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Congratulations to the 2005-2006 CALL Board Members

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“Summertime... and the living is easy.” So go the lyrics to George Gershwin’s haunting melody from the opera *Porgy and Bess*. Well, Gershwin must not have known anything about law libraries! Summertime is one of our busiest seasons, because that’s when the summer associates flock to our libraries and line up single file at our office doors.

It has been our experience that summer associates “hit the ground running.” They usually get their assignments by the second day, long before they have had the opportunity to remember exactly where the library is located. Once the assignments have been received, the summers are turned loose to sink or swim. This is where we come in - the librarians. Our jobs are to help those summers who (we swear) keep getting younger with each passing year.

It is during this time of year, more than any other, we become more than the librarian... we become the confidant. For the most part, it is not our job to evaluate the summer associates, to keep tabs on their progress, to decide who will be asked to return. Rather, we hear their struggles, frustrations and concerns and we do our best to help them succeed. We think, and many of you will probably agree, a large part of that success will be determined by how well we (or the summer associates, or fall associates or any attorney) know and understand the research tools that are available to all of us.

The plethora of available research tools (at any given time, in any given library) whether they be print or electronic is outstanding and constantly changing. Contracts are negotiated and new databases are added. What was once tried and true is not longer subscribed to or no longer updated. Publishers change. Functionality and content of databases change. We have all had the experience of the “content” or the good ole “link on the left” being here today... gone tomorrow. It is difficult for anyone to stay on top of the constant changes that are occurring with our available resources. For law librarians, it is critical. Our jobs depend on it.

So, how do we stay on top of it all? How do we stay on the cutting edge? One way to do so, for those of us who are fortunate enough to attend, is the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference (this year held July 16-20th in San Antonio, Texas). There are so many good programs and workshops, that it is difficult to choose just one for any given time slot. If we are unable to attend AALL, there are many excellent publications and journals (e.g., *CALL Bulletin, SLA Informant, AALL Spectrum and Law Library Journal*, to name a few) to read... all informative - all helping us to stay on the cutting edge. If reading these publications does not sound like a lot of fun to you, try grabbing a big beach towel, a tall cold drink, your shades and heading to the lake on a warm summer day with your reading material and take a look out over the horizon — you might just then find yourself saying, “Damn, there is nothing quite as exciting as being a law librarian!”

Have a great summer!
Debbie and Roberta
Dear Colleagues,

An Association is “[a] body of persons who have combined to execute a common purpose or advance a common cause; the whole organization which they form to effect their purpose;” (Oxford English Dictionary, 2nd ed. Vol. 1, p. 718) Associations evolve; they try new ideas, build on innovations and develop creative ways of accomplishing their mission. Law library associations like CALL enable members to network, exercise their talents and work cooperatively to promote librarianship and information services.

Equally important, I hope that at the various functions throughout the year, CALL members could step away from the demands of work to socialize and enjoy one another’s company.

CALL, a professional association, is an entirely volunteer endeavor. The meetings, activities and accomplishments of CALL during the past year are due to the combined efforts of its members. I want to thank the Board of Directors and the CALL Committees for their hard work and dedication. During 2004-2005, CALL continued its tradition of innovation. The Members Only section of the CALL website added valuable contents including the Membership Directory — updated three times a year online, handouts from continuing education programs and the CALL Policy Log from the Corporate Memory Committee. Our Business Meetings have presented engaging and informative speakers in delightful venues. With the help of the Community Services Committee, the generosity of members has benefited many worthwhile projects. CALL continuing education programs covered current and diverse issues. The CALL Bulletin remains a first class newsletter that informs and educates. The CALL website continues to be an impressive source of information and news.

Already many projects are taking shape for next year. CALL is continuing to discuss joint educational ventures with local bar associations. In October, CALL and the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) will hold a joint meeting. CALL will join with AALL at the 2006 Annual Meeting in St. Louis as AALL celebrates its Centennial Year. CALL will also be planning its 60th anniversary celebration in 2007.

I have had the great pleasure of meeting and working with many of you during this past year. When I first dipped my toe into law librarian waters twenty years – yes, friends – twenty years ago, I was impressed by how knowledgeable CALL colleagues were and how willing they were to share that knowledge. I still say “Wow!” CALL members possess an esprit de corps and professional commitment in this multi-tasking world that deserves applause and recognition. CALL is CALL because of YOU, the members.

This past year has been an honor and privilege for me. Thank you,

Jean

Believers and doers are what we need — faithful librarians who are humble in the presence of books.... To be in a library is one of the purest of all experiences. This awareness of library’s unique, even sacred nature, is what should be instilled in our neophytes.

— A Passion for Books

Lawrence Clark Powell (1906- )
CALL Executive Board
Summaries of Minutes
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Date: January 4, 2005, 9:00 A.M.
Place: AALL Headquarters

Board Members Present: Naomi Goodman, Denise Glynn, JoAnn Hounshell, Betty Roeske, Jamie Stewart, Jean Wenger, Julia Wentz

I. Minutes

Minutes for the December 2004 meeting were approved with amendments.

II. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer had not yet received the Harris bank statement for this month. She did report CALL had an income of $975.00 for the month of December.

Memberships to date: 301

Taxes update: Jean Wenger sent the taxes to the IRS registered mail/return receipt per instructions in the Handbook. The phone number on the tax form was changed to Jean Wenger’s office phone number. This was done because the phone number on the tax form was CALL’s old phone number which still works but no one answers. The phone number should be changed each year to the current president’s phone number.

III. Old Business

VP/President Grants to Attend AALL: Upon further review, Jean Wenger wanted to strengthen the requirements for receiving the grant for AALL. After additional discussion, Naomi Goodman moved to change the wording to “create two $300.00 chapter leadership training grants for the VP/President Elect and the President to attend the Chapter Leadership Training Session held on the Saturday prior to the AALL annual meeting and the AALL annual meeting beginning with the 2006 AALL annual meeting. Attendance at the Saturday Chapter Leadership Training Session is required to receive the grant. The funds will be presented up the return from the AALL annual meeting.” Julia Wentz seconded. The Board voted in favor of changing the wording to the above statement.

Business Meeting/Continuing Education Registration Policies: Jean Wenger will write an article for the February 2005 CALL Bulletin outlining CALL’s No-Show Policy and payment for no-shows. Beginning with the March 2005 Business Meeting, there will be a follow-up for those who registered, did not appear and did not pay. The Treasurer would like to receive from the Meetings Committee a final list of registrants, noting their payment status, prior to the Business Meeting. The Board would like to formalize some sort of policy on this at the next Board Meeting.

Continuing Education/May program: At the last Board Meeting, Board members were bouncing ideas off each other about programs and how to get CALL’s name “out there” to a larger audience. The focus of each continuing education program should be for CALL members, and then we will see if that program would be of interest to advertise to other groups. The C.E. Committee is about to send out a survey to CALL members. Government documents or an idea from the survey were possible topics for the May program. The Board may look into having a Professional Development Committee as a sub-group of the Continuing Education Committee.

IV. New Business

Updating Online Membership Directory: The CALL Online Membership Directory is NOT automatically updated as new members join. CALL has to pay $25.00 to AALL for each update. Since the Directory is a valuable tool to CALL members, the Board will have the online Directory updated 3 times a year. The Directory will be updated in November, February, and May. Jean Wenger will make an announcement to the CALL Discussion Forum outlining the update process to the CALL membership. Gail Hartzell and Jean Wenger will put together the content.

SLA Announcements/CALL Contact: Jean Wenger will become the contact person for SLA announcements. She will continue to be the contact person as Past President. The Past President will become the contact person for SLA announcements.

AALL Centennial 2006: AALL is looking for Chapters to participate. AALL has formed a Centennial Committee. Jean Wenger is alerting CALL members to be thinking about how CALL might participate in the upcoming event.

V. Committee Reports

Continuing Education: The Committee has a program on accessing and cataloging e-resources, tentatively scheduled for February 16, at the Chicago Metropolitan Library System. The speakers are from the University of Chicago and the program is geared towards technical services librarians. The Committee is sending out an educational needs survey to CALL...
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members in the next couple of weeks. Naomi Goodman would like to add the question “What kinds of speakers do you want to hear at the business meetings?” to the survey. The tour of the Cook County Law Library is tentatively scheduled for March.

Elections: Jean Wenger asked the committee to investigate electronic voting.

Internet: From Annette Cade: “The trial run of the online registration form was successful. I received the “registrations” as individual emails last month. This is how it is supposed to function. More work needs to be done in coordinating the data generated from the forms with the Meetings and Education Committees or whoever else would need registration information. These are minor details. The main point is that we should be able to have online registration. I’d like to start with a relatively small registration event, if possible, to make sure there are no snafus.”

Meetings: As of Jan. 3, 2005, sixty-six people had registered for the January Business Meeting. The registrations were split pretty evenly between CALL and SLA members. The March meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 23rd, but the location has not been secured. The speaker for the May meeting is set; the location needs to be secured.

Membership: 77 people have not handed in their photo release forms. CALL has 305 members. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Submitted by: Denise Glynn
January 7, 2005
Amended: February 9, 2005

Date: February 8, 2005
Place: AALL Headquarters
Board Members Present: Naomi Goodman, Denise Glynn, JoAnn Hounshell, Betty Roeske, Jamie Stewart, Jean Wenger, Julia Wentz

I. Minutes
Minutes for the January 2005 meeting were approved.

II. Treasurers Report
Because the Treasurer had not received the Harris bank statement in time for the January 2005 meeting, both reports were given at this meeting.

Income and deposits for December 2004 totaled $975.00 and checks written totaled $3,793.06. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $24,938.19. The Northern Trust balance as of December 3, 2004 is $4,008.71.

There was no income for January 2005 and checks written totaled $713.00. The Treasurer did not have enough checks to warrant making a deposit. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $24,938.19. The Northern Trust balance as of January 3, 2005 is $4,013.15.

Memberships to Date: 303. The Membership Committee has 305 total members in CALL. The number discrepancy is due to a different renewal period.

III. Committees
Election Committee: Brian Myers was unable to attend. He will send the Board a report on electronic voting.

IV. Old Business
CALL Midyear Leadership Wrap-up: President Wenger felt the meeting was a success. Approximately 15 committee chairs and Board members attended. Ideas tossed about were: more interaction between committees, express those ideas through the EBCC list, outreach with state bar association to promote legal research, form a speakers bureau, the possible formation of a special committee to put together the speakers bureau.

CALL Leadership – June 2005: Naomi Goodman will check dates and coordinate with Kathryn Deiss at MLS. Both the SLA and ALA annual meetings are in June. The ALA annual meeting is in Chicago this year.

V. New Business
Continuing Education Registration Policies: There was some discussion on whether or not to apply the business meeting no-show policy to continuing education programs. The discussion was tabled until a later date.

Paid Speakers for Continuing Education Programs: CALL usually stays away from paid speakers. It could be considered on a case by case basis.

Program Materials for Non-Attendees: The Continuing Education Committee should ask the speaker if he/she wants their handouts posted on the CALL website on the Members Only side.

Outreach – Illinois State Bar: Discussed above under CALL Midyear Leadership Wrap-up.

Disposition of publications from BRB Publications, Inc.: BRB Publications sent Jean Wenger five refer-
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ence books as a gift to CALL. There was some discussion as to what to do with them. One idea was to give them away at the AALL annual meeting. More discussion will follow.

VI. Committee Reports

Community Service: The Committee is undecided on who is interested in being chair for the committee next year. The March community service project will be the collection of eyeglasses for the Lions Club. In addition to eyeglasses, the Lions Club will also accept non-prescription sunglasses, eyeglass cases and hearing aids. The May project will a collection of small personal items for the soldiers in Iraq. The Committee is also talking about CALL t-shirts.

Internet: From Annette Cade: “Debbie Ginsberg and I met recently with the Placement/Recruitment Committee about a redesign of the ‘Jobs’ page on the website which will include significantly more content. I spoke with members of the Public Relations committee about adding a page on ‘Member Articles’ which will feature published articles by CALL members. The Membership committee forwarded an updated CALL Membership Directory (through 1/31/2005) that was uploaded to the website last week. An online registration form was added as a choice for those registering for the upcoming workshop on cataloging legal materials. I’ve been told by Sheri Lewis (who is receiving the data generated from the online form) that registration is proceeding smoothly. The Internet Committee will meet probably at the end of February to discuss the status of ongoing projects. We are also beginning to look into a Content Management System.”

Meetings: The January joint meeting with SLA-IL had 12 no-shows and 11 walk-ins. SLA is tracking down 13 missing checks. For next year, those in charge of the meeting will remind the caterer to label the sandwiches and provide coffee. The March 23, 2005 business meeting will be held at Petterino’s. The speaker is Steve Berlin and his talk is entitled “Insuring Public Confidence in Government: the Chicago Board of Ethics.” He will encourage those attending to take a look at the Annual Report of the Chicago Board of Ethics. The May business meeting has been moved to Thursday May 26, 2005. In September 2005, AALL is having a summit on educational programming. CALL could investigate getting a speaker from the summit for their September business meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by: Denise Glynn
February 9, 2005
Amended: April 19, 2005

Date: March 8, 2005, 9:00 A.M.
Place: AALL Headquarters
Board Members Present: Denise Glynn, JoAnn Hounshell, Betty Roeske, Jamie Stewart, Jean Wenger, Julia Wentz
Absent: Naomi Goodman
CALL Committee Chairs Present: Mary Lu Linnane, Corporate Memory Committee

I. Minutes

A paper copy of the February minutes was unavailable for this meeting. The February minutes will be approved at the April Board meeting.

II. Treasurers Report

Income and deposits for February totaled $2,875.00 and checks written totaled $1,118.75. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $27,100.19. The Treasurer has not yet received the current statement from the Northern Trust. At present, the balance remains $4,013.15.

Memberships to date: 303

III. Committees

Corporate Memory Committee, Mary Lu Linnane, Chair: The Corporate Memory Committee has been in existence for about three years. It was formed to collate into a policy log, important decisions made by the Board over past years. The Committee began reviewing the Board Meeting Minutes with the 1997-1998 term. It is currently up to date. The Policy Log will be added to the Members Only side of the CALL website. Mary Lu will contact Annette Cade about posting the Policy Log to the website. In addition to the policy log, the Committee also provides two other documents to the Board, Handbook Suggestions and General Suggestions. The Committee will pass on information to the CALL Board twice a year. Currently the Committee is a special committee. The Corporate Memory Committee recommends the status be changed to a standing committee with appointed members (three members plus the Secretary). At least one member should be a past president.

IV. Old Business

Outreach – Illinois State Bar Association: President Jean Wenger sent Thomas Speedie Jr., Director of Continuing Legal Education, Illinois State Bar Association, a letter outlining several initiatives of CALL that could be an adjunct to ISBA CLE programs. She continued on p.8
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will report to the Board when she hears back from him.

V. New Business

2005 Election and Ballot Return: The Board had a great deal of email discussion on extending the deadline for the return of the ballots. To get the final decision into the minutes President Jean Wenger states “given the delay in mailing the ballots for the 2005/2006 CALL election, the Board decided in the fairness and equity that the deadline for the return of the ballots be extended to Monday March 21, 2005.”

Revisit Grants for VP/President: Tabled for discussion until the next meeting.

Budget Items in Handbook: On the CALL reimbursement form, there is a spot to check if the item being reimbursed is budgeted or non-budgeted. CALL does not seem to have any guidelines on what constitutes a budgeted item and what constitutes a non-budgeted item. The Board needs to formulate guidelines or a policy as to what is budgeted and what is not. We need to have guidelines for individual committees.

Joint Meeting with ORALL: Kyle Passmore of ORALL is organizing the meeting. She has not passed on any information to Betty Roeske or Julia Wentz. Ted Potter who had been in charge of Wisconsin’s involvement in the meeting has taken a new position in Iowa. We don’t know if Wisconsin is going to be interested in participating. Betty Roeske mentioned a tentative schedule of committee meetings on Thursday afternoon, programs on Friday, and tours on Saturday. Betty will pass on the information as it becomes available.

VI. Committee Reports

Bulletin: At the AALL annual meeting this year, the CONE committee is having a table in the activities area and is asking newsletter editors if they would be willing to submit some issues of their bulletins for display. The Bulletin Committee is asking the Board if it is OK to go ahead and print a couple of copies of recent CALL Bulletins for display. The Board said to go ahead and make print copies for the CONE display.

Continuing Education: The program on cataloging electronic resources was a success. The class was limited to 30 people. Twenty seven people registered and twenty four people attended. CALL paid the Library of Congress for the right to print 30 copies of the handout. The Committee is also sponsoring a visit to the Cook County Law Library on April 7, 2005.

There will be no charge and advanced registration will be required. The tour is limited to 15 participants. It will be followed by a no host lunch.

Corporate Memory: The Committee met on February 23, 2005. As they were going through the minutes of Oct. 2004-Jan. 2005, several general questions came up to ask the Board to think about. Is CALL going to do something for its 60th Anniversary? At the Committee Chairs get together, have a discussion on committee responsibilities. Also discuss how to set an agenda and run a meeting. Will there be volunteer forms for committees on the table at the March 2005 meeting? Does the Archives Committee have the President’s Books? Is electronic balloting legal in Illinois? The Committee is also recommending that they become a standing committee with the members appointed similar to the Nominations Committee.

Internet: There have been some problems with the online registration for the March 2005 business meeting. Consequently, Annette Cade has removed the link. We will use the regular registration form for the March meeting. April 7 is the date for the tour of the Cook County Law Library. This might be an opportunity to retest the online registration.

Public Relations: The Committee is interested in organizing a speaker’s bureau. They will put together a survey based on one that Valparaiso uses for their faculty. They will send a copy of the survey to Board before it is posted on the Discussion Forum for their input.

Relations with Information Vendors: Lorna Tang has announced a trip to the CCH offices on April 5, 2005. Watch the Discussion Forum and website for further details.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Submitted by: Denise Glynn
March 9, 2005
Amended: April 19, 2005

CALL will join with ORALL for a Joint Meeting
Indianapolis
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Ninety members and guests attended the **March 23, 2005 CALL Business Meeting** held at Petterinos. Thomson West sponsored the meeting. Professional Library Services donated the door prizes. **Steve Berlin**, Deputy Director of the City of Chicago’s Board of Ethics was the guest speaker.

“Sunshine is the basic disinfectant” was a recurring theme of Mr. Berlin’s presentation “Ensuring Public Confidence in Government: the Chicago Board of Ethics.” He gave members an understanding of the responsibilities of the Chicago Board of Ethics. They include education, advice and guidance; and regulation and disclosure. All of them address the primary function of government ethics programs which is to promote the public interest and to insure pure process. An increasingly important responsibility is education. All Aldermen, Aldermanic staff, City Council Committee staff and senior executive service employees of the City are required to attend ethics training every 4 years. This is approximately 10% of the City’s workforce. The Board also offers other specialized training. Another responsibility is advice and guidance. The Board keeps open channels of communication. It receives approximately 2,000 inquiries per year, with one quarter of those requests made via the telephone. The subject areas receiving the most inquiries include financial interest disclosure, gifts/travel/honoraria, lobbying activity and post employment restrictions. The final responsibility is one of regulation and disclosure. Under this responsibility falls campaign financing, statements of financial interests, and lobbyist regulation. The Board collects disclosure forms from lobbyists as well as from city workers. The Board has the authority to conduct investigations where complaints have been made. Mr. Berlin provided CALL members a very broad look at the Chicago Board of Ethics. For more information the Board has a website at www.cityofchicago.org/Ethics

**President Jean Wenger** welcomed the new CALL members:

**Allen Moye**, Director, DePaul University, Rinn Law Library

**Helen King-Desai**, Librarian, Schuyler, Roche & Zwirner PC

**Brian Budzynski**, Baker & McKenzie

**Farida Ujjainwala**, Baker & McKenzie

The May Business Meeting will take place Thursday May 26, 2005 at Maggianos. **Judy Gaskell** will be the guest speaker.

President Wenger announced the winners of the 2005 CALL election. They are:

**Mary Lu Linnane**, President

**Julia Jackson**, Secretary

**Janice Collins**, Director

She also thanked all the candidates who ran for office.

The following Committee announcements were made:

**Naomi Goodman** encouraged everyone to please volunteer for a committee next year. There are committee registration forms at each seat.

**Betty Roeske**, Grants and Chapter Awards, is looking for nominations for the Agnes & Harvey Reid Award, the CALL Lifetime Achievement Award and for the best In-House Publication. There are grants available for continuing legal education programs such as the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

**Sally Holterhoff**, Public Relations, encouraged everyone to capture what you do everyday in a picture for National Library Week. Photos will be shown on the AALL website and in the *Spectrum*. The CALL Public Relations Committee is willing to come and take the pictures for you if you do not own a digital or regular camera. Please contact **Lynn Leinartas**.

**Valerie Kropf**, Community Services, thanked everyone for donating eyeglasses for the Lions Club and reminded everyone to put their spare change in the cans for the Pennies from Heaven Campaign for the Red Cross. **Katie Leonard** reminded everyone of the joint Earth Day project with SLA. On April 23, 2005 please join in the clean up effort of Humboldt Park at 1400 N. Sacramento.

**Sheri Lewis**, Continuing Education, announced the April 7 tour of the Cook County Law Library. It will be followed by a no host lunch at Marshall Fields on the 7th floor. Advanced registration is required.

**Gail Hartzell**, speaking on behalf of Relations with Information Vendors, reminded everyone of the April 5th visit to CCH Headquarters. Employees from CCH and Aspen will be on hand. CCH will provide lunch. Please RSVP to **Lorna Tang** by March 25, 2005.

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Internet Moment: Here Come the Summer Associates
By Susan M. Boland, Northern Illinois University College of Law, sboland@niu.edu

What is that I hear? That faint rumbling in the air getting louder and louder ... it's the great summer associate migration! Yes, it is that time of year when the law students heretofore gracing the halls of academia start mucking around in law firm libraries – a little lost, often confused, and desperate for friendly librarian help. In order to help you cope with the invasion, I have prepared a list of articles and resources on the Web that deal with tips and tricks for dealing with summer associates.

Right off the bat you'll be dealing with a diverse group who has God only knows what background in legal research. To help you get a handle on what your new summer associates know and don't know, try adapting one of these entrance surveys posted on the Legal Research Focus Group pages of the Law Librarians' Society of Washington DC site (if you get a message asking for a password, click cancel).

Alea Henle’s survey from Wilmer Cutler:
http://www.llsdc.org/lrfocus/wilmersummersurvey.rtf

Jeannine Coscia’s survey from Wiley, Rein & Fielding:
http://www.llsdc.org/lrfocus/wrf-surveys.rtf

Cindy Curling survey from Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson:
http://www.llsdc.org/lrfocus/FF-survey.rtf

Once you know what they know, what do you do with them? Some of the best resources for training tips are the Lexis-Nexis Summer Associate Toolkits. Since 2001, the Lexis-Nexis Library Relations Group has put together articles, links, and bibliographies to help with summer associate training. The LLRX Web site also has many helpful articles on training summer associates. While many of those articles are also listed or linked to in the Lexis-Nexis Summer Associate Toolkits, I have individually listed some of the most useful, as well as a few other resources.

Lexis-Nexis Summer Associate Toolkits:
http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/training/toolkits/


So you’ve prepared for them, but what resources are out there for them to prepare for you? Here are a few useful guides out there:

Chicago-Kent’s Empirical Research Tutorial:
http://library.kentlaw.edu/Resources/EmpTutorial/index.htm

Georgetown’s Summer Associate Survival guides:
http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/sass/index.cfm

Howard’s Guide for Summer Associates:

University of Notre Dame Summer Hints:

Thurgood Marshall Successful Summer Strategies: Research in the Real World
http://www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/researchguides/summerguide/summerguide.asp

Virginia Bar Association’s New Lawyer’s Survival Guide:

Good luck!
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Executive Committee presents
Monday, July 18, 2005
5:15 PM - 6:15 PM
Introduction to Latin American Legal Systems
Speakers: Professor Stephen Zamora and Assistant Professor Antonio Gidi, both from Houston University.

Watch for other substantive FCIL programming in our Interest Group meetings:

Asian Law Interest Group Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 20, 2005
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Looking Eastward: Researching Asian Trade Law
Speaker: Chenglin Liu, Adjunct Professor of Law, Foreign and International Law Librarian at the University of Houston Law Center, and the IG Chair.

CIS and Eastern European Law Interest Group
Sunday, July 17, 2005 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM
Featured speaker: Irma Aladashvili, Coordinator of the Law library and Information Centre for the Georgian Young Lawyer's Association in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Electronic Issues Interest Group Business Meeting
Saturday, July 16, 2005 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
New Portals to Foreign and International Law
Speakers: Marylin Raisch, International and Foreign Law Librarian at Georgetown University Law Libraries and the IG Chair, Mirela Roznovschi, Reference Librarian for International and Foreign Law at New York University Law Library, Emily Allbon, Law Librarian from the City University, London, England (she received the Betty Moys Award 2004 for her work on a student legal portal http://www.lawbore.net/) and other special guests!

African Law Interest Group Business Meeting
Sunday, July 17, 2005
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
New Developments in African Legal Systems: Ghana
Speaker: Victor Essien, International Law Librarian & Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham Law School, and African Law Interest Group Chair.

Publication Committee Business Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2005
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Selectors of Foreign Law in Foreign Languages
Anne Burnett, Reference/Foreign & International Law Librarian at the University of Georgia Law Library, Linda Tashbook, Foreign International Comparative Law Librarian at the University of Pittsburgh Barco Law Library, and Dan Wade, Associate Librarian for Foreign & International Law and Lecturer at the Yale Law Library will moderate a gathering of foreign law librarians and librarians in charge with acquisition of foreign law in the entire country. The meeting is being sponsored by the Northeast Foreign Law Librarians Cooperative Group.

Teaching Foreign and International Research Interest Group
Tuesday, July 19, 2005
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Panel on FCIL Librarianship
This session moderated by Patricia A. Kasting, Reference Librarian at Hofstra University Law School Library and Mary Rumsey, Foreign, Comparative, & International Law Librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library will be devoted to a question-and-answer gathering on FCIL librarianship, aimed at people interested in becoming FCIL librarians or learning more about FCIL librarianship.
A Unique Collection on Animal Law
By Anne L. Abramson, The John Marshall Law School, 8abrams@jmls.edu

I wish to thank Marcia Kramer, Director of Legal/Legislative Programs at NAVS and Dorothy Li, Director of the Louis L. Biro Law Library, for their assistance with this bibliography.

Since 1996, the John Marshall Law School Library (now the Louis L. Biro Law Library of The John Marshall Law School) has served as the repository of an important and unique collection on animal law. On October 19, 1995, the John Marshall Law School and the National Anti-Vivisection Society (“NAVS”) entered into an Agreement for creation of the National Research Library for Animal Advocacy. For short, we at the Law Library refer to this Research Library simply as the NAVS collection. All items within the collection are so designated by their location on the 10th floor of the Law Library and the label “NAVS” on their spines.

The collection started with the presentation of several titles to the Law Library by John Marshall Professor Peter J. McGovern on behalf of NAVS. These titles were cataloged in spring of 1996. Since that time, the Library has identified existing titles on animal rights issues in its general collection and reprocessed them for the NAVS collection. Pursuant to their Agreement, NAVS and John Marshall both contributed funds on an annual basis for the addition of new titles to the collection. The John Marshall Reference Librarians select relevant titles for the NAVS collection on an ongoing basis. At present, the collection consists of 156 titles, including 151 monographs and 5 serials.

The collection serves not only patrons at John Marshall Law School but members of NAVS and researchers nationwide. Just as the NAVS collection has grown, so has interest in animal rights law and advocacy. As the Interlibrary Loan librarian in charge of lending for the past three years, I could not help but notice a great many requests for articles from the Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science: JAAWS and various monographs on animal rights. Following is a sampling of some recent titles in the NAVS collection, including call numbers. As mentioned earlier, all materials in the NAVS collection are located in the last stacks on the 10th floor of the Law Library.

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Journals


The Animal Policy Report. Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, Center for Animals & Public Policy. N. Grafton, MA: The Center, 1900s-. HV4712 .A5


Electronic Sources

For further exploration of animal related legal topics beyond the NAVS collection at the John Marshall Law Library, here are just a few of the electronic sources available via the internet.

Web Based Research Guide


http://www.llrx.com/features/labanimals.htm

Organizations and their Websites

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

http://www.aspca.org/site/PageServer

The oldest humane organization in the U.S. is based in New York but operates nationwide. Recipients of the ASPCA’s email newsletter will learn of pending animal related legislation throughout the country and can take action in their state, if they wish.

Animal Legal Defense Fund

http://www.aldf.org

Founded by a handful of attorneys in 1979, the Animal Legal Defense Fund seeks to protect animals through the legal system. The website details the fascinating history of ALDF and its participation in roundbreaking litigation, both criminal and civil, involving animals. Links at the website take researchers to model laws, an animal bill of rights and a bulletin board where registrants can post questions and comments.

International Institute for Animal Law

http://www.animallawintl.org/

In collaboration with the John Marshall Law School, NAVS has also established the International Institute for Animal Law (“IIAL”). As stated by John Marshall Professor Kenneth Kandaras, IIAL was founded to promote credible scholarship and advocacy skills on behalf of animals within the legal and legislative arenas. The resources available through IIAL include Animallaw.com, as described further below.

National Anti-vivisection Society

http://www.navs.org

As stated at its website, NAVS is dedicated to abolishing the exploitation of animals used in research, education and product testing. The headquarters of NAVS is here in Chicago at 53 W. Jackson Blvd. Suite 1552.

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National Center for Animal Law
http://law.lclark.edu/org/ncal/
The National Center for Animal Law is affiliated with the Lewis and Clark Law School, where its aim is to create a model program in animal law. The Center sponsors annual moot court and legislative drafting competitions on important animal law issues.

Web Based Research Sources

Animal Legal & Historical Web Center
http://www.animallaw.info/
This site is sponsored by Michigan State University, in particular, animal law expert Professor David Favre. The website provides for searching of laws and cases by state, topic, subject and country. In addition, pleadings, briefs and filings in pending cases involving animals are available at the site.

Animallaw.com
http://www.animallaw.com/
The International Institute for Animal Law provides access to Animallaw.com, a clearinghouse of animal related legal information. The search template and subject categories available at this website allow for refined searches of laws and pending legislation from one or many states. Sample categories include “Companion Animals (pets)” and “Hunting and Trapping”.

In addition, these same search features can be used to retrieve books, articles from a wide range of scholarly journals and even government documents on specific topics within animal law. Animallaw.com features an extensive “Bibliography of Animal Law Resources”. This same bibliography is available in print in the NAVS collection. The print version is as of 2001, whereas the electronic version is kept up to date on Animallaw.com.

The extent of coverage as well as the precision searching available at this website make it a powerful tool for researching primary legal and secondary materials on animal law.

New Vistas and Values for Europe

Strategies for Researching European Law:
A Workshop (see the full announcement in your preliminary program for the 98th Annual Meeting and Conference of AALL, page 27, recently distributed with Vol. 9, no. 5, March 2005 issue of AALL Spectrum)

To all list members considering educational opportunities in connection with the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting in San Antonio:

Saturday, July 16, 2005
8:30-4:00 p.m.

This intermediate level workshop for academic and law firm librarians and information specialists will focus on European Union document research and the changes in the structure, constitutional foundation, and membership of the European Union. A distinguished roster of academic, governmental, and private research and practice experts will guide participants through these changes and much more.

Transportation will be provided and the Wm. S. Hein Company is providing a reception following the program, which will conclude before evening events. Please register as early as possible for this exciting workshop, part of a multi-year training strategy proposed by the Foreign, Comparative, International Law Special Interest Section. Your participation will help guarantee that the workshop and the series will move forward and reach out to keep information professionals trained in this developing area of research, practice, and trade.

We hope to see you there!

Marylin J. Raisch, International and Foreign Law Librarian Coordinator
Duncan Alford, Head of Reference, Moderator
Georgetown Law Library

“And I honor the man who is willing to sink
Half his present repute for the freedom to think,
And, when he has thought, be his cause strong or weak,
Will risk t’ other half for the freedom to speak.”

As Summer approaches, our minds begin thinking of sunny warm weather, outdoor concerts, art fairs, ball games, lounging by the pool or days at the beach. During Summer, academic law librarians and law schools also send their students off to law firms and other legal positions since many law students will now be entering summer associate employment. This is precisely where, I believe, both academic and firm librarians can excel.

Do you remember being a student? Do you remember all the things you thought of as a student? From lugging around your backpack (it sure seems like backpacks have become actual luggage these days including not only books but laptops, I-pods, palm pilots...etc.) to hanging out in the student lounge talking about class. Here at DePaul's Law School, students are now in the middle of finals and looking forward to when they will begin their summer employment.

While times have changed (and the world seems to be revolving at a much faster pace), there are, of course, some things that remain the same. Students know that they have to learn the law. Law students have so much going on, with all their substantive law classes (Property, Securities, Uniform Commercial Code...etc.) and they are so busy getting ready to be “called on” in class that often students don’t have time to pay as much attention to doing good legal research until they hit the firms. This is where academic and firm librarians can be of great assistance.

Ideally, legal research skills will be thoroughly taught and absorbed in law school. Ideally. That is the goal of legal research & writing classes and the goal of the academic law librarian. Training our students on how to “hit the ground running” when they enter outside employment is something we try to do at our academic institutions. We know that Westlaw and Lexis will no longer be “free” (actually part of students’ tuition and on our academic contract) but instead will be charged by transaction or by the minute and even if the firms/offices have a flat fee, partners frown upon too much work being charged to the firm. Librarians also know that not everything can be found on the internet or in a database. Sometimes just looking up a definition or picking up a good treatise or thumbing through a statute volume can save a great deal of time and money.

This is where law librarians can really get noticed, can really become invaluable to students, faculty, future associates and their own employers. I can’t tell you how many times (both as an academic and firm librarian) a student or associate has been amazed that all they had to do was open a book, look in the table of contents or the index and find materials in seconds that would’ve taken forever to find online (or would actually have never been found online). A quick trip through a nutshell or a glance at an annotated statute can give a student or associate a world of info on a topic they need to get to know quickly at no cost. This is not to downgrade the revolutionizing effect computers have had on legal research. We all know Google and are amazed by it. We all know a fast, well-structured search on Westlaw or Lexis will reap amazing rewards. The fact is, however, we are librarians. We know these things and we can teach so much to students, associates and partners. We can become invaluable to students and lawyers alike when we show them the right “media mix” to use. They don’t have time to keep up on all this information. We do, it’s our job. I once led an associate to a set of books on contracts and after looking through them she said, “You are my hero.” Approached once by a senior partner in a firm asking whether we had any resources on Intellectual Property (something she had never researched) I said well maybe I can just pick up a nutshell on IP. This nutshell (although they would not like to admit it) soon became “hot property” at the firm.

As a student 20 years ago we didn’t have PC’s or Word or Blackboard. I remember walking around campus with punch cards, if you can believe it. One strong wind would send my computer program flying. We didn’t have cell phones or palm pilots or instant messaging. We weren’t drinking lattes, or cappuccinos or our favorite dark roast blend. However, students are students. A great deal is expected of students both then and now. They need to make the leap from theoretical to the real world and this is where we, as law librarians, can excel.
Summer is upon us and outdoor activities are more attractive than the indoor atmosphere of the library to most patrons. Law libraries and medical libraries are rather consistent in the way they are operated because they are in business all year long. However, academic and public libraries often change their hours and policies during the summer, initiating special incentives and/or programs for patrons to participate in or give reason for a visit to the library.

The Newberry Library, for an example, is conducting seminars and institutes during July and August for teachers, and also offers grants for participants. The website for more information is: http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-university.html. The University of Illinois has a project entitled “African Studies Summer Curriculum Development” for instructors K-12. The deadline for enrollment was February 7, 2005 but it is interesting to know that this is being offered over the summer for future reference. The website for more information regarding this program can be found at: http://www.outreachworld.org/activity_print.asp?EventID=183.

On a different note, the Dominy Library in Fairbury, Illinois offers a garden club from April until October for their patrons, making visiting the library a season of fun. See http://www.fairbury.lib.il.us/gardenclub/index.html for more information. The Lincoln Library and the Illinois State Museum both offer entertaining and educational summer programs for kids, including the trick roping and yodeling of Cowboy Randy Erwin at the library and the African tales of storyteller Linda Gorham at the ISM. See http://www.illinoistimes.com/gbase/Gyrosite/Content?oid=oid%3A32220 for more information.

Some of the public libraries have special programs, especially devoted to children. Some examples:

- Peoria Public Library – providing a calendar of events for summer - http://www.findsomethingtodo.com/category_e.asp?f=3&c=41
- Schaumburg Public Library is sponsoring a Hula Dance, Tuesday, June 26 http://www.barefoothawaiian.com/bhi_schedule.htm;

Libraries all over the country gear for summer by providing a variety of programs so that patrons will still visit the library during the warm weather. Many programs are geared for school children so that they have something to do over the summer. With modern technology, children tend to like playing games on computers, GameBoys, etc. It is interesting to note that many libraries have online games for kids to play. Some examples:

http://www.richtonparklibrary.org/Kids_Page2.htm
http://www.newlenoxlibrary.org/coollinks.htm
http://www.multicolib.org/kids/games.html
http://www.awesomelibrary.org/Office/Main/New_and_Exciting/Games.html

These are just a few sites available that may keep kids occupied on a rainy day. Feel free to do a Google search to find out what your local library has for summer activities.

As for the librarians, we are looking forward to summer associates and/or new law clerks to start at most firms. In this regard, Lexis and West provide specific training to all associates by contacting them at their respective law schools and by providing orientation once the clerks and associates arrive at the law firm with whom they have accepted a position. The American Lawyer has published a survey in 2004 on associate programs at http://www.lzine.com/.

Have a happy and safe summer and keep the kids busy!
On Tuesday, April 5th, twenty-four CALL members convened at CCH’s headquarters in Riverwoods. At the invitation of CCH, the trip, which was organized by CALL’s Relations with Information Vendors Committee, provided CALL members with an opportunity to direct questions to CCH personnel and learn about some of the publisher’s new initiatives. Twenty-six CCH employees also participated in the event, which included presentations, a Q & A session, and a sit-down lunch provided by CCH. Some of the day’s highlights were:

- **Leslie Bonacum, Director of Corporate Communications**, provided an overview of the corporate structure of Netherlands-based Wolters Kluwer, CCH’s parent company. As it was introduced in Amsterdam on March 21, 2005, most products and employees of CCH and Aspen Publishers are now part of the Wolters Kluwer Tax, Accounting & Legal Division. Wolters Kluwer has initiated a new branding strategy, and its corporate logo will become more prominent on CCH and Aspen products.

- CCH employees stated that print products (including Aspen and CCH book titles) generate 65% of the Tax, Accounting & Legal Division’s revenue. Electronic products (including CCH’s *Internet Research Network* and Aspen’s *Loislaw*) are responsible for the remaining 35%. CCH staff indicated that there is an increasing customer demand for electronic products, and that CCH “will publish in any media as long as [the] market supports it.”

- **Scott Murray, Internet Marketing Manager**, discussed CCH’s “Cost Recovery Project.” The Project, which is in beta testing through the end of May, will ultimately provide CCH online subscribers with access to a usage reporting utility, and a client matter number tracking system. CCH suggests that corporate subscribers charge clients a $249.00/hour retail fee for use of CCH online products. No official release date has been set for these new enhancements.

- **Jeanne Fitzmaurice, Senior Business Technology Analyst**, demonstrated and discussed CCH@Hand, a new feature of CCH’s *Tax Research Network*. CCH@Hand allows the user to directly launch search queries from MS Office 2003 documents, or a PC desktop. In addition, users can also quickly incorporate CCH content into e-mail and Word documents, and create live links to CCH text. CCH@Hand is available automatically with subscriptions to the *Tax Research Network*, and must be installed on a PC desktop. CALL attendees received demonstration CDs, and accompanying literature about this new feature. Information on CCH@Hand is also available at CCHAtHand.com/Welcome.

- **Judith McRee, Executive Director, Customer Care Operations**, introduced Aspen Publisher’s new “My Account” feature, which will formally be introduced in June. “My Account” will be available via Aspen’s web site (aspenpublishers.com), and will have many capabilities. Specifically, “My Account” will allow Aspen subscribers to view invoices, subscriptions by status, details of orders, and link/unlink accounts to a single User ID. According to Ms. McRee, customers will eventually be able to pay by credit card using the “My Account” feature.

Ms. McRee also explained that CCH and Aspen each have their own internal customer service organization, and there is no immediate plan to merge them. For support issues, Ms. McRee specified that customers should utilize the contact information on their invoices. For Aspen, there is also a specialty toll-free line for law firms, law libraries, and courts (877.529.5427), as well as a specialty e-mail address (lawlibrarian@aspenpublishers.com). The CCH web site (cch.com) provides a fully searchable knowledge base with answers to hundreds of FAQs, and a live web-chat feature is forthcoming.

- **Jerry Pruitt, Vice President, Customer Service and Operations**, announced that CCH print production and paperback book fulfillment operations have both moved. Print production has shifted from Florida to Chicago, and paperback book fulfillment has moved from Chicago to Maryland. These location changes, according to Mr. Pruitt, should ultimately result in improved service for customers.
Loyola’s Law Library has initiated an informal cultural exchange with the library of the Chicago branch of the Cervantes Institute. The Cervantes Institute was created in 1991 by the Spanish government to promote Hispanic culture, and the teaching of the Spanish language. There are now 42 branches of the Institute worldwide whose libraries collectively hold over one million volumes. The Chicago branch of the Institute is located on the 29th floor of the John Hancock Center, and its library is headed by Salvador Vergara, a native of Valencia, Spain.

Earlier this year, staff members of Loyola’s Law Library invited Salvador for a tour. Salvador spent over an hour touring the stacks, visiting Technical Services, and chatting with Law Library staff members (in English and Spanish). In mid-March, Salvador reciprocated, and several Law Library staff members visited the Institute’s library. Salvador provided an informative tour, and explained some of the differences between Spanish and U.S. libraries. Another group from the Loyola Law Library is planning to visit the Institute’s library in May.

The Cervantes Institute’s Chicago library currently holds over 17,000 items (including videos, CDs, and DVDs), which are primarily in Spanish. Although the collection emphasizes Hispanic culture, there are also materials pertaining to the law and politics of Spain. There are, for example, comprehensive legal dictionaries, as well as works on Spanish constitutional history. Additionally, the library has access to several important commercial legal databases, including IBERLEX and ARANZADI. The latter is a Thomson product that offers select opinions and decrees from national and provincial courts, as well as historical coverage of Spanish legislation.

The library of the Cervantes Institute of Chicago is open to the general public, and its catalog is searchable (in Spanish) via the Institute’s web site at http://www.cervantes1.org. For additional information about the library, contact Salvador Vergara at 312.335.1996, or at biblio@cervantes1.org.
CALL attendees directed an array of questions and concerns to CCH personnel during the course of the day. Several CALL members, for example, expressed dissatisfaction with Aspen’s practice of charging a percentage of invoice fee for shipping and handling. Stacey Caywood, Vice President, Legal Professional, responded that this issue was being reviewed for possible changes, but no specific timetable was in place. One CALL attendee described prior difficulties with Aspen’s handling of tax-exempt documentation, and CCH staff indicated that these issues had been resolved. CCH personnel also stated that they were looking into general improvements regarding invoicing practices, account consolidation, and the Internet Research Network’s user interface.

Overall, the day spent at CCH was extremely informative, and CCH staff members were exceptionally cordial. Many thanks to Lorna Tang, Chair of the Relations with Information Vendors Committee, and CCH’s Leslie Bonacum, who jointly organized this worthwhile event.

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Volunteers make the conference run smoothly—and they have fun. Be among the first 100 to complete the volunteer form linked below and join us at the “Howl at the Moon” for a conference opening Happy Hour! (Details to follow).

But even to non-“howlers,” Mucho Gracias for signing up!

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http://www.stcl.edu/aall/volunteer_form.htm

or fax, or mail the completed Volunteer Opportunities Registration Form from the preliminary conference program, on page 31, by June 8 to:

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If it is noticed that much of my outside work concerns itself with libraries, there is an extremely good reason for this. I think that the better part of my education, almost as important as that secured in the schools and the universities, came from libraries.

— Irving Stone (1903-1989)

This article provides a thorough treatment of web-based government resources for compiling competitive intelligence information about companies. Approaching the topic from the perspective of the three branches of government, the author describes different data available from the various departments and agencies and suggests potential uses of this data for research. The listing includes both well-known and less obvious government sources of information on companies. This research guide should be useful to the newcomer to the topic as well as to the more advanced researcher who may wish to update their own information gathering approaches.


The author takes a decidedly philosophical and, perhaps, overly intellectual approach to the very practical issue of the use of technology in the classroom environment. Among the issues raised in this piece, Brent comments on the intellectual property rights issues related to the use of course management software to create an electronic classroom environment.


Cervone begins this thoughtful and practical article by providing statistical data to portray the security vulnerabilities of our present day computer networking environments. Among the more startling statistics he includes is that “[t]he normal organization, and that includes your library, has an average of 75 attacks per week.” After painting a rather bleak picture, the author proceeds to stress the importance of a security plan and outlines the important steps for developing one, resources for maintaining network security, and issues to consider in the ongoing defense against security breaches.


In this article, the author provides a thorough introduction to the legislation commonly known as the TEACH (Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization) Act which defines the circumstances under which educators may freely use copyrighted works in digital (including web-based) education. This piece is the second in a series by the same author on the legalities of navigating current copyright law.


Ebbinghouse provides an update on current activities in the open access arena including recent inroads by the National Institutes of Health. The article includes an extended, annotated bibliography on the open access movement.

Fox, Susan E. “The Role of Executive Director in National Professional Associations.” *Legal Information Management: Journal of the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries* vol. 4 no. 2 (Summer 2004): 115-119.

The AALL executive director discusses her job as the head of a non-profit association and generically describes the structure and existence of such organizations from governance to programs and services.


The author reminisces about webmasters as the early innovators for maintaining the web-based Internet and the evolution of that position to those involving more sophisticated tasks relating to design, engineering, programming, business development, marketing, quality-assurance and product management.


Hafner explained the current research on ‘diminished attention’ or an experience many of us have had when trying to focus on one task while being distracted by one or more other tasks. Research hypotheses purport that computer technology, email in particular, may be fueling this phenomenon. Continued on p.25
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In the evolving world of fee-based and free sources of digital information is a growing realm of digital collections developed and served up locally by university libraries. In this article, the authors analyze the access policies of twenty university libraries and draw conclusions among common themes and practices.


As most lawyers continue to achieve comfort with locating the law electronically, the process of electronic discovery continues to struggle to gain favor and viability. The Judicial Conference of the United States is considering changes to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to address electronic evidence and, possibly, electronic discovery. Krause explains the difficulty of applying traditional approaches to litigation discovery when dealing with databases and other electronically maintained information.


This article chronicles the research habits of a generation of students with access to web-based information and argues that library services must adapt accordingly. Pointing out the obvious comfort that net generation users find with web search tools, the author suggests a continuing and important role of libraries in creating simplicity for an increasingly complicated research world. Lippincott offers no new insights but clearly explains the opportunities that libraries have not only as mediators of research but as integrators of physical and virtual library spaces.


Starting from the assumption that library websites are ineffective tools based on traditional library organizational models that are unfamiliar to today’s users, the authors suggest a systematic road to reform. Specifically, the integrated approach proposed in the article focuses on the functional and content needs of users and effective design elements for achieving success in meeting user expectations. This is a thoughtful piece that is highly recommended for any library embarking upon web site revision.


This article chronicles two recent, significant developments of wholesale searching of online library catalogs – OCLC’s OpenWorldcat and RLG’s RedLightGreen. For non-academics or those not closely following these trends, Mattison provides a thorough overview of the features, advantages and limitations of these products.


Covering such fundamental issues as security, geographic coverage, and access points, Nelson and Simek provide a step by step guide to implementing a wireless network in the law firm environment. A Wireless Security Quiz is included to predict your ability to implement the network on your own or to recommend that you bring in a technology consultant to get the project moving forward with the appropriate expertise.


The author examines the United Kingdom versions of LexisNexis and Westlaw with respect to functionality and content. Both vendors have made significant movements into the foreign law market in recent years and this article explains some of the successes achieved and challenges ahead for their current products. For those of us whose focus is United States law, this discussion provides some comparative and thought provoking comparisons with the U.S. versions of these services.

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This interesting article reveals data compiled in a comparative study of library job advertisements for the years 1983 and 2003 – a twenty year assessment. Notable findings include significantly fewer job advertisements in 2003, more job advertisements not requiring a library degree in 2003, and new job titles and skill requirements in 2003 ads that were not seen in the field in 1983.


While ‘information overload’ continues to be a challenge for our 21st century culture, some academics are taking on this issue as a research project. Scholars around the country are trying to raise awareness of the negative effects of communication and information technologies on work and home environments through their scholarly endeavors. Such efforts include a proposed laboratory - the Center for Information and the Quality of Life - at the University of Washington, the grant-funded Center for Contemplative Mind in Society at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and Stanford’s Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society. Young summarizes the efforts of these projects and others in the academy exploring this topic.

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