



# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

In reviewing my president's messages during this last year the theme has been professionalism. This newsletter should reach you during National Library Week. Appropriately this year's theme is "Ask A Professional Ask A Librarian". Since this will be my last president's message I would like to thank all NOCALL officers, committee members, and committee chairs for the professionalism you brought to your activities. A special thank you to Joy Tennison and Laura Peritore for producing the first NOCALL newsletter with paid advertizing!!!

This year is not ending, yet! There are so many items to bring to your attention that the rest of this message will be divided by topic headings.

### Multi-Type Library Networking

Planning for a California statewide multi-type library network through the auspices of California State Library has been underway for a long time.

The California Networking Task Force has been meeting and holding conferences for several years. One of my first assignments as a NOCALL member four years ago was to attend one of these meetings. In January, presidents of 35 major professional organizations and associations met in Los Angeles to make recommendations on the reports thus far generated and to learn the next steps in the planning process. Denny Haythorn, Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) president attended that meeting. He recommends we stay involved in this multi-type network planning to, at the very least, make sure its progress is monitored. We also do not want to be prohibited from participating, if we so wish, nor do our libraries wish to be unduly burdened by resource sharing requests. I recently received a letter from State Librarian, Gary Strong explaining the next steps for the planning process. The California Library Networking

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Newsletter	Joy Tennison, Editor 415-284-2919	--Produce Newsletter.
Nominations	Mary Ann Parker, Chair 916-322-5795	--Select candidates for office. and collect biographical information.
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Public Relations	Andy Eisenberg, Chair 415-723-2479 Carolyn Bilheimer, 415-494-7622 Donna Williams, 415-493-9300	--Advertise NOCALL activities & programs to outside groups. Keep officer information up-to-date in legal directories.
SCALL Liaison	Virginia Kelsh, 415-666-6679	--Attend SCALL Institute & exchange information with SCALL.
Union List	Todd Bennett, 415-955-3669 Mary Staats, 916-954-4451 Co-chairs	--Work with CLASS to produce Union List. --Sell Union List.

## **President's Message, continued...**

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task force will be expanded and composed of three distinct groups. The Network Planning Group will coordinate and implement the planning process. The Network Resources Library Group will review draft documents and advise on their relationship to major resource libraries. The Network Steering Group will be the policy making body for the planning process and network related activities. As NOCALL president, I will represent us on the steering group. Richard Leiter from Littler, Mindelson, Fastiff & Tichy will represent us on the planning group. With this representation it is your president's hope that law librarians concerns will be incorporated as the network priorities, membership, structure, governance and funding are addressed.

### **County Law Libraries Funding Request**

The county law librarians have a bill before the legislature to improve their funding. State law has prohibited county law libraries in California from increasing their share of the civil filing fee above \$12. The civil filing fee is the major source of funding for county law libraries. Many libraries have been limited to \$12 since 1980. Others have not been allowed to receive the full \$12 per filing because their county Board of Supervisors who must approve library share of the filing fee, have chosen to use the funds for other purposes. Our local county law librarians are asking for our support in their lobbying efforts. Letters and

calls from other librarians and attorneys who rely on county law libraries to key legislators can be very effective. Contact your local county law librarian to find out how you can best help their lobbying efforts on SB620.

### **Association of Engineering Libraries Request**

As library professionals, NOCALL members are asked to support lobbying efforts by the Association of Engineering Libraries. They would like to keep one of their major geology libraries accessible to researchers in the San Francisco Bay area. Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **AALL Reno Convention Chapter Booth**

Donna Williams 6th District Court of Appeal librarian, is coordinating a NOCALL chapter booth at the AALL convention in Reno. AALL chapters, special interest sections and committees will be exhibiting their publications and projects in the exhibit hall this year. This is your opportunity to sell your committee publication, exhibit your committee manuals and get ideas from other chapters. Please call Donna at (408) 277-9788 if you have an item to exhibit and/or can volunteer a couple of hours during the convention to staff our booth.

### **NOCALL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Mark you calendars now for the NOCALL annual business meeting. (Continued on page 94)



The NOCALL Executive Board met on January 27, 1989 at the Marines' Memorial Club in San Francisco. Board members present were Shirley David, Virginia Kelsh, Ginny Irving, Ruth Girill, and Sharon French. Also present was Barbara Golden from the AALL Executive Board. Meeting Highlights:

\*\* Ruth gave the Treasurer's report. As of December 1, 1988 the balance in the treasury was \$6,217.11.

\*\* The Executive Board reviewed the amendments proposed for NOCALL's Bylaws by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee and recommends that (1) "Retired Members" be added as a new category of NOCALL membership, (2) the annual meeting date be changed from "the second Friday in May" to "in May by the 16th of the month," and (3) a quorum for a business meeting be changed from 25% to 10% of the active members of NOCALL.

\*\* The Executive Board also recommends that the antidiscrimination clause in NOCALL's Constitution be amended to include "age" and "sexual preference."

\*\* In order to have a booth at the State Bar Convention, NOCALL has to have event insurance. The Board resolved to spend up to \$500 for event insurance with the cost to be split with SCALL.

\*\* Virginia reported that planning is going forward for the Spring Institute "Visual Arts & the Law"--speakers are

confirmed, exhibitors are signed up, the luncheon and reception are being planned.

\*\* Shirley announced the nominees for NOCALL officers for 1989 - 90 : f o r Vice-President/President -Elect, Katherine Henderson from McGeorge and Judy Janes from U.C. Davis; for Secretary, Marlene Harmon from U.C. Berkeley and Nora Skrukud from Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May; for Treasurer, Lorraine Rodich from the California Court of Appeal and John Moore from the San Francisco Law Library.

\*\* Guidelines for advertising in the NOCALL Newsletter were presented by Laura Peritore, the Newsletter's advertising manager, and after discussion were approved by the Board. Rates for advertising will be \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page, \$25 for a quarter page, \$10 for a business card. There will be no charge for member libraries selling their own library's holdings or for official chapter publications. The regular rates will apply to NOCALL members advertising their own publications for sale. There will be a limit of 4 pages of ads per 20 pages of newsletter copy. Ads will be accepted in the order received until the limit is reached. All advertising should be relevant to law libraries and will be subject to editorial approval. Ad copy must be camera ready, black and white, and must be prepaid.

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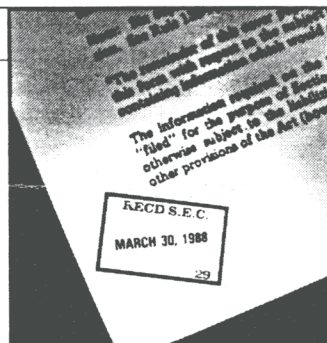
# TAKE IT FROM THE SEC.

## SEC filings:

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# OR TAKE YOUR CHANCES.

NOCALL Luncheon and Business Meeting Marines' Memorial Club, San Francisco, Friday, January 27, 1989. NOCALL President, Shirley David, welcomed everyone at 12:20 p.m. She introduced Barbara Golden from the AALL Executive Board, our guest speaker.

Loretta Mak, chair of the Consulting Committee, gave her report early because she had to leave early. The Consulting Committee received three completed questionnaires since September. They visited a Sacramento firm, and recommended they hire a professional librarian, which they subsequently did. The committee will visit a second firm next month, in Palo Alto. There have also been several requests for the committee's vendor/consultants list.

Shirley asked new members and members who recently changed jobs to introduce themselves. Lunch was then served.

After lunch, Shirley called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Minutes of the September 30, 1988 business meeting were approved as published in the NOCALL Newsletter.

Treasurer, Ruth Girill, reported we are in good shape financially. Balance in the treasury as of December 1, 1988 was \$6,217.11. During the fall quarter our expenses for the Newsletter, Workshop and other meetings, Union List and miscellaneous other items

totalled \$6,398.47. During this time we took in \$4,602.78 in income. The Workshop itself netted \$1,132.33.

Constitution and Bylaws Amendments:

(A) Shirley brought the following Bylaws amendments, proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee upon recommendation of the Executive Board, to a vote of the membership:

(1) Proposal to delete "Life Members" and add "Retired Members" as a new category of membership (Article II, Section 1, c)--

To become a retired member of NOCALL one must have been an active member for at least 10 consecutive years (membership in WESTPAC also counts). If a member retires before 10 years of active membership, s/he would have to be an associate member for the rest of the 10-year period to become a retired member. Retired members can hold office and vote and their dues will be one-half of that paid by active members. Those who are currently life members of NOCALL will continue to be life members (without having to pay dues). This provision will bring us into conformity with the AALL Bylaws. This amendment passed by a vote of 37-1.

(2) Proposal to change the annual meeting date from "the second Friday in May" to "in May by the sixteenth (16th) of the month" (Article III, Section 1)--

## Nocall Business Meeting, continued...

Last year the annual meeting date was changed to the second Friday in May; however, this has proved to be too inflexible. The new wording will provide more flexibility. This amendment passed by a vote of 42-0.

(3) Proposal to reduce the quorum for a business meeting from 25% to 10% and to publish any proposed changes to the Bylaws in the Newsletter prior to voting on them at a business meeting (Article III, Section 4)--

Shirley noted we have probably never met the quorum required for our business meetings; we need to have a more realistic percentage.

Lorraine Rodich, Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, said her committee opposed lowering the quorum to the 10% suggested by the Executive Board because it would be too easy for a small group of people to get the Bylaws changed; instead, her committee favors a quorum of between 15 and 20%. After a spirited discussion and vote, the amendment failed, 15-26. Lorraine Rodich moved a quorum for a business meeting be 15% of the voting members and any proposed changes to the Bylaws be published before the meeting. Shirley noted a 15% quorum would require about 40 voting members to be present at a business meeting. This motion passed by a vote of 35-4.

(B) Shirley brought the following Constitutional amendment, submitted by the Constitution

& Bylaws Committee upon recommendation of the Executive Board, to a vote of the membership:

Proposal to add age and sexual preference to the Constitution's Antidiscrimination Clause. (Article IX)-- This amendment to the Constitution passed 44-0.

### Advertising Guidelines:

The following guidelines have been drawn up for advertising in the NOCALL Newsletter, to be in effect for the next 8 issues:

The editor will accept full page ads for \$100 per issue, 1/2 page ads for \$50, 1/4 page ads for \$25, and business cards for \$10. There will be no charge to member libraries selling their own holdings, nor will there be a charge for the sale of official NOCALL publications. However, individual members advertising their own publications will pay the regular rate. Other AALL chapters and non-profit organizations will be charged half-price. Ad copy must be camera ready, black and white, and must be sent to NOCALL's P.O. Box. These advertising guidelines were ratified by members present.

### Committee Reports:

Audit and Budget--Chair Trish McCurdy reported she and committee member, Michael Jones, are in the process of writing a proposed budget to present at the Spring Business Meeting.



## Nocall Business Meeting, continued...

Education--Laura Peritore was absent; Shirley expressed thanks to Laura and her committee for fall program on the California Code of Regulations changes.

Grants--Chair Leslie Hesdorfer reported the Grants Committee has given one grant this year, to Barbara Norelli to attend the Fall Workshop in Santa Cruz. The Committee has five grants left for this year: two \$100 grants for the Spring Institute on Visual Arts and the Law; two \$600 grants for the Reno AALL Annual Meeting; and a \$600 grant for an AALL Summer Institute.

Indexing--Shirley reported for absent Jacob Koff and David Bridgman. The Indexing Committee has almost finished indexing the Executive Board resolutions. Some minutes from 1981 and 1982 are missing; Shirley asked if officers from those years have copies of Executive Board minutes from 1981 and 1982 to please send them to Jacob or David.

Institute--Virginia Kelsh discussed plans for NOCALL's Spring Institute, Visual Arts & the Law, to be held Saturday, April 8, 1989, at Hastings Law School. NOCALL members will receive a mailing in February with information and application forms for the Institute.

Liaisons--Virginia Kelsh said the Association of Legal Administrators would like contributions to its newsletter from and about NOCALL; Virginia asked chairs of the Union List, Municipal Codes, Consulting, and

Placement (re salary survey) committees to each write a paragraph for the A.L.A. newsletter.

Virginia also reported there will be a joint NOCALL/Westpac meeting in Monterey, October 18-21, 1989. NOCALL will do local arrangements; Westpac will do the program. Suggestions for the program should be sent to Judy Meadows, President of Westpac.

Also, a joint breakfast with Westpac is planned for the Reno AALL meeting on Tuesday, June 20th. Thirteen members present expressed interest in attending this.

Membership--Sharon French reported for Chair Sandra Sawyer. The 1988-89 NOCALL membership directory was printed and mailed in January. The cost of \$903.12 was underwritten by Bancroft-Whitney. There are 20 new NOCALL members this year, bringing our membership total to 262.

Municipal Codes--Alice McKenzie reported the Municipal Codes Directory is stalled, because her firm changed from NBI word processing to Word Perfect, and the person working on typing the directory was in a serious accident. Alice asked for help from anyone who has NBI resources.

Newsletter--Editor, Joy Tennison, said the NOCALL Newsletter will begin accepting advertising. She expects revenue from the ads to cover

## Nocall Business Meeting, continued...

any increase in costs incurred from running the ads. She also expressed her appreciation to people who submit material on diskette, which significantly reduces preparation time for the newsletter.

Nominations--Chair Mary Ann Parker's report was given by Sharon French. The slate of nominees for NOCALL officers for 1989-90 is: for Vice-President/ President-Elect, Katherine Henderson and Judy Janes; for Secretary, Marlene

Harmon and Nora Skrukrud; for Treasurer, Lorraine Rodich and John Moore.

Placement--Chair Paul Lomio said for the period October-January, his committee received 7 position listings for library assistants and 11 listings for librarians. He also received during this period 3 additional resumes for library assistants, and 2 for librarians. He reported at least two positions have been filled through the Placement Committee's efforts.

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## Nocall Business Meeting, continued...

Public Relations--Paul Lomio reported for Chair Andy Eisenberg. Plans are proceeding for a joint NOCALL/SCALL booth at State Bar meetings in 1989 (San Diego) and 1990 (San Francisco). This will be an opportunity to promote law librarianship to the legal profession, to sell our Union List and Municipal Codes Directory, and to advertise the services of the Consulting and Placement committees.

Union List--Mary Staats reported the Union List went on sale at in January and has already sold over 60 copies; a total of 127 copies were printed. Sixty libraries participated. Hastings and McGeorge Law Schools were added this edition, resulting in a larger publication. Production cost was \$5,576.16; with \$3,610 received from sales to date. Mary is confident they will recover publication costs.

### State Library Networking Group:

Shirley reports the California Library Networking Task Force will have a library network in the next 3-5 years. There are no law librarians on the networking committee, and NOCALL's Executive Board feels it would be a good idea to have a liaison from NOCALL to represent law librarians' interests in developing the network and to make sure we know what is going on. Shirley asked that anyone interested in being a liaison contact her, and mentioned it would be particularly helpful to have a volunteer from the Union List Committee or from a law firm library.

Report from Barbara Golden, Member of the AALL Executive Board: Barbara Golden is the Outreach Director at the Minnesota State Law Library. This is her third and final year on the Executive Board of AALL.

Barbara gave a spirited but brief (unfortunately! due to the length of the business part of the meeting) account of what has been happening in AALL. She said in her 2 1/2 years on the Executive Board, she has seen the association undergo a thorough examination of who we are and who we want to be which has been very productive. There have been major changes in headquarters, the membership is continuing to grow, concerns about insurance and incorporation at the chapter level are being addressed; she presented an overall picture of a vigorous, exciting organization.

Judy Genesen, the new Executive Director of AALL, has a longterm background in special librarianship, and Barbara feels her appointment will particularly help AALL in long-range planning and public relations. Regarding Margaret Leary's letter on an AALL dues increase in both chapter and in the AALL Newsletter, she reiterated the Board has done everything to forestall this, but has finally concluded a dues increase is necessary. Barbara conveyed her excitement about the AALL Annual Meeting to be held in Reno this June. To date 197 booths have been reserved for exhibitors--more than ever before. The educational programs look very



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### Business Meeting, continued...

good; there will be video tours of libraries in the greater area. The registration fee will be \$150; hotel rooms in Reno are relatively inexpensive at \$60 and less.

The Local Arrangements Committee can still use some volunteers at the Registration, Hospitality and Sales booths at the Annual Meeting; if anyone is interested, contact David Thomas at Brigham Young University.

Barbara concluded by reminding everyone that AALL is an organization that works, and it works because its membership works. She thanked those who have already contributed time and efforts to AALL, and encouraged those who have not yet done so, to think about it.

On that upbeat note of challenge, and there being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Irving,  
NOCALL Secretary, 1988-89

### President's Message, cont...

May 11th at the University of California Davis Law School. In addition to annual reports of committees, installation of the 1989-90 officers, tour of the law school library and a quesadillas bar reception, we have a challenge to meet. West Publishing Company is conducting a talent competition at the Reno

Convention. Among the talent categories is an inter-chapter competition. A \$500 cash prize will be awarded to the chapter with the "best act". Each act must be under 5 minutes long and special consideration will be given to routines relating to law librarianship. In a conversation with Bill Lindberg of West about details for this challenge, he mentioned his definition of professionalism is "not only performing your work well but also performing your work with flair." Lets have some fun on May 11th and put together a chapter sketch that reflects the "essence, spirit and flair" of our chapter.

Shirley S. David,  
President

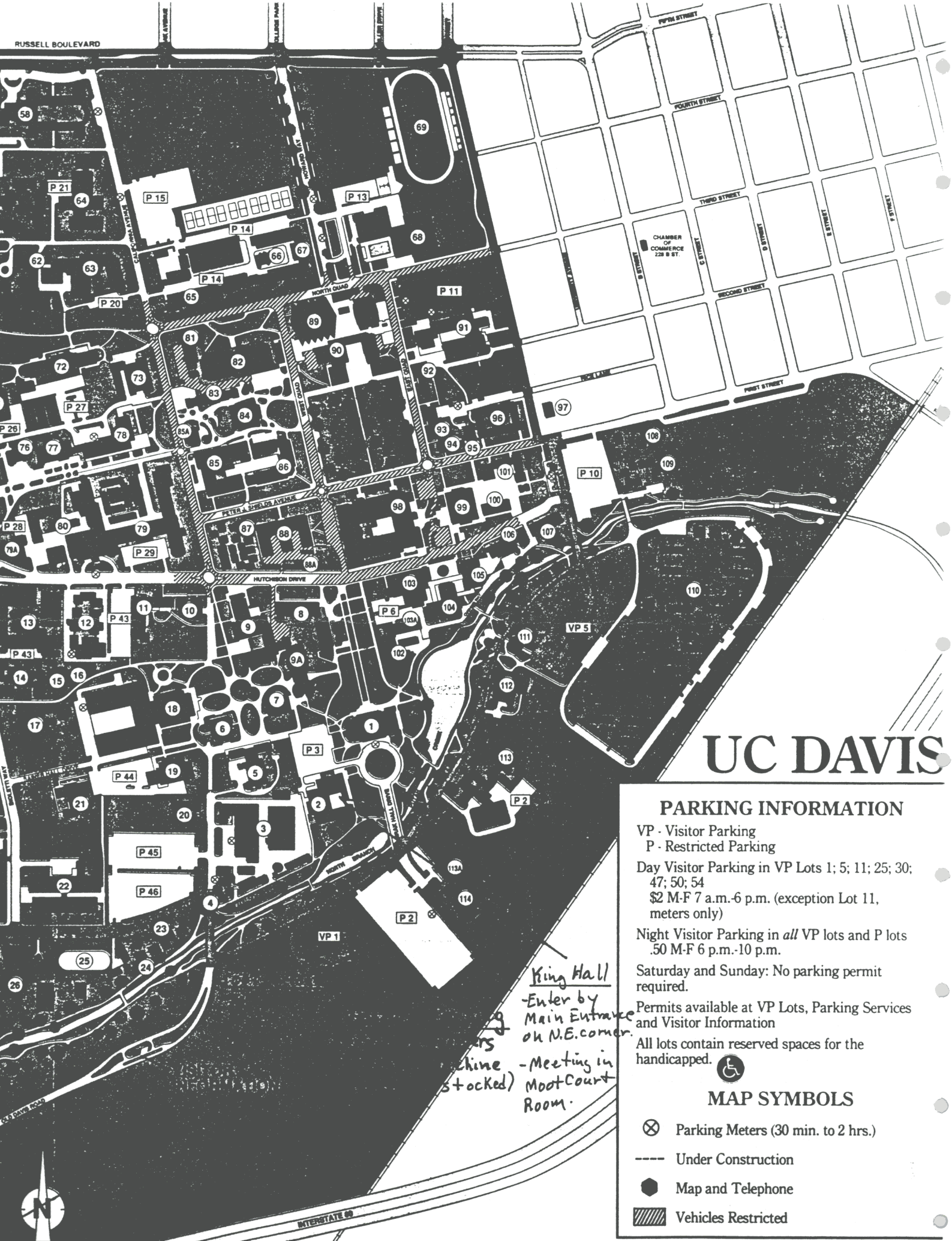
### Board Meeting continued...

\*\* NOCALL will have a joint Workshop with WESTPAC October 18-21, 1989 at the Sheraton in Monterey.

\*\* There will also be a joint NOCALL/WESTPAC breakfast meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting.

\*\* The next Executive Board meeting will be April 6, 1989, to tally ballots for next year's officers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Irving,  
NOCALL Secretary, 1988-89



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**NOCALL - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1989**

**LOCATION:** University of California Law School  
Moot Courtroom, King Hall  
Davis, California

**TIME:** 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Tours of the Law Library and Reception following the meeting - The reception will be held at the library.

**RECEPTION:**

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**Directions:** See Accompanying Map

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Meeting/Reception Registration Form

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Affiliation

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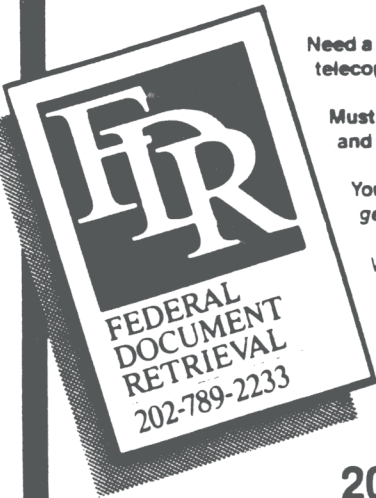
## JOB OPENINGS

### SAN FRANCISCO

Branch Reference Librarian.  
Alameda County Law Library South County Branch. Requirements: MLS and 1-2 years recent professional law library experience preferred. Qualifications: demonstrated reference and cataloging skills; strong service attitude; familiar with WESTLAW and other online searches, and library automated systems. Send letter of application (including three references) and resume with salary history to: Cossette T. Sun, Law Library Director, 1225 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94612, (415) 272-6481. Salary: competitive, commensurate with education and experience, good benefits. Available May 1, 1989. Deadline for application, April 5, 1989.

### LOS ANGELES

Reference Librarian.  
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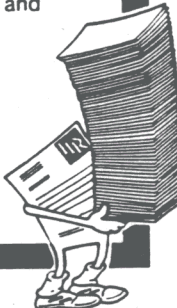
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Sinkule, Karen A. & Moody, Marilyn K. "Technical Reports of the U.S. Government." 17 Microform Review 262. (December 1988).

If you wish to obtain a copy of any article, contact Veronica Maclay, Hastings College of the Law Library, 200 McAllister St. S.F. CA 94102 or call on Mon., Wed. or Thurs. (415) 565-4767.

### UNION LIST NEWS

NOCALL Union List participants will receive a mailing from the Union List Committee soon with helpful hints on what to do with the checklist of your holdings being sent to you from CLASS.

If you are not a participant but would like to be, contact Todd Bennett at (415)-955-3669 or Mary Statts at (415) 954-4451.

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The NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION  
OF LAW LIBRARIES

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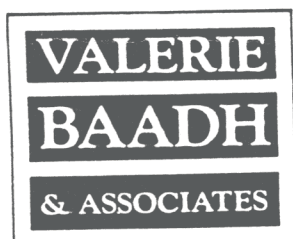
### Bicentennial of the Judiciary Act of 1789

The National Archives, Regional Archives System will celebrate this bicentennial in September with posters, including a facsimile of the act, public celebrations involving the regions, court officials, bar associations, etc., public service announcements on radio stations, essay contests, teachers workshops, and various other publications. For more information call the Deputy

Director, Regional Archives System, Washington, D.C. (202) 523-3032.

### Private law Librarians II Mark Mackler

For those of you who might have missed my missive in the previous NOCALL Newsletter, I am soliciting program proposals for AALL's 1990 Meeting in Minneapolis. Programs most relevant to our needs are those which we propose and develop ourselves.



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**Kathleen** has held a variety of positions at Boalt and U.C.B. School of Library and Information Sciences. She will have reference desk responsibilities and will coordinate circulation activities. One of Kathleen's initial assignments will be to help implement the new online circulation system. Kathleen, a graduate of Boalt, as well as the U.C.B. School of Library and Information Sciences, will also assist Bob Berring in teaching Advanced Legal Research at the Law School.

**Marlene Harmon** joined the Library on a one-year appointment and comes from Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges of

San Francisco where she was law library director. Boalt is excited about recruiting a librarian from the private sector with extensive experience working with practicing attorneys and with the newest computer technology. Along with reference desk responsibilities, Marlene will be the lead online database searcher and will help the administration plan, implement, and manage computerized information and reference services. An alumnae of U.C.B. and of U. of Washington Library School, she will also coordinate interlibrary loans.

**Joy E. Tennison**, NOCALL Editor, left her position as reference/government documents librarian at Golden Gate University and formed JR Professionals, a library service firm serving Contra Costa County.

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The first AALL Law Librarian Talent Search will be held in the Grand Ballroom at Bally's in Reno on Monday evening, June 19th. It will be sponsored by West Publishing Company in conjunction with the 1989 AALL Annual Meeting.

"There will be numerous cash prizes," said William H. Lindberg, Manager of the Westlaw Academic Program. "And numerous door prizes," said Craig E. Runde, Manager of Marketing Special Projects.

Bill and Craig, who will be the emcees for the evening, say that prizes will be given to first-place (\$500) and second-place (\$250) individuals or small groups in the following categories: music, humor, and variety/dance. The same cash prizes will also be given in a special local chapter competition.

So, get out your dancing shoes, practice your tubs, and polish your act. Auditions, if necessary, will be held Sunday afternoon, June 18 at Bally's.

Talent Search rules require that acts are limited to less than five minutes. A "blue ribbon panel" of judges will base their decisions on creativity as well as execution. Special consideration will be given to acts that relate in some way to law librarianship. However, the audience will make the final decision.

Why not come to your spring chapter meeting with ideas on how you can help your chapter win the biggest law librarian talent search ever held, West's first AALL Law Librarian Talent Search.

For more information, please call Sheila DeRosier, the West Services Convention and Seminar Coordinator, at (612) 228-2406.

**Academic Law Libraries SIS Reception**

The Academic Law Libraries SIS will hold its annual reception at the National Judicial College Library in Reno during the AALL Annual Meeting in June. The National Judicial College is located on the campus of the University of Nevada Reno. Clara Kelly, the library director, is planning a special evening for all who attend. As in the past, an open invitation is issued to all members of AALL to join the SIS for refreshments, library tours, and conviviality. Transportation will be provided to and from the reception.

The Academic SIS is pleased to acknowledge the generous support of Information Access Company, R.R. Bowker Co., and Innovative Interfaces, serving as co-sponsors of the reception.



NOCALL/WESTPAC BREAKFAST MEETING AT AALL IN RENO

DATE and TIME: TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1989 7:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

MENU: Orange Juice, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon and Sausage, Hash  
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PRICE: \$10.50 per person

MEETING TOPIC: In addition to meeting old and new friends, we  
will discuss the joint NOCALL/WESTPAC meeting to be held October  
18-21, 1989 at the Monterey Sheraton in Monterey, CA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR RENO BREAKFAST: June 1, 1989

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## Reno, continued...

Please mark your calendar and plan to join the Academic Law Libraries SIS at its reception on Monday, June 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the National Judicial College Library.

### D.C. Chapter anniversary

The Law Librarians' Society of Washington D.C. is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year, beginning with the publication of a commemorative calendar and culminating in October with a two day conference, "New Frontiers at Fifty." Om Reno the Chapter hopes to share its excitement with a larger audience. On Monday, June 19 at 2p.m. they are sponsoring an educational program, "Not in My Backyard...or Millions of Tons of Hazardous Waste...and... we're talking about your backyard." Visit the D.C. booth in the Chapter activities area. The exhibit will both offer a glimpse of the Society's past and highlight its current activities. Finally, the Society will host a gala champagne and dessert party in Bally's on Tuesday, June 20 from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$6.00, and everyone's invited.

To order tickets Send a check for \$6.00 made payable to LLSDC to Natalie Rapley, Librarian, Bryan, Cave, McPheeters & McRoberts, 1015 15th St., N.W., Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20005

### Foreign, Comparative & International Law SIS

A workshop on law and legal literature in civil law countries is being held June 17, 1989, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (registration -\$50.00). This workshop will provide an overview of the most important institutions and legal materials of civil law countries. Included will be a comparison of common law and civil law systems, a review of the nature and history of civil law codification, an analysis of the differences among modern civil law systems. There will also be a focus on doing research in French and German law and on finding English language information on civil law jurisdictions.

Faculty consists of Thomas Carbonneau, Tulane University School of Law; David Combe, Tulane; Marie-Louise Bernal, Library of Congress Law Library; Claire Germain, Duke University School of Law; John Pickron, University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law; and, Amber Lee Smith, University of Miami Law Library.

For additional information, see your AALL registration booklet or contact Francisco Avalos, University of Arizona School of Law Library, or Timothy Kearley, University of Illinois College of Law Library.

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Applications are being accepted for the 1989-90 Library/Book Fellows Program. This joint program of ALA and the U.S. Information Agency will place approximately ten U.S. citizens overseas beginning September, 1989.

### \*\*\* Africa--Sub-Saharan.

\* Manzini, Swaziland. One year. U. of Swaziland.

\* Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: U. of Dar es Salaam: Academic year.

### \*\*\* American Republics.

\* Kingston, Jamaica. Academic year. U. of the West Indies.

\* Nrl Horizonte, Brazil: U. Federal de Minas Gerais. Six months.

\* Guatemala City, Guatemala: General Archives of Central America: 6 mo. to 1 yr.

### \*\*\* East Asia.

\* Beijing, People's Republic of China, One year. Beijing Foreign Studies University.

\* Taipei, Taiwan. National Central Library. Six months.

\* Quezon City, Philippines. Six months, U. of the Philippines.

### \*\*\* Europe.

\* Oslo, Norway. Academic year, Norwegian School of Library and Information Sciences.

\* Dublin, Ireland. U. College Dublin Library. 6 mo. - 1 yr.

\* Madrid, Spain. Academic year, U. Complutense de Madrid.

### \*\*\* North Africa and Southeast Asia.

\* Lahore, Pakistan. Punjab Dept. of Education, nine months.

\* Damascus, Syria. Asad National Library, full year.

\* Hyderabad, India. American Studies Research Centre, nine to twelve months.

Stipends for Library/Book Fellows are \$23,690 per year. Travel expenses (fellow and one dependant) to and from will be reimbursed and health and life insurance coverage are provided. Some hosts assist with housing.

Eligibility requirements: U.S. citizenship, command of the host country's language desired, education and experience in library or information science, publishing or other fields directly related to the interests and needs of specific projects, with demonstrated competency as required.

If interested, send resume and cover letter stating desired position, language skills, subject expertise and maximum placement service length to Robert P. Doyle, Director, Library/Book Fellows Program, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, 1-800-545-2433. Deadline April 15, 1989.



Several years ago the index editors of Deering's California Advance Legislative Service set a new standard for jamming square pegs into round holes. They decided all newly enacted California legislation could be neatly and unambiguously indexed under about 20 broad subject categories. There followed one of the worst examples of law book indexing to be found.

I had hoped this "indexing virus" would remain confined to the Advance Legislative Service. But when I received a copy of the 1989 General Index to Deer-

ing's California Codes Annotated, I feared the worst. This slender volume replaces the 4 volume General Index published in 1962 and updated ever since.

To determine how the 1989 Deering's compares to its predecessor, I compared the number of subject headings beginning "A" in the 1989 and the 1962 editions. I also compared the this number with the 1989 General Index to West's California Codes Annotated. The results are summarized in the chart below:

	Deering's 1989 Edition	Deering's 1962 Edition	West's 1989 Edition
# of A Subject Headings	225	538	1,100
# of pages of A Subject Headings	79	384	435
Total # of pages in the index	1,094	3,750	6,700

While not the only measurement of indexing quality, the number of headings is probably one of the best. It is also one that can be quantified. The figures show the total number of pages in the 1989 Deering's has been reduced by about 70% from the number of pages in the 1962 Deering's. More telling, the number of subject headings beginning with "A" has been reduced from 538 in the 1962 Deering's to just 225 in the 1989 Deering's. By contrast, the number of "A" headings in West's is 1,100, twice as many as in the 1962 Deering's and almost 5 times as many as in the 1989 Deering's.

While figures on the number of "A" subject headings are not necessarily indicative of the remainder of the subject headings, they do provide a rough idea of how these sets compare.

I found these figures to be disturbing for several reasons. First, they call into question the quality of the indexing. Second, the figures indicate a seeming trend by Bancroft Whitney to hold down publication costs by degrading index quality. Third, the figures may portend an increase in work for librarians. If indexing quality

## Indexing, continued...

has lessened, then librarians may get more questions about how to find statutes.

I spoke with the index editor at Bancroft-Whitney to share with her the results of my informal and admittedly unscientific survey, and to get her reaction. I was assured that the purpose of this new index is to make the law easier to find. In her view, this is best accomplished by eliminating from the General Index those subject headings "common sense" tells us can be found in the separate index for each code. Thus, I am told, saving the researcher time. This may work fine for someone totally conversant with the arrangement of the Codes. But a novice attorney, an attorney new to California, a member of the public, or an occasionally Code user is not well served by such a philosophy. For them, and for the librarians they will ultimately turn to for assistance, such a philosophy means greater difficulty finding statutes.

My main objection to the degradation of indexing quality is not that it means more work for librarians. Rather, I object because such degradation seriously affects the overall value and quality of the set of books in question. Owners of Deering's have a sizable and continuing investment in this product. By degrading index quality, the publisher has lessened both the value of the set and its usefulness.

Contrary to the recommendation which came with the 1989 Deering's, I plan to keep the 1962 General Index until such time as I am reasonably assured of the overall quality of its successor. I intend to use both indices side-by-side to determine how often, or whether, each answers the question at hand.

While not nearly as bad as the index to the Advance Legislative Service, this new product should, if anything, heighten our awareness of publishers' indexing practices, and reaffirm the importance of high quality indexing.

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