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## FROM THE PRESIDENT,

DONNA PURVIS

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The Spring Business Meeting on May 18, 1995 was held at Cooley, Godward, et al in Palo Alto. Thanks to the coordination of Jean Aronovitz at Cooley, Godward, et al and Todd Bennett, 1994/1995 President, it was a very special meeting. Our featured speaker, Barbara Will, Networking Coordinator for the California State Library, gave us an interesting and highly informative update on the California Networking Task Force for California libraries.

The new Board was also introduced and inducted: Jo Caporaso, Vice-President/President Elect, Donna Williams, Secretary, Donna Hughes-Oldenburg, returning for part 2 of her 2 year term as Treasurer, Todd Bennett, Past President, and me, your new President (yes, you counted right, that makes three Donna's on the new Board.)

Lauri Flynn, our 1994/1995 Past President, in her last official act, presented the highlight of the meeting: a life-time membership was awarded to Iris Wildman, a founding member and Past President of NOCALL. Iris recently retired from the Robert Crown Law Library at Stanford University. See the Resolution presented to her on page 13.

NOCALL has just completed 15 years as a Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. As a 15 year member of NOCALL, I can attest to the significant value NOCALL has added to the professional and personal development of our members. I feel an enormous responsibility to continue and expand on the potential to make this Association one of the best resources for our professional development.

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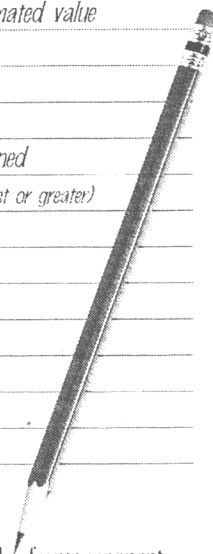
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*. . . Editor's Notes. . .*

*This is the last issue of Volume 15 of NOCALL News. I've always wanted to try editing a newsletter and I am grateful to Todd Bennett, our outgoing president, for giving me the opportunity. Though it's that time of the year when the changing of the guard occurs for NOCALL officers I'm happy to report that the Newsletter Committee will remain as it is for another year. Without the assistance of Michael Ginsborg, Marlowe Griffiths, Faye Jones and Mark Mackler this newsletter would never make it to the printer, many thanks to all of you! I'm also grateful to all the NOCALL members who have contributed articles and ideas to the newsletter this past year. And I would like to remind all NOCALL members that this is your newsletter - if you want to see yourself in print, please let me know, I'd love to hear from you.*

*1995 is the 100 year anniversary of the founding of Boalt Hall Law School at UC Berkeley. Ginny Irving, my colleague, at the Boalt Hall reference desk, has researched some of the history of Boalt Hall Law Library and librarians. Her article on page 15 about Rosamund Parma, Boalt's first librarian gives us a glimpse of law librarianship and legal education at Boalt nearly 90 years ago as well as of the challenges faced by the redoubtable Miss Parma. I really enjoyed this well written article and recommend it to anyone who wants to see how our profession has changed over the century.*

*Like many of you I am reminded daily of how the internet and computers are changing librarianship. I frequently wonder, and worry, what our profession will be like in 10 years or if there will be any such profession by then. I think this is why I enjoyed the quote by Mario Cuomo in Mark Mackler's column so much (pg. 22).*

*Thanks Mark and Mario!*

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**NOCALL NEWS Deadlines for  
Volume 16:**

July/Aug.	August 18, 1995
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Jan./Feb.	February 16, 1996
March/April	April 12, 1996
May/June	June 14, 1996

(all Fridays)



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San Francisco**

NOCALL will have a table in the activities area of the AALL conference exhibit hall. This is our golden opportunity to increase our national visibility and have some fun in the process. We will have information about becoming a member, and information about ordering our membership list and union list. There will be a few surprises, as well. We will also be giving away copies of our 1995 Spring Institute program material. If you don't have a copy, you don't know what you are missing. It includes bibliographies on California limited liability companies and immigration, and lots of information on California and environmental sources on the Internet.

All activities need member support in order to be successful. Your help is needed to staff the table for a half hour or hour during the peak times shown below. In any event, don't forget to drop by the table. It's a convenient meeting place and a great way to connect with old friends.

*Sunday, July 16: 11:15 - 12:00; 1:30 - 5:00*

*Monday, July 17: 9:00 - 11:30; 2:00 - 5:00*

*Tuesday, July 18: 9:00 - 12:00; 1:30 - 5:00*

If you are Pittsburgh bound, plan on spending some time at the NOCALL table. To schedule time, contact me by July 7 at:

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**IGS Library Code Borrowing Charges Increase**

Due to increases in personnel and procurement costs, the Institute of Governmental Studies Library will increase the fee to borrow its' municipal and county codes from \$30/code/week to \$40. The \$10 renewal fee will remain the same.

*Terry Dean  
Institute of Governmental Studies Library*



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## BUSINESS MEETING

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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

May 16, 1995

Cooley, Godward et al., Palo Alto

The meeting was called to order by President Todd Bennett at 3:15 p.m. All present introduced themselves. The meeting began with a presentation by Barbara Will, Coordinator for the California Library Networking Task Force of the California State Library. She described the history of the task force and their future plans. All members were invited to participate in the final review process, which will take place during July.

After a break for refreshments, the business meeting reconvened. Donna Purvis moved to suspend Article 3 Section 1 of the Bylaws (which requires that the annual meeting take place by May 16). The motion passed. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in *NOCALL News*. The Treasurer's report showed a current balance of \$33,212.34. Income from newsletter ads is down, but all other items are close to budget.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has prepared two proposals, which will be voted on in September. They propose to add two members-at-large to the Executive Board to provide wider representation. Some other minor changes were proposed to various sections of the bylaws; these changes have been published in the previous *NOCALL News*.

The Grants Committee awarded five grants for members to attend the AALL annual meeting. They went to Colleen O. Kensinger, Beverly A. Lipton, Donna S. Williams, Joanne P. Swedlow, and Cindy Beck Weller. Cristina Arias and Kathryn McTigue-Floyd were awarded grants to attend the Spring Institute. Donna Purvis reported that, while the financial accounting is not complete, the Spring Institute was a success. There were 150 people in attendance, 30 vendors presented their wares, and we had 12 speakers.

Todd Bennett explained that NOCALL, the San Andreas chapter of Special Libraries Association, and the San Francisco chapter of SLA have been holding a joint meeting each December, with organizational chores rotated among the three organizations. December 1995 will be our turn to host the meeting, which will probably be held on the Peninsula in order to attract members from all groups.

Past President Lauri Flynn presented a life membership in NOCALL to Iris Wildman, who retired this year from the Robert Crown Law Library at Stanford. Iris was the second president of NOCALL. Todd presented a plaque to Lauri, and a certificate to retiring Secretary Nancy Adams. Donna Purvis gave Todd an album with photos of recent NOCALL events, on behalf of the board.

Newly elected officers Jo Caporaso (Vice-President/President-Elect) and Donna Williams (Secretary) were installed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Nancy Adams, Secretary*



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### 1994-95 GRANT'S COMMITTEE REPORT & BUDGET

The Grant's committee issued the following grants for this year:

Fall Workshop:	None
Spring Institute:	Cristina Arias Kathryn McTigue-Floyd
1995 AALL:	Colleen O. Kensinger Beverly A. Lipton Donna S. Williams Joanne P. Swedlow Cindy Beck Weller



**Total Grants:**

**\$4085**

The Grant's Committee issued the number of grants for the 1994-95 year that were requested. Once again no one applied for the AALL Summer Institute.

For the 1995-96 budget we recommend keeping the figure of \$6,000 in place. Perhaps more publicity could be generated to encourage members to apply.

As NOCALL is encouraging outside people to attend, perhaps this year some of the moneys could be used to assist in that endeavor; however, we do want our members to be the main recipients of future grants.

*Respectfully submitted:*  
*1994-95 Grant's Committee*  
*Lille Koski*  
*Mary Sigafos*  
*John Moore*  
*Georgine O'Connor, Chair*

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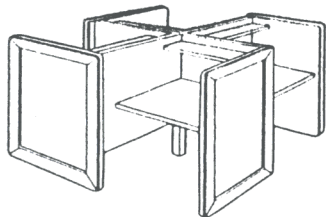
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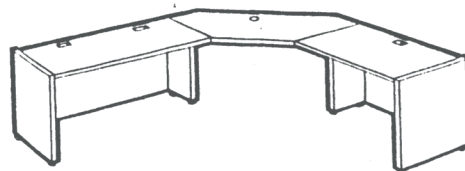
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The Southern California Association of Law Libraries held its 23rd Annual Institute at the Mission Inn in Riverside on February 24 and 25, 1995. This year's theme was NAFTA, Creating a Seamless Border: Free Trade, Mexico, and California. The Institute covered information resources, the legal documents that comprise NAFTA, commercial law issues, unfair competition, and environmental regulation.

Anne Rimmer, Reference Librarian at Western State University College of Law Library, Fullerton, CA and Carol Hyne of UNOCAL Corporation, Los Angeles, CA prepared an excellent bibliography entitled "NAFTA Resources." This very comprehensive bibliography includes books and periodicals, online resources, CD-ROMs, fax hotlines, and Internet resources. You can obtain a copy of the program material by contacting Carol Hyne at (213) 977-6922. Anne and Carol opened the program by explaining how they compiled and selected the items in their bibliography. Westlaw and Lexis representatives followed with separate presentations on NAFTA related resources in their databases. The first day concluded with an Opening Reception in the Mission Inn's Gallery.

The second day began with a presentation by Professor Antonio Mendoza of Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA. Professor Mendoza gave an excellent overview of "Documents Comprising NAFTA" and "Financial Services Under NAFTA." The next speaker, Professor Boris Kozolchyk, President and Director of the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade and Professor at the University of Arizona, College of Law, Tucson, AZ, outlined the "Continuing Commercial Legal Highway." He explained the obstacles encountered with free trade borders in transporting goods. Professor Kozolchyk also announced opportunities for law librarians to be involved in the National Law Center. The Center needs help in determining the criteria for what information should be collected and translated.

David A. Gantz, Associate Director of the National Law Center for Inter-American Free Trade and Professor at the University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, AZ spoke on "Trade Dispute Resolution Under NAFTA." He explained that there is no court for disputes for NAFTA countries, but instead disputes are settled by arbitral type mechanisms.

Patrick Del Duca of Kelley, Drye & Warren and adjunct Professor at UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA concluded the seminar with a discussion of "NAFTA and Environmental Issues." His handout is very useful and he includes a bibliography at the end of his outline.

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At the Saturday luncheon, Gayle E. Webb, AALL Secretary, and a local resident of Riverside, gave us a wonderful history of the Mission Inn and the entertaining stories that accompany its checkered history and its renewal into a fun and elegant Inn. Gayle also gave us an update on AALL activities.

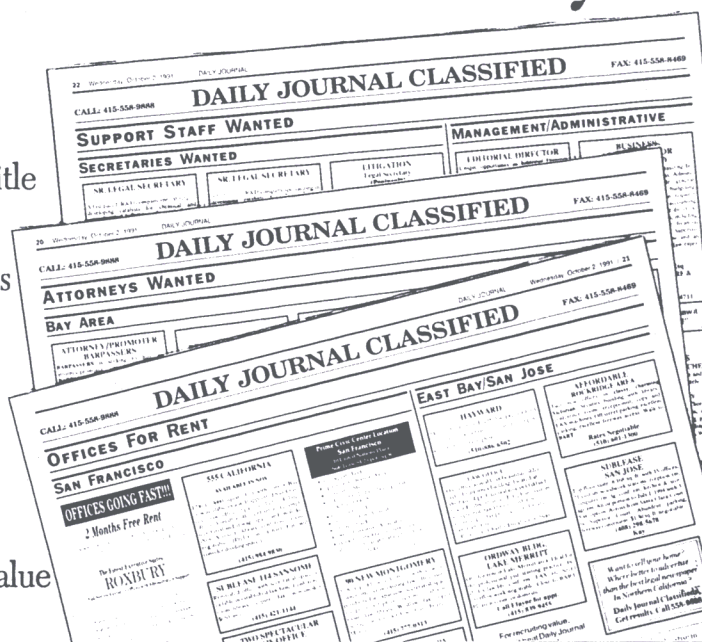
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**BY THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES  
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### **WHEREAS,**

*Iris J. Wildman* was a founding member of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries, a devoted member of the association who has demonstrated superb leadership qualities during her term as president of the association, and who has generously bestowed upon the association its official gavel; and

### **WHEREAS**

*Iris J. Wildman* has been a dedicated and valued member of the American Association of Law Libraries and has served on numerous committees on the behalf of the association and furthered her contributions to our profession through a variety of publications; and

### **WHEREAS,**

*Iris J. Wildman*, Senior Reference Librarian at the Robert Crown Law Library of Stanford University, has provided immeasurable guidance, support and service to the faculty and students of the Stanford University School of Law; and

### **WHEREAS,**

*Iris J. Wildman* has been a bright and shining light for the law library community at-large and for the students and faculty of the many esteemed institutions of higher education where she has been employed; and

### **WHEREAS,**

*Iris J. Wildman* has announced her well earned retirement.

### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT SO RESOLVED,**

that the Northern California Association of Law Libraries takes this opportunity to wish *Iris* the very happiest of years ahead, filled with the greatest riches life has to offer, and to further extend to her our most sincere appreciation and gratitude for all of the friendship and service she has so ably and generously provided to her fellow librarians. It is with great honor that we bestow upon *Iris* the rights and privileges of a lifetime member of our association.

*Dated this eighteenth day of May, 1995.*

*Signed:*

*Todd Bennett, President 1994-95*  
*Donna Purvis, Vice President/President Elect 1994-95*  
*Lauri Flynn, Past President 1994-95*  
*Donna Hughes-Oldenburg, Treasurer 1994-95*  
*Nancy Adams, Secretary 1994-95*



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## Call for Volunteers

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NOCALL has just finished its 15th year as a chapter of AALL. NOCALL has grown tremendously over the years, both in terms of size and caliber. The members who volunteer to participate on committees, special projects and the Board truly make a difference and help to shape the future of our chapter. Volunteering is also a great way meet new friends and colleagues, develop new professional skills and have fun in the process. Please consider sharing some of your time and talent with NOCALL this year!

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

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### MISS ROSAMUND PARMA: BOALT HALL'S FIRST LAW LIBRARIAN

Ginny Irving, Reference Librarian,  
University of California, Berkeley

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Courses in Law were first offered on the Berkeley campus in the 1894-95 school year. As the small Department of Jurisprudence grew, so did its collection of law reports, digests and other law books. When the new Boalt Hall building opened its doors in January 1911, the law collection numbered 8,775 volumes, and Miss Rosamund Parma was on hand to begin her service as the first Law Librarian at the University of California. During her twenty-four very active years at Boalt, she played a role in practically every aspect of the Law School, published several important articles on California legal research, developed a collection of 55,000 volumes, served twice as the President of the American Association of Law Libraries, taught and promoted courses in legal bibliography, and became a leader in the field of law librarianship.

Rosamund Parma was born in Santa Barbara, California. Her immigrant Italian parents, G. B. and Catarina (Pendola) Parma, ensured that all six of their children were well-educated, and Miss Parma graduated from the University of California in 1908 with a Bachelor of Letters. She taught at the Miguelito School in Lompoc, California from 1909-1911. When she was hired by the Department of Jurisprudence at Berkeley in 1911 her title was "Librarian of the Law Library and Clerk to the Department of Jurisprudence." Her duties as Law



*Rosamund Parma*  
*Boalt Hall Law Librarian, 1911-1935*

Librarian included ordering books, preparing a card catalog, and helping patrons use the library. But Miss Parma was not just the Librarian at the new Boalt Hall. She took care of all of the details of operating the school and seeing to the needs of the faculty, students, and alumni. She was usually present in Boalt Hall 14 hours a day, 6 days a week. Since the library was open seven days a week including evenings, she had an assistant who oversaw the library when she was busy with her other duties in the school.

The original Boalt Hall (now Durant Hall, housing the East Asian Library) was designed by the architect John Galen Howard and paid for by Elizabeth Josselyn Boalt as a memorial to her late husband, Judge John Henry Boalt. The \$100,000 donated by Mrs. Boalt was sufficient for construction of the new law building at Berkeley, but there were not enough funds to furnish the reading room of the Law Library on the second floor. Local bar associations provided the furnishings for the reading room, and still chiseled over its entrance is the inscription **LAWYERS MEMORIAL HALL**. The Library was the center of the Law School, with faculty offices surrounding the reading room. Dark wood tables and chairs provided seating for 96 researchers, including the 75 students enrolled in the Department of Jurisprudence at that time. Books were shelved on the

walls of the reading room and in two levels of stacks on the south side of the reading room.

In 1915 Miss Parma became secretary of the fledgling *California Law Review*, and in 1928 its manager. She found time to enroll in the School of Jurisprudence and to earn her J.D. degree in 1919, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif. Her thesis was "Principles Involved in Recent Cases in the Law of Water and Statutory Interpretation." In the 1922-23 school year a course in Legal Bibliography was added to the law school curriculum for the first time and was

taught by Rosamund Parma until her retirement. She was appointed Lecturer in Legal Bibliography in 1922, in addition to her title as Law Librarian, and this led to an increase in her salary, but she was still not earning as much as the librarians in Doe Library next door to Boalt Hall. Yet Miss Parma's duties extended far beyond those of other librarians at Berkeley; in addition to serving as the Dean's assistant and attending to the business affairs and public relations of the Department of Jurisprudence, she also oversaw an informal placement service for Boalt students and stayed in touch with alumni of the school.



*"Lawyer's Memorial Hall":  
The reading room of the original Boalt Hall Law Library, 1912*

By the time Miss Parma retired in 1935, she had almost single-handedly built Boalt Hall's collection to approximately 55,000 volumes and one of the leading law libraries in California. It was a scholarly as well as a valuable working collection for professional purposes and included many rare books. In addition to textbooks, reference works, statutes, court reports and legal periodicals covering the law of the United States and England and other common law jurisdictions, she had built a good collection of foreign materials, primarily modern continental European law, and of Roman Law. Transcripts and briefs filed in the California Supreme Court and District Courts of Appeal were also then included in



Boalt's collection.

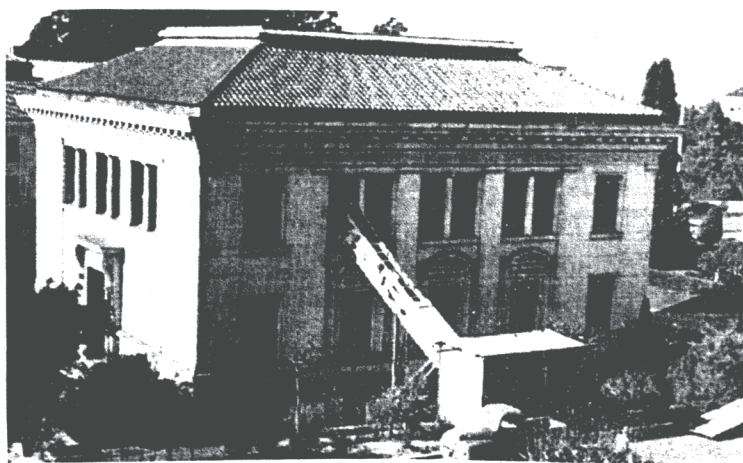
Rosamund Parma published several articles in the *Law Library Journal* of interest to today's legal researcher. They include: "The Origin, History, and Compilation of the Case Book," vol. 14, p. 14; "Law Libraries in California," vol 18, p. 108; "The History of the Adoption of the Codes of California," vol. 22, p. 8; and "The Codes and Statutes of California: A Bibliography," vol. 22, p. 41. She was also active in professional library associations, including the American Library Association and the California Library Association. In her 1925 *Law Library Journal* article "Law Libraries in California" in which she described the nearly 70 law libraries then operating in California, she was ahead of her time in advocating the formation of a state association of law libraries to promote cooperation and the publication of a Union Catalog.

She began a twenty-year association with the American Association of Law Libraries when she hosted at Boalt Hall the annual meeting of AALL on its tenth anniversary in 1915. One of the activities of that meeting set up by the local arrangements committee on which Miss Parma served, was an "auto ride" in San Francisco, followed by lunch at the Cliff House, sponsored by Bancroft-Whitney. Rosamund Parma served on the Executive Committee of AALL in 1926-27, and became the first woman President of the Association in 1930, serving a two-year term.

Foremost among her concerns at the annual meeting in 1931 which she chaired, was how to increase membership in AALL which at that time numbered 202 law librarians (65 of whom were present at Yale University where the meeting was held that year). Most of AALL's members were from state

law libraries, bar association libraries, and law school libraries. There were very few court librarians, and no law firm librarians in those days. Nor were there any local chapters of AALL--it would be another 50 years until NOCALL was fully organized. Under Miss Parma's leadership, the Roalfe Committee recommended that AALL be incorporated with permanent quarters and at least one fulltime staff member.

At the 1932 annual meeting in New Orleans, which she also chaired, Miss Parma noted the impact on law libraries of changing concepts in legal education; the study of law was becoming more cross-disciplinary with the inclusion of economics, sociology and psychoanalysis; there was more of an emphasis on research and work in legal aid clinics where law students could "grip with living problems in the law." In 1932 Miss Parma also raised the issue of the kind of education that law librarians should have and said that she had consulted with the head of the Library School at the University of California about introducing a course in law librarianship. Thanks to Rosamund Parma's initiative, many of today's



*The second (and current) Boalt Hall building was completed in 1951. This photo of the original Boalt Hall shows books being moved to a waiting truck from the Law Library on the second floor to be carried across campus to their new home.*

NOCALL members learned the craft of law librarianship from such later teachers of the legal bibliography class at U.C. Berkeley as Myron Jacobstein, Bob Berring, Joan Howland, and Stuart Sutton.

Due to ill health Rosamund Parma retired from Boalt Hall in April 1935. She died at her home in Santa Barbara, California, on October 24, 1946. As Clara Kilbourn, then Assistant Librarian at Boalt Hall, said in her memorial to Rosamund Parma (40 *Law Library Journal* 189) "she was a leader in all her work." As the centennial of the founding of the Department of Jurisprudence at the University of California, Berkeley,

draws to a close, it is fitting to pay tribute to Miss Rosamund Parma, whose foresight, energy and enthusiasm serve as a model for law librarians today.

*Ginny Irving has been a Reference Librarian at Boalt Hall for 10 years. She has recently published "The Boalt Law Library: 100 Years" in the Spring 1995 issue of the Boalt Hall Transcript, the alumni magazine of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law.*



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### *President's Message, continued from page 1*

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I want to thank Todd Bennett for his leadership this past year and for his long range ideas for NOCALL, such as expanding the size of the Board by two members and expanding our educational programs. I also want to thank all the Committees for their outstanding achievements and efforts in the past year.

Today our profession faces many exciting, and sometimes frightening, challenges. I believe our local chapter can help us meet these challenges, but it must be a combined effort. The Executive Board and the Committees need and want direction and involvement from you! Let's decide together what kind of programs and committee activity we need. Volunteer (see form on page 14) for a committee that interests you, or better yet, volunteer to chair a committee, respond to surveys on program topics, attend Business Meetings, and communicate your concerns and ideas to me or any member of the Executive Board. I believe that

active participation in NOCALL can improve your leadership skills, communication skills, organizational skills, professional and personal friendships. Please let me know how you would like to participate in making our Association stronger. My e-mail address is [dpurvis@bakermck.com](mailto:dpurvis@bakermck.com) and my phone number is (415)576-3066.

*Donna Purvis,  
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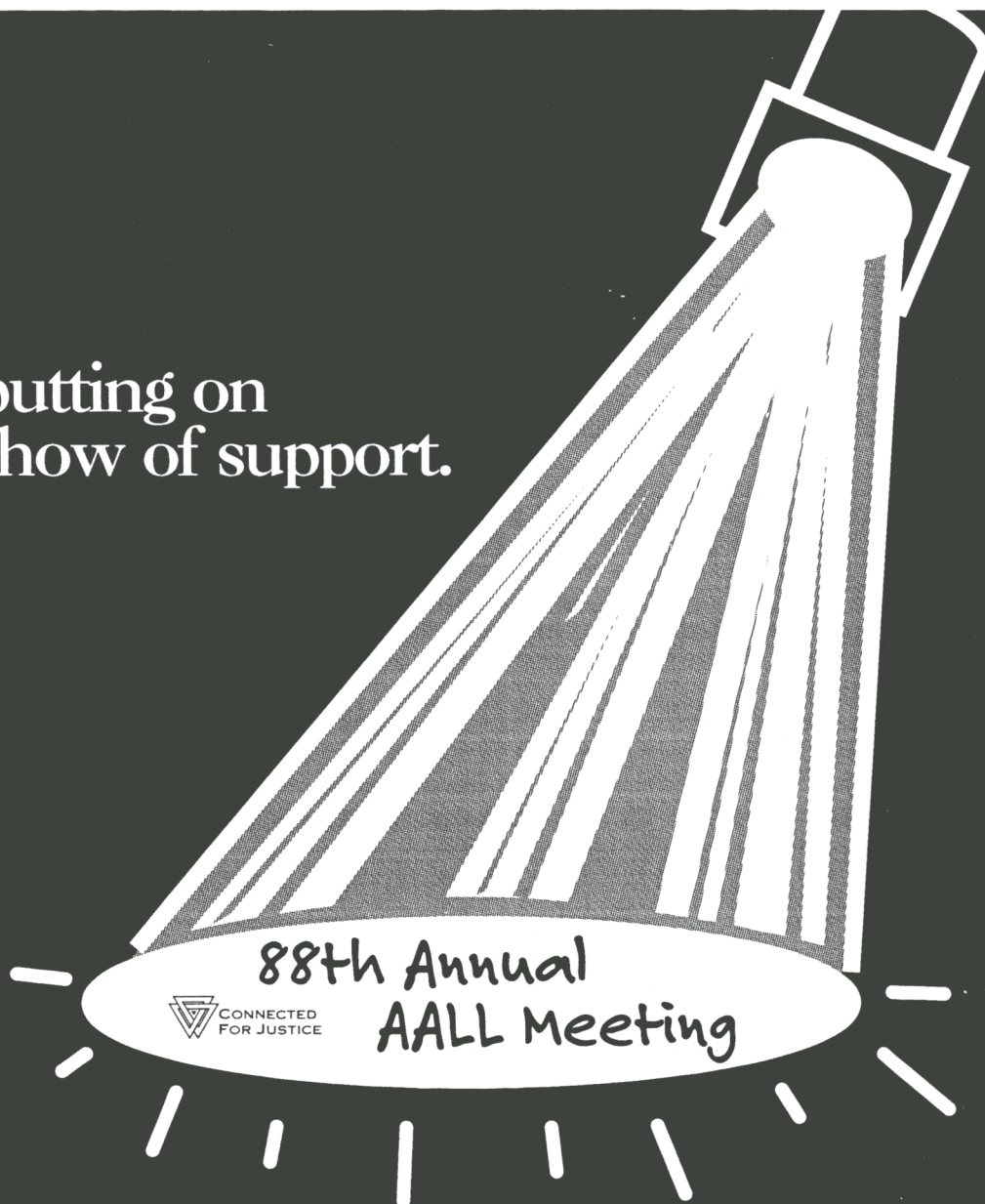
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# THE PERPETUAL NEED FOR EDUCATING ATTORNEYS (AND OURSELVES) REGARDING ONLINE DATABASES

Valerie J. Gross, Head Librarian, Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon

Although I sometimes hear that "nobody reads the firm newsletter" or that E-Mails are deleted prior to receiving a careful reading, I believe that if messages are disseminated using varied mediums, attorneys will eventually notice and actually read the details.

Not only do communications of this sort apprise attorneys of crucial information, such memos provide an excellent opportunity to market the library. Furthermore, responses often pinpoint the need for further attorney instruction. My recent memo read:

## LEXIS NEWS

There are no longer any differences between "Transactional" and "Zero Connect" IDs. Hereinafter, references to "Transactional" refer to either. Unless an ID card specifically states "Hourly," the ID is Transactional.

**PRINTING** -- with a Transactional ID:

"FULL-TEXT" -- Regardless of length, with two (2) exceptions\*\*, ANY document being viewed now costs \$2 to print and/or download when using Transactional.

Example: An 80-page journal article formerly costing \$100 to print now costs a mere \$2 to print in full.

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                         2) SEC filings:      \$25/document

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Either feature costs \$7/citation--when in Transactional-- which includes full-text printing, regardless of length. Compare: Accessing LXE or CasePull in Hourly costs \$4/citation + \$48/hour + .02/line. Clearly, it will be more cost effective to use a Transactional ID.

### HOURLY IDs

1. Printing pricing remains unchanged at \$.02/line.



Attorney responses to the above included: "I don't have a LXE password;" "I find the ID options confusing...please advise which Lexis ID to use for searching and printing;" which prompted an individual phone call to the first, and a follow-up memo response on cost comparisons to the latter.

While the above highlights Lexis, the following items also deserve publicity:

#### WESTLAW NEWS

**WESTCHECK to "FIND"** -- "Finding" and printing any document using WestCheck now costs a flat \$7. WestCheck (not regular Westlaw) must be used for the flat fee.

While a 15,000 line cap has been placed on the flat fee, the limit is so generous it hardly needs mentioning.

15,000 lines translates to approximately 670 Westlaw "Pages" [i.e., screens], or roughly 270 printed pages. Text exceeding the ceiling costs .02/line

**TAKE NOTE** -- PLI and ALI-ABA materials (not on Lexis) may be printed using WestCheck. Considering the difficulty of borrowing on Inter-Library Loan and the length of the individual articles, this is a bargain.

**Dow Jones on Westlaw** -- Westlaw's recent alliance with Dow Jones has broadened the system's non-legal information scope. While not all of Dow Jones is yet included, important databases such as the Wall Street Journal (full text back to Jan. 2, 1984) and the Dow Jones Newswires have been loaded and are "Westlaw searchable."

**TRG (The Rutter Group) on Westlaw** -- With the goal of having all TRG Practice Guides online in full-text by July 1, 1995, Westlaw currently has (1) Civil Procedure Before Trial, (2) Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial, (3) Civil Appeals and Writs, and (4) Landlord-Tenant. Key in TRG-CA to search them all simultaneously.

#### DATATIMES NEWS

Finally, DATATIMES has completely restructured their system, which is now menu driven and more intuitive.

Unfortunately, Datatimes no longer offers the Wall Street Journal in full text or any of the Dow Jones Newswires. However, at .20/min. (regardless of the database or database combination) with no additional cost unless items are printed in a format other than "View," searches prove cost-effective when determining whether any articles exist.

Note to infrequent users: Datatimes has been known to waive the \$39/mo. monthly fee in exchange for slightly higher printing costs.

Even when attorneys do not search a particular database themselves, informing them regarding availability and cost will increase their choices while promoting Library Staff services and visibility.

**MUSINGS FROM MARK**

**Mark Mackler  
Kenney, Burd & Markowitz  
San Francisco**

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**WHAT MAKES AN ORGANIZATION**

**WORK?...At the conclusion of the recent NOCALL Institute, I couldn't help but think about all the hours of volunteer time which our members contributed to make it so successful. As a matter of fact, when was the last time we stopped to reflect on the fact that organizations like ours are made up entirely of volunteers? Without the efforts of law librarians willing to further their Association and their profession, nothing would happen! To all the NOCALL members who contribute so much of themselves: Thank You!**

**WHAT DO WE DO OUTSIDE OF WORK?... Mary Ann**

**Parker, our beloved colleague at the Department of Water Resources Law Library, tells me that she gets a lot of professional and personal satisfaction by writing book reviews for *Library Journal*:**

*My interest was piqued in 1991. I enjoy reading book reviews and liked the focus of LJ reviews which are to help collection development librarians select titles. For example, when reviewing fiction, it's often more important to know how popular the author, series,*

*or genre is than to make a decision based strictly on literary value. When I reviewed The Sugar Pavilion by Rosalind Laker, I knew as soon as I opened the package the review would be favorable. She's a very popular author in a popular genre. I also enjoyed reading the book, one of her better ones, I think.*

*The application from LJ asked about interests, hobbies, and special abilities or circumstances, like fluency in a foreign language or having lived abroad for a long time. My particular interests are historical fiction and travel literature. I have reviewed 25 books in those areas since September 1991 and I am amazed at the variety of books the editors have sent me. One of my favorites was Biografi by New Zealander Lloyd Jones which combined the two forms in a*

*novel about post-Communist Albania, written as a travel book.*

*For those who in library school found the reader's advisor feature of librarianship to be congenial, I recommend reviewing books for LJ. For more information, contact: Editorial Assistant, LJ Book Reviews, 249 West 17th Street, New York 10011.*

**SCOOPLET DU JOUR (SORRY, HERB CAEN)...Musings**

recently learned that one of our esteemed colleagues used to date *Alan Sugarman*. Yes, the Alan Sugarman of vendor-neutral citation format fame! Can you guess who this NOCALL member is?

**BEST WISHES...to Nora Levine**, who used to go *sub nom* Nora Skrukruud.

**BEST WISHES...to Dick Bercik** who celebrates his 30th year with West Publishing. Dick, who hails from Pittsburgh, wanted to attend AALL there this summer, but the City of Pittsburgh won't let him return! By the way, I know that we all take occasional pot-

shots at our various sales reps, but I was just thinking how many of us would have the guts to carry on and to take so

***"I'm not sure that people are going to get smarter because of the Internet. . . .They could have been smart before. All they had to do was to go into a library."*** Mario Cuomo



many rejections year after year after year? I know I wouldn't!

### **SPEAKING OF**

**PUBLISHERS...**Check out the *New York Times* from May 3. There is an interview with Mark Willes, newly-appointed CEO of Times-Mirror, the parent company of Matthew Bender. Before joining Times-Mirror, Mr. Willes was vice-president of the cereal giant General Mills. Mr. Willes made it clear that he intends to apply the consumer orientation of the cereal company to the information business. Mr. Willes said that his products will need to "refresh" what they offer, just as cereal companies regularly improve their products. Asked for examples of what he meant, he cited the successful marketing of certain cereals, Hamburger Helper and cake mixes! And how would *you* like your *Cal Forms of Pleading and Practice* to taste??

### **MORE CORPORATE**

**NEWS...**At the end of May, the Dutch media company VNU announced that it would withdraw from the United States financial data business by selling Disclosure to the Primark Corporation for \$200 million. Disclosure had revenue of \$86 million in 1994. A spokesman for VNU stated that while profitable, the Disclosure unit wasn't international enough in scope for VNU's marketing purposes. Primark, the acquiring company, is based in Waltham, Massachusetts and is already active in the financial information business with its Datastream and Vestek units.

### **THE SHADOW-**

**WORKERS...**The fabulous *Ann Borkin* alerts me to a 1981 book

by Ivan Illich. The book, entitled Shadow-Work, discusses how work is often divided between the "real" work and the "shadow" work. Although the "shadow" work is absolutely essential to the functioning of the organization, the "real" work is valued much more and is held in high esteem. The "real" workers get all the credit and the attention, while the "shadow" workers continue to function behind the scenes. Sounds a little familiar, no?

### **FROM THE MOUTH OF**

**MARIO CUOMO...***"I'm not sure that people are going to get smarter because of the Internet. They're going to become better at games, better at dirty talk, more nimble. They could have been smart before. All they had to do was to go into a library."*

### **ONE MORE GOLDEN GATE**

**STORY...**I was completing a Saturday reference shift at the Golden Gate Law School Library, and one of the student assistants asked me what I planned to do for the remainder of the weekend. I told her that I was going that night to see Part 2 of *Angels in America* (*Perestroika*). In return, I received a blank look. This law student had absolutely no idea what I was talking about. It turned out, though her own admission, that she had no awareness of any films, plays or current culture. The only things that mattered to her were her courses, her exams, her grades, and her Bar exam. So, fellow law librarians, let's all try to enjoy the summer!



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Marlowe Griffiths, Membership Committee Chair  
Howard, Rice, et. al., San Francisco

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In the last newsletter, the death of *Sylvia Skora* was prematurely announced. In her attempt to get the message across to a publisher that she did not want to subscribe to their publication, Sylvia wrote "deceased" on a dun notice. Her postman saw this and started returning her first class mail to the senders with a deceased notice attached. Fortunately, when I called to apologize for the error, Sylvia took the error in good humor and asked that I return her name to the active membership rolls. By the way, Sylvia does not suggest this method of ridding oneself of bothersome mail to any one.

*NOCALL Members in the News. . .*  
NOCALL members have been getting quite a bit of coverage in the *California Law Business*, the periodic supplement to the Los Angeles and San Francisco *Daily Journal*. Take a look at the article by Anthony Aarons, "Will Lawyers Start Rushing the Net?" in the June 12, 1995 issue. *Joan Loftus* of Pillsbury, Madison &

Sutro was interviewed and photographed for the article. *Judy Janes* of U.C. Davis Law Library was also interviewed. (Unfortunately her last name was consistently misspelled as *James* throughout.)

Law Librarians were again featured in the June 26, 1995 issue in another article also by Anthony Aarons, "New Leaf". The article featured the opinions of various librarians on the "National Conference on Legal Information Issues" which will be held before and concurrently with the AALL Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh. Among other issues the conference, organized by Carol Billings, AALL president, will address vendor neutral citation systems. Ms. Billings was interviewed for this article as was incoming SCALL President Hal Brown and NOCALL's own immediate past president, *Todd Bennett* of Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges.

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## CHANGES

*Cindy Hill*, formerly of Failure Analysis, is librarian at Sun Microsystems, 2550 Garcia Ave., MTV 6-20, Mountain View, CA 94043. Her new phone number is (415) 336-1091.

*Margaret Arnold's* new mailing address is California State Automobile Association, Inter-Insurance Bureau, 100 Van Ness Avenue, 16th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.

The NOCALL Board recently honored *Iris Wildman* as the chapter's first lifetime member. Iris has retired from Stanford University and can be reached at 1757 Pilgram Avenue, Mountain View, CA.

As of December 19, 1994, the law firm of Hassard, Bonnington, Rogers & Huber has a new name and address. The firm is now Hassard Bonnington and is located at Two Embarcadero Center, Suite 1800, San Francisco, CA 94111-3993. Their phone number is (415) 288-9800 and their fax number is (415) 288-9801.

*Caren Doyle*, Reference Librarian at Baker & McKenzie's San Francisco office,

will be out on maternity leave until the end of the year. *Gretchen Pullen* has been hired as a temporary Reference Librarian during Caren's absence. Gretchen can be reached at (415) 576-3068.

*Susan Evard*, formerly Assistant Librarian at Lillick & Charles in San Francisco, gave birth on January 27, 1995. She was planning to return to work but after 6 months of motherhood to twins, a boy and a girl, she has decided to "retire".



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## PLACEMENT NEWS

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