



# NOCALL NEWS

Newsletter of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries  
A Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

Volume 17, Number 1

September/October 1996

## FROM THE PRESIDENT,

JO CAPORASO

### In This Issue . . .

Feature Column	2
Value Survey	7
Executive Board Mtgs.	8
Committee Reports	10
What Are You Reading?	13
Conference Reports	15
Membership News	19
Placement News	23
Spring Institute Survey	27

"The Time is Right to Make New Friends." If you feel like you have just read a fortune cookie message, you're right! With the NOCALL year underway, this is the time to volunteer for a committee. Serving on a committee offers the opportunity to widen your circle of acquaintances which may result in lasting friendships. But developing professional contacts isn't the only reason to get involved. There are numerous reasons why people volunteer. One is personal satisfaction. By serving on a NOCALL committee you give something back to the organization. Recognition is another reason. By participating in a professional organization you gain recognition among your peers both in NOCALL and at your workplace. Another motivation to volunteer is to broaden your professional background. For example, you may learn more about the internet, advertising, dealing with vendors, publicity, or how a nonprofit organization works by serving on any one of a number of our committees. The committees are vitally important to NOCALL and I urge you to support them. You will find out how much fun you can have when you get involved. Look for the volunteer form and a list of the committees in this newsletter. Most committees still need members.

You may recall that last year's Executive Board reviewed all resolutions and decisions adopted over the years. It gave us the opportunity to see which ones were no longer relevant or not being enforced. This was a very productive exercise and a good reminder of what NOCALL has accomplished. This year's Board will undertake another review, only this time it is a review of NOCALL's strengths and weaknesses and how the organization can best meet your needs in the future. If you weren't able to voice your ideas and your expectations at NOCALL's first town hall meeting on September 12, it's not too late. Take a moment to fill out the "Value Survey" on page 7, or forward any comments, suggestions and ideas about NOCALL activities to me. I look forward to hearing from you!





---

## **NOCALL News Editors**

### **Editor**

Marlene Harmon  
Boalt Hall Law Library  
Berkeley  
(510) 642-0171  
mharmon@uclink2.berkeley.edu

### **Articles Editor**

Mark Mackler  
Kenney & Markowitz  
San Francisco  
(415) 397-3100  
markemac@netcom.com

### **Membership News**

Yvonne Boyer  
Cooley, Godward, et. al.  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
(415) 693-2610  
boyery@cooley.com

### **Placement News**

Mary Staats  
Farella, Braun & Martel  
San Francisco  
(415) 954-4451  
staats@ix.netcom.com

---

**NOCALL News** is published five times a year by the Northern California Association of Law Libraries, a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. Membership is \$25 and includes a subscription to **NOCALL News**. Send changes of address to Yvonne Boyer, Cooley, Godward, et. al., 1 Maritime Plaza, 20th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111.

---

The Northern California Association of Law Libraries assumes no responsibility for the statements and opinions advanced by the contributors to the Association's publications. Editorial views do not necessarily represent the official position of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries. Acceptance of an advertisement does not imply endorsement of the product by the Northern California Association of Law Libraries.

---

**NOCALL Web Page:**  
<http://www.nocall.org>  
**NOCALL Discussion List:** To subscribe, send a message to: [listserv@assocdir.wuacc.edu](mailto:listserv@assocdir.wuacc.edu). In the body of the message type: subscribe nocall-list Your Name. Contact Joan Loftus at (415) 986-4200; [loftus@netcom.com](mailto:loftus@netcom.com) with any questions or comments.

---

## **MUSINGS FROM MARK**

Mark Mackler, Kenney & Markowitz, San Francisco

**BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS...**Summer will be over. As we begin the "school" year together, maybe this is a good time to pause and reflect on the degree of commitment which you have to the profession. Ask yourself if you are doing all that you can to further your profession and your professional development. If you are satisfied with your level of involvement, that's fine. However, if you want to increase your involvement, one excellent way to do so is to say "Yes" if you are asked to serve on an AALL or NOCALL committee.

**DICK BERCIK AND LARRY THOMPSON...**retired last month after many decades in the legal publishing biz, and I wish them both the best. When Dick and I last had lunch together he gave me something to think about: Working as a legal publisher's rep or working as a law librarian is a lot like managing a major league sports team. Your bosses really don't care one bit about all the good stuff you've done for them in the past. All they care about is: What have you done for us lately? What have you done for us this season?

**CHARLES OGLETREE...**the Harvard Law School professor, delivered the keynote address at the American Library Association's Annual Conference in New York. He advised librarians that they must be careful that new developments in information technology do not exacerbate the divisions of class and race that already exist in this country. "The more connected some of us become, the more disconnected most of us become," he observed. Ogletree said that he was deeply involved in the question of access to information because he knew from personal experience what it means to grow up poor and African American. "The consequences are staggering. There are millions who, because of poverty or race, cannot even fathom the dimensions of the information age. Many of the most basic necessities are unavailable to many Americans stuck in poverty. The picture isn't pretty. In countless towns and cities around the country, government scales or shuts down libraries while simultaneously it constructs more prisons with vigor." Later on in his address, Ogletree gave thanks for the librarian who helped him achieve his level of success. "Without Mrs. Friendly, the odds of my being incarcerated in the criminal justice system were much better than the odds of my educating others at Harvard Law School about that system. With the aid and able assistance of Mrs. Friendly, I was able to enter the world of books that challenged my imagination. It was only when Mrs. Friendly tapped me on the shoulder and reminded me that the library would be closing in ten minutes that I returned to the reality of my existence. The public library in my hometown literally saved my life and made a new life of opportunity possible for me."

**ANNE BINGAMAN...**Assistant Attorney General for the Justice Department's Antitrust Division announced that she would be resigning in November. She cited "purely personal reasons" for her departure. Janet Reno said, "Mrs. Bingaman made giant strides in promoting competition for the benefit of American consumers and maintaining a level playing field for American businesses." The big area of interest to us, of course, is the West-Thomson deal, and the fact that Justice gave its conditional approval only after Thomson agreed to sell 58 of its publications.

*continued on page 12*

## NOCALL OFFICERS

### President

*Jo Caporaso, McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enerson, San Francisco*  
(415) 393-2560; jcapraso@netcom.com

### Past President

*Donna L. Purvis, Baker & McKenzie, San Francisco*  
(415) 576-3066; dpurvis@bakermck.com

### Vice-President/President-Elect

*Brent Bernau, Golden Gate University Law Library,  
San Francisco*  
(415) 442-6685; bbernau@ggu.edu

### Secretary

*Donna S. Williams, California Court of Appeal,  
San Jose*  
(408) 494-2529; cca6@ix.netcom.com

### Treasurer

*Marlowe Griffiths, Howard, Rice, et.al., San  
Francisco*  
(415) 399-3043; marlowe@netcom.com

### Executive Board Member


*Mark Mackler, Kenney & Markowitz, San Francisco*  
(415) 397-3100; markemac@netcom.com

### Executive Board Member

*Alice McKenzie, Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, San  
Francisco*  
(415) 979-2619; amckenzie@brobeck.com

## 1996-97 NOCALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

AALL LIAISON	Shirley David, Sacramento County Law Library	(916) 440-6013
ACADEMIC RELATIONS	Cynthia Papermaster, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher	(415) 393-8248
ARCHIVES	David Bridgman, Stanford University	(415) 725-0806
AUDIT & BUDGET	Prano Amjadi, Santa Clara University	(408) 554-5320
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS	Mary Hood, Santa Clara University	(408) 554-4452
CONSULTING	Lauri Flynn, Bank of America	(415) 622-2854
EDUCATION	Jenny Kanji, Lexis/Nexis	(415) 781-1707
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	Catherine Hardy, Golden Gate Univ. Law Library	(415) 442-6683
GRANTS	Lille Koski, Derby, Cook, Quinby & Tweedt	(415) 777-0505
INTERNET COMMITTEE	Anna Anderson, Kronick, Moskovitz, et. al.	(916) 321-4500
MEMBERSHIP	Yvonne Boyer, Cooley, Godward, et. al.	(415) 693-2610
NETWORK TASK FORCE	Todd Bennett, Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges	(415) 955-3659
NEWSLETTER	Open	
NOMINATIONS	Leslie G. Hesdorfer, Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft	(415) 981-5550
PLACEMENT	Mary Staats, Farella, Braun & Martel	(415) 954-4451
PUBLIC ACCESS	Coral Henning, Sacramento County Law Library	(916) 440-7427
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Jennifer Wu, McKenna & Cuneo	(415) 267-4002
SPRING INSTITUTE	Brent Bernau, Golden Gate University	(415) 442-6685
UNION LIST	Todd Bennett, Thelen, Marrin, Johnson & Bridges	(415) 955-3659



# We're Watching You and Your Clients.

L.A. County

Court WATCH

## So you don't miss a move.

Announcing Court WATCH. It's the only reliable and easy way to monitor daily filings in the Los Angeles County Civil Courts.

Just go on-line with CDB Infotek to pick the names you want watched. You'll never miss another Superior or Municipal Civil action with the earliest possible notice of filing activity. With Court WATCH you can effortlessly

- watch competitors
- protect clients
- anticipate service of process
- spot personal injury claims
- follow mergers and acquisitions
- track loan holders' litigation status

Protect your interests and your clients with Court WATCH from CDB Infotek. Don't wait. We're not the only ones watching you.

GET  
COURT WATCH  
FREE until  
September 30,  
1996!\*

CALL  
1.800.  
427.3747  
for details.

C • D • B

INFO  
TEK

*The Public Records Information Company*



## EDITOR'S BOX

*Submissions made to the Editor must be on a 3.5" disk or sent via the Internet as an ASCII file to: mharmon@uclink2.berkeley.edu. Submissions may be made in WordPerfect 5.1, or in various versions of Microsoft Word. Contact the editor at (510) 642-0171 or at mharmon@uclink2.berkeley.edu for specific formats. To be included in the next issue of the newsletter submissions must be received by:*

*November/December issue: October 18, 1996  
(Friday)*

*All disks will be returned. Submissions made to Committee, Membership and Placement Editors should be made earlier so they can submit theirs by that date. Check with the individual editor.*

---

### *Looking for a Few Good Editors . . .*

NOCALL News needs a managing editor and an advertising editor. Because of the heavy time commitment involved in producing the newsletter the Board is considering outsourcing its design, printing, production and distribution. The role of the managing editor would be to work with the newsletter committee, including the articles and advertising editors, to solicit articles and coordinate the production of the newsletter. If you are interested and want to know more, please call or e-mail the outgoing editor, Marlene Harmon, at (510) 642-0171 or mharmon@uclink2.berkeley.edu, or let Jo Caporaso at (415) 393-2560; jcapraso@netcom.com know. **NOCALL NEEDS YOU!**

---

#### *Newsletter Deadlines Volume 17, 1996-1997*

<i>November /December Issue:</i>	<i>October 18, 1996</i>
<i>January/February Issue:</i>	<i>January 3, 1997</i>
<i>March/April Issue:</i>	<i>February 28, 1997</i>
<i>May/June Issue:</i>	<i>May 2, 1997</i>

*(all Fridays)*

---



---

## NOCALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

---

### 1996

September 21	Saturday	NOCALL Planning Meeting for Committee Chairs & Past Presidents
October 4	Friday	NOCALL News Deadline
October 30	Wednesday	<u>Tentative date</u> for the NOCALL Fall Workshop
November 1	Friday	Executive Board Meeting
December 6	Friday	Executive Board Meeting

### 1997

January 3	Friday	NOCALL News Deadline
January 16	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting / NOCALL Business Meeting
February 14	Friday	Executive Board Meeting
February 28	Friday	NOCALL News Deadline
March		Spring Institute in downtown S.F., (Date not yet set)
March 14	Friday	Ballots due back to Secretary
March 21	Friday	Executive Board Meeting / Counting Ballots
April 1	Monday	Deadline to notify elected persons
April 13 - 19	All Week	National Library Week = Promote your library!
April 18	Friday	Executive Board Meeting
May 2	Friday	NOCALL News Deadline
May 15	Thursday	Executive Board Meeting / NOCALL Annual Business Meeting
May 16	Thursday	Business Meeting
June 7 - 12		SLA Annual Conference, Seattle, WA
June 16	Monday	Due date for Board members to turn over files & records to newly elected officers
June 26 - July		ALA Annual Conference, S.F.
July 19 - 24	Saturday - Thursday	AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD

### 1998

March		NOCALL / SCALL Joint Institute in Monterey, CA
July 11-16		AALL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA

**1999**      July 17 - 22      AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**2000**      July 15 - 20      AALL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

**URL:**    <http://www.nocall.org/calendar.html>

(rev. 8/27/96 DSW)





---

## Value Survey

---

The NOCALL Town Hall Meeting on September 12 elicited valuable feedback in several areas. The discussion of the types of things NOCALL provides and the value our members attach to them was particularly illuminating. At the suggestion of the Town Hall Meeting participants, we decided to broaden the opportunity for feedback by posing the same questions to all our members via this Newsletter survey. Please take a few minutes to read through this list and indicate the value of each item using the following scale: 1=Minimal Value; 2=Moderate Value; 3=Maximum Value.

**Please return the survey by October 11 to: Brent Bernau, GGU Law Library, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105; or FAX it to: 415-512-9395. If you prefer to respond to the version on the NOCALL-list, please do, but respond only once. Thanks!**

- ☐ Membership Directory
- ☐ Printed NOCALL News
- ☐ Possibility of an electronic version of NOCALL News
- ☐ Fall Workshop
- ☐ Spring Institute
- ☐ Possible co-sponsorship of 1998 Spring Institute with SCALL
- ☐ January Business Meeting/Lunch
- ☐ Government Relations Committee Activities
  - ☐ Be a Part of the Process brochure
  - ☐ California Roster and Government Guide
  - ☐ Communicating and sponsoring legislation
- ☐ Union List
- ☐ NOCALL-LIST
- ☐ Home Page
- ☐ Internet Committee
- ☐ Placement Services
- ☐ Grants to attend AALL Conference
- ☐ Grants to attend NOCALL conferences
- ☐ Co-sponsorship of dinner meeting with SLA
- ☐ NOCALL reception at AALL
- ☐ Public Relations Committee
  - ☐ Promoting NOCALL to community at large
  - ☐ Tips for Librarians promoting selves within their firm
  - ☐ Promoting NOCALL to AALL
- ☐ Mentor (or, perhaps, Buddies) program
- ☐ AALL Liaison
- ☐ Academic Relations Committee
- ☐ Consulting Committee
- ☐ Public Access Committee
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments or suggestions:

\_\_\_\_\_

---

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

---

### Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes May 8, 1996

*The meeting was held at the offices of Baker & McKenzie at 2 Embarcadero Center, S.F. Present were: Donna Purvis, Jo Caporaso, Todd Bennett, Donna Williams, Loretta Sevier and Cynthia Papermaster. Absent was Donna Hughes-Oldenburg. Donna Purvis called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.*

---

#### 1. Report by Loretta Sevier on Law Office Support Organization (LOSO).

Loretta is the NOCALL representative of LOSO.

LOSO, in cooperation with the S.F. School Volunteers, has been working with Philip & Sala Burton High School students for the past three years. They interview the students and do a brief orientation of office etiquette.

Many law firms have participated in the program. LOSO placed 18 students last summer and would like to increase that number.

The students would actually be employees of the firm with a minimum \$6 per hour charge. The students can participate in any activity the firm sees fit. Employment can be for 2 weeks or 3 months. It is entirely at the firm's discretion.

Loretta composed a letter to the S.F. members of NOCALL which includes a brochure explaining the program. She will also get in touch with Jenny Wu of Public Relations to post a message on the NOCALL-List serv as well as including a copy of the letter in the next NOCALL News.

After much discussion, it was decided that Academic Relations Liaison's charge is quiet different from what Loretta is doing. A separate

ad hoc committee should be formed.

A motion was passed to form an ad hoc committee called "The Youth Opportunity Committee." [Resolution 1996-8.]

Loretta also expressed an interest in forming a Pro Bono committee in which NOCALL members could offer library expertise services to various non-profit organizations. The matter will be considered under next year's Board.

(Exit Loretta and Cynthia.)

#### 2. Procedures Manual.

Donna presented a draft version of the procedures manual.

The content of each committee's report will be considered under next year's Board.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes from the Executive Board meeting of 4/19/96 were approved as submitted.

#### 4. Adjournment.

Donna P. adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna S. Williams, NOCALL Secretary

May 9, 1996 ♦

### Highlights of the NOCALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 1996

*The meeting was held at the offices of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen at 3 Embarcadero Center, S.F. Present were: Jo Caporaso, Brent Bernau, Donna Purvis, Todd Bennett, Marlowe Griffiths, Donna Hughes-Oldenburg, Donna Williams, Alice McKenzie & Mark Mackler. Jo called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.*

---

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions.

Jo welcomed the new Executive Board and thanked the out going Board for all the work that was accomplished.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes from the Executive Board meeting of 5/8/96 were approved as submitted.



### 3. Unfinished Business.

*Procedures Manual* - Donna W. will have a copy of the manual mailed to Jo so she can present it at the AALL Council of Chapter Presidents meeting on 7/20/96. We are going to have it copied and bound to give to all committee chairs at the NOCALL Planning Meeting in September.

*NOCALL at AALL* - Jenny Wu is handling the NOCALL activities table at the Annual Meeting.

*West Decathlon* - We have our team set for the Decathlon. Brent pointed out that the preliminary booklet listed a NOCALL meeting on Monday night, however, it was never set. Jo will send a message to the NOCALL list that there is no meeting scheduled.

### 4. New Business.

*Youth Opportunity Committee* - Jo reported that Loretta, in cooperation with the Law Office Service Org. (LOSO), placed 19 students in 17 law firms this summer. Various other organizations are supporting the students and Loretta asked if we could donate \$50 as well. Since the budget for the upcoming year has not been approved, and this is a new ad hoc committee, a motion was passed to give the Youth Opportunity Committee \$50.

*SCALL / NOCALL Institute in 1998* - Jo couldn't get a hold of Dan Martin from SCALL to find out more information about SCALL's expectations for a joint meeting. Brent will find out more details. Moved to unfinished business.

*SFPL Card Catalog & NOCALL Position* - The S.F. Board of Supervisors recommended to the Library Commission that the old card catalog be kept for historical purposes. We discussed the situation and concluded that the Board does not have enough information. Mark Mackler will find out more about the situation from Carol Coon, a S.F.P.L. Government Documents Librarian. Moved to unfinished business.

*1996 Committee Chair Appointments* - Jo reported that all chairs are filled except for the Newsletter Editor and the Education Committee Chair.

*Role of "Executive Board Members"* - Discussed what role the two new executive board members will take. Todd thought special projects, such as fundraising would be appropriate for them to work on. Alice will work with Marlowe to prepare a list of what NOCALL has to sponsor. It will then be submitted to vendors for them to choose and budget accordingly.

*NOCALL Vision for the Future: Planning Meeting, Fall Business Meeting, Executive Board Meeting Schedule* - In order to be consistent with

Jo's idea of a NOCALL vision, we discussed holding a Town Meeting to get in touch with what our members want. Mark reported that SLA held a Town Hall Meeting which was very successful. Members had great suggestions and discussed how to attract new members. It was decided to have a Town Hall Meeting at the Fall Business Meeting. The Planning Meeting will be held a week or two afterward to bring in new suggestions and ideas discussed at the Town Hall Meeting.

*Treasurer's Report* - Donna H-O. submitted the annual treasurer's report which had a beginning balance of \$20,450.94 on 5/31/95 and an ending balance of \$18,258.72 on 5/31/96. She met with an accountant who had several suggestions for us: never forget our nonprofit status, never have over \$25,000 in the account, keep a functioning minimum amount and invest the rest in CDUs. The audit came out fine. Donna H-O. suggested that chapter treasurer's have a preparatory meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting. Jo will bring it up at the Council of Chapter President's meeting.

*Membership Committee Report* - Marlowe reported that we have 429 members. Yvonne Boyer is sending out renewal notices soon. Yvonne is checking into in-house desktop publishing.

*Union List Committee* - The new edition is ready to be sent to the printers. The price will be set after printing and mailing costs are determined.

*Network Task Force* - Kevin Starr, the State Librarian, is presenting legislation for the Library of California which we will be a part of. The Networking Task Force has been a major player in defining both public and private institutions for the Library of California.

*Government Relations Committee* - Donna P. reviewed the status of SB 1507. Donna P. also reported on SB 1910 that just appears to have made its way through the legislative process. This bill requires the state to make the California Code of Regulations available on the Internet for free. The committee will monitor it.

### 5. Announcements.

Dates for the following meetings were set: next Board meeting on August 23; Fall Business Meeting on September 12; Planning meeting on September 21.

### 6. Adjournment.

Jo adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna S. Williams, NOCALL Secretary

July 16, 1996 ♦

---

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

---

Government Relations Committee  
Cathy Hardy, Chair  
Golden Gate University Law Library, San Francisco

---

### SB 1507

As I write this the NOCALL bill, SB1507, has passed in the Assembly by a vote of 73-0, and is going before the Senate for concurrence in Assembly amendments. We are very hopeful that the Senate will concur and the bill will go to the Governor for his signature. The Governor must sign or veto all bills by September 30th this year. While the bill is not as strong as we hoped it would be, it is an improvement, and a dialog has been opened with several State Agencies which we believe will enrich the information we pass on to the Law Revision Commission as they review the Rulemaking process in the coming months.

Many people deserve thanks for the success of this bill, but the two who deserve the most are Carolina Rose and Judy Janes. Carolina, who is the Director of Legislative Research, Inc. , was the one who came up with the idea for the legislation, drafted the original language, and has worked tirelessly attending hearings, writing amendments, and recruiting non-law supporters for the bill. Carolina is responsible for getting the backing of the California Manufacturers Association, which proved crucial in convincing Assembly Republicans to support our bill. Judy Janes, the Associate Director at UC Davis Law Library, agreed early on to work with Carolina on the bill, and has also attended committee meetings, worked on language, and met with agency staffers, and worked on getting support from the legislators. These two have put in HOURS of time on this project and deserve all the praise they can get!

While Carolina and Judy were busy in Sacramento, the rest of us were busy here calling and trying to make sure that each committee member who voted on the bill had a call or letter from a constituent asking for support. The group of callers included Nancy Hoebelheinrich at USF, Donna Purvis at Baker & McKenzie, and myself for the Northern and Central part of the state, and David McFadden from Southwestern for the Southern part of the state. David is the SCALL Government Relations Committee chair, and somehow managed to cover all those people on his own. (We can also thank David's mom who sent a letter to her local Assembly Representative.)

All of us on the committee especially want to thank each of the members of NOCALL, SCALL and California Council of County Law Librarian who took the time to write or call representatives. Your efforts went a long way toward bringing us this far, and hopefully will see us through to the signing of this bill into law. It really took all of us to get this far, and we can be proud of what we have accomplished together.

### OTHER BILLS

Though most of our time has been spent on SB1507, NOCALL did send a letter of support for SB1910 (Johannssen) which requires OAL to provide the California Code of Regulations on the Internet after July 1, 1998. This bill did pass and was enrolled on 8/19/96. While we did support the bill, NOCALL affirmed the need for continuing existence of an official printed version to be distributed to County Law Libraries and Depository Libraries. We also suggested that the weekly updates be included in the on-line version, and that tables, indices and a master index on line would be helpful. Unfortunately we were not aware of this legislation soon enough to make suggestions in the language, but we sent a copy of our letter of support and concerns to the Law Revision Commission.

---

*On Sunday, September 1, 1996 David McFadden , Senior Reference Librarian at Southwestern University School of Law Library in Los Angeles, posted the following to law-lib:*

*Subject: SB1507 Passes Both Houses*

*The Senate concurred in the Assembly amendments without the need for a conference. The next step is the governor.*





*NOCALL has just finished its 17th 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!*

### **NOCALL VOLUNTEER FORM**

Yes, I would like to be more involved with NOCALL.

Name, address, phone and e-mail:

I am interested in the following committees:  
(consult the front of this issue for a list)

Committees: 1st Choice\_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice\_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice\_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in chairing a committee?

Which one?\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or fax this form to:

Jo Caporaso  
McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enerson  
3 Embarcadero Center  
San Francisco, CA 94111

fax: (415) 393-2286

*Please feel free to give me a call at (415) 393-2560, or e-mail me at: [jcapraso@netcom.com](mailto:jcapraso@netcom.com)*

---

---

## ***F. Y. I . . . . From the Board:***

On August 22, the San Francisco Library Commission's Planning /Policy Committee recommended, by a unanimous vote, that the card catalogue be preserved, and that it be moved to a location which is accessible to the public. The full Commission will vote on September 3.

In light of this development, your NOCALL Executive Board declined to take a position, but individual NOCALL members should feel free to make their views known to the Library Commission.

Mark Mackler  
NOCALL Executive Board Member

*Editor's Note: On Tuesday, September 3rd the San Francisco Library Commissioners voted to save the card catalog and all of its cards. Though card catalog supporters remain skeptical, the commissioners are apparently investigating ways to fit the catalog into the New Main Library. See: "Card Catalog Saved - But S.F. Library Not Sure Where to Put it." SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, September 5, 1996, at A13.*

---

## **NOCALL/SCALL JOINT INSTITUTE IN '98**

A joint 1998 Spring Institute with SCALL has been approved by the NOCALL Executive Board. Preliminary plans are that the event will be held in March in Monterey, that the programs will be planned by a joint committee and that NOCALL will take the lead in making local arrangements, though with significant coordination with SCALL. It is hoped that this will further the goal of greater SCALL/NOCALL interaction, networking and cooperation.

Brent Bernau  
NOCALL Vice-President/President-Elect  
Spring Institute Committee Chair

---

---

## ***Musings, continued from page 2***

The New York Times observed: "Antitrust experts said that Mrs. Bingaman's activism ran headlong into sweeping changes in the national and global economies that have spurred greater competition, sometimes even as industries consolidated."

**COMING IN THE NEXT NOCALL NEWS...**You might be the best law librarian in the whole wide world, but do you know what it means to "dodge the bullet"?





---

## What Are You Reading?

By Nora Levine, Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May, Oakland

*What do law librarians read when they're not wading through cases, statutes and Witkin? Jo Caporaso wanted to know, and she asked me to oversee an effort to find out, and to share the results with the readers of NOCALL News.*

*These first contributors were randomly selected. If you'd like to contribute a description of what's currently residing on your reading table, please contact me, Nora Levine, via e-mail at nls@chrn.com. Otherwise, you never know when you might be asked, "What are YOU reading?"*

**Mary Staats, Farella Braun & Martel**

I love reading novels-- a great escape from everything--stress at work, interminable traffic jams, BART delays, etc. In the past couple of weeks I've read two books by Alice Adams, SUPERIOR WOMEN and SOUTHERN EXPOSURE. They were both readable, reasonably enjoyable but certainly not compelling. But last week I read BEACH MUSIC by Pat Conroy and I loved it. The characters seemed real for the most part (you probably have to grow up in a dysfunctional family to agree with me), the writing is good and Conroy goes off on so many tangents one could not possibly become bored.

**Virginia Kelsh, USF Law Library**

Just finished A CIVIL ACTION by Jonathan Haar. Nonfiction but reads like a suspense novel. Could hardly put it down at night and read into the "wee" hours! It's the inside story of a toxic waste litigation case. Read THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING by Michael Kundra while in the Czech Republic this summer- perfect setting for reading this story of characters living in Prague during the Communist take-over in the late sixties - later made into a movie with Daniel Day Lewis. Also read THE FIST OF GOD by Frederick Forsythe on the plane - a suspense thriller set in the days preceding Desert Storm - written by the author of Day of the Jackal, etc. He's got the formula down but it's a good vacation read.

**Jacob Koff, Mills Law Library**

I am reading STRANGER AT HOME: THE HOLOCAUST, ZIONISM AND AMERICAN JUDAISM. The book is a series of essays by Jacob Neusner, a professor at Brown University. One important theme he explores is the civil and political freedoms enjoyed by Jews in America, and the challenges posed by those freedoms. His other area of inquiry is the way the Holocaust has shaped the views of American Jews toward themselves and the world they live in, despite the fact that the vast majority of Jews have absolutely no first-hand experience with the Holocaust.

**Richard Leiter, NOCALL alumnus, Howard University**

VIRTUAL LIGHT by William Gibson. He coined the phrase "cyberspace" and is THE cyberpunk guru. If you want to "see" the future of San Francisco, you have to read this book. (The Bay Bridge is abandoned and becomes a squatters' colony.)

CLOCKERS by Richard Price. Pretty depressing, nerve-racking story about crack dealers in New York City. Easily 1,000 times better than the movie.

HUNTER, by E. Jean Carroll, a biography of Hunter S. Thompson. The author is described on the dust-jacket as the "female Hunter S. Thompson!" If I were she, I don't know if I'd take that as a compliment. HST is one weird guy. So weird, in fact that I still believe that most of it is fake. No one could do what he does and live more than a few weeks doing it. I think that he is in reality a teetotaling wimp who goes to elaborate lengths to create a persona that is completely out of control.



# Meet the LEXIS<sup>®</sup>-NEXIS<sup>®</sup> Librarian Support Group.

Librarians supporting  
librarians...because  
it takes one to  
know one.

From training development to applications support, no online source does more than LEXIS-NEXIS to help law firm and accounting firm librarians manage information more effectively. Only LEXIS-NEXIS maintains a full-time staff dedicated solely to the needs of law firm and accounting firm librarians. Staff members have master's degrees in library science and are experienced law librarians themselves. They bring to your needs an acute understanding of the research demands you encounter, as well as the resources available to help you find more



efficient ways of delivering critical information in a timely and accurate manner. We invite you to meet the human side of the industry's leading information management support

system. For more information on the LEXIS-NEXIS Law Librarian Support Group, call 1-800-227-9597, ext. 1212.

*When you need results.*



LEXIS<sup>®</sup>-NEXIS<sup>®</sup>

A member of the Reed Elsevier plc group

LEXIS and NEXIS are registered trademarks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used under license.  
The INFORMATION ARRAY logo is a trademark of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used under license.  
©1996 LEXIS-NEXIS, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.



---

## AALL WORKSHOP REPORT

Jacqueline Cantwell, Alameda County  
Law Library

NOCALL kindly awarded me a grant to attend this year's AALL conference in Indianapolis. I am grateful to NOCALL for making it possible for me to attend the conference and participate in the activities of our national association. The conference renewed my commitment to our profession's goals of public service and scholarship.

Some of the most memorable workshops at the conference were on the issues of copyright, electronic standards and inflation in legal publishing.

The NOCALL award allowed me to attend the "*Electronic Issues in Acquisitions*" workshop organized by Cynthia Aniano and Jack Montgomery. Because the handouts for this workshop are not included in the bound proceedings of the conference, I am summarizing this event instead of giving a general report on the conference which would duplicate articles in AALL newsletters.

Anna Belle Leiserson opened the workshop by stating in her talk, "*Electronic Sources for Collection Development*", that collection development is finally being affected by online services and automation, long after the obvious library functions of circulation and cataloging have been affected. Ms. Leiserson went on to point out that the internet with its emphasis on recent information and electronic communications provides a vast number of resources to keep the collection current. Electronic conferences, current news services, recent book lists and

*continued on page 16*

---

## AALL IN INDIANAPOLIS

H. Kumar Percy, U.C. Hastings College of  
the Law

"I can't believe you're going to Indianapolis in the summer." That was the grief that my library friends gave me when I told them that I was going to the 1996 American Association of Law Libraries 89th Annual Meeting in Indianapolis. As it turned out Indianapolis was an excellent host city, the programs were stimulating and the meeting provided opportunities to make and renew friendships with librarians from around the country.

Each day of the convention included twenty-four programs. Most days also started with business breakfasts and ended with several receptions or extra programs. Local law libraries hosted receptions and library tours, AALL organized tours of historic and interesting sites in Indiana and informal meetings happened at several Indianapolis restaurants, museums and microbreweries. Clearly one person could not see and do everything, but one could come away with a lot of useful information and good friends.

Since this was my first time attending AALL's annual meeting I began with the CONELL program (Conference of Newer Law Librarians). CONELL is a full day program where AALL veterans introduce new members to the association. The meeting, held the Saturday before the convention, started with a personal welcome from then AALL President, Pat Kehoe. His talk, and those that followed, gave us some background about the organization and ideas on how to prepare

*continued on page 17*

bibliographies, vendor services and book reviews are easier to review through online services.

The second speaker, Brian Quigly of the Jamail Center for Legal Research, described the developments librarians and publisher associations are jointly working out in EDI, electronic data interchange. For more information about this area he recommended starting with David Barber's 1995 article "Electronic Commerce in Library Acquisitions with a Survey of Bookseller and Subscription Agency Services" in 31 *Library Technology Report* 493-610 and all of volume 10. no. 3 of *Library Management*..

*"Understanding CD-ROM License Agreements"* by Norman Desmarais was directed toward academic libraries but still provided a good introduction for any librarians new to this area. Mr. Desmarais reiterated a point made in earlier copyright workshops -- that contract law was supplanting copyright law and fair use practices. CD-ROMs are sold as software and all software is licensed. Licensing is not the same as ownership. Under a licensing agreement, the producer retains the right of ownership and grants permission to use the product under specified circumstances. Demarais pointed out the tension between librarians and publishers in these contract negotiations. Publishers want to minimize exposure of their products while librarians want to maximize the distribution and use of them. Desmarais warned the audience that the level of competency among producers varies tremendously. Licensing agreements have to be read carefully, occasionally publishers use boiler plate language that

is inappropriate to their product. Demarais briefly described the difficulties in evaluating electronic publications and CD-ROMS for content and price. Publishers segment data by product and market, making comparisons difficult. CD-ROMS may not be equivalent to a print subscription. The price of an electronic product may be greater than the price of the print product because publishers want to recoup not only the traditional costs of authoring and editing, but also for costs unique to electronic publishing, such as production, packaging, software licenses the publisher paid to other providers in order to create the product, and technical support once the product has been distributed.

The last talk was Carol Pitts Diedrichs' *"Financial Management Using Electronic Systems."* in which she urged acquisitions librarians to become familiar with the accounting information required by their institutions' auditing requirements. Acquisitions librarians should understand where their funding comes from and what restrictions are imposed upon those funds. Funding sources such as grants, endowments and one time gifts often have spending requirements that differ from those of general funds. Ms. Diedrichs closed her lecture by describing the importance of an audit. She urged attendees not to fear an audit, but to use the process as an opportunity either to improve procedures or conform their soundness.

The workshop closed after breaking into discussion groups moderated by the speakers.



I again have to thank NOCALL for making it possible for me to attend such a useful and stimulating conference. The workshops and presentations developed an intellectual framework for the issues

that our membership face every day in the workspace. We are fortunate to be members of such a vital and useful profession.

---

*The bound volume of the conference's handouts is available in the Alameda County Law Library for interested readers to use in the library.*

*The handout for Ms. Leiserson's presentation is available at <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/law/acqs/aall.html> on the AcqWeb. Ms. Leiserson recommends the Internet Book Shop site, <http://www.bookshop.co.uk/SEARCH.HTM> for retrospective collection development.*

---

---

#### **AALL IN INDIANAPOLIS,** *continued from page 15*

for the meeting. Their advice ranged from serious input about scheduling to an uproarious talk at lunch that included instructions on how to get the most out of the convention's festivities.

By the end of the convention I realized that CONELL had not only introduced me to the organization, it also provided me with opportunities to make friends with other first time members. The value of these friendships was evident every time I went alone to an event and found a fellow CONELL attendee with whom I could talk.

The theme for this year's convention, "*Delivering the Message*", was reflected in programs full of information on a broad spectrum of issues including delivering better reference service, cataloging records, management topics, as well as ideas on how to promote the value of law libraries to patrons.

Although there was no specific keynote address this year, two highlights of the

convention were programs evaluating the future of law libraries. Michael Gorman, Richard Danner and Kay Moller Todd headlined a talk on "*Future Libraries: Reality and Law Librarians.*" The discussion revolved around Gorman's book *Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness, and Reality*, in which he and Walt Crawford suggest that libraries not rush to abandon print materials, but instead integrate print and digital information. He pointed out some of the difficulties and drawbacks of abandoning print information sources. He reminded us to preserve print materials that we will not or should not digitize.

The second program highlight was a town meeting moderated by Harvard professor Arthur Miller. The discussion revolved around the future of law libraries, and the differences among academic, county and private law libraries. This led to discussions about how libraries can work together, the role of the public patron, the issue of

downsizing, and the impact of online services.

Of the programs dealing with reference issues one of the best was on solving foreign and international law questions. The moderator posed several difficult reference questions to a panel of research experts. While the panelists all provided valuable insights on how to use print and online tools, they also demonstrated that one of the best sources for this kind of information can be a phone call to a friend or colleague.

While the programs were intellectually stimulating, the social events of the convention were the best places to make valuable professional connections and just good friends. Although you may get to know colleagues professionally, you

never really know them until you dance with them or mingle together at the West publishing party, the Moody's party, the opening reception, the association luncheon, the closing banquet, or one of the several other social events. The NOCALL chapter bonded over West's Law Library Decathlon on Tuesday night. Although NOCALL did not win any medals they did win several "moral victories" and had a great time.

My first annual AALL meeting was an informative and entertaining experience that left me feeling more connected to the law library profession and better prepared to work as a law librarian. I am already looking forward to the 1997 convention in Baltimore.



Isn't it time to stop waiting? **Today**, RIS delivers any court or government document to you the same day you request it. Using the latest e-mail technology we are providing documents from all courts and government agencies to clients across the United States. The next time someone says, "get it today," you will. Set up is FREE. Call us today or visit our homepage.

**"DocExpress"**  
When "next day" delivery isn't fast enough!

**Documents from every court and government agency in the United States.**

**RIS** RESEARCH INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.

Document Research & Retrieval of Public Records

Offices Coast to Coast 800 542-3329 ris@ris4info.com  
www.ris4info.com

---

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

---

### Yvonne Boyer, Chair, Membership Committee Cooley Godward, et. al., San Francisco

Please contact Yvonne Boyer at Cooley Godward, et. al., One Maritime Plaza, 20th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3580 with any changes of address or changes in membership status. Yvonne can be reached by phone at (415) 693-2610, by fax (415) 951-3698 or via e-mail at boyery@cooley.com.

#### *Musical Chairs or The Revolving Door (a.k.a. Membership Changes and Other News)*

NOCALL members and former members certainly haven't been sitting still! During the summer Valarie Gross, left her position as Head Librarian at Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon in San Francisco to take the position of Executive Director of the Mechanics' Institute Library, also in S.F. The Mechanics' Institute is a general interest, membership library founded in 1854. Valarie writes of her move:

*In a law firm setting, librarians work for their firm's attorneys and staff; in a general interest library setting, librarians work for a wide variety of patrons. I have discovered that librarians in this setting work as hard as in a law firm. The pressure is definitely different, but equally as demanding. I have been demonstrating that law librarians are capable of moving to a general-interest library, serving lawyers, engineers, architects, medical doctors, small business, entrepreneurs, artist, musicians, students, professors, etc.*

Valarie also passed the bar this summer. Congratulations!

Joan Loftus left her position as Computer Services Librarian at Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro in S.F. to take the position of Head Librarian vacated by Valarie Gross at Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon.

Coral Henning has joined the staff of the Sacramento County Law Library as a Reference/Computer Services Librarian. Formerly Coral ran her own business, "Computerized Online Research Assistance Limitless".

H. Kumar Percy has left the west coast and his position as Circulation Desk Supervisor at Hastings College of the Law for the east coast where he has joined the reference staff of Boston University Law Library.

Gayle O'Connor, former NOCALL and SCALL member has left Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison in San Diego for Forth Worth, Texas where she is now a freelance writer and consultant. She is also the new "Database Report" columnist for LEGAL INFORMATION ALERT.

Marian Shostrom, formerly Public Services Librarian at the University of San Francisco Law Library, has left to become the librarian at McAteer High School in San Francisco. She will maintain her NOCALL membership from her home address: 4 Rossi Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118.

Carolina Rose, Director of Legislative Research, Inc. in Sacramento, member of NOCALL's Government Relations Committee and a major force behind SB 1507 wrote a concise summary and chronology of that bill for the SAN FRANCISCO DAILY JOURNAL. See "Law Librarians Sponsor Public Records Bill, Nears Passage," on page 18 of the August 15, 1996 edition of that paper.



### *Changes for Continuing Members*

Cally Beers  
Librarian  
Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve  
Franklin & Hachigian  
600 Hansen Way, 2nd Floor  
Palo Alto, CA 94304  
(415) 843-2660 (415) 843-0314  
Internet: cbeers@gunder.com  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes

Janet Fischer  
Assistant Director  
San Mateo County Law Library  
710 Hamilton Avenue  
Redwood City, CA 94062  
Phone: (415) 363-4913 Fax: (415) 367-8040  
Internet: JLFische@ix.netcom.com  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Coral Henning  
Reference/Computer Services Librarian  
Sacramento County Law Library  
720 Ninth St., Rm. 16  
Sacramento, CA 95814-1397  
Phone: (916) 440-7427, Fax: (916) 440-5691  
Internet: chenning@sacclaw.lib.ca.us  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes

Joan Loftus  
Librarian  
Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon  
505 Montgomery  
San Francisco, CA 94111-2514  
Phone: (415) 986-4200 Fax: (415) 982-1394  
Internet: loftus@netcom.com  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes

Saundra Kae Rubel  
Yes! Your Expert Solutions, Inc.  
983 University Avenue  
Bldg C, Suite 100  
Los Gatos, CA 95030  
Phone: (408) 399-4900 Fax: (408) 395-6726  
Internet: saundra@papyrus.com  
Internet: skrubel@cruzio.com  
NOCALL Status: Associate, AALL: Yes

Marian L. Shostrom  
Librarian  
4 Rossi Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
(415) 386-2053  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

---

### *New Members*

*Since the newsletter last went to press, NOCALL has welcomed the following new members:*

Doris Black  
Sales Representative  
250 Chilpachingo Pk, #22  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
Phone: (510) 680-8545 Fax: (510) 682-7603  
NOCALL Status: Associate, AALL: No

Jon Bauer  
Library Assistant  
Crosby, Heafy, Roach & May  
1304 Lombard St. Apt. 8  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
(415) 771-6552  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Sohaila Braam  
Librarian  
Coblentz, Cahen, McCabe & Breyer, LLP  
222 Kearny Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108-4510  
Phone: (415) 391-4800 Fax: (415) 989-1663  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Dorothy Coakley  
Librarian  
602 Colusa Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
(415) 695-5160 work  
Internet: dcoakley@netcom.com  
AALL: No

Susan Goldstein  
Administrator  
Haines & Lea  
44 Montgomery Street  
Suite 3600  
San Francisco, CA 94611  
Phone: (415) 981-1050 Fax: (415) 989-3561  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Annette Heath  
Law Librarian  
Kern County Law Library  
1415 Truxtun Ave. Rm. 301  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Phone: (805) 861-2379 Fax: (805) 861-5368  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Melissa Jordan  
Librarian  
Graham & James  
600 Hansen Way  
Palo Alto, CA 94304  
Phone: (415) 843-3353 Fax: (415) 843-4817  
Internet: mjordan@gj.com  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes

Bobbi Kingsland  
Administrative Coordinator  
Haines & Lea  
100 West Broadway, Suite 595  
Long Beach, CA 90802  
Phone: (310) 437-0400 Fax: (310) 437-0206  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Karin Kingsley  
Library Assistant  
CEB-Continuing Education of the Bar  
2300 Shattuck Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94704-1576  
Phone: (510) 642-5343 Fax: (510) 642-3788  
Internet: kingslk@ceb.ucop.edu,  
Internet: kkinglsle@library.berkeley.edu  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Nancy Long  
Librarian  
Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean  
111 Broadway, Suite 2400  
Oakland, CA 94604-2047  
Phone: (510) 834-6600 Fax: (510) 834-1928  
AALL: No

Donna Loretta  
Serials Assistant  
UC Hastings College of the Law Library  
200 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Phone: (415) 565-4868 Fax: (415) 621-4859  
Internet: lorettad@uchastings.edu  
NOCALL: Active, AALL: No

Heather Mariani  
Library Services  
Diehl / Steinheimer / Riggio  
400 E. Main Street  
Stockton, CA 95290-0600  
(209) 464-8732 x297  
NOCALL Status: Associate

Calvin Martin  
Library Assistant  
Fenwick & West LLP  
2 Palo Alto Square  
Palo Alto, CA  
Ph: (415) 494-0600 x7335 Fax: (415) 281-1850  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Trish McCurdy  
Law Librarian  
Bank of America Legal Department  
Department 13220  
555 California Street, 7th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94104  
Phone: (415) 622-6040 Fax: (415) 622-9238  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes

Susan Mohler  
Serials Assistant  
UC Hastings College of the Law Library  
200 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Phone: (415) 565-4762 Fax: (415) 621-4859  
Internet: mohlers@uchastings.edu  
NOCALL: Active, AALL: No

Patricia Neff  
Director of Technical Services  
Heafey Law Library  
Santa Clara University  
Santa Clara, CA 95053  
Phone: (408) 554-2733 Fax: (408) 554-5318  
Internet: pneff@scuacc.scu.edu  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes

Laurel Rus  
Technical Services Assistant  
UC Hastings College of the Law Library  
200 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Phone: (415) 565-4764 FAX: (415) 621-4859  
Internet: rusl@uchastings.edu  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Lilia Serra  
California Documents Assistant  
UC Hastings College of the Law Library  
200 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Phone: (415) 565-4827 Fax: (415) 621-4859  
Internet: serral@uchastings.edu  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Kate Sheppard  
CALR Coordinator  
CEB-Continuing Education of the Bar  
2300 Shattuck Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94704  
Phone: (510) 643-8989 Fax: (510) 642-3788  
Internet: sheppak@ceb.ucop.edu  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes

Kathy Skinner  
Librarian  
Hancock, Rothert & Bunshoft  
4 Embarcadero Center, 10th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Phone: (415) 981-5550 Fax: (415) 955-2599  
Internet: kskinner@hrblaw.com,  
Internet: kskinner@ix.netcom.com  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

Edward Valdivia  
Library Assistant  
Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon LLP  
505 Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Phone: (415) 986-4200 Fax: (415) 982-1394  
Internet: evaldivia@bronson.com  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: No

John Zorbas  
Library Director  
Butte County Law Library  
One Court Street  
Oroville, CA 95965-3305  
Phone: (916) 538-7122 Fax: (916) 538-6827  
Internet:  
buttelaw@ben.bcoe.butte.k12.ca.us  
NOCALL Status: Active, AALL: Yes





Mary Staats, Chair, Placement Committee  
Farella Braun & Martel LLP, San Francisco

*Postings Available Online*

Serious job seekers now have an electronic alternative to find current job openings. Beginning a couple months ago, Internet Committee Chair Joan Loftus began cooperating with the Placement Committee to post available positions on NOCALL's Web page. Job announcements are placed on the Web page almost as soon as they are made available to the Placement Committee, and stay on the page for about two weeks. These include both professional and paraprofessional positions.

Anyone with Internet access can check the Web page at any time, night or day. If you're interested, check it out at: <http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/nocall/home.html>. In addition, job announcements continue to be posted to the NOCALL-list as they are received. If you don't already subscribe to that list, it's easy to do. To subscribe, send a message to: [listserv@assocdir.wuacc.edu](mailto:listserv@assocdir.wuacc.edu). Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type: **subscribe nocall-list [your name]** (i.e., subscribe nocall-list jane doe). It's fast, it's current, and it'll keep you informed!

*Newsletter Postings*

Job announcements with closing dates not falling within the publishing cycle of the newsletter have not been included in the newsletter for the past couple of issues. However, since this has had the *de facto* result of there being no job announcements at all in the newsletter, we've decided to follow the lead of the *AALL Newsletter*. Job announcements are printed there, but they are more for informational purposes--i.e., these are the kinds of positions that have been available recently; these are the kinds of qualifications sought; this is what's been out there recently; etc.

*Standard Procedure*

The Placement Committee maintains files of resumes and position announcements for Librarians and Library Assistants. If you are looking for a position, call or e-mail the Chair, above, to learn the details. If you are recruiting for a position, FAX or e-mail a copy of the position to the Chair and he will send you resumes of those looking for jobs. He will also be happy to post your available position on the local and/or national discussion list, the NOCALL Web page and this newsletter.

**FAX: (415) 954-4480. Internet: [staats@ix.netcom.com](mailto:staats@ix.netcom.com)**

---

**Job Announcements**

*The following positions have been posted on the NOCALL List during the month of August. To the best of my knowledge, as of August 21st, the positions are still available. If the newsletter is your first notification of these positions, I believe it would be prudent to call first, before sending a resume, to ascertain whether or not the positions are still*

*available. Be sure to check the NOCALL list regularly--new jobs are listed in the subject field as POSITIONS AVAILABLE.*

***Library Assistant  
Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon  
San Francisco***

Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon has an opening for a Library Assistant. Responsibilities include serials check-in, circulation, technical processing, collection maintenance, interlibrary loans, ordering, and ready reference. Two years of college or university or equivalent experience and library experience preferred. Please send cover letter with resume and salary history to:

HR Department  
Bronson, Bronson & McKinnon  
P.O. Box 7358  
San Francisco, CA 94120-9845

*Principals only & no phone inquiries, please.*

---

***Reference Librarian  
Fresno County Law Library***

Library: Fresno County Law Library

Position: Reference Librarian

Under the supervision of the law library director, performs variety of duties to facilitate reference assistance and collection development in the Fresno County Law Library.

Duties may include but are not necessarily limited to: - Reference service to patrons  
- Instruction in the use of online and CD-Rom resources - ILL's - Vertical file maintenance.

Requirements: MLS (emphasis in law) from an ALA accredited school

Salary: Entry level (no experience) \$25,000

To apply, please mail resume and three references to:

Sharon E. Borbon, Director  
Fresno County Law Library  
1100 Van Ness, Room 600  
Fresno, CA 93721

Questions: Sharon at (209) 237-2227 or sborbon@lightspeed.net

---



*Assistant Librarian  
Gordon & Rees, San Francisco*

Library: Gordon & Rees

Position Title: Assistant Librarian

Qualifications: MLIS and two years of reference librarian experience in a corporate law firm library. Familiarity with online searching using Lexis, Westlaw, Dialog, Information America, CDB Infotek, the Internet, RLIN, OCLC. Familiarity with Inmagic DB/Textworks a plus.

Salary: Commensurate with experience

Job Description: Answer reference questions and perform online database searching using Lexis, Westlaw, Dialog, Information America, CDB Infotek, the Internet, RLIN, OCLC and other online databases. Responsible for cataloging using Inmagic DB/Textworks. Prepare subject specific guides to library resources. Assist the Head Librarian with other projects as desired.

To apply, mail resume and cover letter to:

Laurie Cameron  
Gordon & Rees  
275 Battery, 19th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111

---

*Research Associates  
Phase Two Strategies  
San Francisco*

Phase Two Strategies is one of the Bay area's top 10 public relations firms, with a reputation for creativity and outstanding results. Our clients are leaders in computers and software who demand and inspire great work.

We are seeking a Research Associate with a degree in Library or Mathematical Sciences and three or more years of experience in both quantitative and qualitative primary and secondary research. You will support client service teams by acquiring and analyzing data and writing final reports in a timely manner. Demonstrated writing, on-line database and computer skills are essential. Must have excellent interpersonal, organizational and time management skills. Prior experience in SPSS a plus.

We offer collegial downtown offices, "the most advanced information technology of any PR firm in the world," excellent compensation, and everything you need for professional growth.

Resumes to: [applications@p2pr.com](mailto:applications@p2pr.com), or fax to (415) 989-8186.

*No calls.*

*Equal Opportunity Employer*

---

*Assistant Librarian  
Fenwick & West LLP, Palo Alto*

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Develop policies, procedures and criteria for evaluating existing collection; institute and coordinate same.  
Cataloging (original and copy) using DB/Textworks, RLIN and LC CD ROM.  
Oversee day to day library operations.  
Participate in budgeting process and preparation of annual budget.  
Provide reference and research assistance.  
Develop and manage in-house public relations program for Information Services department.  
Other duties per Director of Information Services.

QUALIFICATIONS:

MLS or MLIS from accredited institution required.  
Law library experience preferred.  
Previous collection development and library budgeting experience.  
Experience with Inmagic, DB/Textworks or other library automation software.  
Excellent written and oral communication skills.  
Competency in Windows networked environment.  
Ability to work under pressure.  
Experience with online services: Lexis, Westlaw, Dialog, D&B, Internet.  
*Sense of humor critical*

TO APPLY:

Send resume to:  
Fawn Murray  
Fenwick & West LLP  
Two Palo Alto Square Ste. 800  
Palo Alto, CA 94306





---

---

## 1997 NOCALL SPRING INSTITUTE SURVEY

---

---

**Brent Bernau, Golden Gate University, San Francisco  
Institute Committee Chair**

The 1997 NOCALL Spring Institute will be held in San Francisco on a Thursday and Friday in March, depending on several variables now being worked out. The decision on the location and days of the week was largely based on the results of an informal poll of the membership conducted through the NOCALL-list. Many thanks to each of you who took the time to respond.

Your input on the topic is now needed. Please take a few moments to complete the survey, below. Your feedback is vital! Please respond via mail, FAX or e-mail by **October 4** to: **Brent Bernau, NOCALL Institute Committee, GGU Law Library, 536 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105-2968; E-mail: bbernau@ggu.edu; FAX: 415-512-9395.**

Please rank the topics/themes as follows and describe what you would like to see covered:

**1=Very Interested 2=Moderately Interested 3=Not Interested**

\_\_\_\_\_ The Future of Legal Publishing \_\_\_\_\_

(Might include: (1) How librarians are dealing with the diminution of numbers in choice of vendors; (2) Are CD-ROM's a thing of the past?; (3) When items are provided free to one segment of the market, what are the cost effects on the other segments?; (4) What might be some possible effects of foreign corporations owning a large chunk of the American legal information publishing companies?; (5) Impact of replacement of print with electronic format on space needs and planning.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Technology Update \_\_\_\_\_

(Might include: (1) Mastering technological change for strategic advantage; (2) Are CD-ROM's a thing of the past?; (3) Impact of replacement of print with electronic format on space needs and planning; (4) Copyright in the electronic age: major issues and concerns; (5) Technology in the Courtroom: computers, re-enactments, videos, graphic displays, etc.; (6) Dispensing forms to the public via electronic kiosks; (7) Impact of technology on productivity and job fulfillment.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Library Management \_\_\_\_\_

(Might include: (1) Dealing with MIS departments; (2) Dealing with phone solicitors; (3) Impact of replacement of print with electronic formats on space needs and planning; (4) Mastering technological change for strategic advantage; (5) Walking the political tightrope: How to communicate our needs and get results; (6) Protecting our turf in the face of the winds of change; (7) Impacts of outsourcing/downsizing; (8) Cooperative agreements between libraries: resource sharing, collection development, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Librarian Ethics \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Employment \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Legislative Process \_\_\_\_\_

(Might include: How legislative process information is used in law firms; how to influence.)

Other Suggestions:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I wish to volunteer to serve on the Institute Committee. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this survey by October 11th. Thanks!***

## NOCALL NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

1995 / 96

To join NOCALL, please fill out this form and send it, with a check payable to "NOCALL" to:

Yvonne Boyer  
Cooley, Godward, et. al.  
One Maritime Plaza, 20th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111-3580

### Membership / Directory Information

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of AALL? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\_\_\_\_\_ NOCALL occasionally sells its mailing list to organizations related to law librarianship.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you do *not* want your name to appear on such a list.

\_\_\_\_\_ I'd like to have a NOCALL mentor

### Membership Type / Dues Amount

(Please check one. Categories are defined in the NOCALL by-laws. Please call Yvonne Boyer, (415) 693-2610, with questions about categories.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Member (dues: \$25.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Active Unemployed Member (dues \$12.50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member (dues: \$25.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Retired Member (dues: \$10.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Member (dues: \$7.50)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed