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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The NOCALL year is fast coming to a close. Ballots are now being returned to our Secretary to elect next year's officers and plans have been made for the final meeting in May.

As President, I have enjoyed working with the many enthusiastic NOCALL members who have worked during the years on projects which are of benefit to all of us. Many members have been directing their efforts towards programs which expand NOCALL's sphere of activities.

The Membership Committee has prepared a brochure which will be used to recruit new members. The Committee on Public Access to Legal Information has held a workshop for public librarians. The Placement Committee has sent information about law librarianship and NOCALL's placement services to potential employers. The Grants Committee will be considering applications for the first grants offered by NOCALL to attend the AALL meeting. These and other activities will be reported by Committee Chairpersons at the May meeting.

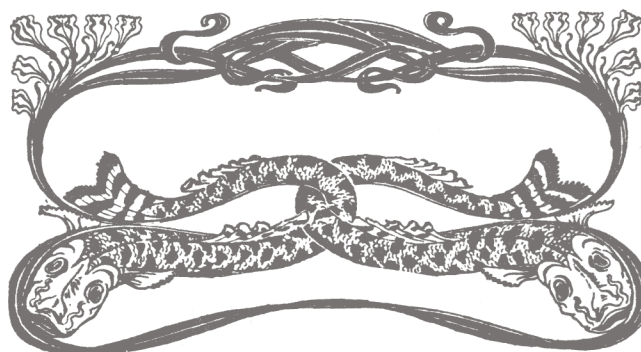
The meeting is being held for the first time at the University of San Francisco. I hope as many of you as possible will attend. There will be a vote on the proposed constitutional amendments published in the last Newsletter. Recipients of the AALL grants will be introduced and the new officers will be installed. Last but not least, Virginia Kelsh is arranging a splendid buffet for the social after the meeting when we can all relax with friends and colleagues. See you there.

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The deadline for submission of material to be included in the May/June 1985 Newsletter, the last newsletter of the NOCALL year, is May 21, 1985.

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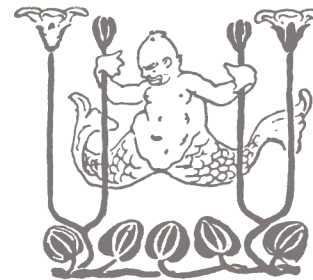
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COMMITTEE REPORTS



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

On March 13th Jo Caporaso, Nancy Carol Carter, Martha Mille, and Cella Mitchell, representing the NOCALL Membership Committee, made a two-hour presentation to U.C. Berkeley Library School students as part of a current awareness program. The presentation was entitled, "The Value of Joining Professional Organizations."

The program began with individual introductions, and brief descriptions of our law library and professional experience. Topics discussed included "Options Available to Law Librarians," "Requirements for Employment and Courses Helpful for Preparation as a Law Librarian," "What we Look for in a Job Applicant," "Resume and Cover Letter," "Interviewing Techniques," and a "History of NOCALL."

Cella Mitchell and Nancy Carter led the discussion, and we all contributed our own opinions and related experiences.

We enjoyed telling future librarians about our organization, and wish to express our sincere thanks to Nancy Carol Carter for volunteering her time and contributing her valuable experience to help make the presentation a great success. Nancy Lewis, co-chair of this committee, planned the presentation but due to illness was not able to attend.

The Membership Committee looks forward to a repeat performance on April 10th at San Jose State University, Division of Library Science. We will be speaking to the Special Libraries class.

The membership brochure has been approved by the Executive Board and we hope to have the finished product ready for the May business meeting.

GRANTS FOR NEW YORK CONVENTION

The NOCALL Grants Committee will be awarding two \$500 grants to NOCALL members to help defray the cost of attending the AALL convention in New York City in July. Grants will be awarded on the basis of financial need, proven ability and promise of future usefulness and continued contribution in the law library profession.

Recipients who are simultaneously awarded a grant by the national organization for travel to the annual convention may not accept both grants.

An application for the NOCALL grant is included with this newsletter. The application and two letters of recommendation should be sent to Committee Chair William Benemann at Golden Gate University. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1985.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO LEGAL INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The four Sacramento members of the Committee recently conducted a successful three-hour workshop on legal research for public library reference librarians belonging to the Mountain-Valley Library System. The workshop was held at the request of the MVLS Forums Subcommittee on February 8th in the Auburn-Placer County Library. Thirty-one librarians attended.

According to the Reference Forum Evaluations, the most useful part of the program included the presentations on primary and secondary sources of the law, the Federal and California judicial systems, the Federal reporting system, lawyer referral services available in Sacramento, and the discussion of popular titles for small libraries. The panel discussion on the legal reference interview, the question and answer period, and the handouts were also appreciated. Suggestions were made to spend more time on discussions pertaining to the law collections for small libraries with limited budgets, and how the small library can direct patrons to reliable sources of information.

News from the San Francisco members of the Committee will appear in the next NOCALL Newsletter.

NOCALL INSTITUTE REPORT

The fifth annual NOCALL Institute was held March 9, 1985 at the Hotel El Rancho Racquet Resort in Sacramento. The rain storms left us Friday night and we had a gorgeous day. Over 70 registrants attended the all-day conference on labor law. Alice McKenzie, chair of the Institute Committee, made opening remarks and introduced the speakers.

Donald H. Wollett, professor at McGeorge School of Law, gave an excellent introduction to labor law. Prof. William B. Gould IV, followed Prof. Wollett, with a presentation on employment-at-will.

Bob Berring, Vice-President of AALL, was the featured luncheon speaker. His grievance story was hilarious. He also encouraged all members to become active in AALL.

Following a delicious lunch, Mr. Donald Connors, a partner at Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, spoke on labor arbitration. The comparable worth panel discussion including Mr. Douglas Gordon, from the California Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Leo Mayer, President of CSEA and Patricia Campbell, an attorney representing CSEA in its lawsuit against the State of California on pay adjustment issues, was very informative. The program concluded with an excellent bibliography presented by Janice Kelly and Joanne Block.

The members of the Committee who organized this very successful Institute were Alice McKenzie, Shirley David, Marian Sawyer, Marilyn Josi, Al Lewis, and Beth Owens. They did an exceptional job.

ITEMS FROM CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Copies of the following bibliographies and articles are available from Laura Peritore:

Bibliography of Legal Bibliographies, compiled by Dittakavi Nagasankara Rao. 4 WPLLA Newsletter 4 (February 1985).

A Bibliography on Bioethics. 16 SWALL Bulletin 16 (September 1984).

The California Supreme Court: A Selected Bibliography, by David I. McFadden. 12 SCALL Newsletter 10 (March 1985).

File Management Software, by Kevin M. Justice. 2 Apple Library Users Group 10 (September 1984).

1985 LLAGNY (Greater New York) Salary Survey. 9 Law Lines 52 (January 1985).

Selected Bibliography: Toxic and Hazardous Materials, compiled by Mary Kate Kell. 16 SWALL Bulletin 25 (January 1985).

Selecting Software, by Francine Creme features a list of pertinent software considerations, administrative considerations and a selected bibliography. 11 Minnesota Association of Law Libraries 1 (February 1985).

SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ON MICROFICHE

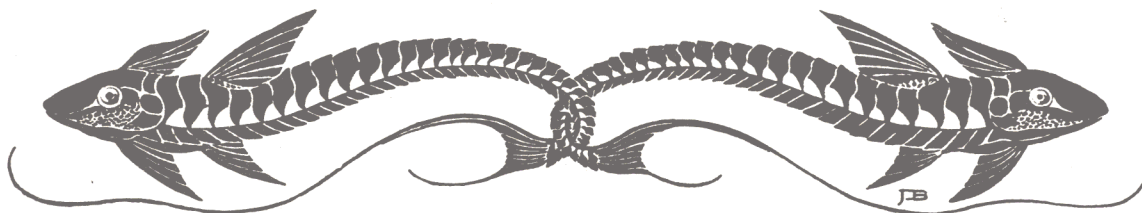
In the fall of 1983 the Texas State Library in collaboration with the State Law Library began microfilming and reproducing on 24x microfiche all of the documents filed in each case before the Supreme Court of Texas. The microfiche for each case contains a caption with the Supreme Court of Texas docket number, the style of the case, and a notation showing from which court of appeals the case came. The documents themselves are arranged on the fiche in the order in which they were filed in the Supreme Court of Texas.

To improve access to these documents, the State Library is publishing indexes to the Supreme Court cases for which microfiche is available. These indexes have proven a useful tool even for researchers who do not own the microfiche, because the indexes are arranged by Supreme Court of Texas docket number and by court of appeals citation as well as the standard petitioner and respondent case name tables.

Paper copies of the indexes to the cases decided by the Court during the period September 1983 through July 1984 are now available. A mid-term index, covering September through February, was published on a limited basis this past year, and will be again available in March, 1985. Copies of the indexes are also available on microfiche.

The Texas State Library will sell the microfiche for the indexes or for individual cases on request. In addition, standing orders to receive all of the cases films, about 90 per month, are also accepted.

The cost for standing order customers is 75 cents per fiche, invoiced with each monthly shipment. Orders for individual cases or for the indexes on fiche are also filled at 75 cents per fiche, with a three dollar handling charge per order. For more information, or to place an order, contact: Records Management Division, Texas State Library, Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711 (512-454-2705).



CALIFORNIA COUNTY LAW LIBRARY BASIC LIST

The State Law Library recently published a 1984 edition of the California County Law Library Basic List. The first edition of this publication was issued in 1961 and was based on personal visits by, then State Law Librarian, Carleton Kenyon to virtually all county law libraries. The early editions reflected titles in the collections of those libraries. With the 1976 edition, recommended titles were noted. Those recommendations were in relation to the size of the library, in terms of the number of attorneys in the county, and were made by the State Bar Committee Re County Law Libraries. In addition, the Committee noted alternative titles in a number of instances.

The 1984 edition continues the policy established in the 1976 edition of noting recommended titles for county law library collections. However, in the new edition, the recommended titles are those essential for all county law libraries, regardless of size, to have in their collections. The new edition also has a significantly broader subject coverage, as it includes all of the California Continuing Education of the Bar book titles, as well as all titles in the West Nutshell series and the Nolo Press self-help titles.

The first sections of the Basic List cover Research Aids (legal bibliographies, directories, for example); United States materials (statutory and administrative materials, court reports, legal encyclopedias, national reporter system, etc.); California materials (statutory, administrative and court reports); and Periodicals and Newspapers. The fifth section is a subject arrangement of basic legal treatises.

In addition to the bibliographic data, as appropriate each entry notes the most recent supplement, purchase price, annual upkeep cost and shelf space required.

Copies of the California County Law Library Basic List are available from Muriel Hoppes, Law Library, California State Library, P.O. Box 2037, Sacramento, CA 95809.

AALL LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL

Richard Danner, editor of the Law Library Journal, has asked to have his plea for contributions announced in all Chapter newsletters. He shares our concern for seeing the Journal issued on a more timely basis and believes the development of a regular flow of quality contributions is presently the greatest need. Please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Danner even if you only have an idea for an article. All input is welcome.

MEETING NOTICES

SFBAOUG

The San Francisco Bay Area Online Users Group will meet Tuesday April 9, 1985 at 6:30 p.m. at U.C. Hastings College of the Law. The topic will be Dialog II. There will be a speaker from Dialog Information Services, Inc. All are invited to attend and reservations are not necessary.

SLA

The Special Libraries Association's San Andreas and San Francisco Joint Education Committee is sponsoring a one day program Friday April 26, 1985 at the Meridien Hotel, in San Francisco. The workshop is entitled "Paths to Power: Personal and Professional Growth" and will feature as keynote speaker Dr. Natasha Josefowitz, author of Paths to Power, Is this Where I Was Going? and You're the Boss.

For further information contact Pamela Jajko at (415)940-7000, ex. 7560 weekdays.



COURT RULE CHANGES

Contra Costa County Superior Court has revised its Probate Policy Manual, effective January 1985.

Stanislaus County has a new rules pamphlet (February 1985) which can be purchased from the County Clerk.

FOR SALE

Oakland Public Library is selling its full sets of California Reports and California Appellate Reports. Anyone interested should contact Mary Weinstein at (415)273-3176.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Santa Clara County Law Library welcomes Gail Johnson as their new Circulation Assistant. Gail is a recent graduate of San Jose State's Library School.

Lorraine Rodich, who is now at the Sixth Appellate District Library, reports they will be moving into their new quarters, which will be one floor below, sometime in May.

Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel has announced it will be moving in 1986 to 60 South Market Street, San Jose. Librarian, Parmalee Baker, is looking forward to the move. The library is being indexed in preparation.

Berliner, Cohen & Biagini welcomes Martha Mille, formerly of Heafey Law Library. She has been working part-time at the library, since the beginning of March.

David Bridgman reports Stanford is finishing a four week WESTLAW/LEXIS joint training session. Five training terminals for each system were available for approximately 150 first year law students.

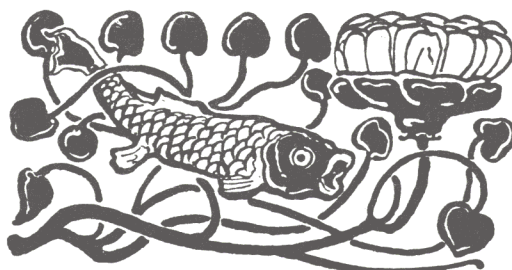
Heafy Law Library has a new Reference Librarian starting the end of March. She is Barbara Friedrich. Barbara has been with the San Francisco firm of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen for the past seven years.

Joy Scott is working half-time at Finch, Sauers, Player & Bell. She will now be doing consultant work for the Palo Alto firm of Balise, Valentine & Klein, as well.

Lorraine Rodich is now at the Sixth District Court of Appeals, 333 W. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

New librarian at Law and Government Information Center, Castle & Cooke, is Malinda Allison.

Ann Diloreto is now the Law Librarian at Memel, Jacobs, Pierno, Gersch & Ellsworth in San Francisco.



PLACEMENT

Librarian. Buchalter, Nemer, Fields, Chrystie & Younger. Requirements: MLS. Duties: On a part-time basis, for three or more hours each week, file and organize materials in this 10-attorney branch library. Check-in procedures are performed by office staff. Hours are flexible and may include nights and weekends. Report to the librarian in the Los Angeles office. Salary: about \$25 per hour. Contact: Peggy Hanson, Office Manager, Buchalter, Nemer, Fields, Chrystie & Younger, (415)397-0277.

Librarian. Experienced part-time librarian for busy law office. Pleasant surroundings. Call Sherry 398-2424. (As seen in The Recorder, 3/5/85.)

Assistant Librarian. United States Courts Library, Pasadena Branch. Requirements: Three years of progressively responsible experience in a law library and demonstrated skills and substantial experience with computerized assisted legal research and excellent knowledge of basic library methods, systems and techniques. Preference give to candidates with an MLS from an accredited Library School and significant experience and demonstrated skills in automated systems, public services, technical processes and administration in a large research library or high quality special library. Salary: JSP 9, \$21,804. Send resume to: Librarian, U.S. Courts Library, 1702 U.S. Courthouse, 312 Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Head of Technical Services. University of Southern California Law Library. Requirements: MLS from an ALA accredited school and significant supervisory experience as a technical services librarian, preferably in a law library. Demonstrated managerial and communications skills. Knowledge of RLIN, automated systems and legal bibliography preferred. Duties: Responsible to the Director for the general administration and coordination of the technical services department (includes cataloging, acquisitions, serials, government documents and stacks maintenance). Responsible for formulating policies and procedures and for identifying, developing and implementing appropriate technological innovations, which would maximize the efficiency of the department, and of the library. Assists in collection development and selection and coordinates departmental statistical activities. Some public services included. Supervises a staff of 2 professionals and 6 clerks. Available: Now. Salary: Competitive. Begin reviewing applications by March 31, 1985. Send applications to Albert Brecht, Director of the Law Library, University of Southern California Law Center, University Park, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0072.

Law Librarian: U.O.P. McGeorge School of Law. The library will house a collection of approximately 250,000 volumes by the 1985-86 academic year. The library serves a full and part-time student body of approximately 1,300 and a full-time faculty of sixty. The position will be available September 1, 1985. The Law Librarian has primary responsibility for the administration and management of all aspects of the

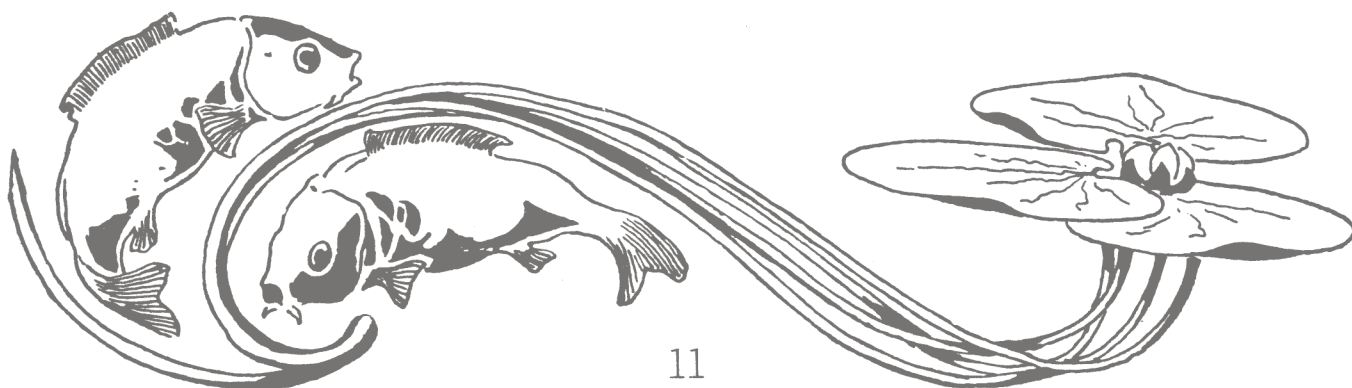
collection -- bound volumes, microform and electronic databases -- and for supervision of the library staff which presently includes 6 professional law librarians, 13 support staff and 35 student assistants. Requirements for a candidate include a JD degree from an ABA approved school and MLS or MLL from an accredited library school, as well as substantial experience in the administration and management of a law library. Salary will be nationally competitive. Women and members of minority groups are encouraged to make application. Applications should be submitted by April 1, 1985. Contact: Professor Anthony Skrocki, Chairman, Librarian Search Committee, or Gordon D. Schaber, Dean, McGeorge School of Law. 3200 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, California 95817.

Library Assistant II. McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen.
Requirements: Prior Law Library experience preferred.
Duties: Inter-Library loan, serials check-in, light reference and other duties as directed. Available: Immediately. Contact: Patricia Rock, Office Manager, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, Three Embarcadero Center, 28th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111.

Library Assistant. U.S. Attorney's Office, San Francisco.
Duties: Shelve books, open, log and route mail, maintain circulation system, process new books, add to new book list, borrow books from other libraries, answer basic reference questions, assist Librarian in special projects. As incumbent develops skills, more complex research problems relying on specialized training and computer data base background will be incumbent's responsibility. Available: May 13, 1985. Salary: \$11,458-\$12,862. Contact: Cella Mitchell, Librarian, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Room 16201, San Francisco, CA 94102 (415)556-5475.

Library Assistant. Jackson, Tufts, Cole & Black.
Requirements: 2 years experience, 50 wpm typing. Duties: Maintain and process library collection, court rules and forms, periodicals, etc. Contact: send cover letter and resume to Suzanne Keel-Eckman, Jackson Tufts, Cole & Black, 650 California Street, 31st Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108.

Library Technician III. Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff & Tichy.
Requirements: Prior library experience. Duties: Open, Log and route mail, process acquisitions. Contact: Diane Huijgen, Librarian, Littler, Mendelson, Fastiff & Tichy, 650 California Street, 20th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108.



1985 Tentative Calendar of NOCALL Events

May 23, 1985 Annual Business Meeting/Reception,
University of San Francisco School of Law

October 17-19, 1985 Joint NOCALL/WESTPAC Institute,
Sir Francis Drake Hotel,
San Francisco

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