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The 2008-2009 Public Access to Legal Information (PALI) Committee is pleased to present the fifth edition of *Locating the Law: A Handbook for Non-Law Librarians*. The new edition reflects the hard work, diligence and expertise of over a dozen California law librarians, all of whom volunteered their time to this project. Given that eight years have passed since the last edition, it should not surprise readers to know that the changes to this publication are extensive. The Committee had its work cut out for it and, I believe, rose to the challenge.

As editor, I had the privilege of working with all of the members of the Committee. Especially during the last four months,¹ when the editing process was most intensive, I became exceedingly familiar with each person's contributions to this publication. I hope to convey my appreciation of the Committee's accomplishments here, as well as in the quality of the final product, which I hope meets the expectations of the Committee members. The chapters and appendices are excellent as separate work, but they are even better together, in what I hope is a cohesive whole.

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