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## Presidential Address

Glen-Peter Ahlers, Sr., University of Arkansas Law Library

Hello 2000, we made it! Congratulations on making it to this side of the 1900s; feels good, doesn't it? Boy the changes are coming in fast already. This M.A.ALL Markings, the first issue of the 2000s (the twenty hundreds?), is the last issue for Sandy Placzek. Sandy, the remaining half of the Sandy Placzek-Beth Smith Co-Editorship, has her hands full with too few fingers to plug too many holes in the Schmid dyke. Sandy has her normal duties at the Schmid Law Library, of course, but also has the opportunity to fill in for Sally Wise and help with Beth Smith's duties. Both Sally and Beth left for warmer climes (Sally to Florida and Beth to Arizona; do you blame 'em?). Sandy and Beth have provided us over a year of exemplary service, and each of us owes each of them our gratitude. Without the constant efforts of unselfish members we could not enjoy the benefits of reading such a terrific regional newsletter. It is their evenings and weekends that get used up to provide us with the terrific newsletter Markings has become. Next time you see Sandy, please give her your sincere thanks for working so long and hard on what often seems a thankless task. Hell, don't wait; send her an e-mail. Thank you Sandy, and I hope the empty positions at Schmid are filled soon.

While I am saddened to say good bye to Sandy, I am delighted to note that as she steps aside two more dedicated volunteers were shopping for some way to add to their experience at MAALL and for a way to pay back so many years of professional camaraderie. Our next issue will be edited by the dynamic duo from the University of Missouri-Columbia: Technical Services and Collection Management Librarian Needra Jackson, and Senior Research and Computer Services Librarian Steve Lambson. The transition is already underway and all three people involved feel it is going smoothly. While you are thanking Sandy, you might also take the time to drop Needra and Steve an e-mail of encouragement.

The rest of our MAALL stores (committees) are staffed and engaged. The local arrangements committee is gearing up for your visit to Fayetteville – curiously pronounced "Fed-vul" by long time locals – in October. And speaking of October, our dates have changed one week. There was a serious brouhaha throughout Arkansas in the fall/winter of 1999/2000. It concerned whether all home Razorback football games should be played in Fedvul, or continued to be split between Fedvul and Little Rock. I mean, the governor got involved; and a few state legislators even asked the attorney general whether or not they could legislate the issue. The result of all this hot air is that the weekend we had planned to have you over is now homecoming weekend, and the hotel begged and pleaded with us to renegotiate our contract (I should note that the hotel balked at signing a contract and did so only after astute librarian-lawyer James R. Jackson, co-chair of our local arrangements committee, demanded more than a hand shake.). The written handshake netted us a few dollars off each room and gave us a hospitality suite. Thanks Jim, Lorraine, and the rest of the local arrangements folks for making sure we had a place to stay. Mark your calendars for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 12-14 2000; Fedvul or bust!

As ever, if there is anything you feel I can do to better serve MAALL, please let me know. My various addresses are widely available. Please use them to let me know what is on your mind. Meanwhile, Happy MAALLing!



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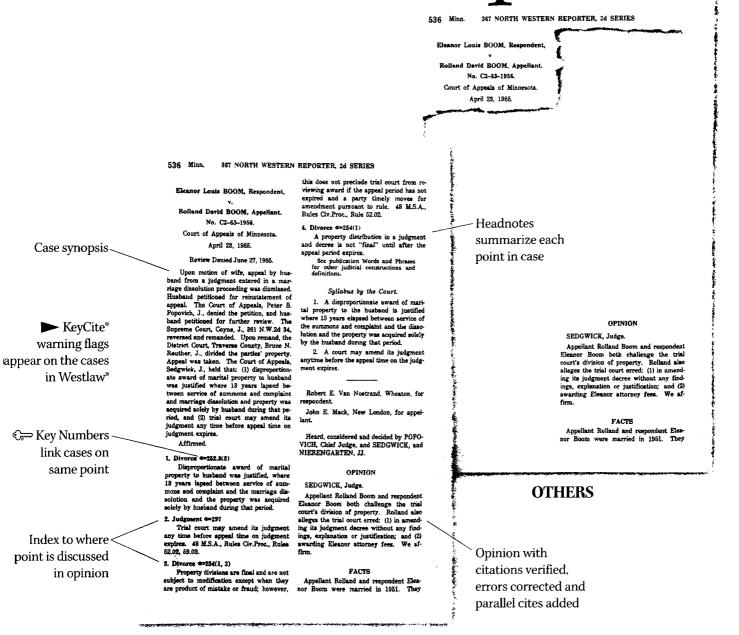
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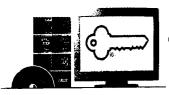
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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### MID-AMERICA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

#### 1999 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Re	venue	

Exhibits	\$1,610.00
Registration Fees	9,560.00
Support (Vendors & KCALL)	5,709.00

Total Revenue	\$16,879.00
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<u>Expenses</u>	
Executive Board Luncheon	\$120.00
Bus rental	940.00
Deposits (hotel, caters)	1,750.00
Facilities Fees	•
(Thurs. evening)	2,000.00
Flowers	167.53
Catering & Bar	
(Thurs. & Fri. evenings)	3,176.51
Hospitality Suite	
(Thurs. & Fri. evenings)	59.83
Insurance for chapter	
& FedEx reimbursement	334.72
Program Expenses	
Name Badges	75.34
Handout Printing	91.75

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Ribbons	61.05
Speaker Expenses	428.37
Pstg. For Reg. Packets	90.18
Travel Grants	1,500.00
Forward of modem fee	
from IndexMaster	
to Wyndham Garden	100.00
Wyndham Garden charges	S

Meals, meeting room rental, AV 9,783.97

Total Expenses 21,279.25

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<u>REVENUES</u> (\$4,400.25)

#### Northern Illinois University College of Law Library Instructional Services Librarian

Application Deadline Extended with Revised Qualifications. Twelve-month, tenure track appointment with rank of assistant professor. Duties: Teach legal research in both formal and informal settings, provide leadership in the use of technologies that enhance teaching and learning, provide creative reference service. Qualifications: Dynamic and self-motivated. Effective oral and written interpersonal communication skills. Ability to work in a team setting. Knowledge of legal bibliography and research technique, HTML, Westlaw, Lexis, and educational software applications. Accredited J.D. and M.L.S. degrees preferred; however, significant relevant experience may be substituted for one of the degrees. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications. Benefits: 24 vacation, 12 cumulative and 20 non-cumulative sick leave days/year. Administrative closure and floating holidays traditionally available in December. Medical, dental, life, and vision insurance. Choice of retirement programs. Start Date: July 2000. Contact: Send letter of application, resume, and names, addresses and phone numbers of three references to: John Austin, Director, David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115-2890. Phone: 815-753-9499. 815-753-9493. Fax: E-mail: jaustin@niu.edu. Application Deadline: Preference will be given to complete applications received by March 16th, 2000; however, applications will be accepted until position is filled. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. An AA EEO institution.

#### Drake University Law Library Circulation/Reference Librarian (New Position)

Circulation Desk management and reference services are key responsibilities. Expanded Reference Desk coverage is expected to include Sunday through Thursday evenings. Additional duties include supervision of collection maintenance operations, including oversight of student shelvers. Requirements: ALA-accredited MLS; ABA- accredited JD desirable but not required. Good organizational skills. Reference abilities. Computer experience. Faculty rank, tenure track. Benefits include TIAA/CREF and free tuition. Available: June 1. Contact Professor John Edwards, Drake University Law Library, Des Moines, IA 50311. AA/EEO. Position is pending final budget approval. (For more information see http://www.law.drake.edu/circlibn.html).

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#### **Membership News**

Compiled by Mike McReynolds, Shook, Hardy & Bacon Law Library

#### Illinois

James E. Duggan, Director of Information Technology and Professor at Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, is the author of "Legal Newspapers and Law Reviews: Focus on Illinois Law." 88 Illinois Bar Journal 49 (2000).

#### Kansas

University of Kansas School of Law Library Associate Director Joe Custer is now a Contributing Editor for the Sex Offender Law Report. Published bi-monthly by the Civic Research Institute, the first issue is December 1999/January 2000.

The Kansas Supreme Court Law Library has a new Cataloging Librarian, Jane Withee Hebert. Jane earned an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois in 1984, and a J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law in 1997.

#### Missouri

Barbara Fullerton, formerly Shook, Hardy & Bacon's Computer Services Librarian, is the new Library Director at Polsinelli, White, Vardeman & Shalton.

Janet McKinney, former Director of Collection Resources at the UMKC School of Law Library, has joined the Shook, Hardy & Bacon Law Library as their new Computer Services Librarian.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon's Law Library has imported their MARCIVE bibliographic records into their GLAS catalog.

#### Oklahoma

The Mabee Legal Information Center in the University of Tulsa College of Law opened in January. 2000. The existing law library was completely renovated, and two new floors were constructed to produce a state-of-the-art facility. The Mabee Legal Information Center offers both the latest library technologies and a comfortable, attractive study and research environment.

The new Center provides access to a solid basic legal collection, specialized collections in energy and environmental law, Native American law, and a vast number of law-related electronic resources. An electronic classroom, electronically wired carrels, tables and computer labs are also available. In addition, the Center houses the law school journal offices, the Board of Advocates, special rooms for certificate programs, the National Energy-Environment Law and Policy Institute (NELPI), an Alternative Dispute Resolution Center and an Alumni Conference Center.

#### Oklahoma City University Law Library

Electronic Services Librarian

The Oklahoma City University Law Library is looking for an Electronic Services Librarian. This position is part of the Reference department, and is responsible for the development of training programs for law students, faculty, and staff in the use of electronic resources, on-line databases, word processing programs, and the Internet, as well as the preparation of training materials, research guides, and other handouts. Opportunity to participate in teaching Advanced Legal Research. Participate in collection development, particularly in the selection of electronic materials. This position also supervises the computer lab, computer lab student assistants, and works with the Computer Services Coordinator in lab technical support.

QUALIFICATIONS: MLS from an ALA accredited institution and /or JD from an ABA accredited law school; MLS and JD preferred. Strong service orientation and written and oral communication skills.

Oklahoma City University School of Law is located in the thriving capital city of Oklahoma, just minutes from the state capital and state courts complex, as well as federal, county and municipal courts in downtown OKC. First-class cultural programs are available including live theatre, musical and dance performances, museums and galleries. The Law Library is located in the historic Gold Star Memorial Building, a city landmark. Please visit our web site at http://:www.okcu.edu/law/libr.htm.

To apply send cover letter and resume to Dir. of HR, 2501 N. Blackwelder, OKC, OK 73106. The position is available now and will remain open until filled.

#### **News From Other Chapters**

Compiled by Katherine J. Tooley, University of Tulsa School of Law

#### HALL Newsletter.

Internet Buddies, Trisha Fabugais, Gardere Wynne Sewell & Riggs, L.L.P. Sharing of Internet sites at a frequently held "buddies" meeting. Vol. 16, no. 6, November/December 1999.

"Vinson & Elkins gives chair to the State Law Library in honor of Karl Gruben at a ceremony in Austin on November 18, 1999." Vol. 17, no.1, January/February 2000.

#### LLAW Newsletter.

Book review: Wisconsin Practice Materials: A Selective, Annotated Bibliography, Ellen J. Platt and Mary J. Koshollek. (Buffalo, NY: William S. Hein & Co., c1999). "...Royalties from Wisconsin Practice Materials will go to the Law Librarians' Association of Wisconsin. This is clearly an endeavor which LLAW can take pride in." Vol. 17, no. 1, Fall 1999.

#### LLNE News.

Strengthening the Madagascar National Assembly: A Librarian's Perspective, Lynn Randall, Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library. Description of Lynn Randall's trip to Madagascar as a member of the U.S. Agency for International Developments' Legislative Strengthening project. Vol. 20, no. 2, 1999.

#### MALL Newsletter.

The Internet Column. A regular column, this issue explores sites where others have created pathfinders for research on specific legal topics. Why reinvent the wheel? Vol. 26, no. 2, September/October 1999.

We've Come a Long Way, Baby, ... Maybe ... OR, Was Yogi Right?, Mary Ann Archer. Humorous discussion of her 46 years after library school graduation and the cyclical nature of "concerns" in the library profession. Vol. 26, no. 3, November/December 1999.

150 Years of Service and Growing, Karen Westwood, Minnesota State Law Library. Article celebrating the 150 year milestone for the Library and the guest speaker, Morris Cohen. Vol. 26, no. 3, November/December 1999.

The Internet Column. A regular column, this issue explores computer virus myths and other urban legends. Written by Anna Cherry. Vol. 26, no. 3, November/December 1999.

There's a New School in Town, Shawn Kaderlik & Emily Nielsen. Describes the newest ALA accredited MLIS program in the Twin Cities. Offered through the University of North Texas, it is delivered via interactive video and the web. Vol. 26, no. 3, November/December 1999.

#### New Orleans Law Librarian.

Late Night Legal Reference in the Big Easy and Reference Man (to the tune of Billy Joel's "Piano Man"), Brian Huddleston, Loyola University, New Orleans, School of Law. Amusing musings to consider. Vol. 12, no. 4, January 2000.

#### NOCALL News.

Need Help In Your Library? ... Boy, Have We Got a Solution for You! Sarah Montes, Hoge Fenton Jones & Appel, Inc. & Diane Rodriguez, San Francisco County Law Library. Discusses the use of area Graduate Schools in Library & Information Science and MIS students to assist in Library projects. Benefits both the library and the students with their internships and practicums. Vol. 20, no. 2, November/December 1999.

#### ORALL Newsletter.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memories and Challenges for the Year Ahead, President's Column, Richard Humphrey. Vol. 1999, no. 4, December 1999.

#### SCCLL News.

Mentoring – Now More Than Ever, Donna Bausch, Norfolk Law Library, Norfolk, VA. Discusses the importance and benefits of active mentoring and calls for volunteers. Vol. 25, no. 2, Winter 1999.

<u>VALL Newsletter</u>. *Preservation Junction* and *Preservation Workshop*, Jill Burr, Wahab Public Law Library, Virginia Beach. Discusses the supplies needed for basic book repair. Also discusses experiences at a workshop held at the University of Richmond School of Law. Vol. 15, no. 2, Fall 1999.

Refdesk: UVa Law Library's Approach to E-mail Reference, Barbara Selby. Article originally ran in the April-June 1999 issue of <u>Virginia Libraries</u>. Presents the types of questions found on an e-mail reference assistance site. Vol. 15, no. 2, Fall 1999.

Developing an Academic Law Library from the Ground Up, June Stewart. Tells of the establishment of the Appalachian School of Law Library. Begun in 1997, it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> newest Law School in the country. Vol. 15, no. 3, Winter 1999.

#### Time Capsule Project

Sue Burch, Public Relations Committee Chair

The Public Relations Committee has a special project planned for the Philadelphia annual meeting. We are inviting the Executive Board and all AALL Chapters, Committees, and SISs to prepare time capsules; we will then store the time capsules for twenty-five years. We encourage your group to participate.

You can help define our time and also be a unique part of law librarianship's past and future. Our committee will supply the time capsules. This is an opportunity to offer a glimpse of your past to our future selves and colleagues. During this summer's Philadelphia meeting the time capsules will be sealed and tucked away for twenty-five years at AALL archives.

The objects you choose to encapsulate can run the gamut from the profound and serious to the weird, silly and sentimental; it's up to you. We'll have more

details on preparing your time capsules in the coming months, but the Public Relations Committee hopes your group will start thinking now about what items you want included in your time capsule.

Twenty-five years isn't that long. Look how fast the millennium went by! In July, 2025 we hope we will all still be around (it doesn't hurt to be optimistic) to attend the annual AALL meeting and watch as our time capsules are opened. For more information on how your group can become a permanent part of AALL's history, please call or e-mail me:

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#### **MAALL Membership**

The Membership Committee wants to encourage each and every person in your library to become members of MAALL. If you have hired new personnel who are not presently members of MAALL, or if you know of staff who were members in the past but are not presently members, please forward their name, library address, and e-mail address to Jessie Cranford, Chair, MAALL Membership Committee, UALR/Pulaski County Law Library, 1203 McAlmont Street Little Rock, Arkansas 72202.

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