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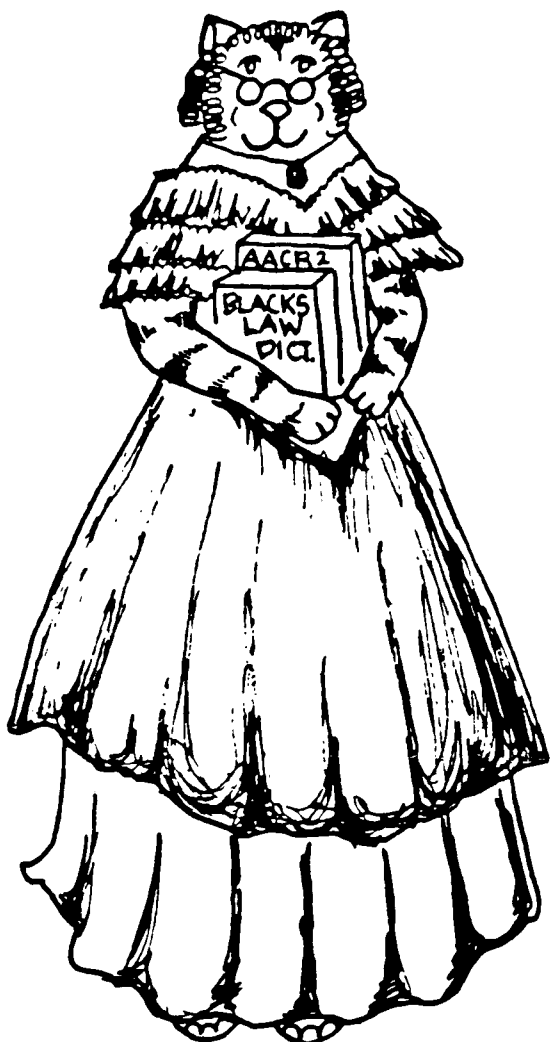
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## The Editor's Corner



**CATALOGER** JK

Volume 8 of the MAALL Newsletter is under way! Along with the new volume and the new year, you have a new Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter will be coming to you from The University of Tulsa Law Library. The format of the Newsletter will remain unchanged for this first issue and you should find all the familiar news and views sections developed by the previous editor Kay Andrus. I know you all join me in thanking Kay for his hard work in bringing us the Newsletter last year. **THANK YOU KAY!**

One of my goals as editor is to make the Newsletter more reactive to the needs and interests of all of you, its readers. In the next issues you will find new features such as: biographical sketches; book reviews; professional reading lists and Q and A columns in addition to the "usual" contents. These new features have been requested by MAALL members and "we aim to please!" In responding to these requests I will in turn ask for volunteers to help bring them all to pass. If you would like to volunteer to write for the Newsletter we would be pleased to have you! If you have any ideas that would make good reading and be of interest/benefit to everyone PLEASE contact me or one of the Newsletter committee members.

There were many people involved in producing this Newsletter: the contributors and the support of Kathie Belgum, Richard Ducey and the staff of The University of Tulsa Law Library. All typographical errors however, are my own. 'Til next time.

---Katherine J. Tooley

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**APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MARCH 15!**

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

February has always been my favorite "winter" month. Perhaps the reason is that it is the shortest and thus we get through it in a hurry. However I do not want it said I am wishing my life (either professional or personal) away. Yet February in law librarianship does mean certain things. Our minds tend to begin focusing on the next Annual Meeting - in this instance Atlanta. Please note the page on Grants and Scholarships in this issue of the Newsletter.

At this time the Executive Board of MAALL is trying to do some long range planning. You were told in December that we were pursuing the idea of a joint meeting in 1989 with CALL and perhaps other chapters. That planning is going on "full steam" right now. So it is appropriate that we now give you, the membership, a chance to take part in that planning. Program is on our minds. It is not too early to start the planning for '89. This means we need names of individuals who are interested in helping to plan the program, or just ideas about what kind of program you want, or even members coming forth and offering their talents. You would find program planning not only interesting but rewarding - when things go well and everyone takes part with enthusiasm. Just drop me a line labeled "Programs '89" and I will contact you about the details. Remember, you are not committing yourself to "chair" the program right now - just to help in the planning stage.

Another item of interest is a mailing received by all chapters from AALL Headquarters concerning chapter by-laws. No panic. We have done nothing wrong. However our By-laws Committee, Laurel Wendt and Kristy Elam, are reviewing the document from Chicago (which came from a committee chaired by one of us, Sally Wise) and will be notifying the membership of possible changes in time for the Atlanta and Iowa City meetings. This is imperative should a vote be

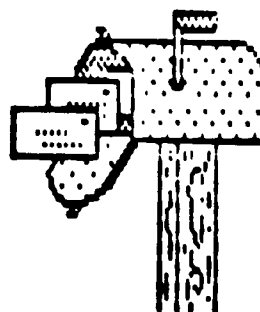
necessary.

You will remember at the Kansas City meeting the new MAALL 1987 Membership Directory was available. Jim Milles did a marvelous job in getting the directory ready for that meeting even though we knew there would be inaccuracies. I hope you have all examined the directory by now and have sent your corrections and additions to Jim. Normally the way names are added to the directory is by a new member sending in their dues to Mike McReynolds. Mike then updates the "current members" list for Jim. We hesitate to remove names from the directory; however if you know that someone has left law librarianship and is no longer interested in paying dues, it would be helpful if you would pass that information on to Jim. Also please check phone numbers. I notice even mine is wrong - it should be 335-9016. Jim will have a new, updated directory ready for June. So now is the time to convince your associates to join.

I am anxiously awaiting news of all the "papers in process" that are going to be submitted for the 1988 MAALL meeting. This is your chance.

**\*HAPPY SHORTEST MONTH OF THE YEAR\***

Kathie Belgum



## LIBRARY CORPORATION'S INTELLIGENT CATALOG

Submitted by Richard Amelung\*

Last fall's MAALL convention in Kansas City provided many of us an opportunity to learn more about compact disk technology and its applications. One of the companies participating in the discussion was Library Corporation. Although they chose not to have an exhibit, they did bring along one of their products, the Intelligent Catalog. Those of us who had the chance to use the system came away fairly impressed.

Some may recall the company's full-page ads in American Libraries last summer trumpeting an online public access catalog for a mere \$2,495. My reaction at the time was-- "Too good to be true" and "If it's CD-ROM based, how do you up-date ... 3 x 5 cards?" Further investigation shows a clearer picture both in terms of price and capabilities.

As for the price, there are five basic pricing components that a library must consider: 1) cost of securing archival records for items cataloged in MARC until now, 2) initial de-duping and authority work, 3) per terminal price of \$2,495., 4) on-going maintenance, support, updating and enhancements of \$37.50/terminal/month, and 5) cost of

monthly tape subscription if the institution is not currently subscribing. All things considered, such a system still comes down to a bottom line figure that does not approximate the federal deficit. Furthermore, those of us who still file cards might do well to estimate those costs as a comparison.

The catalog can be updated monthly or less frequently. The process involves sending a MARC tape of monthly transactions to Library Corporation which compares the records to those existing on your disk. The company transfers the monthly records to a cassette tape which they forward to the library. Someone in the library places the cassette into a player which plugs into the back of the terminal. By initiating a command on the terminal, the library employee causes the records to be copied from the cassette to the hard disk in the terminal. From that moment on, when a patron searches the information on that particular terminal, appropriate records will be retrieved both from the CD and the hard disk, interfiled and displayed in a process transparent to the user. The company remasters the CD when the hard disk reaches capacity.

What could be considered just as impressive are features which rival large, main-frame systems. The

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Although the reception of this joint venture has been warm, reasons for participation are extremely varied. Many institutions view this move as one in a logical progression towards a fully integrated system in the future. Some consider this an inexpensive opportunity to gain experience with an automated system. Others, who are already "enjoying" an automated system, expressed the desire of having a cheap, back-up system for planned and unplanned downtime. Installation in the first Consortium libraries is slated for this spring.

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**MALSLC UNION LIST**  
Submitted by Marilyn K. Nicely

Members of the Mid-America Consortium of Law Libraries participated with great enthusiasm in the recent MAALL Conference held in Kansas City, October 15-17. The Consortium sponsored a program on micro-computer laboratories conducted by Sally Wise. In conjunction with the program, Prof. Wise did a survey on computer labs and has a summary of results available to anyone who wishes to contact her. Sally is the Director of The University of Nebraska Law Library in Lincoln. David Ensign, Associate Director of Washburn University of Topeka Law Library distributed a revised union list of micro-computer software held by Consortium Libraries.

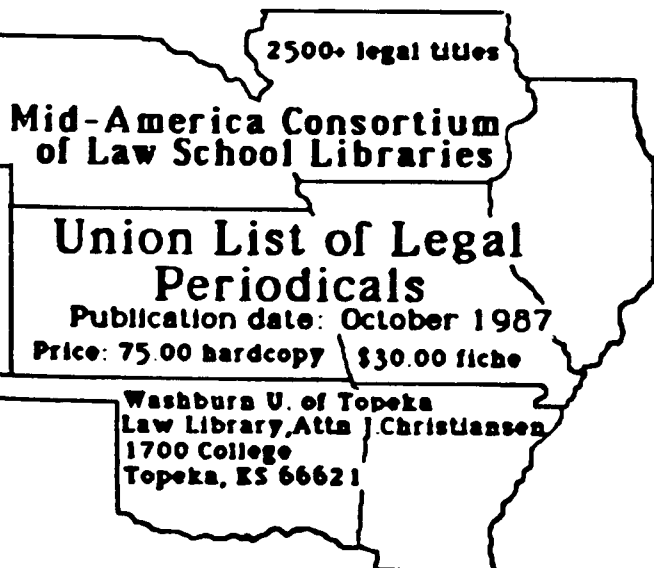
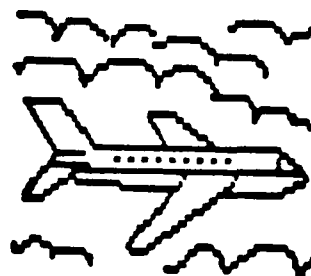
At its business meeting, the Consortium voted to make its union list of legal periodicals available to the general public. The price was set at \$75.00 in hard copy and \$30.00 in microfiche. There are more than 3000 legal titles in the union list. It is available for ordering from Washburn University of Topeka Law Library, Att.: John Christensen, 1700 College, Topeka, Kansas 66621.

The Consortium also voted to offer a \$10.00 discount (for either format) to members of the MAALL.

**MAALL STAFF EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Library staff members who would like to visit other MAALL law libraries in 1988 may want to consider applying for the staff exchange program. In an exchange program a staff member is able to spend several days in another library learning how it or one of its departments operates. Summer is the best time for many libraries to host visitors, so those wishing to travel to other institutions should begin making plans in the next few months. Reports from participants in the program indicate that the experience is invaluable for the visitor and the host. Exchange visits have been made to the law libraries at the University of Iowa, St. Louis University, Southern Illinois University and Washington University by staff members from Southern Illinois University, Creighton University, University of Missouri-Columbia and University of Kansas.

Most of the host libraries or staffs are able to provide some housing or meals for the visitor, so that the primary expense for the trip is travel. Travel grants of up to \$100.00 are available to cover expenses involved in visiting other MAALL libraries as part of the staff exchange program. An article explaining development of the program is found in 76 Law Lib. J. 402 (1983). For more information or application contact: John Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, IA 50311, or call (515)271-2141.



## NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF OTHER CHAPTERS

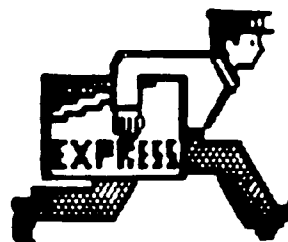
SUBMITTED BY SANDY KELLER

The Phoenix Area Association of Law Libraries will be holding its well-received Institute on Legal Bibliography again this spring. At the nine weekly sessions beginning in March, area law librarians will present an introduction to basic legal research materials. The final session will feature training on Westlaw and LEXIS by company representatives. Public librarians, paralegals, legal secretaries, and practitioners have found these courses very helpful in the past. (PAALL News, vol. 5, no. 7, January 1988).

The focus of the November/December issue of Law Library Lights (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.) is "Alternatives to 9 to 5." The theme grew out of a very successful program held last March on the topic of non-traditional careers or schedules for law librarians. Individual experiences in free-lance law firm librarianship, running a legislative services company, job-sharing, and working for a fee-based research service, among other alternative positions, were shared with readers. (Law Library Lights, vol. 31, no. 2, November/December 1987).

The Union List Committee of the Law Library Association of Greater New York has finished work on the 1987 revision of the list. Because of criticism of the previous list, a special effort was made to include newsletters. The Oxbridge Directory of Newsletters and a proof of the 1987 Legal Newsletters in Print provided by author Arlene Eis were checked, in addition to Index to Legal Periodicals, Current Law Index and the Chicago Association of Law Libraries title authority list. LLAGNY hopes to produce annual editions of the Union List, showing

previously reported holdings along with new titles and changes. (Law Lines, vol. 12, no. 3, November 1987)



## AALL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

AALL Scholarships and Grants materials are located at the end of this Newsletter. Included is a description and the appropriate forms. Remember that the deadline for applications to be to the Chair of the Committee is March 1, 1988!

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## "OF NOTE" AND MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### IOWA

University of Iowa: The University of Iowa has a new librarian. Actually the new professional position was upgraded from a Library Assistant III position. Angela Secrest, our new professional staff member, received her MLS degree from the University of Iowa in May 1985. She started working in the acquisitions department that spring. The following year Angie was promoted to a position in the cataloging department. Her new position is Head of Bibliographic Services which is new because of workflow changes due to automation. Angie is an excellent librarian and we look forward to her involvement in both MAALL and AALL in the near future.

### KANSAS

Sedgwick County Law Library: Sara I. Hill is the new librarian at the Sedgwick County Law Library. Her library degree is from Simmons College in Boston. Her library experience began in the Law Library in Green Hall at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. In addition to working in the Law Library, she also attended law school eventually completing twenty-three hours of law. Then her library career changed courses and for the next dozen-or-so years she worked in medical libraries. These libraries included Office of Library Services with the Kansas Regional Medical Program housed at the University of Kansas Medical Center Library, then Director of St. Lukes Hospital Library, and eventually reference librarian with the University of Kansas School of Medicine at Wichita. Before returning to the UKSM-W Medical Library, Sara worked in two non-traditional library positions with computer companies which automated libraries, Data Phase and Data Research (DRA). Currently, Sara looks forward to the challenge of moving the Sedgwick County Law Library to its new quarters in the Epic Center. This move

is planned to take place some time during the middle or end of February. Then the next project will be to catalog the collection. Additional future plans for the library include the advent of online searching and the automation of the library's circulation and cataloging functions.

The University of Kansas: The University of Kansas School of Law Library opened a computer lab on December 15, 1987. The lab, which was financed by a grant from the Office of Academic Affairs of the University, consists of 4 Zenith 159 microcomputers and 2 printers. The lab uses WordPerfect for word processing and is open the same hours as the Library. Plans are being made to access LEXIS and Westlaw from the lab in the future but at the present time the lab is for word processing by the law students.

### MISSOURI

University of Missouri-Columbia: Needra Jackson, Public Services Librarian, University of Missouri-Columbia has been placed on the ballot for Vice-chair/Chair-elect for the Reader Services SIS.

Jo Ann Humphreys, Computer Lab Coordinator and Government Documents Librarian at the University of Missouri Columbia Law Library, will be speaking on "Computer Instruction in a Local Area Network Environment" at the Small Computers in Libraries Conference to be held in Chicago from March 7-9, 1988.

University of Missouri-Kansas City: Patricia Harris will be the new Director at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library. She joins the Law School as Assistant Professor on April 18, 1988. Having earned her J.D. at the University of Texas and M.L.S. at the University of Oklahoma, she is currently Associate Law Library Director/Instructor in Law at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH.

**FOR SALE:** The University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library is selling several large sets of duplicate materials, including: Supreme Court Reporter; Federal Reporter, 2d; South Western Reporter; Missouri Cases; and Vernon's Annotated Missouri Statutes. Contact: Claudia Dansby, Acquisitions Librarian, (816)276-2439, FAX (816)444-6560, or ABA/Net 15018.

An annotated bibliography of selected opinions and other works by Benjamin N. Cardozo has been prepared at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law Library by Bill Draper, Reference Librarian. This publication was prepared in conjunction with an exhibit highlighting the gift to the Law School of a letter written by Cardozo, presented by UMKC alumnus I.I. Ozar. This bibliography of materials which are available at the UMKC Law Library attempts to share some of the flavor of the Justice's special gift for bringing legal concepts to life. For a copy of the brochure, contact: Elizabeth Gregory at (816)276-1650, FAX (816)444-6560, or ABA/Net 15018.

Jackson County Law Library: LEXIS and WESTLAW are now available for members of the Jackson County Law Library in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Attorneys may select either or both services to access from their office PC's or to use in the County Law Library. This is of particular importance to solo practitioners and small to medium size firms that do not want to maintain their own monthly subscription. Contact: Ellen Bull, Law Librarian, to set up membership at (816)221-2221.

KCALL: The Kansas City Association of Law Librarians has published a new version of the Union List Of Law Firms and other private law library holdings. This list is used to facilitate cooperation through a lending network for KCALL members. Therefore, only those materials each firm is willing to make available through the network are included. The Union List is updated in December each year.

Washington University Law Library: Stuart D. Yoak, Associate Law Librarian for Administration and Public Services at Washington University Law Library has recently been appointed registrar at Washington University. Stuart came to Washington University in 1984 from Wayne State University where he served as Adjunct Assistant Professor and Chief Reference Librarian.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA: The University of South Dakota Law Library has had a busy fall semester. Delores Jorgensen has finished her guide to legal research in South Dakota and it will be printed soon. Candice Spurlin, our circulation librarian, and Shirley Bridge, our acquisitions and accounting librarian, attended the MAALL Annual Meeting in Kansas City in October. Early in November, we learned that plans to automate the library using the PALS software were likely to be approved. At the current time it appears that we will be using PALS in a network that covers 10 libraries in the state of South Dakota. We expect to have an online catalog sometime in the spring, and we are planning to begin using the circulation system next fall. Acquisitions, serials, and interlibrary loan systems are also being developed. We have a hard job ahead in the next several months as we bring the system up, but the benefits will make the work worthwhile once the system is fully operational.

Delores A. Jorgensen and Barbara B. Heisinger, McKusick Law Library, have compiled a 1987 UPDATE to their earlier work: A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF INDIAN LAW PERIODICAL ARTICLES PUBLISHED 1980-1986. The 1980-1986 BIBLIOGRAPHY (\$6.50) and the UPDATE (\$2.50) are available from Donna Sommervold, Secretary to the Law Librarian, McKusick Law Library, School of Law, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069.

### **\*\*\*AALL SUMMER INSTITUTES\*\*\***

The following is a listing of the AALL Summer Institutes for 1988. Look for full information and registration forms for them in the February 1988 AALL Newsletter. The topics, co-directors and locations are as follows:

AALL Basic Cataloging Institute, The University of Tennessee Knoxville, June 21-24, 1988, co-directors Carol Avery Nicholson and Jamie Niss Dunn;

AALL Institute on Library Management, the University of Alabama Law Center Tuscaloosa, June 22-25, 1988, co-directors Richard A. Danner and Claire Engel;

AALL Institute: An Introduction to American Law, Information You Need to Know But Never Knew To Ask, University of Georgia Law School, The Georgia Center For Continuing Education, Athens, June 22-25, 1988, co-directors Kathleen M. Carrick and Donald G. Ziegenfuss.

### **MAALL PLACEMENT**

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, full or part-time, in any type of law library. In order to be effective, we need help from employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Although an effort is made to provide only current openings, some listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submissions of the list and publication.

Any law library that has a position open should contact the Placement Chair. Anyone interested in law library positions is invited to register with Placement. Job notices will be sent to registrants as soon as they are received by the Placement Chair. Contact: Needra Jackson, MAALL Placement Chair, University of Missouri-Columbia, MO 65211; Phone: (314)882-9675; Telefax: (314)882-9676; ABA/Net 15735.

### **ILLINOIS**

Research Specialist: Kirkland & Ellis is a 325 attorney firm with offices in Chicago, Denver, and Washington, D.C. The firm's research specialists provide sophisticated research support using state of the art technology and extensive book collections. They generate revenue sufficient to produce a profit margin on the cost of all library staff. Because this is a dynamic, expanding program, we often have positions available for individuals with graduate degrees from ALA-accredited library programs, and prefer candidates who have excellent communications skills and are experienced legal/business researchers. Salary and benefits are competitive. An Equal Opportunity Employer. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to: Charles E. Kregel, Jr., Information Services Manager, Kirkland & Ellis, 200 East Randolph Dr., Chicago, IL 60601.

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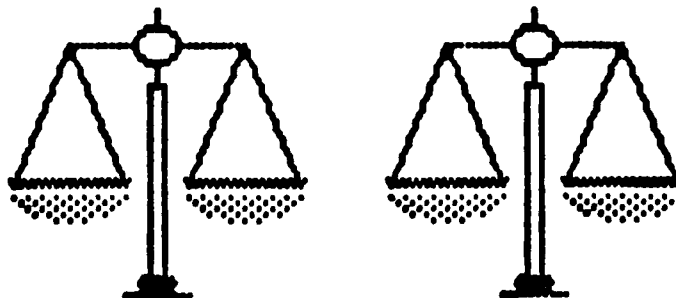
## KANSAS

Assistant Librarian (Satellite Librarian), District of Kansas, located at Wichita, KS. MLS required, JD preferred and legal research background or familiarity with legal materials recommended. Duties: participate in the satellite library program, perform legal and non-legal research for judges, coordinate the operation of LEXIS and WESTLAW systems, travel within Kansas to other District Court locations, and perform other standard library duties and functions. Compensation: \$22,458 - \$27,172 (Grade 9-11 Judicial Salary Plan) per annum with advancement potential. Placement dependent upon qualifications and experience. Qualified persons are invited to submit a letter of application, a current comprehensive resume and letter of reference no later than January 6, 1988. (This date will probably be extended; please call for further information.) Applications should be directed to: J. Terry Hemming, Circuit Librarian, United States Courts, Tenth Circuit Library, C-411, U.S. Courthouse, Denver, CO 80294, (303)844-3591. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

## MISSOURI

Catalog Librarian. Requirements: MLS from ALA accredited school; experience in law cataloging, familiarity with OCLC, RLIN, AACR II, LUMIN, LC subject heading and classification schedules and AACR-2 rules. Duties: cataloging all monographic, serial, and non-print materials; retrospective conversion and recataloging; supervision of non-professional assistants; sharing reference and night service. Salary: negotiable. To apply, send letter, resume, and names of three references by March 15, 1988 to: Susan Csaky, Director, Law Library, University of Missouri-Columbia, 205 Tate Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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## 1988 MAALL DUES RENEWAL

It's that time of year again, time to pay your MAALL dues!! Dues are figured according to the following schedule extracted from the MAALL By-Laws, Section 5:

- a. The annual dues for individual membership and associate membership shall be \$10.00.
- b. The institutional membership dues shall be at a minimum rate of \$20.00, entitling one (1) member; additional designated members will be at a rate of \$10.00, with no Library to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.00.
- c. The year for dues shall begin in January 1, and the fiscal year shall begin on January 1.

Please complete and mail this form along with your check to Mike McReynolds, MAALL Treasurer. ONE FORM PER MEMBER PLEASE! Each Institutional Member needs to fill out a form so that the Membership Directory and Newsletter mailings will be accurate.

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### 1988 MAALL DUES RENEWAL FORM

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## **AALL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS PROGRAM**

The American Association of Law Libraries is once again sponsoring its Scholarships and Grants Program. News about these programs and the grant application form is published in the December 1987 AALL Newsletter.

**Grants:** The Grants Program is funded through contributions from law book dealers, publishers, vendors, and other friends of AALL. It is necessary to be a member of AALL or of an AALL chapter to be eligible to receive a grant. AALL members are given preference. Grants are not awarded to individuals who have been in the profession of law librarianship longer than five years or to individuals who have received a grant in the past. Grants are awarded on the basis of: a) Proven or potential ability, b) Promise of future usefulness and permanence in the law library profession, c) Financial need, and d) Contributions to the profession. The deadline for completed applications is March 1, 1988.

**Scholarships:** AALL annually provides funding for four types of scholarships: Type I (Library Degree for Law School Graduates); Type II (Library School Graduates Attending Law School); Type III (Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates); and Type IV (Special Course in Law Librarianship). The Executive Board has again approved a \$3,500 Minority Group Stipend to be awarded to a member of a minority group who is a college graduate with library experience, working toward an advanced degree which would further his/her law library career. Application forms are available from AALL Headquarters. The deadline for completed applications is April 1, 1988.

All those eligible to apply for a scholarship or a grant or both are encouraged to do so.

Donald J. Dunn, Chair  
AALL Scholarships and Grants Committee

