**Candidate Biographies**

The 2015 NOCALL Board Election will begin on Monday, March 2nd and will **conclude on Monday, March 23rd at 11:59 p.m. (PST).** Normally the polls open on March 1st, but this year the 1st happens to be a Sunday, and per the AALL rules all polls must open and close on a weekday. The NOCALL bylaws allow ten active members in good standing to nominate an additional candidate by submitting a written petition to the President by **February 15, 2015**, along with written acceptance by the nominee.

A big thank you to the Nominations Committee, chaired by Ellen Platt, for submitting a wonderful slate this year! Please check out the candidates' biographies on the NOCALL website before voting:

[**Michael Ginsborg**](#Michael), Candidate for Vice-President/President Elect  
[**Mary Pinard Johnson**](#Mary), Candidate for Secretary  
[**Emily Bergfeld**](#Emily), Candidate for Member at Large  
[**Jackie Grossman**](#Jackie), Candidate for Member at Large

This year, NOCALL will be using SurveyMonkey to distribute electronic ballots via email to eligible NOCALL voters. If you do not receive an email by March 3rd, please check your spam filter. Once you confirm that you did not receive an email please contact Jen Fell, [jfell@saclaw.org](mailto:jfell@saclaw.org). If the Membership Committee does not have an email address for you, Jen Fell can mail you a paper ballot upon request. Stay tuned for more details, and thank you in advance for your participation!

**CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT**

**Michael Ginsborg**

**Title:** Reference Librarian

**Organization:** Arnold & Porter LLP

**City:** San Francisco

**Years Employed:** 2012-present

**Education**

UCLA, BA, Philosophy, 1985

Johns Hopkins University, MA, Philosophy, 1987

University of Maryland, College Park, MLS, 1991

**Previous Employment**

**Organization:** Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin, P.C.

**Title:** Assistant Librarian

**Years Employed:** 2001-2011

**Organization:** California Supreme Court

**Title:** Assistant Librarian

**Years Employed:** 1993-2001

**Organization:** Baker & McKenzie

**Title:** Assistant Librarian

**Years Employed:** 1989-1993

**NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities**

Public Access Committee, Chair, 2013-14

Government Relations Committee, Chair, 2005-06

Government Relations Committee, Member, 1994-95

**Other Professional Activities**

AALL Consumer Advocacy Caucus, Chair, 2011-12

Recommendations as AALL Member to AALL Task Force on Revision of the Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers, 2012

NOCALL, Member, 1993 -

LLSDC, Member, 1989-1993

AALL, Member, 1989 -

**Personal Statement**

I am honored to be nominated as NOCALL’S Vice-President/President-Elect. Thanks to our dedicated members, our association has a record of outstanding achievement.

Our success prepares us for new challenges and opportunities. Our latest workplace challenges arise from changes in management and the economy. Our libraries represent an easy target for reduced funding when our employers cut costs. CEOs, CFOs, and other “C-Level” managers typically do not use our services or benefit from our skills, so they risk making uninformed budget decisions about library resources. They now also bear much greater pressure to cut library-related costs, even as those costs continue to accelerate.

Our President, Michele Finerty, and Sherry Takacs are [drafting a strategic](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__nocalltechnology.files.wordpress.com_2012_01_septoct20141.pdf&d=AwMFAg&c=XHgqDMffAkUKcWDgZTAtfA&r=eTwi5v1k0yOTKXbVmTukJzvJ4rHrnLra3ndDN92zYQ4&m=_5AI1XV5lChF-yNHIiXlu13WsvJmwpyPIO5qRf1UsVk&s=aN09DH1mrCPPDonDw9I8OBnXfEXwQhFY0kx2y88N4fE&e=) plan to address such challenges as “the influence of the economy on law librarianship; the present business and management practices in law firms; and the current status of legal education.” The Executive Board will comment and vote on the draft. We may have opportunity to build on this initiative.

A growing problem also warrants new forms of advocacy. NOCALL has championed expanded access to legal information. Examples of NOCALL’s work include the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, public access to court records, and fair use of copyrighted publication.  But the gap continues to grow between those who can and cannot afford publications and research tools for finding the law. So how can we do more to bridge the “legal information gap” for economically disadvantaged Californians? If elected, I will call upon *your* insight, talent and passion for how we take on this latest challenge to our ideals.

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**CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY**

**Mary Pinard Johnson**

**Title:** Public Services Librarian

**Organization:** Sacramento County Public Law Library

**City:** Sacramento

**Years Employed:** 12 years

**Education**

Bachelor of Arts, History

**Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, June 2000**

Master of Library and Information Science

**University of Texas at Austin, August 2001**

Certificate in Management-Business

**American River College, Sacramento, California, May 2009**

**Previous Employment**

**Organization:** State of California, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)

**Title:** Clearinghouse Coordinator/Librarian

**Years Employed:** 9 months

**NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities**

Editor, *NOCALL News, 2005-current*

**Other Professional Activities**

**Publications:**

* *AALL Spectrum*, v.16 n.1, pgs. 18-20 (September/October 2011). “Increasing the Availability of Legal Information to All People: The changing roles for public law libraries,” available online at <http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Publications/spectrum/Archives/Vol-16/No-1/increasing.pdf>
* *FYI Newsletter*, Vol. 125, Spring-Summer 2011. “Enhancing Services to Self-Represented Litigants through Free or Low Cost Technology.”
* Regular contributor to the Law Library’s “Ask the County Law Librarian” and “Everyday Law” columns appearing in *The Sacramento Press.* <http://www.sacpress.com>
* Regular contributor to the Law Library’s “Surfin’ from River City” and “Spotlight on the Collection” columns appearing in *The Sacramento Lawyer.*

**Presentations:**

* *Report from the Field: The Council of California County Law Librarians’ AskNow Virtual Reference Service*. Presented at the Reference Renaissance Conference, August 2008.
* *When the Whole is More than the Sum of its Parts – Law Libraries in Collaboration with Self-Help Centers*. Presented at the Self-Represented Litigants Conference, San Francisco, April 2010.
* *Enhancing Services to Self-Represented Litigants Through Free or Low Cost Technology*. Presented at the Self-Represented Litigants Conference, San Francisco, June 2011.
* *Sacramento County Public Law Library: Adapting Traditional Services to Promote Access to Justice.* Poster Session presented at AALL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, July 2014.

***Other Professional Activities***

* Member, AALL: 2002-current
* Member, NOCALL: 2002-current
* Webmaster, AALL Copyright Committee: 2005-2006
* Co-Coordinator, California AskNow/Ask a Law Librarian project: 2007-current
* Webmaster, Council of California County Law Librarians websites ([www.cccll.org](http://www.cccll.org) and [www.publiclawlibrary.org](http://www.publiclawlibrary.org)): 2009-2012
* Member, American River College Legal Assisting Advisory Committee: 2009-current
* AALL Leadership Academy, October 2011

**Personal Statement**

Since joining NOCALL as a brand-new law librarian, I’ve had the opportunity to take advantage of the numerous educational, networking, and other professional opportunities offered by NOCALL. I’m honored to accept the nomination for Secretary, and look forward to playing a supporting role in the opportunities and benefits NOCALL provides to its members and to the law library community.

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**CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE**

**Emily Bergfeld**

**Title:** Reference Librarian

**Organization:** Alameda County Law Library

**City:** Oakland

**Years Employed:** 6.5

**Education:**

Paralegal Certificate, San Francisco State University, 2013

MLIS, San Jose State University, 2007

BA History, UC Berkeley, 2005

**Previous Employment**

**Organization:** Farella, Braun + Martel, San Francisco

**Title:** Library Assistant

**Years Employed:** 2 years

**Organization:** Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, San Francisco

**Title:** Library Assistant

**Years Employed:** 1.5 years

**Organization:** UC Hastings Law Library, San Francisco

**Title:** Intern

**Years Employed:** 6 months

**NOCALL Committees, Offices Held & Activities**

Public Relations Committee Chair, 2013- present

NOCALL Education Committee, 2008-2010

**Other Professional Activities**

Recipient, 2013 Kathy Garner Grant- AALL-SIS Legal Information Services to the Public

**Other Relevant Information**

SFSU Instructional Faculty, Paralegal Studies Program, 2012- present

* Lexis Trainer for Legal Research & Writing. Summer 2012 - present
* Advanced Electronic Research. Fall 2013 - present

**Personal Statement**

It is an honor to be nominated for the NOCALL Member-at-Large position. I have been a NOCALL member since 2006 and have benefitted tremendously from my involvement with the organization. I regularly attend NOCALL business meetings, networking events, and the Fall Workshop. I served on the NOCALL Education Committee from 2008 to 2010, and coordinated the Sonoma Wine Country excursion that followed WestPac 2010. I currently serve as NOCALL’s Public Relations Committee Chair and am a strong advocate of promoting the value of law libraries and law librarians to the local legal community.

If elected Member-at-Large, I will work hard to ensure NOCALL supports its membership by developing sensible policies, offering meaningful educational programs and networking opportunities, and effectively communicating the value of law librarians to the community. Thank you for your consideration and support.

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**CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER AT LARGE**

**Jackie Grossman**

**Title:** Director of Library and Records Services

**Organization:** Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

**City:** San Francisco

**Years Employed:** 16 years

**Education**

BA History, SUNY Stony Brook

MLS, Pratt Institute

**Previous Employment**

**Organization:** Littler Mendelson

**Title:** Librarian

**Years Employed:** 14 years

**NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities**

NOCALL. Treasurer 2002 – 2004; Government Relations Committee, 1995-1996.

**Other Professional Activities**

AALL. Co-Chair, Intellectual Property Librarians Caucus, 2005-2006.

**Presentations**

* “60 IP Sites in 60 Minutes,” co-presenter, AALL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, July 2010.
* “New Developments in Biotechnology: What a Law Librarian Needs to Know,” co-presenter, PLI’s The Law Library 2006: Skills, Strategies & Solutions, March 1, 2006, San Francisco, CA.
* “60 Intellectual Property Sites in 60 Minutes,” co-presenter, AALL Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, July, 2006.
* “60 IP Sites in 60 Minutes,” co-presenter, 33rd Annual SCALL Institute, Palm Desert, March 5, 2005.
* “Searching for the IP Professionals: Locating the Information You Need to Know,” co-presenter, 33rd Annual SCALL Institute, Palm Desert, March 4, 2005.
* Panelist, "A Step Beyond with Technology,” Legal Works ‘99, San Francisco, CA, February 22-23, 1999.
* “American Disabilities Act: Guidelines and Making Accommodations in Private Law Libraries,” Managing the Private Law Library: Managing in a Changing Economy, San Francisco, October 18-19, 1993.
* “Researching Hot Topics: Employee Benefits,” Managing the Private Law Library: Delivering Information Services, Los Angeles, Oct. 16-17, 1989.

**Publications**

* “Biotechnology Resources on the Web,” The Law Library 2006: Skills, Strategies & Solutions, Practicing Law Institute, 2006, p. 151-158.
* “Bibliography of Core Intellectual Property Resources,” compiled with Julie Watters. Distributed at the 33rd Annual SCALL Institute, Palm Desert, California, March 5, 2005 and 2005 AALL Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.
* “Selected Bibliography of Sources on the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990,” Managing the Private Law Library 1993: Managing in a Changing Economy. New York: Practicing Law Institute, 1993.
* “Research Tips: Wage and Hour Laws,” *Legal Assistant Today,* Jan/Feb., 1993.
* What’s New in On-line Legal Databases,” *Law Office Computing*, Summer, 1991.
* “Researching Hot Topic Practice Areas: Employee Benefits.” Managing the Private Law Library 1989: Delivering Information Services. New York: Practicing Law Institute, 1989.

**Candidate Statement**

I have been a member of NOCALL since 1986 when I first started working in law libraries. The excellent educational and networking opportunities that the chapter has provided over the years have enriched my career. I am honored that the NOCALL nominating committee has asked me to serve on the Board again. The legal industry is changing rapidly and librarians are facing unprecedented challenges as budgets continue to shrink, demands for electronic resources increase, and the pressure to reinvent our services grows. Given this legal climate, NOCALL needs to continue to evolve in order to support the professional lives of law librarians in Northern California. I welcome the opportunity to help our organization embrace these challenges and provide a creative forum for discussion, experimentation, and advocacy.

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