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FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL! WE LOOK FORWARD TO A BRIGHT NEW YEAR!

Iris J. Wildman
President

NOCALL CALENDAR

NOCALL AT CEB

On Wednesday, January 20, 1982 there will be a luncheon meeting at CEB in Berkeley. Lunch will begin at 12:30 pm, and a short business meeting, speakers, and tours will begin at 1:30 pm. Speakers will be from various CEB departments. DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING PROGRAM - REGISTRATION FORM AND DIRECTIONS TO CEB ARE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

ANNUAL NOCALL INSTITUTE - 1982

The 1982 Annual NOCALL Institute will be held the weekend of March 19-20, 1982 in Monterey at the Doubletree Inn. The registration fee for the Institute will be \$40.00. Remember to keep that weekend open!!

Mary Hood
Vice-President/President-Elect

NOCALL COMMITTEE NEWS

COMMITTEE ON CALIFORNIA PUBLICATIONS

Statement of Purpose

The NOCALL Committee on California Publications serves as a forum for significant concerns between librarians and publishers of California legal materials.

Procedures Guide

1. Complainants are encouraged to write directly to the publisher, and to copy the Committee on matters of interest to NOCALL members.
2. The Committee will not proceed on a complaint until it has in its possession a copy of the complaint and the publisher's response.
3. The Committee, having secured the above documentation, will meet and decide whether or not to proceed on the complaint.
4. Should the Committee decide to proceed, a summary of the complaint and the publisher's response will be prepared for inclusion in the NOCALL Newsletter.
5. A copy of the summary will be sent to the publisher. The publisher will be asked to respond to the Committee's intention to include the summary in the Newsletter.
6. The Committee will consider the publisher's response and take appropriate action.

Manuel Koff
Chairperson,
Committee on California Publications

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NOCALL ANNUAL WORKSHOPS

The Northern California Association of Law Libraries presented four workshops on November 20, 1981 at the University of Santa Clara. Due to hard work and careful planning on the part of Joyce Saltalamachia, Chairperson, and members of the NOCALL Education Committee, the workshops were a great success. Short summaries of each workshop follow:

WORKSHOP A: SUPERVISORY SKILLS

Beverlee Johnson of Landels, Ripley & Diamond, and Sher Telford Honchariw of Petty, Andrews, Tufts & Jackson led a lively, two-hour, give-and-take session on the perils, pleasures and problems of the supervisor. The hallmark of the effective supervisor is the ability to motivate the employees they supervise. For those of you who might wish to know more about the Pygmalion Effect, Maslow's Needs Hierarchies, and Herzberg's Dual-Factor Theory, contact Judith Stanley at (415) 642-4044 for a number of useful references that will send you on your way to becoming a more motivated (and better) supervisor.

Judith Stanley
Boalt Hall

WORKSHOP B: AACR2 FOR NON-CATALOGERS

To those of us who are not catalogers this "never never land" was brought closer to us, and decidedly clearer, by James Larrabee and Al Lewis. The special rules for legal publications were discussed and two excellent handouts explained even more questions that were swimming about in my mind. The program was well worth it and presented in such a manner as to be understandable. My congratulations to both Mr. Larrabee and Mr. Lewis along with the NOCALL members that made it all possible. Thanks again!

David Bridgman
Associate Editor

WORKSHOP C: IMMIGRATION LAW

Mr. Donald Unger, an immigration attorney in San Francisco, gave a very good overview of the immigration law and process. He started out by telling us the sources most often used in immigration law, which is mostly statutory, title 8 U.S.C. and 22 CFR pt. 41 & 42 along with 20 CFR pt. 656. It seems that the main treatise is one by Gordon and Rosenfeld on Immigration law and procedure. He went over the "Immigration Act" and gave us the various classifications of persons seeking entry into the United States. Mr. Unger went on to discuss the latest in immigration law, including the "Refugee Act of 1980." All in all the presentation was excellent and very informative.

David Bridgman
Associate Editor

WORKSHOP D: MICROFORM MANAGEMENT

Should a law library have a microform collection? If it has one, what should it do with that collection? Answers to these questions were explored by John Eichstadt, Gail Fleming, and Judy Janes, speakers at the Microform Management workshop. The shelf-space squeeze was identified as the primary motivation for "going micro"; collection accessibility, maintenance and equip-

WORKSHOP D: MICROFORM MANAGEMENT (CONT.)

ment problems were cited as major drawbacks to microform use. Pointers were given on how to select material for microform use as well as some pragmatic advice on handling and storing forms and equipment. User accessibility to microform facilities and information was discussed by the speakers and participants.

Dee Ann Dugan
Heafey Law Library
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PRIVATE LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO

This space is reserved in the NOCALL Newsletter for notifying members of NOCALL about the changes in the court rules for all the courts in California above the municipal court level. This monitoring service was established by the Private Law Library Association of San Francisco to compensate for the delay in printing of the rules by the Los Angeles Court Rule Service. Monitoring assignments have been assigned to various private law librarians. These changes will be submitted to the NOCALL Newsletter by Alice McKenzie, Librarian at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison. Please call Alice if there are any questions.

Court Rule Information

Marin County Superior Court Rules were revised effective March 15, 1981. The section affected is Appendix A, "Establishment of Indigent Criminal Defense Panel." You may order the revision free of charge from:

Peter C. Meyer, County Clerk
Superior Court, County of Marin
Hall of Justice, Room 151
San Rafael, CA 94903

Stanislaus County local court rules were last updated in 1980 and will probably be revised in early 1982. These rules are available for \$5.00 from:

Belt Publishing Company
1515 Tenth Street
Modesto, CA 95353

Alan MacDougall
Assistant Librarian
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November 4, 1981

Martha Mille
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Santa Clara, CA 95053

Re: California Briefs for the November/December
NOCALL Newsletter

Dear Martha:

The trustees and librarians who attended the meeting of the California Conference of County Law Library Trustees and Librarians on October 13, 1981, made a major decision about filming the California briefs.

The collection at Alameda County Law Library was offered for filming by the Bay Microfilm Company in Palo Alto. The Alameda County collection contains the majority of briefs filed in cases published in the official reports. It would be more economical and quicker to film the Alameda County collection, and the price would be more attractive to libraries. The brief collection at Los Angeles County Law Library was not considered because it includes briefs for unpublished cases and the cost would be too high.

A representative from the Bay Microfilm has been working with me on the filming project. A questionnaire will be sent to interested libraries very shortly.

Please print the attached memorandum and the letter so that the NOCALL members will be informed of this important project.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours



Cossette T. Sun
Law Library Director

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 13, 1981

TO: Conference of California County Law Librarians
and Trustees

FROM: Cossette T. Sun
Alameda County Law Library

RE: California Briefs

The following county law libraries, Alameda, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco, plus the California State Law Library are the only depository law libraries which currently receive briefs from the Court Clerk's office on a regular basis. The brief collection takes up about 20% of the library shelf space and requires enormous costs of handling, indexing, binding and servicing. Most law libraries have already reached a saturation stage, both in space and manpower, and are desperately looking for a solution to the problem.

After the presentation at the CCCLL meeting in Monterey last September, the Bay Microfilm in Palo Alto sent out a survey to libraries interested in purchasing California briefs in microform. A total of thirty-one libraries, including the depository libraries responded favorably. The Law Library Microform Consortium (LLRM) in Honolulu has also expressed an interest in the microreproduction project.

The staff at the Alameda County Law Library would like to offer our brief collection for filming based on the following reasons:

- 1) Our collection contains the majority of briefs filed in cases designated for publication in the California Official Reports. We decided many years ago not to maintain the briefs for unreported cases, and most law librarians agree that this is not a useful element of the collection. If our set were chosen, the cost of reproduction would be less than using another collection.
- 2) Our briefs are arranged in citation order. There is no need to maintain a card catalog. The briefs for the Supreme Court and for the Court of Appeals are kept together so that the

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researchers can find all briefs pertaining to the same case in one place. Our index system is simple and economical. The Official Reports in the library collection are used for locating the briefs.

- 3) We recommend that the California State Law Library house the entire collection for inter-library loan purpose.

CALIFORNIA COURT BRIEFS NOW FULLY ACCESSIBLE

The California State Law Library is once again able to provide access to its complete collection of briefs which have been filed in recent California court cases. State Librarian Gary E. Strong announced in Sacramento the completion of a six-month project which cleared 245 boxes of briefs, making them available for use. The some 69,825 briefs were sorted, processed, and shelved in docket number order, by court, and can now be used in the State Law Library in the Library-Courts Building in Sacramento or are available for interlibrary loan.

A brief "...is supposed to be the vehicle of counsel to convey to the court the essential facts of his client's case, a statement of the question of law involved, the law he would have applied, and the application he desires made of it by the court." (Bell v. Germain, 12 Cal. App. 375) Strong indicated, "Briefs are a valuable resource to legal researchers since they provide a source those with similar problems can study for the analysis, arguments and authorities cited, with considerable savings of time and money. The form of pleadings can be copied, when the problem is similar, which is particularly valuable when it has withstood attack on appeal." Strong continued, "In addition to their value in legal research, briefs can be a valuable resource to historians, political scientists and writers of trials and scripts."

The completion of this major project provides full access to the State Library's brief collection. As a complete depository for California court briefs, the Law Library has acquired an extensive, historical collection of briefs, beginning with 1850 for those from the Supreme Court and from 1909 for the Courts of Appeal. Strong indicated, "The State Library intends to continue serving as a complete depository for court briefs, insuring their availability throughout the State." Complete collections of California court briefs are also available in the Alameda County Law Library, Los Angeles County Law Library and the San Francisco Law Library.

For further information, contact Muriel Hoppes, Law Librarian, at the California State Library, (916) 445-8833.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

I wish all of you a happy holiday season, and a happy New Year! Thanks to all members who contributed to this Newsletter. I urge all NOCALL members to send news of meetings, announcements and any other information that might be of interest to the NOCALL membership to me: Martha Mille, Heafey Law Library, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA 95053; or call me at: (408) 984-4452. The deadline for inclusion in the January/February 1982 Newsletter is February 19, 1982. See you in the New Year! M.J.M.

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