

NOCALL News

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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You are getting yet another introspective column from me because my personal laptop just died, and I lost ... everything. For NOCALL this includes the newsletter column I had written (for once on a timely basis), the agendas for the upcoming Board and Business Meetings, and all kinds of things I had been working on but had not yet saved to the President's Drive. All of my personal stuff may be gone too, including music, pictures, videos, banking records, personal journals, etc. I don't even know what I had on there after so many years.

I say 'might' because I'm hoping there's a backup somewhere in my collection of external drives. But to be honest I don't remember the last time I backed up my laptop, maybe two years ago? The irony is that I just spent three weeks nagging my mother about the consequences of not backing up her computer. I clearly should have taken my own advice, especially after hearing my hard drive groan every time I fired it up—as Quevedo said, "El consejo del escarmiento las más de las veces llega tarde" (a lesson learned often arrives too late, or something along those lines; you get the gist).

On the one hand, there is a certain freedom in ridding myself of things I had not looked at in years. On the other hand, I was way too diligent in digitizing everything and discarding the physical versions, which means if there is no backup, I have literally lost 10+ years of my 'documented' life. Some things, such as tax filings and bank statements, can be replaced but other items, namely photographs and my short stories, will be gone forever.

Two years ago this loss would have reduced me to tears. But COVID has made me more resilient. Living through the pandemic I have developed new, stronger skills for coping with stress and with managing unexpected change. Based on conversations with colleagues, friends, and NOCALLers, I know I'm not the only one who is coming out of this horrible situation stronger and with a different perspective.

We have all been tested by COVID, some of us more directly than others. But we have also discovered we CAN get through whatever life throws at us. We have developed the confidence to speak up and to make ourselves be heard both at work and at home. We have gained the patience of the proverbial saint. We have learned about sincere gratitude for all the people and things that make our life easier and happier. And we have also realized that we need far less material stuff than we think.



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I remain grateful for your continued support and involvement in NOCALL despite the disruptions we've faced these past two years. I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Spring Institute, which will be held virtually again this year (details coming soon). And I truly hope that sometime very, very soon we will be able to come together in person again, to laugh and catch up and share a meal—I know you are just as eager as I am to turn the page on this pandemic.

As far as my wee tech disaster, my new laptop arrives next week, and I will figure out how much, if anything, I can recover. Either way, I will be OK. As the poet Maya Angelou once said, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." I'm not saying it will be easy to do so but I will try my best.

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HEADNOTES FROM HOLLY

Holly Riccio

MEANINGFUL WORDS... The start of a new year naturally has many of us thinking about New Year's resolutions. I have made them in the past, and have had mixed success meeting and maintaining them, as may also be a commonly shared experience. I recently read an article that introduced me to a slightly different take on this concept, which is selecting a personal word for the year—something that sets your intention for the year and guides all actions and priorities. There are many articles out there describing how to settle on your word, and I even stumbled upon a [printable worksheet](#) you can use to do this, but all it takes is some brainstorming and research. Start with a few words, then look up their definitions, think about them more and your word for the year should eventually rise to the top. For 2022, I landed on the word: focus. Why? Well, in addition to the surface meaning to concentrate attention or efforts and to achieve clarity, the Latin word meant hearth or fireplace. That image conjured up a cozy, comforting feeling for me as well, which I think will remind me to be patient and kind with myself as the year goes on and my focus may wane or be diverted. What will your word for 2022 be?

WHERE'S WORDLE?... Speaking of words, I know I am not the only one among us that has discovered Wordle. I first heard it mentioned on an AALL Coffee Chat call, jotted it down in my notes, and checked it out later that day. All I have to say is that it is a good thing there is only one word every day, otherwise Wordle could be a virtual rabbit hole I go down and never come out of. I have enjoyed the daily challenge—especially when I get a solve in just a few tries—and have also enjoyed sharing my results (even when I need all six tries) on social media and seeing others do the same. While Wordle is “just a game,” it has been a nice reminder about creating community and taking breaks, both things that can often be challenging as so many of us continue to work remotely.

ITEMS OF THE YEAR... I love reading roundups of the “best of” for the year—books, entertainment, music—but I also enjoy seeing things that are

selected to represent a year. For example, the Dictionary.com Word of the Year for 2021 was allyship, and it is the first time that the word they chose is new to the dictionary. And, for the first time in global color authority Pantone's history, their color of the year is a brand-new shade: the color of the year for 2022 is Very Peri. The color, a periwinkle blue with a warm violet-red undertone, is described as “...illustrating the fusion of modern life and how color trends in the digital world are being manifested in the physical world and vice versa.” On a less metaphysical note, the color will look quite familiar to those of us that have been living in Microsoft Teams the past two years.

PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

Elisabeth McKechnie and Kristin Brandt
U.C. Davis Law Library

“Making Your Own Luck: Academic Libraries and the Digital Shift,” by David Runyon and Christina J. Steffy, *New Review of Academic Librarianship*, Vol. 27, No. 3, pages 349-363, 2021.

The COVID pandemic has forced many academic libraries into adopting electronic services as a way of coping. This article studies the academic libraries in two colleges, uniquely suited to make the pivot because of decisions made pre-COVID to serve non-traditional students. While overall traditional college enrollments are dropping, a higher percentage of non-traditional students are going to college. This audience prefers virtual classes and services. In the two schools studied, a higher percentage of non-traditional students had driven the creation of online formats for library services. These included video tutorials, online help guides and a system for digital textbooks. This ongoing need to manage future challenges requires librarians to understand their student body, prepare for changing models of higher education, provide virtual space to build community, develop digital competencies, and understand the financial limitations of the institution.

“Virtual Staff Teas: Connecting and Growing,” by Angie Cox and Jaycie Vos, *C&RL News*, January 2022, pages 13-15, available at <https://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/article/view/25280/33150>

One of the most difficult things about working remotely is the isolation. Staff at the University of Northern Iowa Rod Library sought to rectify this problem by holding informal virtual teas. Teas were held every two weeks over Zoom, with themes such as showcasing pets and book/movie/television show recommendations serving as icebreakers. A facilitator kept the conversation going and gave everyone the option to speak. The teas evolved over time – they moved to monthly and centered around seasonal themes or lunch and learn events. As things shift back to in-person, the fate of the virtual teas is up in the air. But the authors conclude that one thing COVID has taught us is that our connections are essential. We should actively work to nurture them because these interactions benefit us as library staff, but also as people.

“Repeat Users of Chat Reference: An Exploratory Study,” by David A. Hurley, *The Reference Librarian*, Vol. 62, Nos. 3-4, pages 264-278, 2021.

Libraries have used patrons’ willingness to return as a metric for assessing reference services, but chat reference is new. The University of New Mexico University Libraries (UNMUL) used patron email addresses, required to use chat, to form the basis of a usage study for the service. By its very nature, the librarian/patron contact is short in duration. This makes it important to evaluate whether the same small group is intensively using chat or usage is scattered within a larger group of users. During the three year study period, 28% of users returned to use chat a second time. This could be good news, indicating that the library pages are intuitive enough that patrons are using them without help. However, it could also indicate a preference for in-person reference service. The final period of the study falls within the COVID pandemic and will skew results because of changes in library services. The data collection will continue, hopefully expanding to determine whether users prefer in-person versus chat reference.

REMEMBERING LINDA SPATH

NOCALL Memorials Committee
Leslie Hesdorfer and Jane Metz

Linda Spath passed away on October 28, 2021. Linda served as library director for Lillick & Charles, later Nixon Peabody, from 1978 until her retirement in 2014. In addition to being an active member of NOCALL and AALL, Linda taught legal research at the University of California, Berkeley. She is survived by her husband and son.

Donations in Linda’s memory may be made to the John Alksne MD Visiting Professorship Fund, care of the UC San Diego Foundation. Linda’s husband says that Linda established this fund in the name of a neurosurgeon who performed a successful life altering operation on her in 2014. NOCALL made a contribution to honor Linda. If you would like additional information on making a donation, please contact Memorials Committee co-chairs, Leslie Hesdorfer or Jane Metz.

Tina Dumas, Nossaman LLP:

Linda and I worked together for over 15 years at Lillick & Charles, and then Nixon Peabody (after the acquisition). You may not know that Linda grew up in Florida and her undergrad degree was in History, followed by her M.L.I.S. degree. She later moved to California, and got her JD from Golden Gate University. She began working at Lillick & Charles in the 1970s, and spent the rest of her career there until she retired in 2014.

She hired me as a young librarian, and I learned so much from her during those years. Though she was my manager, she treated me as a colleague, and we often collaborated on many research (and other) projects together. Linda was exacting in her research, making sure that she found the right answer and explaining her search strategies to our attorneys. She was also a great teacher/trainer, whether in orientations (when she tried to get to know the individuals and their needs), cite checking trainings for paralegals, cost-effective database trainings, or legal research classes that she taught as an adjunct professor or guest speaker at local law schools.

Linda was active in NOCALL, and encouraged me to take on leadership positions in NOCALL and AALL. She supported my attendance at conferences, both local and national. She used to say that if you only learned one thing at a conference, then it was worth it – you don't have to learn everything at one conference. Or even if what you learn is that you are already well-versed in a topic, that is valuable, too. I've tried to instill this in my staff and colleagues.

Linda also knew how to make work fun. I remember Linda bringing in a large piece of cardboard for us to attach a life size photo of me that would stand in my office during my second maternity leave. We spent the good portion of a morning in a conference room at the firm, with the project laid out on the large table.

We would spend time brainstorming ideas about how to make trainings more appealing and engaging or creative ways to promote the library within the firm. I always admired Linda's enthusiasm for change. If one of us had an unusual idea to improve Library services, she would explore it, and she was always thinking outside of the box. She was an inspiration for creative ways to solve problems. Even now, when I'm confronted with a challenge to solve, I think about how Linda would have solved it. And the solution may be radical, but it usually works.

I'll cherish the memories I have of working with Linda, and I hope to honor her memory by continuing to make creative decisions and support my colleagues throughout the rest of my career.

Marlene Harmon, UC Berkeley School of Law:

Linda was one of the first law librarians I met when I started my career at Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges at 2 Embarcadero Center in San Francisco more years ago than I care to count. Linda was at Lillick & Charles, a few floors and a quick elevator ride above me. Both firms are gone now. This was in the days of dial-up modems, acoustic couplers and Lexis Ubiqs. West thought that fulltext searching was a passing fad and only allowed online searching of their headnotes. Linda and I saw each other almost daily, constantly borrowing from each other's libraries. We attended an AALL workshop in Los Angeles together. I don't recall the subject of the workshop, but I do remember that it became the

occasion for a very fun, spur-of-the-moment clothes shopping excursion. Linda was a lovely, kind, funny and generous colleague, always eager to help with tracking down a treatise or giving a novice law librarian research advice. I cherish my memories of her.

Mark Mackler, Retired:

There has always been a special place in my heart for those librarians who have taken our profession seriously and worked to make things better for all of us. Linda had a special place in my heart. If my memory is correct, years ago she and I met to discuss what eventually developed into the NOCALL Memorials Committee. Linda's sense of professionalism demanded that we find some way to honor our colleagues who had passed away. I know that we discussed creating webpages, designating scholarships and grants, and working in conjunction with Archives. After all these years, the details are fuzzy but Linda's commitment to NOCALL and to its members remains crystal clear.

Jane Metz, Nixon Peabody, LLP:

I remember sitting next to Linda on a long flight home after the AALL annual meeting. We talked about conference sessions and our respective firms' deep San Francisco roots. She chatted about her son and husband. We were both hungry and tired. I wanted a burger, a beer, and bed. She wanted a bowl of cottage cheese and bed. We laughed at our different cravings.

Little did I know that I would later inherit Linda's library at Nixon Peabody. I found a collection that grew with the firm's expansion from a San Francisco-based maritime practice to an international firm. Beyond the usual law books, I discovered lovingly compiled photo albums of office parties, histories of Lillick & Charles, and portraits of long-gone founding partners. One day, I moved a large brass lamp that was sitting on a table in the library. A piece of paper fluttered to the ground. A note in Linda's handwriting read, "Ira Lillick's desk lamp." Having experienced a similar merger when I worked at McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen (later Bingham McCutchen), I understood Linda's desire to preserve firm history.

Time marches on. The library so carefully acquired and organized by Linda has mostly ended up in recycling bins. Items from the legacy firm's history were sent off to storage. Materials were donated to the San Francisco Maritime History Museum Research Center and to the Longshoreman's Union. The lamp moved into various offices and eventually disappeared. The "stuff" may be gone, but when word of Linda's passing got around the firm, Nixon Peabody old-timers fondly remembered her.

Mark Newman, Retired:

I knew Linda best when she worked for Lillick, which at the time (in the early 1980s) had a thriving maritime law practice. I had just started my law librarian career in SF at Dorr, Cooper & Hays, which was a well-regarded, boutique maritime law firm with fabulous attorneys. Since few firms had maritime law books in their collections, we used to borrow publications from one another. Linda was always gracious and willing to share not only her firm's books but her advice and expertise. I appreciated her help.

Laura Whitbeck, Nixon Peabody, LLP (Rochester, NY):

Linda was well respected by her attorneys, office co-workers, and her librarian colleagues. She was enthusiastic in thinking of ways to make library materials more accessible. She even convinced me to add and populate a field in our catalog so that attorneys could search for books by color!

She was a gracious, kind, and thoughtful host during my visits to our San Francisco location. She would come to the office at 6:00 a.m. to take me for Peet's Coffee, and arranged for group meetings at City View so I could meet more of the office team and enjoy a wide variety of dim sum. She and her husband David even treated me to Beach Blanket Babylon on my first trip. I loved that Linda shared so much of San Francisco with me, including the See's candy that she sometimes sent through the interoffice pouch.

Linda was precise and meticulous in her work, and she expected the same of others. She was also caring, thoughtful, and kind. This world is less without Linda in it.

LEGAL TECH RECAP

Kristie Chamorro, UC Berkeley Law Library

Happy New Year! It will be exciting to see what 2022 has in store for us on the legal tech front. As always, please let me know if there's a topic or new legal tech product or development you would like to see covered.

BLOOMBERG LAW

Bloomberg Law's January and February [What's New Updates](#) include links to its streamlined *Benefits & Executive Compensation Practice Center* and to the more than 100 new *Employment Law Fast Answers* on a range of topics, including expanded Family and Medical Leave Act requirements and COVID-19 issues.

COURTROOM INSIGHT

[Courtroom Insight](#) subscribers will now have access to [Arbitrator Intelligence](#) (AI) reports and resources through a recently [announced](#) collaboration.

Courtroom Insight also [announced](#) a partnership with international legal research service [vLex](#) which will provide Courtroom Insight users with direct access to vLex's collections of U.S. and international case law.

HEINONLINE

HeinOnline recently [unveiled](#) a new *Vaccination* subcollection in its *COVID-19: Pandemics Past and Present* database. The new subcollection consists of more than 250 titles addressing the history of inoculations for COVID-19 and several other diseases.

INFODASH

[Infodash](#), a customizable intranet and extranet platform designed for law firms, launched in late January. In his [January 31 LawSites post](#), Bob Ambrogi reviews the key features of Infodash and explains that it "provides law firms with a centralized hub that can pull together data and information from other systems and platforms, including financial data, firm directories, calendars, news, client and matter data and more."

LEXICON

[Lexicon](#) announced that it is expanding its services to include facilities management, IT support, legal operations and training, marketing, and practice quality services. Ambrogi recently [interviewed](#) Lexicon's CEO about its unique approach to law practice management.

LEXIS

On February 1, LexisNexis [announced](#) the release of [CaseMap Cloud](#), its new cloud-based case management suite that integrates three popular LexisNexis applications: [CaseMap](#), [TextMap](#), and [TimeMap](#).

Lexis was also in the news for its [launch](#) of Law360 Audio Stories, which uses text-to-speech technology to turn written [Law360](#) articles into a complete audio versions. Jean O'Grady covered the new audio enhancements in her [December Dewey B Strategic post](#).

TANGIBLY

[Tangibly](#), a new platform for managing trade secrets, went live in early February. Tangibly offers two products: Tangibly Manage, its core trade secret management platform, and Tangibly Share, which executes and tracks NDAs. Ambrogi [covered the launch](#) and interviewed Tim Longergan, Tangibly's founder and CEO, about how Tangibly can enable companies to systematically target and address trade secret issues.

WESTLAW

Westlaw made the legal tech headlines in early January when it decided to eliminate evening and weekend customer support that had been in place for almost four decades. [O'Grady commented on](#) the customer backlash, stating that Westlaw's decision to end this support was "spectacularly out of step with reality." Westlaw again [made news](#) when it reversed this decision just a few days later.

WOLTERS KLUWER

The January CRIV/Wolter's Kluwer Bi-Annual Call is summarized in a recent [CRIV Blog post](#).

During the call, Wolters Kluwer highlighted their [complimentary training options](#), which include self-paced video tutorials, live instructor-led sessions, and customized training courses.

Also, Ambrogi's [January 13 episode](#) of the *How It Works* video series features Wolters Kluwer's recently rebranded [VitalLaw](#) legal research platform.

VLEX

On January 18, [vLex announced](#) that it has partnered with some of the world's leading news publishers to launch a new [Global News](#) product. The collection, which is updated daily, extends across the Americas, the Caribbean, the U.K., Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. Ambrogi [interviewed](#) Susan Cunningham, the director of strategic partnerships at vLex, who explained that vLex is the first provider to link news, case law, journals, and books from over 100 countries on a single platform.

THINGS TO YOU SHOULD CHECK OUT

Legal tech commentators have looked back on 2021 and released a number of interesting year-end recaps. Jean O'Grady posted the [Dewey B Strategic Top Posts 2021](#) and TechnoLawyer [announced](#) the ten winners of the TechnoLawyer Top Products Awards of 2021. Ambrogi compiled his [10 Legal Tech Trends that Defined 2021](#) and he [counted down](#) the 2021 list of top most-downloaded resources from the [LawSites Resource Center](#).

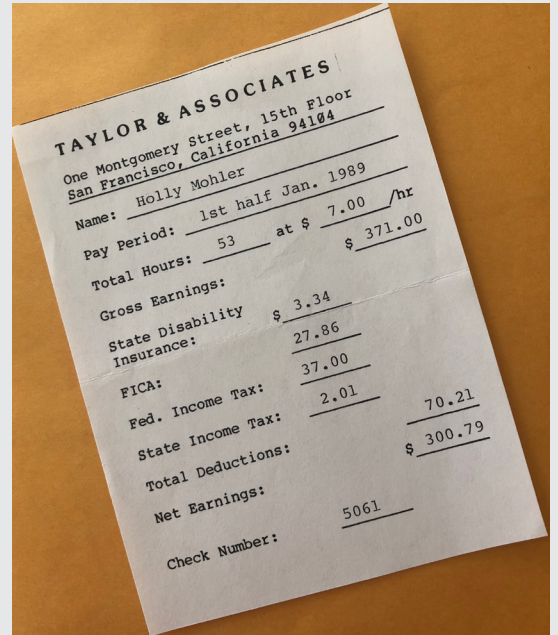
The Strategic Knowledge & Innovation Legal Leaders Summit (SKILLS) conference was held on January 13. Watch the entire event recording or individual sessions on the [Skills22 website](#), or take a look at the [Skills 2022 Recap](#) on the 3 Geeks & A Law Blog.

For a handy, quick tip, check out this recent [Google Scholar Blog post](#) which explains a new Scholar Library reading list feature that allows users to save papers to read later.

Holly Riccio

How did you choose law librarianship as a career?

Librarianship was in my DNA—literally—as both of my parents were librarians. My life was filled with books and libraries from a very young age. I still remember when I had to write a report on Malta, my dad (a high school librarian at the time) brought home the “M” volumes from several encyclopedia sets. We all know that reference books don’t leave the library, so perhaps it was the power that librarians had that got me hooked early on. In terms of finding law librarianship, my mom (also a former NOCALL member) worked at the Hastings Law Library, so I would visit her there and absorb all that was going on—I even recall thinking it was fun to put pockets and cards in books. In my junior year of college at NYU, my mom helped me get a job at the NYU Law Library, which further exposed me to the profession, and when I came home for the summer, I started doing looseleaf filing for Taylor and Associates. While there was no law librarianship track in my library school at the University of Michigan, I did take the legal research class in the law school. I knew I wanted to go back to NYC after grad school, so during my senior year, I made a few trips there to do informational interviews with various law librarians, one of whom hired me a few months after I graduated, and the rest is law librarian history, I guess.



If you were not working as a law librarian, what would you most likely be doing?

Believe it or not, I have thought about this and I’ve always thought I would start a flower shop, or probably more like a flower stand. I love to make floral arrangements and bouquets, so I think this would be a good fit. I even came up with a catchy name for it: Farm To Vase, with the abbreviation (and logo) being FTV. (Of course, I have already thought about whether FTD would challenge that, but I have not done any legal research or due diligence to figure out if I could actually make that happen.)

Who or what has had the greatest impact on your career as a law librarian?

I would have to say that serving as AALL President (2014-2015) had the greatest impact, as it was the most amazing experience of my professional career. It was such a huge honor to represent the association and its members, and it also afforded me the unique

opportunity to visit, meet, and connect with so many leaders in the legal and library field. (Here is where I get to insert my shameless plug to volunteer to run for office, chair a committee, or lead an initiative—trust me, you won't regret it.)

What is your idea of the perfect meal?

It would start off with some wine, preferably a pinot noir from Cobb or Hirsch. Then, for the meal, it would have to be sushi. And it would have to involve some sort of decadent chocolate dessert to finish things off.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I feel like I am very much an open book (no pun intended), so there are very few things that people would probably be surprised to learn about me, since I've probably already told stories about them in the past. Maybe one thing is that I skipped the third grade. I had a awful third grade teacher, so I ended up being put in the classroom of my second grade teacher, but she was now teaching fourth grade. She taught me separately for a little while, and then just integrated me into the rest of the class. I am convinced this is the reason I don't know my multiplication tables well, but hey, that's what the =sum function in Excel is for, right?

Candidate for Vice-President/President-Elect

Tony Pelczynski

Instruction and Faculty Services Librarian
UC Hastings College of the Law
San Francisco
2008-present

Previous Employment:

Heller Ehrman, LLP
Reference Librarian
2005-2008

Education:

M.L.I.S., San Jose State University
J.D., University of California –Hastings College of the Law
B.S., Justice Studies, Arizona State University
B.A., Broadcasting, Arizona State University



Candidate Statement:

In 1999, I moved to San Francisco to attend UC Hastings College of the Law (although it is probably more accurate to say that I attended UC Hastings as a justification for moving to San Francisco). One early summer day after my 1L year, I wandered through Hastings' library, jobless and broke. On a whim, I asked the gentleman behind the Reference Desk if the library was hiring. "Have you ever worked in a library?" he asked. "No, but I like libraries," I answered. "Close enough!" I was in, thanks to a dearth of available Circulation Desk student workers. I quickly fell in with the librarians and library staff – I had found my tribe. Once ensconced in the UC Hastings Law Library, and apart from a 3-year detour at a now-defunct law firm, I never left. Law librarianship is the only career I have ever known, and one that I supplemented with a second (pre-pandemic) part-time gig at the San Francisco Law Library (another group of fine folks!). While I have been a member of AALL and NOCALL since the beginning of my career, I have largely lurked in the margins: a quick perusal of my candidate statement will reveal that the "NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities" section is noticeably thin, and the "Other Professional Activities" section nonexistent. Early in my career, I felt too young and experienced to get more than superficially involved with NOCALL; I felt like I was still one of the "new kids." But time passed extremely quickly, and . . . dear reader, I am no longer "new," nor a "kid," in any way imaginable. I am now 52 years old, dependent on eyeglasses and hearing aids; my hair is abandoning me at an alarming rate; and my son is only a couple of years away from entering college. I clearly can no longer claim, with a straight face, the excuse of youth and inexperience. It is time for me to get more involved in the profession, and I would like to dive into the deep end of the pool. I have met many wonderful and interesting people through NOCALL, and I hope to meet many more, and to welcome new ones into the fold. The position may require a bit of on-the-job learning on my part, but I believe I possess the skills, knowledge, and temperament to represent NOCALL as Vice-President/President Elect. I also have the time: I am a middle-aged man with no hobbies or outside commitments. I'm ready!

NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities:

2005-present: Member, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
2005-present: Member, Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL)
2019-2021: Member, NOCALL Nominations Committee

Candidate for Treasurer

Pete Rooney

Director
Sacramento County Public Law Library
Sacramento
Years employed: 2



Previous Employment:

Fresno County Law Library
Director
Years Employed: 5

Education:

MLIS, JD

Candidate Statement

NOCALL has always provided me with great support and resources. I would like to give back to the organization and think I can be of some service as treasurer.

Other Professional Activities

Member of CCCLL, Library Liaison for Law Practice Management & Technology section of California Lawyers Association.

Candidate for Member at Large

Luci Barry

Manager, Research & Information Center
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
Redwood Shores
Years Employed: 16



Previous Employment:

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
Knowledge Manager
Years Employed: 16

Education:

MLIS UCLA

Other Professional Activities

- Co-Chair, AALL IP Caucus
- Advisory Board Member: Dialog Proquest, Docket Navigator
- Speaker & Coordinator: IP Research for the Frugal Librarian: Tips for Supporting (Expected and Unexpected) IP Requests – AALL
- Program Committee Co-Chair for the LACASIS Fall Workshop “Expedition 2000: Outfitting for the Millennium
- LACASIS Treasurer

Candidate for Member at Large

Bianca Randall

Senior Research Librarian
Baker & McKenzie LLP
San Francisco, CA
Years employed: 6 months

Previous Employment:

Seyfarth Shaw LLP
Librarian
Years Employed: 2 years

Education:

Masters in Library and Information Science, 2018 (San Jose State University)
Bachelors in Philosophy, 2016 (San Jose State University)

Candidate Statement

Hello NOCALL - My name is Bianca Randall, and I am seeking the position of Member-At-Large. After earning my MLIS in 2018, I broke into the field of law librarianship as a Librarian at Seyfarth Shaw, and then continued as a Senior Research Librarian at Baker McKenzie. I appreciate how difficult it can be to stay connected with your industry peers, especially as the "solo librarian" is becoming more common in the workplace. It can also feel daunting to stay informed on current practices in librarianship without a strong support network. It is these issues which encourage me to take on this role. NOCALL exists so that its members can be supported and celebrated in their professional aspirations. It would be my pleasure to contribute to these goals and help our members be their best. Thank you.

NOCALL Committees, Offices and Activities:

This would be my first!



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