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Presidential Address

*"An organization is only as strong
as the commitment of its members"*

Judith Morgan, Director, Oklahoma City University Law Library

As I sit in my office writing this column the "wind is sweeping off the plains" as is typical in Oklahoma. I want to express my appreciation and thank everyone who has volunteered for a committee. An organization is only as strong as the commitment of its members - to serve on committees. It's a great way to get to know people, to understand how MAALL works, and to assist in one's professional development. There are still a number of committee slots open; AALL PR Liaison Chair, Chair of the Placement Committee, and if you have reporter instincts, liaison assignments on the Newsletter Committee to mention a few. There is a Committee Volunteer Form on page 19 of this issue and at the MAALL homepage (<http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/>). You can call, fax, or e-mail me if you are willing to serve.

AALL Registration Award

Every three years MAALL is eligible for a free registration award from AALL to the annual meeting. The intent of the award is to enable newer members to attend an annual meeting. This year's meeting is in Baltimore. Information on how to apply and the criteria is included on page 5.

AALL PR Liaison

Have you always wanted a career in public relations, advertising or sales but think it's too late to switch? MAALL is in need of a chair for the AALL PR LIAISON Committee. One of the important responsibilities of this office is planning for and staffing the MAALL table in the Exhibit Hall Activities Area of the AALL annual meeting. This is an opportunity to showcase MAALL's achievements and activities. Use your talents. If you are interested in this exciting and critical assignment please contact me ASAP. Deadline is April 15, TAXDAY!!!

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Please do **not** submit **hard copy** or **faxed** materials.

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do not necessarily constitute the opinion of MAALL,
AALL, or MAALL Markings.

MAALL Home Page Now Available

The MAALL Internet Committee announces the availability of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Home Page located at: <http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/MAALL/>. This page provides links to the MAALL Membership Directory, newsletter, bylaws, history, discussion group, MALS LC Home Page, and AALLNET. The MAALL Home Page will also contain Annual Meeting information and information of special interest such as the currently linked Government Documents presentation notes from the Carbondale meeting. Contact an Internet Committee member with questions or comments.

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Markings Has New Ad Manager

Beginning with this issue of *MAALL Markings*, Beth Smith of the University of Nebraska Law Library assumed the responsibilities of Advertisement Manager. We appreciate all of Beth's assistance in this regard. Her contact information is listed towards the bottom of page 2. Thanks to the previous Ad Manager, Sally Kelley, for her excellent work.

Milwaukee in 98'

The Law Library Association of Wisconsin has agreed to host a Midwest Regional Conference in Milwaukee during the fall of 1998. Julie Wentz of Marquette and Anne Bingham will be co-chairing the event. Look for more information in the future.

1998 AALL Nominations

The AALL Nominations Committee has begun the process of identifying possible candidates for the 1998 AALL Election. Candidates are needed for the office of Vice-President/President-Elect, Treasurer, and two Executive Board members.

The Committee must, to the best of its ability, present a slate of candidates that reflect the diversity of AALL's membership. Members of the Executive Board must maintain a balance on library type, geography, gender and minority representation.

Each AALL member is encouraged to submit names to be considered for candidacy by writing any member of the Nominations Committee or AALL Headquarters by April 18, 1997.

1997 AALL Nominations Committee

Pauline Aranas, Chair, Vanderbilt University
Caroline Ahearn, Wiley Rein & Fielding, D.C.
Camille Broussard, New York Law School
Frank Alan Herch, Clark County Law Library -
Las Vegas
Judith Krane, Bondurant Mixson & Elmore -
Atlanta
Rita Reusch, University of Utah Law Library
Gail Warren, Virginia State Law Libr, Richmond

Missouri Library School Needs Your Help

Last fall, the University of Missouri's Library School was merged with the School of Educational Technology. "Library" was not included in the proposed new name of the unit, and the background of the newly appointed director is strictly in Educational technology. If you are concerned about the intentions of University and would like to influence the curators, contact Nancy Ogg, 2311 Bluebird Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109. (573) 636-2388.

The 1997 MAALL Annual Meeting in Omaha

October 16-18, 1997

Omaha, Nebraska began as a frontier town that was a jumping off place for western pioneers. Now Omaha is a vibrant city of over 350,000 and is home of the world famous Henry Doorly Zoo, Joslyn Art Museum, Strategic Air Command Museum, and charming Old Market. In Omaha, you will find riverboats, monuments, and beautiful parks. The newly constructed conference hotel, Embassy Suites, is situated in the lively Old Market Historical District.

I know some of you may believe Omaha is a bit more remote than it is—so we are providing you some real numbers to back up our “good life” claims. Omaha’s Eppley Airfield serves all major airlines and (unlike Chicago O’Hare) is accessible. For example, consider these round-trip fares (as of 2/4/97): St. Louis, \$86; Little Rock, \$186; Oklahoma City, \$166; Chicago, \$98; Minneapolis, \$257.

Yes, some of you would still rather take a pleasant drive. Here are the “quickest” driving distances to Omaha from all “law school” cities within the MAALL region:

Fayetteville 424 mi.	Columbia 319 mi.
Kansas City 188 mi.	St. Louis 446 mi.
Lincoln 56 mi.	Grand Forks 496 mi.
Norman 484 mi.	Oklahoma City 464 mi.
Tulsa 402 mi.	Vermillion 134 mi.
Little Rock 615 mi.	Champaign 489 mi.
De Kalb 404 mi.	Carbondale 552 mi.
Des Moines 133 mi.	Iowa City 244 mi.
Lawrence 211 mi.	Topeka 172 mi.

Please plan now to be in Omaha this October. I don’t want to alarm you, or exaggerate, but this may be the last Omaha memory you will make this millennium.

Kay Andrus
1997 Local Arrangements Chair

Online in Omaha: 1997 MAALL Annual Meeting Theme

Recognizing the importance of the Internet and other online services to the field of law librarianship, the MAALL Program Committee has chosen “Online in Omaha” as the theme of the 1997 Annual Meeting, to be held in Omaha, Nebraska, October 16-18, 1997.

Many of the Annual Meeting programs will have online components in celebration of the theme. MAALL Program Committee members are currently proposing and investigating program proposals; please consider submitting an idea to any of the committee members.

1997 MAALL Program Committee

James Duggan, Chair, Southern Illinois Univ.
Crata Castleberry, U.S. Cts. Library, Little Rock
Joe Custer, University of Kansas
Ann Fletcher, Creighton University
Jack Montgomery, Univ. of Missouri-Columbia
Melissa Serfass, Univ. of Arkansas-Little Rock

AALL PR Exhibit

Sponsored by the Public Relations Committee, the AALL Public Relations Exhibit (formerly the Poster Session) features displays of promotional efforts from many creative law librarians in all types of libraries. Come to the PR Exhibit, located in the Exhibit Hall at the AALL Annual Meeting, for fresh ideas. You can talk to the experts at scheduled times Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and pick up samples of their work.

If you have composed something you think librarians should see, consider volunteering to exhibit your materials. We seek all kinds of promotional items--brochures, fund-raising ideas, posters, National Library Week celebrations, newsletters, multi-media--that sing the benefits of using and supporting libraries. For further info & to volunteer, contact Janice Shull at 504-568-5796 or by email at jshull@lasc.org.

Grants Support Attendance at AALL Meetings and Institutes

Grants covering registration costs are available to support attendance at the AALL Meeting this summer in Baltimore from July 19-24 as well as at AALL Institutes and Workshops. The purpose of the AALL Grants Program is to financially assist librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL members. Grants cover registration costs at association-sponsored educational activities. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or chapters. Prior recipients are ineligible.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today.

Grant applications may be obtained from AALLNET (<http://www.aallnet.org>), as a return fax from AALL's Fax-on-Demand service (908-544-5901) or by contacting AALL HQ at (312-939-4764). With the change in format of the association newsletter, the *AALL Spectrum* will not be printing grant applications. Candidates must include two letters of recommendation and should ensure that all materials arrive at AALL headquarters by the April 1st deadline.

Contributions to support the grants program are always welcome. Checks may be sent to AALL headquarters with a notation that the donation is for Grants. Please contact Grants Committee Chair John Edwards at Drake University Law Library (515-271-2141 or via email at je0371r@acad.drake.edu) with questions.

EDITOR'S NOTE *The AALL Grant discussed above covers the AALL Conference, Workshop, or Institute registration costs and does not require particular AALL chapter affiliation for eligibility. The AALL Grant discussed below covers AALL Conference registration costs only and requires MAALL membership for eligibility.*

1997 AALL and MAALL Grants

While it may seem early for grant applications, it is not. The American Association of Law Libraries provides scholarships to chapters on a rotating basis and this year, it's MAALL's turn. However, the deadline is fast approaching. The grant will cover the registration costs at the AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore. We invite applications for those interested in applying for this AALL Grant. Applications must be postmarked by April 1st to be considered.

In addition, we invite applications for the MAALL Travel Grant which covers travel to our regional meeting in October. The deadline for submission of the MAALL Travel Grant Application is July 1st. Applications received by April 1st will be considered for both the AALL and MAALL grants.

1997 MAALL and AALL ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Work Phone: _____

Title: _____

Institution/Employer: _____

Work Address _____

1. Are you currently a member of MAALL? _____ How Long? _____

2. Are you a member of AALL? _____

3. How many MAALL annual meetings, if any, have you attended? _____

4. List MAALL or AALL activities, if any, in which you have participated:

5. How many years have you been a law librarian? _____

6. How many years have you been a librarian? _____

7. List previous employment in Law Librarianship:

Institution	Title	Length of Service
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____
d. _____	_____	_____

8. Educational Background

School	Degree	Date
a. _____	_____	_____
b. _____	_____	_____
c. _____	_____	_____

9. Briefly describe the duties/responsibilities in your current law library position, and your career goals.

10. How do you feel you will benefit from attendance at this annual meeting?

11. Briefly state your library's policy relating to reimbursement of travel expenses to conferences and conventions.

Applications postmarked by April 1st will be considered for both AALL and MAALL Grants.

Send completed applications to:

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Library Guides In The Electronic Environment

By Cheryl Nyberg & Betsy McKenzie

Librarians have been creating guides for patrons of all types for many years. Law librarians have designed staff training handouts, quick guides for lay patrons, and complex pathfinders for upper class students and faculty. Guides supplement staff, by giving guidance and aid to people the writer may never meet. Guides also market your library and the larger institution. Library guides continue their traditional forms, of course. But with the development of the World Wide Web, wonderful new possibilities have come for library guides. This article is written to introduce the reader to basic tenets of design, and to help the reader begin to think about new possibilities for electronic guides.

Basic Design Tenets: How to Create Reader-Centered Guides

*** Relevant to the User**

Design your guides to make them relevant to the intended audience. This means you must define the primary audience, and plan your guide with their interests and needs in mind. You may need to create more guides, since you should not try to serve faculty or attorneys with the same guide you created for undergraduate users. You need to know the target group; what questions might the user have? List questions to help you organize the information.

Remember to stay focused on your primary purpose. For instance, you need to create a guide to finding federal case law for undergraduates. You must avoid the temptation to throw in Westlaw and Lexis on the one hand, since those services are not available to the undergraduates. And you must avoid the temptation to go overboard, explaining all the arcane ways of locating federal case law that the undergraduates will never need to know. The undergraduate user might be counseled to begin with a hornbook, which will explain the area of law and point out leading cases. Or, if the class is designed around research, explain digests and ALR's.

*** Easy for the User**

Make your guides easy to use. Avoid visual clutter. Format design principles help:

- Avoid using more than 2 typefaces;
- Change the size of the font, or use boldface to emphasize;
- Don't combine bold, underline and italics;
- Underlining can make it harder to read;
- Serif typefaces tend to be easier to read;
- Ragged columns are easier to read than justified;
- The text should draw the reader's eye easily;
- Try for layouts with a pleasing balance between text and white space;
- If you use a table or columns, make them easy to follow.

Use graphics, formatting and bullets to make it easy to find the answer to the user's question. White space and headings can also guide the reader. Indentations and centering can indicate to users major ideas and subordinate ones. Organize the guide from the reader's point of view. Use steps in a process to guide the organization. Or priority, listing the best source first, may help you organize. If the guide is long, add a table of contents or an introductory paragraph explaining the organization.

Keep your style simple and direct. Avoid jargon (this is especially difficult in both law and libraries!). Use the direct form of verbs, not the passive. Cut redundant words. Always use a single word rather than a phrase. Sentences and phrases that begin with the following words are suspect, and can be tightened: *Of, which, where, who, that, there, is/are, it is, the thing that*.

Make the size and shape of the guide (when in print) easy for the intended audience to use and keep. Think about the weight of the paper, and how you will be using the guides. Table tents, for instance, must be heavier weight. Bookmarks should also be heavier weight. Think about how the print will show up on the color of paper you choose. Or, in the electronic environment, consider how legible your type is on the background you choose. Avoid much use of primary or extremely bright colors. Definitely skip the blinking text!

In a guide located on the Internet, think about the user when you add graphics. Numerous graphics or large and complex ones will make the load much slower on the viewer's machine. Don't put huge graphics on your main page, for instance. Make it austere and quick to load, then offer links to the graphics for those who want to see them. Also, consider the size of the graphic. Users with laptops may have to scroll up, down and all around to see the graphic or get past it to your useful information. If you include links to other sites, try to maintain them consistently. There are few things as vexing as trying a link and discovering that the site has moved long ago.

*** Helpful to the User**

Keep in mind your primary user. What questions will the reader be trying to answer by resorting to your guide? Put the answers to those questions in your guide with as little extraneous matter as possible. Consider the educational level and sophistication of the primary user when you choose vocabulary and contents.

In the electronic guide, keep in mind that not all users have graphical interfaces. If you think many of your primary target group will have text-based browsers, do not put important information in graphical form. At the very least, repeat that information in text and be aware that there are visually impaired users with screen reading programs who will have difficulty with graphical user interfaces. You might provide a gopher version in text, and create a hypertext link from the web site to the text version.

Electronic Guides: What Can I Do Now?

*** Slide Show Presentations**

The co-authors of this paper both created slide show presentations from which this article is derived. Slide shows are very easy to create. Using a slide show software package, like Microsoft Powerpoint, the creator is led through the process of creation. Each slide carries part of an outline and can include graphics or sound effects. The slides can be made to fade into the next in a variety of ways.

*** Web Pages and Gophers**

Because gophers are text-based, it is easy to post your print-style guides on gopher sites. You need not rethink the formatting, just load the computer text, if available, or scan the guide. Using Hypertext Mark-Up Language (HTML), you can put your guides on the Web. Because web pages are graphics-friendly and can include hypertext links to other web sites, this medium may require you to rethink your layout. If you accept the challenge, a brave new world awaits!

*** Interactive Teaching Programs**

CALI has been producing Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction materials for many years. Students benefit from immediate feed-back when they work through the questions in CALI materials.

Law librarians might consider producing CALI or CALI-style materials for students of legal research or citation format.

* **Electronic Books**

A plethora of programs are available to help create electronic textbooks:

FOLIO VIEWS, is available to the law school community through Lexis, but is produced by Folio corporation. It supports most wordprocessors, and can incorporate sound and graphics. The author can create hypertext links, cross-referencing and linking up to 10 infobases. A separate engine for the reader prevents users from modifying the text.

TOOLBOOK AND MULTIMEDIA RESOURCE KIT, from Asymetrix Corp., is designed to work in Windows. Uses English-like programming language. This allows a novice user to get started. However, some time is required to master and make full use of the capabilities. A separate engine for the reader prevents users from modifying the text. Not copy protected.

ISYS, from Odyssey Development, is an optional RAM-resident text retrieval package. It supports most DOS and Windows wordprocessors. Menu, Boolean Logic and hypertext searching. Includes "conflation," or fuzzy searches which retrieves all words perceived as related regardless of word stem.

ZYINDEX FOR WINDOWS, from Zylab Division. Supports most wordprocessors. Links databases through hypertext. Boolean Logic searches. Easy to learn and use.

* **Expert Systems**

Expert systems are a step along the path toward artificial intelligence. Using software currently available, we can create a database of legal reference, for instance. The user would query the system, and receive an answer pulled from the database. This is actually a computerized and more sophisticated version of the frequently asked question Rolodex. Among the programs I found in a quick search of Dialog databases:

VP-EXPERT, from WordTech Systems, Inc.: expert-systems shell, easy to use with English-like programming language. Mid-range price.

HOUDINI, from MaxThink: Not copy-protected. Inexpensive, but lacks a text editor. Imports ASCII files, to create a mini expert system from a hypertext network.

KNOWLEDGEPRO, from Knowledge Garden, Inc. An easy to learn program for authoring expert systems. Hypertext links. Backward and forward chaining. Works in Windows 3.0. Not copy protected.

MAHOGANY, from Emerald Intelligence. Good for both novice and advanced creators of expert systems. Available for both IBM and Mac systems. Backward and forward chaining. Pull-down menu's make it easy for the user.

Contributions Are Welcome

If you wish to submit material for publication in the *MAALL Markings*, please contact the editor prior to the submission deadline listed on page 2.

Membership News

Prepared By Margaret Bearse
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ARKANSAS

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

The UALR Law Library hired a new serials assistant, **Corrine Althiemer**.

University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

The Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville has 2 new staff members. **Cindy Morley** is the Serials Assistant and **Chris Abel** is computer support.

Sally Kelley, Research Associate Professor, is author of *Agricultural Law: A Selected Bibliography*, October 1993-December 1995, 61 *Mo. L. Rev.* 877 (1996) (with L.L.M.s Rana Balakrishnan, Stephanie Brodacz, and Meg Mahoney Terrebone). This is a bibliography of books and articles on twenty-four subjects related to agricultural law (bankruptcy, pesticides, wetlands, taxation, international trade, biotechnology, etc.). It updates Sally J. Kelley, et al., *Agricultural Law: A Selected Bibliography*, 1985-1992, *Wm. Mitchell L. Rev.* 481 (1993).

KANSAS

University of Kansas

Mary Burchill has returned as library consultant during the period between directors. Among other duties she will promote the new Friends of the Law Library. She has already prepared a mailing to alumni and plans a newsletter soon.

MISSOURI

University of Missouri-Columbia

Director of the Library, **Martha Dragich**, will address the annual meeting of the Southeast Association of Law Libraries (SEALL) in April.

Jack Montgomery, Technical Services and Collection Management Librarian, will have a

conference report published in the next issue of *Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory*. Jack also joined **Nancy Ogg** of the Missouri Supreme Court Library in addressing the UMC School of Library and Information Science on *The Profession of Law Librarianship* on Feb. 11th.

We congratulate **Cindy Shearrer** on her promotion from Access Services Assistant to the newly created position of Reference/Documents Librarian.

We welcome **Resa Kerns** as new Access Services Assistant-Circulation.

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Janet McKinney, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian, is teaching Collection Management and Access in Kansas City for the School of Library and Information Science, Univ. of Missouri at Columbia.

NEBRASKA

Creighton University

Paul Hill, Legal Reference Librarian and former Harley-rider, has co-authored a 1134 page treatise on motorcycle litigation, *Motorcycle Accident Reconstruction and Litigation*, Lawyers and Judges Publ. Co., Tucson, AZ. Paul wrote the litigation section, and a San Diego engineer, **Ken Obenski**, wrote the accident reconstruction part.

Legal Information Services

Carol Gendler, President of Legal Information Services in Omaha, was a faculty presenter for "The Internet for Lawyers Revisited," a seminar sponsored by Nebraska Continuing Legal Education, Inc.

NORTH DAKOTA

U.S. Courts Library, Eighth Circuit

Suzanne Morrison, U.S. Courts Branch Librarian in Fargo, N.D., has been selected to participate in the American Bar Association's Central and Eastern Law Initiative. This program supports legal reform in Central and Eastern European countries by sending American legal specialists to government or other organizations in these countries. Suzanne has been assigned to Albania, where she will assist in setting up a law library for the Court of Cassation, Albania's highest court. She left for Albania January 23rd and should be back in Fargo around mid-March.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City University

Dean **Rennard Strickland** received the 1997 Spirit of Excellence Award from the ABA Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession on February 1 during the ABA mid-year meeting in San Antonio. Dean Strickland, of Cherokee and Osage descent, has taught American Indian Law at numerous law schools. Formerly Acting Dean at the University of Tulsa School of Law, Dean at Southern Illinois University School of Law, and currently Dean at Oklahoma City University School of Law, he was Editor in Chief of the 1982 edition of the definitive work on Federal Indian law, *The Handbook of Federal Indian Law*.

The Web version of the combined OPAC for the Law Library and General University Library was available at <http://library.okcu.edu/login.htm> beginning on December 17, 1996. Due to the firewall installed later in December 1996, the Web version of the OPAC is currently available only to on campus users.

University of Oklahoma

Nickie Singleton, Director; **Nina Miley**, Associate Director; and **Joel Wegemer**, Reference

Librarian were moot court judges for the first year legal research / writing class brief presentations.

Toni Forrester, cataloger, is recuperating nicely after an operation to remove bone spurs.

University of Tulsa

The Future for Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success, A Satellite Video Conference, sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association, Special Library Association, and LEXIS-NEXIS will be presented at the University of Tulsa's Lorton Hall auditorium on Thursday, March 20, 1997, promptly at 1:00 p.m. The video conference will address the impact of new technologies on libraries and forecast what libraries and information services will look like in the next ten years.

The doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and the conference will conclude at 2:30 p.m. Discussion and refreshments sponsored by LEXIS-NEXIS will follow, and a certificate of attendance will be provided.

"Early-bird" registration, until March 11, 1997, will be \$15.00. After March 11, the fee will be \$20.00. Registrations will be accepted at the door. Questions about this video conference presentation may be directed to:

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*If you have membership news
to include in the MAALL Markings,
please contact Margaret Bearse at:*

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or
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by the 10th of the Month prior to publication.

Placement News

Prepared By Mary Kay Jung (mkjung@ix.netcom.com)
Thompson Coburn, St. Louis

Law Library Director Northern Illinois University College of Law

QUALIFICATIONS: A J.D. and M.L.S. or equivalent degrees from ABA and ALA approved schools or their equivalents; law library experience with supervisory and administrative responsibilities; familiarity with recent advances in automation and legal research; leadership capabilities. A strong commitment to affirmative action required. Teaching, budgetary experience and scholarly publications are desirable.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties include the overall responsibility for the maintenance, development, and administration of the law library as a major teaching and research facility; administrative role in the legal research and writing program; and publication of scholarly work. Opportunities for teaching are negotiable.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: This is a 12 month tenure track position with faculty rank. Salary will be competitive and is commensurate with experience.

APPLICATION: Send an expanded resume containing the names and phone numbers of at least three references no later than March 21, 1997, to:

Natalie Clark
Chair-Search Committee
College of Law
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

Northern Illinois University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action institution. Applications from women and minorities are encouraged.

Interlibrary Loan / Reference Librarian Thompson Coburn, St. Louis

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Interlibrary Loan/Reference Librarian works with the Reference Librarian to provide research assistance to a 250+ attorney firm using the firm's collection, online databases and outside resources; is responsible for interlibrary loan activity and related record-keeping; and works with the director developing training programs for CD-ROM products and designing pathfinders for paper and online resources.

QUALIFICATIONS: MLS from a ALA accredited institution, one year professional law library experience. Proficiency in OCLC, CALR, CD-ROM, and Internet searching. Good interpersonal skills, strong service orientation and the ability to handle multiple tasks. Sense of humor a definite plus.

APPLICATION: Please send resume and salary requirements to:

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Associate Law Librarian University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library

DESCRIPTION: The Associate Director assists the Director in planning and implementing major projects; oversees the daily operations of the Law Library; coordinates personnel matters and student employment; assists in budget prepara-

tion and monitoring; develops staff development and user training programs; plans for, implements, evaluates, and promotes the use of technology in the Law Library; represents the Law Library on campus, University, and professional organization committees; and participates in providing reference and research services and instruction (may include occasional evening or weekend rotation).

Qualified candidates should possess a mature, team-oriented style; excellent communication skills; and demonstrated organizational ability and problem-solving skills; thorough knowledge of legal bibliography; excellent legal reference and research skills and understanding of existing and emerging information technologies. Qualified candidates should be skilled and proactive in the evaluation of library processes and procedures and the development of ideas and strategies for change, and should be committed to the training and change management strategies needed to develop an ongoing program of improvement.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

ABA-accredited JD and ALA-accredited MLS, MLIS, or equivalent degree; five years professional library experience; academic law library experience; supervisory experience; willingness to participate in library's collective decisionmaking process; commitment to continuing professional education and development.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Teaching experience; experience with integrated library systems, particularly Innovative Interfaces, Inc.

ENVIRONMENT: The Law Library's team of seven librarians and 7.5 FTE support staff serves a law faculty of approximately 30, law student body of approximately 500, and other law library users including University faculty, staff, and students, members of the local bar, and members of the public. The Law Library's collection numbers slightly over 300,000 volumes and includes a wide range of electronic research sources. The law library is a selective depository for US and Missouri government documents.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University of Missouri offers a generous benefits package including medical, dental, and life insurance plans, educational assistance, retirement, etc. This is a 12-month position with standard vacation and sick leave.

AVAILABLE: July 1, 1997. Applications received by April 1, 1997 will be assured of full consideration.

APPLICATION: Please submit a letter of application, resume, and names of three references to:

Martha J. Dragich
Director of the Law Library and
Associate Professor of Law
University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library
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The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Applications from women and minorities are invited and encouraged.

Mary Louise Gilman, Editor of the *National Shorthand Reporter*, has collected courtroom bloopers in 2 books *Humor In the Court* (1977) and *More Humor In the Court*. Here is one example.

Q. What is your brother-in-law's name?

A. Borofkin.

Q. What's his first name?

A. I can't remember.

Q. He's been your brother-in-law for years, and you can't remember his first name?

A. No. I tell you I'm too excited. (Rising from the witness chair and pointing to Mr. Borofkin). Nathan, for God's sake, tell them your first name!

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News From Other Chapters

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Several members of the **Michigan Association of Law Libraries** prepared substantive reports on the programs they attended at the AALL Northeast Regional Conference. The reports include, "The Changing Role of the Law Librarian in the Electronic Library of Today and Tomorrow;" "Monograph and the Microchip: A Cautionary Tale;" "The Information Access Shuffle;" "CD-ROM Networks: Installation, Configuration & Management;" "Educating Potential Attorneys: How to Bridge the Gap;" "Building and Renovating for the 21st Century;" "Rare Books Preservation and Cataloging;" "A Holistic Approach to Legal Research;" "Researching Canadian Law: An Overview of the Major Sources of Information;" "Finding Canadian Business, Financial and Economic Information;" "Are Law Librarians the Next FBI's 'Most Wanted'? The Need to Develop and Enforce and Electronic Copyright Policy for Private Law Libraries." Diamond, Randy, et al, "Reports on the Educational Programs: AALL Northeast Regional Conference 1997," *The MichALL Newsletter*, vol. 17, nos. 3/4, Aug/Nov. 1996, pgs. 10-21.

A report on the activities of the newly formed **AALL Professional Development Committee** was presented in a recent article. Hotchkiss, Mary A., "AALL's Professional Development Committee: An Update," *LLOPScited*, vol. 8, no.2, Dec. 1996, pgs. 6-7.

The editor of the newsletter for the Wisconsin law libraries prepared a thoughtful discussion on putting chapter newsletters in electronic format ONLY. Hendricks, Richard, "Editorial: Chapter Newsletters in an Electronic Age," *LLAW Newsletter*, vol. 14, no. 4, Winter 1996, pgs. 3-6.

In the same vein of using new technology to provide traditional services, a Cincinnati law librarian talks about the Center for Electronic Text in the Law in her article for the Ohio law libraries. Aninao, Cynthia, "CETL at the University of Cincinnati Law Library: The Birth of the Electronic Library," *ORALL Newsletter*, Fall 1996, pgs. 13-14.

The **Virginia Association of Law Libraries** has been invited to join the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, a nonpartisan, nonprofit, proaccess educational organization. The invitation came as a result of the active role VALL has played in lobbying the state legislature for better access to public information and better support for libraries. Rush, Martha, "The Virginia Coalition for Open Government," *VALL Newsletter*, vol. 12, no.3, Winter 1996/1997, pgs. 1-2.

One author, a private, for profit information provider, presented a case in favor of outsourcing library activities. He suggests that outsourcing is not a threat to librarians but an opportunity for career growth and change. Murphy, Bob, "Windsurfing into the 21st Century," *VALL Newsletter*, vol. 12, no. 3, Winter 1996/1997, p. 16.

For copies of articles cited in this column, contact
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Contributions Are Welcome

If you wish to submit material for publication in the *MAALL Markings*, please contact the editor prior to the submission deadline listed on page 2.

The 1997 Legal Research Teach-In

Do you teach legal research to your law library users? Of course you do, probably on a daily basis. Do your users need to improve their research skills? Of course they do. The 1997 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past four years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In '97 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 13-19, 1997). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with the West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the materials will again be AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE.

Training Kits

The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. The kits include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. This year there is one kit that covers a wide range of subject areas bringing traditional legal research sources together with the newest electronic sources. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact: Rob Hafiz, West Group, 612-687-6790.

Promotional Materials

A BIG HIT last year! — Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 1997 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. Fax or email requests to Judy Floyd Evans, LEXIS-NEXIS, at 513-865-1858 or judy.floyd@lexis-nexis.com. Be sure to indicate your name, address, and the minimum quantity you need. If deemed necessary, limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research during National Library Week 1997. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, the Teach-In kits from previous years are available at AALL Headquarters. Contact: Steve Serpas, AALL, 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 1997 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event:

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or

Karen Brunner, Library Manager
Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti
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In Memoriam

Jo Ann Humphreys (1954-1996)

Jo Ann Humphreys, Associate Director of the Law Library, died of ovarian cancer on October 19, 1996. She struggled valiantly against this dreadful disease for many months, and endured difficult treatments with courage, nobility and grace that amazed us all.

It is not easy to sum up what Jo Ann meant to the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School, because she meant so much. Jo Ann spent virtually her entire career in our Law Library. She joined the staff in 1978, less than a year after completing her Master's degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Serving initially as Government Documents Librarian, Jo Ann eventually moved into the position of Computer Services Librarian and, later, Associate Director. In each position--indeed, every day--Jo Ann displayed not only the highest professional competence but also unsurpassed dedication to the Law Library and the School of Law. Law faculty, students, and staff depended on Jo Ann's skills, perseverance, and perfectionism in overseeing library operations, solving technological problems, and providing research assistance and instruction. Jo Ann wanted to keep right on doing all those things. During her illness she often told me how she missed her Law School colleagues, missed her work, and missed the feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment she derived from it. The School of Law was a very important part of Jo Ann's life.

Jo Ann was a modest woman, not given to trumpeting her own achievements. But her influence extended around the world. Twice Jo Ann contributed her expertise as a librarian to institutions in developing foreign countries. In 1984, Jo Ann took a one year leave of absence from the Law Library. That year she spent in Costa Rica, organizing the library of a seminary. In the fall of 1994, Jo Ann spent several weeks in Ghana, acting, under the auspices of the United States Information Agency, as an advisor on legal information to the courts, law schools, and other legal institutions of Ghana. Jo Ann's report, recommending the establishment of a central law library in Accra, the capital city, was accepted and funded by the USIA. Just days after Jo Ann's death, I received a letter commenting on her service to the country of Ghana:

I had the privilege of working with Jo Ann in Ghana about two years ago, while I was Cultural Affairs Officer at the American Embassy there. Jo Ann did a superb job for us as an Academic Specialist, making valuable recommendations for the establishment of a Central Law Library and generously sharing her expertise with many people and institutions in Ghana. We could not have found a better professional for this challenging task. Moreover, I was pleased to consider Jo Ann my friend, and we remained in touch from time to time after her return to Missouri and my transfer to Guatemala. It is indeed sad to learn that such a fine person has been taken from us so prematurely.¹

Jo Ann's influence was no less profound closer to home. In addition to her contributions to the School of Law, Jo Ann was active in community and professional organizations. She gave tirelessly of her time and expertise to organizations that mattered to her. Jo Ann served at least one term as President of our local chapter of Habitat for Humanity and participated in numerous Habitat homebuilding projects as a family liaison and advocate. She also served as Faculty Advisor to the University of Missouri-Columbia's student chapter of Habitat. Even after she became ill, when the local chapter once again asked Jo Ann to sit on its Board of Directors, she agreed. Jo Ann was an equally generous participant in professional organizations relating to law librarianship. She served two terms as Secretary to the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries and coordinated a major technology grant from the

Department of Education to the Mid-America Law Schools Library Consortium. Jo Ann made many presentations at regional and national conferences, always willing to share her expertise with others. She was an exemplary role model and mentor to new librarians.

What Jo Ann liked a lot more than serving as an association officer was working side-by-side with community neighbors or professional colleagues. This attitude explains Jo Ann's special fondness for MAALL, for in this close-knit regional chapter she formed lasting friendships and collaborated on numerous projects with colleagues close to home. Those who worked with Jo Ann quickly came to appreciate her friendship, warmth, caring, and humor, her sage advice, her honesty and integrity. Another letter attests to the personal qualities that made her so special:

I cannot tell you how saddened I am at Jo Ann's death. We grew up together in the association,² meeting as University of Missouri Law Librarians. She was at the Columbia campus and I was at the Kansas City campus. We were soul mates... fast friends. We challenged each other about going to law school. She went first and opened the door for the University to offer tuition remission for law library staff attending law school. The University of Missouri-Kansas City gave me the same support based on the precedent Jo Ann had set on our sister campus the year before. Although she didn't finish law school--for all the right reasons--she was always proud that I continued for 4 years to complete my J.D.

I will always miss her. We had a 17 year friendship that was one of the greatest benefits of my membership in AALL and my six years with the University of Missouri School of Law. The world has lost one of its gentle, warm, and most generous citizens, and we have lost a dear friend.³

I knew Jo Ann for only three years. Jo Ann called me her "boss," but I thought of her as my partner. She shared in every aspect of library administration, and every decision bears her imprint as much as my own. When I accepted my position as Director of the Law Library, I wondered whether a woman who had almost never worked anywhere else would resist this outsider's plans for change. I couldn't have been more wrong. From my first day, Jo Ann was supportive and cooperative in all I hoped to do. I should have known: it was her dedication to providing the very best service that mattered, not her own way of doing things. Jo Ann was my confidante, my sounding board; my half-baked ideas always benefitted from her review. I sorely miss her counsel. In work and in life (spheres Jo Ann thoroughly integrated), I deeply admired and respected Jo Ann's compassion and wisdom.

Ironically, the outpouring of support from law students, staff, and faculty during her illness helped Jo Ann begin to transcend her unassuming nature and understand her importance in our lives. Would that she could have learned this truth some easier, happier way! The MAALL Executive Board's decision to name the travel award allowing the newsletter editor to attend the annual meeting the Jo Ann Humphreys Award is a fitting testament to Jo Ann's service to the Association and to her place in our hearts. I know she would be honored by it. We all miss Jo Ann, each in our own way. We will not forget her.

Martha Dragich, Director, Univ. of Missouri-Columbia Law Library
November 21, 1996

¹ Letter from Michael D. Orlansky to Martha J. Dragich, dated 10/29/96.

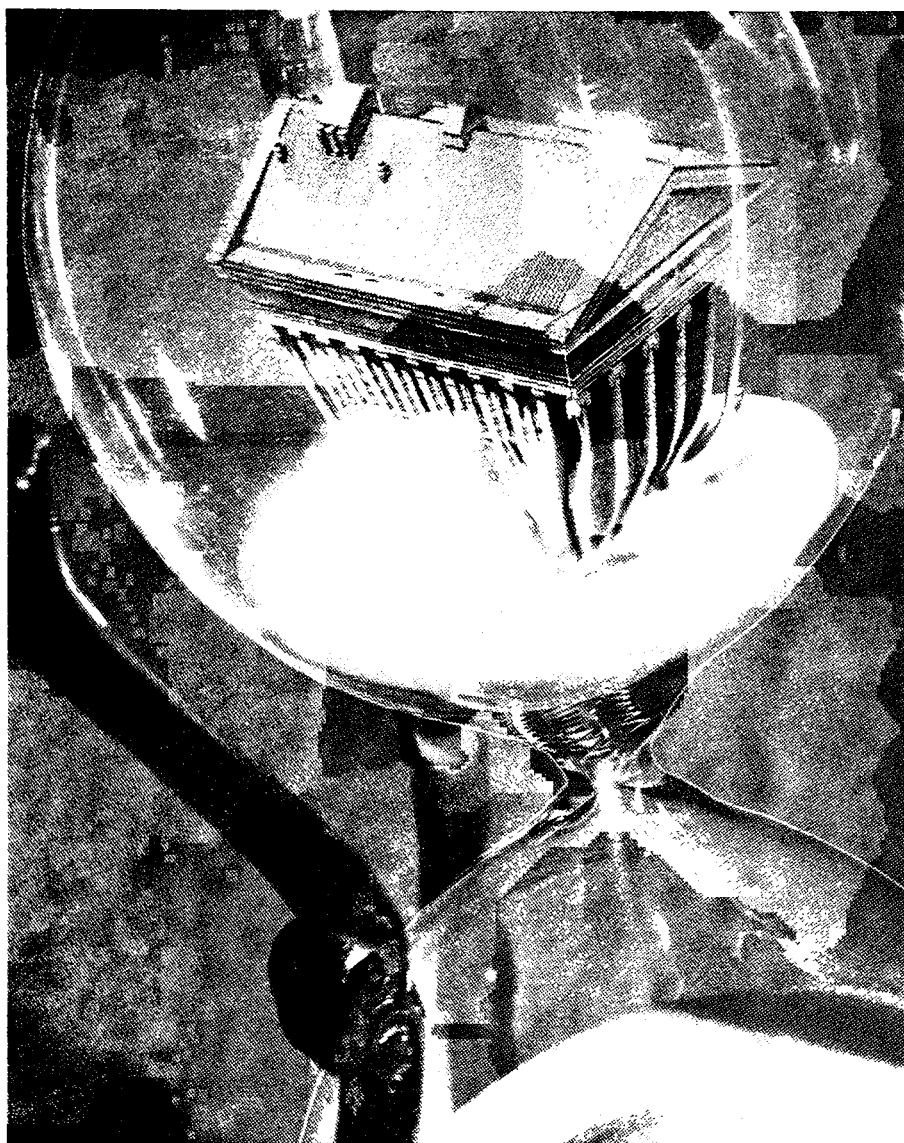
² The American Association of Law Libraries, and its Mid-America regional chapter.

³ Letter from Shelley L. Dowling, Librarian of the Supreme Court of the United States, to Martha J. Dragich, dated 10/22/96.

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The Membership Committee wants to encourage each and every person in your library to become members of MAALL. If you have hired new personnel that are not presently members of MAALL, please send their name, library address, and e-mail address. If you know of staff who were members in the past but are not presently members, forward their name, address, library, and e-mail to:

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Calendar for Continuing Education & Events

April 3-7:	SWALL/AzALL Joint Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ
April 13-19	National Library Week
April 17-19	SEAALL Annual Conference, Tallahassee, FL
July 19-24	AALL Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD
October 16-18	MAALL Annual Conference, Omaha, NE

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