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President's Column

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We welcome 2004 on the heels of another active year for SCALL. During 2003, SCALL received an AALL Presidential Certificate of Merit from AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson. The certificate praises SCALL "for launching the Chapter Challenge in support of the George Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment and for enduring support of AALL and the profession through the Inner City Youth Program." SCALL was the first chapter to donate to Strait Endowment and our past-president Cornell Winston challenged other chapters to make similar contributions. In all, more than half of the thirty-one AALL Chapters donated to this fund. Also of note is that our terrific Inner City Youth Internship Program received compliments yet again. Their continuing hard work and dedication has placed 85 interns in academic, private, and public law libraries as well as other institutions since 1992. Please consider hosting an intern this summer. Contact Arlene Junior and Brian Keefe for more information.

Speaking of scholarships and grants, librarians and student members will benefit from increased funding to attend this year's SCALL Institute. The Daily Journal Corporation donated \$550 for grants to our spring institute. Tom Fleming and the grants committee is hard at work awarding these additional grants. SCALL thanks Daily Journal Corporation for its commitment to law librarians in the Southern California area.

Mark your calendars for February 26-28, 2004 and plan to attend the 32nd Annual SCALL Institute at the Doubletree Club Hotel in San Diego. Pre-conferences will be held on the afternoon of February 26th and in the morning of February 27th. Thanks to LexisNexis and West for sponsoring these additional educational sessions. The main Institute program will begin on Friday afternoon and continue through early Saturday afternoon. This newsletter contains directions for reserving a room. Watch your mail and the SCALL web site for further details on the Institute. So make a note and plan to spend February 26, 27, and 28, 2004 reconnecting with colleagues at the SCALL Institute in "America's Finest City."

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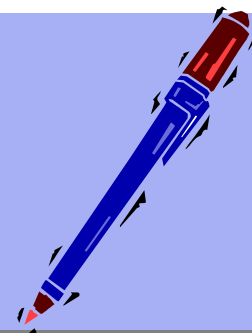
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Looking ahead to the New Year!

Ever wished you could look at a crystal ball and see what the future holds for you? That's exactly my wish as I write this article. As I take on the responsibilities of editorship, I wish that I could simply look into a crystal ball to see what the future holds for SCALL and our profession and to see what our members, readers and subscribers would like to find in our newsletter. Wouldn't it be great to know the news before it happens? What's the next best thing after wireless technology? How the SCALL Spring Institute is going to turn out? For good reasons, I don't have a crystal ball; so I appeal to each of you to step forward and share your knowledge and ideas on how we can make our newsletter the best newsletter there is in the field.

Stone soup, anyone?

The newsletter belongs to the members. What you read and see printed in the newsletter is the sum total of contributions from SCALL members. Like the proverbial stone soup, it can only be as rich in substance, nutrients, taste and color as what the members are willing to put in it. SCALL is full of members who are in themselves rich in knowledge, experience, personality and creativity. I encourage you all to be active participants by sending in your questions and comments, opinions and suggestions on any topic of interest to law libraries and librarians, or on any issues or concerns affecting our members. Beginning with the next issue we will have a **Member's Forum** section, which will provide our members with a place to voice their opinions, vent their frustrations, and bounce off their ideas, etc., all in the spirit of sharing for the benefit of our members.

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SCALL Newsletter Submission Deadlines

If you would like to submit something for publication in the SCALL Newsletter, the deadlines are the following:

February 9, 2004	March 2004 issue
April 12, 2004	May 2004 issue
August 9, 2004	September 2004 issue
October 11, 2004	November 2004 issue

We welcome the submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Victoria Williamson, SCALL Newsletter Editor, at williamv@ulv.edu.

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Editor's Notes

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We all have something we can add to enhance the form and content of our newsletter.

Your links to the Editor.

I'm an advocate of an open-door policy when it comes to communication. Anyone who wishes to write or considers writing an article, post a question, spread news, announce an event, or share information and/or a photo can contact me or anyone in the committee. Meet your newsletter staff:

Margot McLaren – was our ever dedicated and hardworking editor for the past three years. Where I work, Margot was known as "*cataloger extraordinaire*." Contrary to popular belief that catalogers are introverts, Margot is as sociable as any extroverts you know. She's very approachable and always available to hear your stories. She is a regular contributor to our bio-profile series. If you know someone that you think should be featured in our newsletter, let Margot know.

Hugh Treacy – is our very efficient business editor in addition to being the "*Supreme Executive in Charge of Layout & Design*." In just the few weeks that I've worked with Hugh, he has already exhibited his professionalism, good humor, and easy-to-work-with attitude. He also enjoys working with digital photos and computer graphics. If you've got ideas on how to enhance our e-newsletter, he's the man to talk to.

John O'Donnell – is the new Head of Public Services at Whittier Law Library. People who know him describe him as friendly, approachable, with a good sense of humor. He is always willing to share his knowledge and experience with anyone new to our profession. To our new members who have questions about the newsletter or would like to discuss a topic for a possible article, give John a call.

Bill Ketchum – is our "*action-oriented*" member of the team. I say this because he started writing articles for us before he actually signed up to join the committee. I have briefly met him in person but from the phone conversation and e-mail exchanges we had, I can tell that he enjoys sharing his knowledge and ideas through writing. He also has this fun-loving spirit that comes through when you talk to him in person. Want your workshop, meeting, or special event covered in the newsletter? That fits our Bill.

Ed Butler – is our journalist on staff. Ed had previously worked with various daily and weekly newspapers around Southern California. He is a "*matter of fact*" type of guy to talk to. In the short time that I've gotten to know him, I can say, "*I have a positive feeling about him.*" Be it editing, reporting or photo-journaling, we've got the man who's done it all and enjoys doing them.

Belinda Beardt – is our "official" photographer on staff. Keep an eye out for her during meetings and events. Be sure you're wearing that big smile the next time Belinda spots you in action. I know that she's done a wonderful job with the newsletter in the past and I just can't seem to let her go.

Always at Your Service!

The newsletter belongs to you. All of us in the committee are here to serve you. If you have any ideas, opinions and suggestions, by all means, make them known. We're just a few clicks away from you.

Attend the SCALL Institute!

The 32nd Annual Institute, "Stepping Into the Future: Putting Our Best Foot Forward," will be held February 27-28, 2004 at the DoubleTree Club Hotel in San Diego. Topics will include: the ever shrinking world and international resources, value-added deliverables, keeping your organization informed, how to become an instant expert, and more.

Currently scheduled to speak are Joan Axelroth, Albert Brecht, Cindy Chick, Amelia Kassel, & Amber Lee Smith. Also, Lexis is conducting a preconference program on Thursday, February 26th in the afternoon and West is conducting a preconference program on Friday, February 27th in the morning.

Look in the mail next week for your registration forms. For your convenience, a registration form is included in this issue of the *SCALL Newsletter*. See page 19.

Jennifer Berman
SCALL Vice President/President Elect
Chair, SCALL Institute Committee

SCALL Institute Grants

The Los Angeles Daily Journal and SCALL have grants available to help defray the cost of attending the SCALL Institute, February 27th & 28th in San Diego. To apply, please fill out application form at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/pdf/scallgrant.pdf>. The deadline is January 23rd. Please call me at 310-201-3519 if you have any questions.

Tom Fleming
Chairman, SCALL Grants Committee



Getting to Know You: Ruth J. Hill

by Victoria Williamson
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Have you ever met and talked with someone who has left you in awe and the only word that you can come up with to describe that experience is WOW! That is exactly how I felt right after I talked with Ruth Hill. I have to admit that I was a little afraid of taking on this assignment and intimidated to approach her because Ruth is one of the well-respected and highly regarded public figures in our profession. As you continue to read on, you'll know what I mean.

A native of Austin, Texas, Ruth J. Hill is the Head of Reference Services & Adjunct Professor of Law at the Rains Law Library, Loyola Law School. She received both her Bachelor of Arts in English and Teaching Credential (Librarian K-12) at the University of Texas at Austin. She earned her M.S.L.S degree from the University of Memphis and her J.D. degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.



"We have a broad spectrum of knowledge that can have a positive impact on people's lives as we assist them in the quest for information."

Ruth J. Hill
Rains Law Library
Loyola Law School

Ruth is no "accidental" law librarian. She has worked in libraries all through her career. As early as sixth grade, Ruth displayed her interest in librarianship when she was chosen to be library monitor for her class, in charge of checking out books for the students in her class. In high school, she was the band librarian who made sure that each member of her high school band had hard copies of music. In college, she worked in various local city branch libraries and at the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas. If there is such a thing as a born librarian, Ruth is the closest you can get.

Ruth joined Loyola Law School Rains Law Library with an impressive list of teaching and library experiences under her belt. She worked as Librarian & Teacher for the Memphis City Schools in Memphis, Tennessee (1976-1981); Librarian at the law firm of Hunton & Williams, in Knoxville, Tennessee; Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services & Reference and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1985-1988); and Associate Director (1988-1990) and Acting Director (1990-1991) at the A.M. Daniel Law Library, Howard University Law School in Washington, D. C.

With Ruth's long and successful career, I find it interesting to know what she considers as the most challenging part of her current position. She confided, *"It's a challenge to keep fresh and motivated. I find that by participating in the activities of AALL & SCALL and by keeping in touch with professional colleagues, I am provided with opportunities in which to maintain and enhance current skills and to acquire new skills."* A member of AALL since 1985, Ruth has been active in numerous association committees and programs, from an Annual Meeting Registration Volunteer to Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee. She served as Chair of the Gallagher Award Subcommittee (1988), the Nominations Committee (1999), the Academic Law Libraries SIS (2000-2001), SIS Council (2001-2002), and the Annual Meeting Program Committee responsible for the success of "Maximize Today, Envision Tomorrow," the

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Minutes of the SCALL Board Meeting

Taix Restaurant, Los Angeles

October 29, 2003

Submitted by James Senter, SCALL Secretary

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Oct. 29, 2003 at Taix Restaurant in Los Angeles. Board members present were: Diana Jaque, President; Jennifer Berman, Vice-President/President-Elect; Jim Senter, Secretary; Karen Lasnick, Board Member; and Patrick Meyer, Board Member. Board members absent were: Jessica Wimer, Treasurer and Cornell Winston, Past President.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

I. Approval of June 25, 2003 Board Meeting Minutes

Jennifer Berman moved to approve the minutes as written. Patrick Meyer seconded and the minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

Diana Jaque read the Treasurer's report in Jessica Wimer's absence. The report showed total assets of \$19,575.45. Patrick moved to approve the report as read. Karen Lasnick seconded and the motion carried.

III. Secretary's Report

There was no report.

IV. President's Report

Institute Site Selection

Diana reported that after considering twelve other potential sites for the 2004 Institute, we negotiated a very favorable contract with the Doubletree Club Hotel in San Diego. She is putting together a binder for future reference with information on all thirteen sites.

Daily Journal Institute Grants

Diana reported that the Daily Journal Corporation has agreed to provide grants for SCALL/SANDALL members and library students to attend the 2004 Institute. The money will go toward registration fees and hotel costs.

Patrick moved to approve the report. Jim Senter seconded and the motion carried.

V. Vice-President's Report

Jennifer Berman reported that LexisNexis will offer a pre-Institute mini-AMPLL (Advanced Management in Private Law Libraries) seminar on Thursday afternoon, February 26, 2004 at the Doubletree Club Hotel. West will offer a pre-conference session on Friday morning, February 27, also at the hotel. LexisNexis is sponsoring lunch on Saturday, and at this point West's sponsorship of the Friday night reception is tentative. The Daily Journal Corp. is paying for the printing of postcards to be sent out to SCALL and SANDALL members. Laura Cadra and Wendy Nobunaga are working on a letter to send to vendors.

Patrick moved to approve the report. Karen seconded and the motion carried.

VI. Committee Reports

The Board received and read all committee reports by email with the exception of the Membership report, which was read at the meeting by Diana, and the Union List report, which was read by Patrick. Reports are filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Jennifer moved to approve the committee reports. Karen seconded and the motion carried.

VII. Approval of 2003-2004 Budget

Diana presented the proposed budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Projected income is \$15,950, and budgeted expenses total \$13,180. The proposed budget is filed with the minutes of this meeting.

Jennifer moved to approve the budget as proposed. Patrick seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

NOTE: ADDITIONAL MOTIONS MADE AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED BY E-MAIL:

August 4, 2003

Jennifer Hill resigned as Secretary to accept a law library position outside of California.

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Board Meeting Minutes

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** September 8, 2003

Diana Jaque suggested filling the Secretary vacancy by e-mail vote of the Board. There were three names proposed; two of those indicated interest in the position. There being no objection, a vote was taken by e-mail and Jim Senter was elected.

* September 19, 2003

Karen Lasnick moved that the Board approve the reactivation of the Budget and Audit Committee, with Robert Wright as chair, as proposed by Diana Jaque. The committee would be charged to collect and preserve SCALL's financial records and to arrange for their use in all SCALL state and federal tax filings, to implement SCALL's record retentions policy, and to research and recommend amendments to that policy.

** September 22, 2003

Cornell Winston called for an amendment to Karen's motion in light of the fact that the appointment of the chair is at the president's discretion.

** September 24, 2003

Cornell Winston amended the motion to ask the Board to approve the reactivation of the Budget and Audit Committee. Jennifer Berman seconded the motion.

** September 30, 2003

The Board voted by e-mail and the motion carried.

** October 8, 2003

Cornell Winston moved that SCALL pay \$75.00 for the current President of SCALL, Diana Jaque, to attend the ceremony to rename the LA County Law Library Building on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003. Karen Lasnick seconded.

** October 10, 2003

The Board voted by e-mail and the motion carried.

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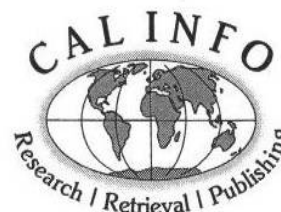
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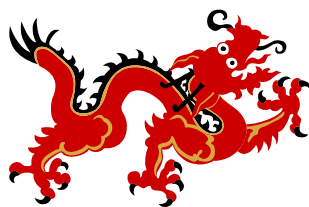
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2003 SCALL Holiday Party at Madame Wu's in Los Angeles



Ramon Barajas and Cornell Winston



A Who's Who At Madame Wu's

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Denny Haythorn and Leonette Williams



Albert Brecht and Bill Owens-Smith



Larry Meyer and Diana Jaque

Supporting New Professionals: The AALL Annual Meeting Grants

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members. Grants are awarded to cover the Annual Meeting registration fee or the registration fee for workshops presented at the Annual Meeting. Preference is given to applicants who are new to the profession and active in AALL or one of its chapters.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today. For additional information, check out the application on the Association's web site. <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp>

In 2001, the Minority Leadership Development Award was created to assure that AALL's leadership remains vital, relevant and representative of the Association's diverse membership. The Award provides up to \$1,500.00 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting, an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor, and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the monetary award. For additional information, check out the application on the Association's web site. http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp

Applications for both AALL Grants Programs must be received at the Association's headquarters by April 1, 2004.

Iris Lee
AALL Grants Committee Chair



Providing Online Legal Reference: An Insider's View

by Bill Ketchum
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I am one of several SCALL, SANDALL, NOCALL, and CCCLL (Council of California County Law Libraries) members who participate in the “24/7” program, providing legal reference service to patrons who make their requests online. Most of us work in county law libraries. Each of us has received classroom and online training for this work. The 24/7 team members are collegial and often substitute for each other.

Each of us typically accepts questions during two one-hour sessions a week. We log onto the web at the appointed times and indicate readiness to accept patrons. If a patron has hit the “Ask a Law Librarian” button on a participating local law library’s web page and typed a question, the question and some identifying information about the patron appear on our screen. We greet the patron and try to guide them to the information they need.

Many of us try to include online sources in our answers because those are the sources the online patrons will be able to use immediately from wherever they are, and because they have implied that preference simply by asking their question online.

We refer online patrons to court and other legal websites or specific books in their local law library or bookstore. We tell them about lawyer referral services. For those who have “interactive” connections, we even display web pages to them such as the Judicial Council’s <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov> and show them how to search the California codes or find the Judicial Council Forms or the self-help information there. We display <http://www.cccll.org>, with its directory of county law libraries in California. If a patron’s connection is “basic,” we tell them how to find these resources online by giving them the web address and telling them what to click on when they get there. If we are already online with a patron or if one or more are already waiting, the program gives any new patron an estimate of waiting time and the option to submit the question for an answer later by email.

Online legal reference enables us to serve some patrons who may be too shy to ask their questions in person, or who may be unaware that there are law libraries open to the public, or who may live far from a law library. Most of our public patrons find us through an icon on the Judicial Council’s self-help website. Some are referred to the

online legal reference team by public librarians doing similar work, when they recognize a question as legal in nature.

This work is more difficult in some ways than face-to-face reference. We feel hindered at first by the absence of non-verbal clues, such as body language and tone of voice, by our inability to see whatever documents, notes, or books a patron would show us in person, and their inability to see the library materials we would hand them. Also, online patrons cannot see us working, so we must respond quickly or they will disconnect while we are preparing an answer. We let them know we understand the question and are preparing an answer, or we give a partial answer and say that further explanations or suggestions will follow.

The temptation to give legal advice is the same online as it is in person, when a patron asks what sounds like a simple question and we think we know the answer. Many online patrons ask “What form do I use...,” “What is the statute of limitations for...,” or some variation on “What should I do...” or “How can I...” We often have to tell them that we may guide them to where they may find their own answers, but that a direct answer to their question would constitute giving legal advice, and we may not do that.

With a little experience, we learn to probe appropriately and let the online patrons know what we may and may not do for them.

Just as in face-to-face or telephone legal reference, this system enables us to succeed much of the time in providing the service it is our mission to provide – giving patrons access to legal information – and it is gratifying in the same way. We see patrons getting help they need, and some of them even thank us.

For further information about the program, feel free to contact me at williamk@sblawlibrary.org. You may also contact one of the program’s coordinators, Shirley David, Director of the Sacramento County Public Law Library, at sdavid@saclaw.lib.ca.us.



Getting to Know You: Dean Donald J. Dunn

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In June 2003, Donald J. Dunn was appointed Dean of the University of La Verne College of Law to lead the College of Law as it prepares for ABA approval. When asked where he sees himself five years from now, he stated: "A Dean of an ABA-accredited law school-the University of La Verne College of Law."

Donald J. Dunn is originally from Tyler, Texas. He earned his Bachelor of Arts (1969) and a Master of Library Science degree (1972) from the University of Texas at Austin, and a Juris Doctorate (1983) from Western New England College School of Law. When asked what made him decide to pursue a career in librarianship, he confided: *Roy Merzsky, the greatest producer and trainer of law librarians in the nation. He is still my mentor.*

After Dean Dunn earned his library degree, he secured a position as Supervising Librarian at the Criminal Justice Reference Library at the University of Texas at Austin. In July 1973, he accepted a position as a member of the faculty of Western New England College of Law. During that time, he served as Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources and Professor of Law at Western New England College School of Law, and served as Dean from July 1996 through June 2001. When asked what his greatest challenge was while at Western New England College School of Law, he responded: *Becoming the Dean, because it was a time when there needs to be stability. We lost a Dean in a short period of time and faculty was at crossroads in terms of what direction it should go as an institution.*

Moreover, Dean Dunn is the author of numerous publications in the areas of legal research and law librarianship, including co-authoring the 8th edition of *Fundamentals of Legal Research* and *Legal Research Illustrated*. He currently co-edits the *Index to Periodical Articles Related to Law*, a quarterly publication. The first law review and the first yearbook at Western New England College School of Law was dedicated to him, and in 1994, he received the Law Library Journal Article of the Year award. In addition, he has extensive experience consulting with law schools applying for American Bar Association (ABA) approval, and has served as an active member of more than 40 ABA site evaluation teams.

Dean Dunn keeps active by participating in a number of professional organizations such as AALL and SCALL. He currently serves on the ABA's Silver Gavel Awards Screening Committee and the ABA's Senior Law Division



Donald J. Dunn
Dean, University of La Verne College of Law

Publications Committee, and is currently serving on the board of Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing. He is a fellow in the American Bar Foundation and a member of the American Law Institute. He served as immediate past-President of SCRIBES (2003); served as President of Law Librarians of New England (1982-1983); and sat on the board of

the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Historical Society.

When Dean Dunn is not immersed in his library career and in professional activities, he enjoys spending time with his son, reading legal novels, playing bridge, traveling, and watching college sports (football and basketball).

Dean Dunn's advice to new SCALL members: *Get involved, meet people, and stay current in a rapidly changing law library profession.*



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Law Librarians Take First Look at Disney Concert Hall

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Westlaw showed its appreciation for customers with a holiday brunch Dec. 12 showcasing the newly opened Walt Disney Concert Hall of the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County. An estimated 120 buffet guests were treated to an "audio tour" of the artistic edifice perched upon a hill with sumptuous views of the most prestigious features of downtown Los Angeles.

Attendees at the brunch, held in the B.P. Hall on the building's second level, were welcomed by Gabriel Mendham, Westlaw's account management branch manager. She introduced Colleen Cable, the new librarian relations manager. Cable said Westlaw will be introducing new products in the spring, and she welcomes customer contact.

Actor John Lithgow, on recording, emceed the audio tour.

In groups departing every 15 minutes, attendees were armed with approximately foot-long charcoal plastic devices with a hand-held earphone at one end. As the tour guide proceeded around the complex, he punched a succession of three-digit numbers to trigger a series of recorded descriptions of each area being viewed. Various individuals deeply involved in the center project gave explanations in their own voices.

Lithgow explained that the Disney Concert Hall makes the performing arts center one of the three largest in the United States. A key share of funding was \$50 million from Lillian Disney, widow of Walt Disney, in 1987.

The center, of unique appearance all over including sheet metal-covered exterior walls reminiscent of sails, was designed with the aesthetic preferences of the Disneys in mind. One goal was to make the edifice warm and welcoming, and in keeping with that vertical grain, Douglas fir paneling covers much of the interior walls. This species was chosen for its resemblance to wooden musical instruments. The prestigious acoustics of the structure are attributed to eight-inch thick concrete walls underneath, so thick as to not vibrate. The wood paneling is perforated in some areas to make the rooms "acoustically transparent." The carpeting is in a brightly colored abstracted floral pattern named "Lillian." The uniquely wavy wall shape, while reminiscent of sails, also aims to symbolize the flow of music.

Pains were taken to design the exterior to make it compatible with the downtown milieu. A third level garden has designedly short trees, of which some are always in bloom. A centerpiece of the garden is a large quiet fountain, in the shape of a rose, Mrs. Disney's favorite flower. The fountain is covered with pieces of hundreds of broken delftware vases and tiles, reflecting a favorite form of collectible for the famous couple. Other design features include strategically placed glimpses into the skeletal underpinnings of the unique building. Special display areas include the Ira Gershwin Gallery with rotating exhibits from the Library of Congress.



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Ruth J. Hill

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educational program for the 96th Annual Meeting and Conference held in Seattle, Washington last year.

In addition, Ruth has been a member of SCCLL-SIS since 1994, RIPS-SIS since 1999, and SCALL since 1992. She received the Rohan Chapter Service Award in 1993 and the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award in 2000, as member of the SCALL Inner City Youth Internship Committee. She also served as Chair of the SCALL Grants Committee (1997-2000); Co-Chair of the 24th Annual Institute Bibliography Subcommittee (1996); and the 27th Annual Institute Registration Committee (2000).

Her contribution to our profession as program speaker and presenter includes *"Gutenberg in the 21st Century: The Electronic Book and Libraries of the Future,"* Tennessee Library Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, 1993; *"Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians,"* 2nd Conference of the Black Caucus of ALA, Milwaukee, WI, 1994; and *"Meeting the Challenge of Teaching Adult Learners in a Legal Environment,"* SEAALL Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2000.

A few of Ruth's many contributions to law library literature are *"Mr. Justice Thurgood Marshall, 1908-1993: A Bio-Bibliographic Research Guide,"* 20 Southern University Law Review 113 (1993); *"Ethical Considerations for Law Librarians: Legal, Library & Business Ethics: A (continued on page 13) Selective Bibliography,"* SCALL 24th Annual Institute, (1996); *"The Jurisprudence of Yogi Berra,"* (with 38 other authors) 46 Emory Law Journal 697 (1997); and *"Maximize Your Annual Meeting Experience: Build Competencies, Sharpen Skills and Network with Colleagues,"* 7(9) AALL Spectrum 16 (June 2003).

While a reading of Ruth's curriculum vitae would reveal to anyone her varied and interesting professional accomplishments, my hour-long conversation with her exposed equally varied and interesting personal qualities. Ruth showed an ability to make a strong point and draw people's attention to it at a very young age. When asked what her earliest childhood memory was, she shared, *"At a birthday party that my Mom gave me when I was about 2 years old, I was crying because all the kids were eating my cake."*

Ruth's favorite things to do outside her professional circles include learning new things, traveling, meeting and talking to people, and reading. She belongs to a book club and has just finished reading an intriguing murder-mystery entitled the *"Da Vinci Code"* by Dan Brown. Her adventurous side took her to a helicopter ride over the Hudson River in New York and a trip to Europe by herself at an early stage of her professional career. She has a desire to learn to play the piano and to be a contestant on

Jeopardy!

Anyone who had been fortunate enough to meet and know Ruth J. Hill will agree that underneath all the accomplishments and highlights of her career, lies a warm and caring individual with a passion for teaching and lifelong learning, and an unpretentious desire to give to others. These attributes, coupled with her kindness and willingness to share her knowledge and wisdom, can be genuinely felt through her voice on the phone and the handshake and touch on the shoulder when you meet her in person. I started out with a feeling of fear and intimidation at the beginning of the interview but ended it with a feeling that I have met a friend and a mentor.

Thanks to the mentoring of Roy Mersky (University of Texas), Bob Nissenbaum (Loyola Law School), Cheryn Picquet (University of Tennessee) and the late Judy Dimes Smith (Howard Law School), the law library profession has Ruth J. Hill in its corner. What made her pursue a career in law librarianship? She stated, *We have a broad spectrum of knowledge that can have a positive impact on people's lives as we assist them in the quest for information. We have the responsibility to stay current and relevant to the institutions we serve and to our profession. A saying goes, "Join the Navy, See the World." I say, "Be a Law Librarian, Inform the World."*

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Brian Williams, Reference Foreign/International Law Specialist at University of San Diego Legal Research Center.

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Paul Hellyer, who lives in Los Angeles.

Pam Lee. Pam also works at the University of La Verne College of Law Library as a Cataloging Assistant.

Karen L. O'Donnell. Karen also works at Western State University College of Law as a Reference Librarian.

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June Kim received her M.L.I.S. degree from UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies in June 2003. She is currently a Reference Librarian with UCLA Law Library.

Margot A. McLaren, formerly the Head of Technical Services at the University of La Verne Law Library, has joined the staff of the Whittier Law School Library as its new Serials/Documents Librarian, effective January 12, 2004. Margot replaces **Christa Balz**, who retired June 30, 2003 after 22 years of dedicated service to Whittier Law School.

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