the report of Hazel Johnson of Smith & Hulsey in Jacksonville, Florida, regarding her survey of two regional chapters and AALL. The three groups help defray newsletter costs by allowing either business card size or other appropriate advertisements. Don also noted that there has been significant decrease in the cost of the newsletter during the past year. Bill Younger of the Alabama Supreme Court Library asked Carol Bilings about postage for the newsletter. Under current bulk mailing privileges, newsletters are being mailed at \$0.11 per copy. Don noted that the possible inclusion of the advertisements in the newsletter should not affect the tax exempt status of the organization.

Having concluded all old business, Don Ziegenfuss called for any new business. Lamar Woodard, of the Stetson University Law Library, noted that the upcoming meeting of the Southeastern Conference of the American Association of Law Schools was going to concentrate on new teaching methods. He is working together with Betty Taylor on the program for law librarians at that meeting. The major idea for a program after the luncheon on Friday, August 12, 1983, is the comparison of expenditures from library budgets between traditional and automated materials.

The next report was from Carol Billings, the current editor of the *Southeastern Law Librarian*. She noted the inclusion of a new column involving current legislative materials in the most recent edition of the newsletter. Carol is interested in locating regional correspondents for the newsletter. She would also like to know if any members are interested in writing a regular column.

Betty Taylor noted that the SOLINET Law Library Users Group, chaired by Ed Schroeder, is having considerable influence with SOLINET. She also noted that she had recently been elected Chairman of the Board of SOLINET.

Don Ziegenfuss was recognized for being named Coordinator of the Council of Chapter Presidents.

Don Ziegenfuss concluded his comments by stating that he had been very honored to serve during the year and particularly at the Lake Buena Vista meeting. He made a presentation of the ceremonial gavel to incoming president Kay Todd, of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker of Atlanta, Georgia in absentia. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Edmonds
Secretary/Treasurer

S.E.A.L.L. Financial Report

Beginning Balance, February, 1983:	\$3,214.14
Deposits:	
Additional 1982-1983 Dues	210.00
1983-1984 Dues	1,450.00
Return Check from Howard Johnson's	62.00
Return of Convention Fund (Orlando)	3,169.00
Publisher's Contribution (Orlando)	400.00
Additional Convention Registrations (Orlando)	60.00
Total:	5,351.57
Debits:	
Speakers' Expenses (Orlando)	656.97
Convention Expenses	744.82
Scholarships	750.00
Scholarship Committee	157.79
Nashville Ticket Purchase	140.00
Newsletter Postage	87.89
Newsletter (Volume 8, Number 3 & 4)	682.00
Supplies for Mailing Lists and Election	46.47
Postage (Invoices & Ballots)	123.45
Total	3,389.39
Ending Balance	5,176.32

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Edmonds
Secretary/Treasurer
June 20, 1983

*An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Periodicals, Newsletters and
Newspapers for the Law Librarian: Part I*
by Elyse Fox, Consultant

Reprinted from Law Librarians of New England News, v.3, no.4

This two part bibliography will identify selected periodicals, newsletters and newspapers that include substantive articles applicable to law libraries and law librarians. Part I will deal with periodicals, Part II with newsletters and newspapers.

The following information is provided for each periodical:

NAME

- a. Brief description of typical major articles; for non-law library periodicals, additionally, examples of articles applicable to law libraries and law librarians.
- b. Frequency of publication.
- c. Subscription cost.
- d. Subscription address.

1. DATABASE: THE MAGAZINE OF DATABASE REFERENCE AND REVIEW

- a. Database reference and review, specific database search techniques.
Examples: how to access federal documents online, databases for the legal profession, searching the CIS database.
- b. 4/year
- c. \$56/year
- d. Online, Inc.
11 Tannery Lane
Weston, CT 06883

2. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS REVIEW: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ISSUES AND INFORMATION RESOURCES

- a. Production, distribution, processing and use of government publications and information from all levels of government: municipal, state, federal, international agencies and foreign countries.
- b. 6/year
- c. Institutions and libraries: \$160/year or \$304/two years
Any individual whose institution subscribes may subscribe personally for \$45/year.
- d. Pergamon Press, Inc.
Fairview Park
Elmsford, NY 10523

3. INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION (formerly INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LAW LIBRARIES)

- a. Internatinal and foreign law sources, legislative perspectives, surveys, reviews of publications with national, multinational or subject importance. Official publication of the International Association of Law Libraries.
- b. 6/year
- c. Institutions: \$55/year
Individuals: \$38/year
Subscription included in IALL membership.
- d. International Association of Law Libraries Headquarters
c/o Professor Igor I. Kavass
Vanderbilt University School of Law
Nashville, TN 37203

4. **LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL**
 - a. Legal research and bibliography, professionalism, contemporary concerns, surveys. Official publication of the American Association of Law Libraries.
 - b. 4/year
 - c. \$30/year
Subscription included in AALL membership.
 - d. American Association of Law Libraries
53 West Jackson Boulevard
Suite 703
Chicago, IL 60604

5. **LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY**
 - a. Identification and evaluation of legal reference and research tools and sources, with bibliographies, government documents in legal research, research tools in practitioners' subject specialties.
 - b. 4/year
 - c. Institutions and libraries: \$40/year
Individuals: \$25/year
 - d. The Haworth Press
28 East 22 Street
New York, NY 10010

6. **LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY REPORTS**
 - a. Description and evaluation of library systems, equipment and supplies, including pictures, specifications, warranties, names and addresses of suppliers, and prices. Each issue is devoted to one topic, for example, photocopiers, microform equipment, movable compact shelving.
 - b. 6/year
 - c. \$135/year
 - d. American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611

7. **MICROFORM REVIEW**
 - a. Microform reviews, use of microforms, micropublishing, bibliographic control, preservation and storage, conversion. Annual fall government documents issue.
 - b. 4/year
 - c. Journal edition only: \$48/year
Microfiche edition only: \$43/year
Journal and microfiche: \$91/year
 - d. Meckler Publishing
520 Riverside Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

8. **ONLINE: THE MAGAZINE OF ONLINE INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
 - a. Online information systems, instruction, search techniques, costs. Examples: automated legal research and litigation support, online systems for legal research, review of WESTLAW and guide to searching the database.
 - b. 6/year
 - c. \$78/year
 - d. Online, Inc.
11 Tannery Lane
Westport, CT 06883

9. **REFERENCE SERVICES REVIEW**
 - a. Evaluation of reference sources and databases, guides to book selection, use of reference sources and evaluation of reference collections, government documents. Examples: providing reference service with state documents, statistical abstracts for reference, depository library inspection program.
 - b. 4/year
 - c. \$39.50/year
 - d. Pierian Press
P.O. Box 1808
Ann Arbor, MI 48106

10. **THE SERIALS LIBRARIAN: THE INTERNATIONAL QUARTERLY OF SERIALS MANAGEMENT**

A. Serials management and librarianship, collection development, serials in microform. Examples: corporate and government annual reports, content, significance and availability of *Federal Register* and *Code of Federal Regulations*, basic bibliographic and current awareness sources for government documents.

b. 4/year

c. \$40/year

d. The Haworth Press
28 East 22 Street
New York, NY 10010

In Memoriam — Harriet M. Lemann

Harriet Lemann, who served as director of the Law Library of Louisiana from 1971 until her retirement in 1981, died suddenly of a heart attack at her home in New Orleans on July 9. An active member of SEALL, AALL and SLA, Miss Lemann was a regular participant in national and regional meetings and had many friends in law librarianship.

Having taken her B.A. at Newcomb College, she completed her library science degree at L.S.U. and an M.A. in English at Tulane. After serving as an army librarian during World War II, she worked at Loyola University and then for 20 years at International House. During her ten years at the state law library she presided over its reorganization and professionalization, bringing about many improvements.

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ALABAMA

Virginia Hare, Dallas County Law Librarian, Selma, Alabama, is currently an intern with the Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library. This internship involves 100 hours of work and instruction. She will receive three semester hours of credit toward her M.L.S. for this internship. Virginia is nearing completion of her M.L.S. at the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Services. Library staff members Sarah Frins, Cherry Thomas, Lynn Boyd and Elizabeth Graham will be instructing Virginia in technical services, reader services, serials and Westlaw, respectively. The Supreme Court and State Law Library has participated once before in the Internship in Law Libraries program and has found it to be of great benefit to the library as well as to the student.

FLORIDA

The sixth annual meeting of the Florida State, Court and County Law Libraries will be hosted by the Florida Supreme Court Library in Tallahassee, Oct. 20-22, 1983. The topic of the meeting is "Focus '83 — Capital Legal Resources." The program will emphasize research into legislative intent and will include visits to the Legislative Library and the State Archives. Also included in the program will be a visit to the Florida Bar to meet the director of Continuing Legal Education Publications and a tour of Florida State University College of Law's new Law Library Building.

GEORGIA

Pat O'Neal, Circulation Librarian, has been promoted to Assistant Director at MERCER UNIVERSITY Law Library. Leah Chanin has published a 2-part article on "Developing a State Law Collection" in *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Spring/Summer, 1983.

LOUISIANA

J. Wesley Cochran, Head of Public Services at LOYOLA UNIVERSITY Law Library has resigned to become Associate Law Librarian at Marian G. Gallagher Law Library at the University of Washington. New member Cynthia Harper has joined Loyola as Circulation Librarian. She received a B.A. degree in English from the University of Louisville, and an M.L.S. from Vanderbilt. Joan Pelland, has been promoted to the position of Head of Technical Services at Loyola. She was formerly the Acquisitions/Serials Librarian.

MISSISSIPPI

Pencie Latham has been hired in the temporary position of Circulation/Cataloging Librarian at the UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI Law Library. Pencie holds a B.A.E. from the University of Mississippi and a M.L.S. from University of Southern Mississippi. She has previously worked as a school librarian and in other paraprofessional and temporary professional positions in the Law Library, and as a graduate assistant at U.S.M. Ann Fessenden, Technical Services Librarian and part-time law student has recently received the First National Bank of Jackson Award for outstanding ability in the field of wills and estates.



Conservation Through Cooperation

Acting on the belief "that the conservation of library materials is an issue that demands coordinated and expert action at the regional level," SOLINET has submitted a grant proposal to establish a conservation program. The following excerpts from the May SOLINEWS outline what the staff envisions.

Because of concern during the past decade over the accelerating rate at which paper materials are deteriorating, "a number of libraries, archives, historical societies, and their associations have begun to focus attention on the urgency of conserving our printed records. However, while those who deal directly with printed matter daily see dramatic evidence of the need for conservation and/or preservation, three factors have made it difficult for them to satisfy that need: (1) the great amount of material in need of conservation treatment, (2) the high cost of some conservation processes and equipment, and (3) the limited number of trained conservators available. These factors have led some librarians to begin looking for national or regional solutions to their conservation needs

"The Southeast is an area rich in research material, and some state libraries and archives have led the way in the establishment of conservation and preservation units. While their conservators are generous with concern and advice, the primary responsibility of these institutions is to state documents; therefore, they cannot begin to provide a solution to the broad and complex conservation needs of southeastern libraries, archives, historical societies, and others charged with the care of our documentary heritage. In addition, some techniques and equipment are so expensive that their use at multiple locations in the Southeast is not financially prudent

"The urgency of the problem in the region and the unavailability of remedy for the majority of institutions makes it clear that a regional approach is in order, and SOLINET is prepared to assume a leadership role in providing conservation education, information and services for the Southeast. Frank Grisham has received encouragement from many individuals familiar with both librarianship and grantsmanship who believe a SOLINET conservation proposal would be viewed favorably by an outside funding agency. In addition, the SOLINET Board has given its approval to the plan.

"In its present stage, the SOLINET conservation proposal projects a three-year, grant-funded program along these general lines: An Office of Conservation Studies would be established and would coordinate conservation information and services for the region. During the first year, the conservation staff would emphasize educational training, and consultative services. In the second year, a small-scale conservation laboratory would be established, equipped to provide preservation and restoration services for paper materials, and the educational activities would continue. During the third year, if sufficient need and interest had been demonstrated, SOLINET would begin a full-scale conservation lab, capable of such projects as mass deacidification, encapsulation, fumigation and micrographic duplication; and a regional security storage facility could be established. After the initial three years, it is projected that the program will have generated sufficient interest and be sufficiently well established to be self-sustaining. While some of these projected restoration services are now available through vendors, SOLINET would provide them at a lower cost."

The SOLINET staff is anxious to receive comments, suggestions and support for the project. Anyone interested in the possibility of serving on a Conservation Advisory Committee should notify them.

Placement

Positions Available:

The Loyola University Law Library announces the following positions:

Reference Librarian/Assistant Professor. Tenure-track, 12-month contract. J.D. and M.L.S. degrees from ABA/AALLS and ALA accredited schools with substantial professional or law library experience required. Experience in computer systems preferred. Evening/weekend duties required. Available immediately. Salary competitive. Application: Resume, J.D. and M.L.S. degree transcripts, three letters of reference to Win-Shin S. Chiang, Law Librarian, Loyola University, 6363 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA. 70118.

Catalog Librarian.

Duties: Responsible to the Head of Technical Services for the staff and operation of the Catalog Department. Qualifications: MLS degree from ALA accredited library school; one year of professional experience in the catalog department of an academic or a law library; working knowledge of AACR II, LC classification & SH systems, ALA filing rules, and automation techniques, including OCLC; knowledge of one modern European language; demonstrated supervisory skills. Commencing date: Immediately. Salary: Competitive. Application: Send resume, MLS transcript, three letters of reference to above address.

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