

## *Preface*

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The Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) Committee on Public Access to Legal Information (PALI) is pleased to present the revised fifth edition of *Locating of Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians*.

The revision of the fifth edition of *Locating the Law* was completed in November 2011. Because most of the edits involved updating links or deleting obsolete resources, the Committee decided that this version of *Locating the Law* did not include enough substantive changes to qualify as a new edition. A couple of changes, however, do merit a mention here. New PALI member Janine Liebert suggested several new titles to add to *Chapter 10: Bibliography of Self-Help Resources*. In addition, the list of common abbreviations in law previously included at the end of *Chapter 2: How to Read a Legal Citation* is now Appendix B. We hope that providing this handy list in its new location as a separate appendix will make it more accessible to researchers.

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On behalf of the 2010-2011 Committee on Public Access to Legal Information, I hope that the revised fifth edition of *Locating the Law* will be a useful resource to public librarians in California and elsewhere.

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