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# SCALL Newsletter

## President's Column

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### Registration is Open; Reservations can be made.

By now, you all should have received your SCALL Institute Registration Packets. This year's Institute, *I.P. for the I.P.*, promises to be very informative. Pauline Aranas and her Institute Committee have worked very hard to bring us many wonderful speakers, including AALL's President, Tori Trotta as our VIP guest. Also, for our benefit, Lexis will be presenting a pre-Conference session on Thursday afternoon entitled "Generations at Work" and West will be conducting a pre-Conference session on Friday morning entitled "Delivering Outstanding Patron Service." The Grants committee has funding to offer a limited number of grants. Grant applications will be available soon. For further information please check out the website.

I hope to see many of you there.

### Congratulations to our Inner City Youth Committee.

The Inner City Youth Committee has received a grant for \$10,000 from Washington Mutual Bank!! Please consider employing an intern this summer as the Committee would love to place our interns in legal settings.

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**Editor's Notes**

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Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays is over, hopefully we all have had enough downtime to catch our breath, sit down, relax and reenergize to smoothly resume our regular work schedules.

While we all have deadlines to meet, projects to complete, phone and e-mail messages to check, and a ton of reading materials to peruse, we all could use a break to read our newsletter. What better way to start your workday than to find out what's going on in SCALL?

The Spring 2005 Institute is coming up in March, so I hope you plan to attend. This year's program topic is *Intellectual Property for the Information Professional*. If you are interested in writing an article or a report on any of the programs that will be presented at the Institute, please contact me, or any newsletter committee member.

In keeping with our goal to reach out to all members, starting with this issue a copy of the newsletter will be e-mailed directly to each SCALL member as an attached PDF file. This is in addition to the e-mail notification that members receive via the SCALL listserv. To receive your electronic copy, please be sure that we have your correct, current email address in our mailing list. Any corrections to your e-mail address should be sent to Karen O'Donnell, Membership Committee Chair, at [karen.o'donnell@lw.com](mailto:karen.o'donnell@lw.com).

Also, beginning with this issue our Job Opportunities listing links readers to the detailed job descriptions as posted on the SCALL website. Similarly, many of the vendors' advertisements link readers to the vendors' websites.

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**SCALL Newsletter  
Submission Deadlines**

Deadlines for publication in the SCALL Newsletter are the following:

February 14, 2005	March 2005 issue
April 11, 2005	May 2005 issue
August 8, 2005	September 2005 issue
October 10, 2005	November 2005 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](mailto:williamv@ulv.edu).



## AALL Comes to San Antonio, July 16-20, 2005 President Tory Trotta's Theme? Strategize: Values, Visions, Vistas

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As co-chairs of the Local Advisory Committee (LAC), you might say Mary Forman and I (aka M & M) have already begun implementing Tory's theme as we "strategized" to gather chairs for the sub-committees. Well, we'll call it strategize, but others might say we got them at a weak moment! Either way, we are now organizing for the first AALL annual meeting to visit Texas in 22 years!



*The Alamo*

*(Photo courtesy of the National Park Service)*

Among the excellent programs and opportunities for networking, there will be time to discover the beautiful vistas of San Antonio and her surrounding areas, the ethnic diversity of the area, fabulous food and historically significant sites. "But," you say, "Texas in July!" Well, there's not much we can do about the thermometer, but hey, Texas has some of the most efficient air conditioning in the country. You might need short sleeves outside, but you'd better pack a jacket for the inside! In the coming months, we'll be sending out some survival tips (like, drink lots of water or other cold beverage of your choice, wear a hat, carry a portable fan, walk slowly and enjoy the smell of some of the best food south of the Red River), and we'll highlight the multicultural experiences that make up San Antonio.

The Preliminary Program will be out soon, so look for the fascinating library tours (one of which is the very private library at The Alamo), the fun trips like tubing down the Guadalupe River, and information about a fantastic closing banquet. Come visit San Antonio, relax, and enjoy our Texas hospitality!

### Editor's Notes (cont.)

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In an effort to make our newsletter more interesting and enjoyable to read, we have included stories about our colleagues' travel to other parts of the globe. In this issue, we are featuring Brian Keefe's visit to China. If you have recently visited a favorite international destination, we encourage you to submit an article about it. We have also included a "Late Night with David Letterman" top ten list with a librarian's twist from John O'Donnell. We hope that you enjoy it in the spirit in which it was intended.

We're always looking for articles and photos of SCALL events, so don't hesitate to volunteer your writing or photographic skills if the spirit moves you.

As our esteemed and hardworking colleagues prepare for what promises to be another outstanding educational journey for all of us in Palm Desert, we newsletter committee members look forward to covering the event.

See you all at the SCALL Institute!



## New California Laws for the New Year

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### Lights...camera...windshield wipers?

Beginning July 1st, drivers in California will be required to turn on their headlights when it is raining. More specifically, if drivers need to have their vehicle windshield wipers on continuously due to rain, mist, snow, fog, or other precipitation, then their vehicle lights need to be on as well. Technically, according to the statute, a driver would also be required to have his or her vehicle's headlights on if he or she cannot see another vehicle clearly on the highway from a distance of 1,000 feet (AB 1854, Assemblyman Joe Simitian).

### How many packs are you in for?

Beginning in July, smoking is banned inside California's 32 prisons. Introduced by Assemblyman Tim Leslie, the bill was designed to make prisons a healthy place, although some other legislators admit that their goal is also to be punitive. The prison guards would still be allowed to smoke in designated outdoor areas. At this point there are no provisions for the prisons to provide nicotine gum or patches to gradually reduce the effects of withdrawal symptoms. Critics of the law also claim that a huge black market for cigarettes will be created within the prison system (AB 384, Assemblyman Tim Leslie).

### Here kitty, kitty.... OR (alternate title) Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my...

Another new law bans the declawing of exotic cats such as lions, tigers, cougars, and cheetahs. This would apply to cats used mostly in the entertainment industry, not to ordinary house cats. Animal rights activists claim it is cruel to remove these animals' natural defense systems. They also claim that declawed big cats are more likely to harm persons by making them more likely to bite, such as in the case of entertainer Roy Horn of Siegfried and Roy, who was severely injured when a declawed Bengal tiger attacked him by biting him on the neck (AB 1857, Assemblyman Paul Korte).

### But you've always said you wanted to be in the movies...

This new law makes it a misdemeanor to film someone in a bedroom without his or her knowledge. This law specifically adds "bedroom" to the existing statute (Penal Code section 647.7) The statute already applies to dressing

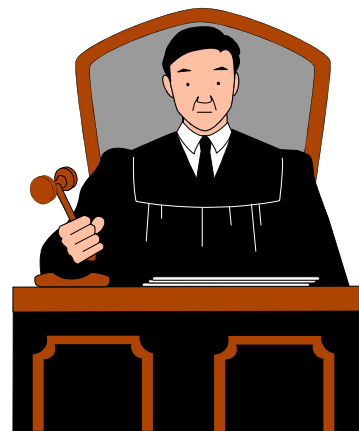
rooms, tanning booths and "any other area in which that other person has a reasonable expectation of privacy." Any person who violates the act will be guilty of "disorderly conduct" and may face up to six months and/or a fine of up to \$1,000 (SB 1484, Sen. Dick Ackerman).

### New Low Mortgage Rates, a FREE trip to Hawaii, ... a vote for President? Wait, that's not a junk fax, or is it?

Those who usually vote by paper absentee ballots now have another option...voting by fax. The legislature approved this bill directed mostly at overseas military personnel. The voter would obviously have to give up some of his/her right to a secret sealed ballot, but election officials would still have to develop procedures to protect the secrecy of the ballot as much as possible. The ballot would have to be received by the closing of the election day polls and would be accompanied by an identification envelope and an oath of voter declaration (AB 2941 Assemblywoman Patricia Bates).

### I don't remember ordering a thousand dollars worth of motorcycle parts?

This law would prohibit the installation of "spyware" onto a user's computer without his or her knowledge. Spyware can be software that can track a user's preference of websites so that advertisers can inundate the user with ads. Other spyware software can automatically hijack a user's regular chosen homepage and substitute another web page as the homepage. The legislation also prohibits misrepresenting the software as necessary for the security or privacy of the user's computer (AB 1436, Senator Kevin Murray).







## The Call for Papers Sounds Again

*Call for Papers Committee  
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For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at [www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_call\\_for\\_papers.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp).

Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee: Chair, Virginia Davis, [davis@uh.edu](mailto:davis@uh.edu); Renee Rastorfer, [rrastorfer@law.usc.edu](mailto:rrastorfer@law.usc.edu); or Patricia Wellinger, [pwelling@law.du.edu](mailto:pwelling@law.du.edu).

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## Van de Kamp Reports on the State Bar

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The reorganized State Bar of California places high priority upon assuring access of everyone to the legal system, Bar President John Van de Kamp told an Inland Empire gathering of attorneys Dec. 17.

"Equal justice is a pipedream unless people can use our process," the former California attorney general told a joint gathering of attorneys of San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

He said assuring access to justice requires extra effort in the face of increasing incidence of poverty in the state, median income remaining static, and inflation continuing.

At the same time, legal services funding has remained at a stagnant level. Maintenance of existing federal Legal Services Corporation funding is uncertain, Van de Kamp said, and with the state of California facing an \$8 billion budget shortfall, its \$10 million allocation to legal services is at risk.

In the face of these bleak conditions, "Very simply there is an awful lot more that we have to do," Van de Kamp said, with lack of access to justice posing risks to the foundations of society. He encouraged his attorney listeners to involve themselves more in pro bono services, such as exemplary involvement of the profession in adoption in Los Angeles County. The association president also emphasized the importance of supporting the state court system, a key part of which is enlisting political clout to make sure the courts are adequately funded. He credited the connections of State Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George with playing a key role in getting "at least a budget they could live with" for the new fiscal year. Under a newly adopted procedure the legislature will have the opportunity to review the courts' budget request at the same time as the governor.

Van de Kamp said the State Bar also continues to work to make its membership representative of the diverse classes of people that comprise California's population. He said it remains a "serious problem" that minority groups are under-represented in the bar, and if that condition is not changed, "it's going to haunt us 10 years from now." He encouraged attorneys to arrange visits to K-12 schools to help share about what it is like to work as an attorney.

In a wide-ranging talk on the status of the State Bar, Van de Kamp pointed with satisfaction to basic dues having

been held to \$390 per year for the past three years, while the Conference of Delegates and sections rely upon separate funding at the election of individual attorneys. He encouraged attorneys to participate in the conference as a forum to debate the legal issues of the day. Van de Kamp noted that revamping of the bar, forced by Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of the dues bill, included a shift to independent funding of political advocacy apart from other association activities.

In the membership admission area, there were recent accommodations for flooding cutting short the Bar Exam at Pasadena and an exam date conflicting with a Jewish holiday. There has been debate over whether to set a higher standard in California for passing the multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, and that remains unresolved.

Van de Kamp said establishment of the State Bar Court made the discipline system more efficient. Gradual recovery from the dues bill veto crisis has allowed the bar to develop a more balanced approach to discipline that allows more attentiveness to less egregious alleged lapses, he said.

While \$35 of each attorney's annual dues goes toward a client security fund to compensate for wrongs by attorneys, the bar continues its Lawyers Assistance Program to extend treatment to attorneys before and after substance abuse and mental health problems have contributed to disciplinary problems.

Van de Kamp said proposals to enhance services to attorneys include establishment of a law students division that would be available on an optional basis. Other goals include keeping dues down, setting up a cooperative insurance program for attorneys, and a one-stop member service center.

Van de Kamp emphasized the importance of increasing "the public awareness of what lawyers do," as it doesn't help attorneys feel good about their work when they are perceived negatively. He encouraged the local bar associations to call attention to community contributions of their members, as "we can't afford to hide the good things that we do under a rock."

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## China —The Great Wall, Steel, Glass, All that Jazz

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Last November like Columbus, I traveled west to find the East. I went with my wife who is Chinese but from Indonesia and with a high school friend to China. We were not just sightseeing. My wife wanted to meet with her mother whom she had not seen in seven years. I had never met my mother-in-law.

Given our government's warning against Americans traveling to Muslim Indonesia, I preferred not to go to that country. My wife has a brother living in Hong Kong. So, it was decided that my mother-in-law and my sister-in-law would travel there to meet us.

Before our rendezvous, we would take a brief tour of China. In fact, we took two. The first was an American tour. Flying nonstop from L.A., we landed in Beijing. From the time our plane touched down, the lasting impression China made on me was one of change. Whatever else I would see in China, this intensive urban modernization was for me the greatest wonder.

The three Beijing airports were a good example. We landed at the current one intended to suffice until 2005 but which has already reached capacity. The tour bus drove past the second and then the third, the airport where Nixon had landed in 1972. The aging terminal with its bland but overbearing Stalinist architecture is a monument to China's past, just as the new airport tells about its present and its future.

On the expressway into the city, I could see office and apartment buildings stretching into the sky. Although few compared to the city's population, cars and buses crowded the freeway.

I had seen the present, now I would see the past. Sightseeing began immediately. Our first stop was the Forbidden City. With its nine thousand rooms and raised halls looking down over their surroundings, it was a palace fit for an emperor. We entered from the north and exited at the southern end, at Tiananmen, the Gate of Heavenly Peace.

From atop that, on October 1, 1949, Mao Zedong had proclaimed the People's Republic. Across a busy boulevard is Tiananmen Square. My friend quoted from a guidebook



*At the south end of Forbidden City, outside Tiananmen Gate. My wife Irene and I (center), along with my friend Bill Hall (left), and other tour members.*

*(Photo courtesy of Brian Keefe)*

that undercover government agents wander through the square alert for disturbances. We posed little threat. At the south end of the square, Mao slept peacefully in his mausoleum.

The following day we went to an obligatory sight for China visitors, the Great Wall. Where we visited it, the wall has been greatly restored. It climbs a steep hillside to reach the ridges above. To walk along it, we had to climb stairs set at what seemed a sixty-degree angle. Each platform or guardhouse was a welcome place to rest.

On day three, we boarded a plane for Xi'an, home to the famous terracotta warriors. In 1974, local men digging a well found some broken statues. An army of soldier statues was unearthed.

In the third century B.C., Qin Shi Huang became the first man to unify the warring Chinese states into one. Wishing to be emperor in the next world as well, he wanted to take an army with him. Thousands of clay soldiers were created for that purpose. Three different pavilions cover the three different parts of this army.

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## China (cont.)

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While the terracotta army stood stationary, we did not; we were soon flying to Shanghai. Shanghai is the Big Apple of China. If Beijing announced that China is changing, Shanghai shouted it. The Huangpu River running through Shanghai divides it between its older self and its modern alter ego. On the east side, the Pudong district had recently been boggy farmland. Now it is the locale of skyscrapers. Puxi, Shanghai west of the Huangpu, is the traditional city.

Our American tour ended the next day, and at the Shanghai airport, we met my brother-in-law and sister-in-law arriving with a Hong Kong group. We began our second tour. For the following three days, I listened as we toured Shanghai while the local guide whose native tongue would be Mandarin—which I do not know—translated travelogue into Cantonese—which I also do not know.

However, the added time in Shanghai allowed us to see more. In the Pudong area, we went to the foot of the Oriental Pearl TV Tower that has been described as an upside down hypodermic needle jutting into the sky. In the same area, we visited the top of Jin Mao tower, the city's tallest building.

This brief excursion ended, and we were on our way to Hong Kong itself. My brother-in-law lives in Kowloon on the mainland peninsula. On our first full day in the former colony, he took us across the bay to Hong Kong Island's south side. While the north side is the central business district, the southern end is not yet so overbuilt. On a sunny day, we visited lovely Repulse Bay that faces out towards the ocean.

The next evening we went back to the island and ascended Victoria Peak where we could look back at the light show provided by the business district's high rises. On our last day in Hong Kong, we went to Lantau Island, the largest of the islands of the former colony, sparsely populated and still somewhat undisturbed. We traveled to Po Lin monastery that has the largest outdoor bronze statue of Buddha in the world.

With that, our trip ended, and we made our way home by flying China Airlines to Taipei and then to Los Angeles. In two weeks, I had walked by a window on China and glanced through it. A vast and ancient land becoming a superpower had much more to see. Perhaps someday I would.

And, my mother-in-law liked me.



*My wife Irene at Tiananmen Square, Beijing. Main government offices are housed in the building behind her.*

*(Photo courtesy of Brian Keefe)*



*Hong Kong, looking toward Wanchai Area. The tall building in the background is the 78-story Central Plaza.*

*(Photo courtesy of Brian Keefe)*



*The terracotta warriors of Xi'an.*

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## Things are Bigger in Texas

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"Things are bigger in Texas!" Just take a look at the giant-sized boots outside North Star Mall. A tribute to just two of my not-so-secret vices, shopping and shoes! San Antonio has fabulous shopping, and La Villita is next to the Hilton, a complex of 27 restored buildings on the site of a Coahuiltecan Indian Village. Each building showcases various artists. There's painting, jewelry, pottery and beautiful weavings, all unique to the region.

Just a short trolley ride down Commerce Street is El Mercado, a veritable warehouse of pottery, and then there's the farmer's market. If you don't get enough to eat browsing the stalls, then head to the restaurants. La Margarita is my favorite, and I can picture it now as the colorful waiter carries the sizzling fajitas platter, the steam streaming behind and, oh, the aroma!

But, for those with a car, head north on I-35 for about 30 minutes and be prepared to visit the Mecca of all shop-

ping. The factory outlet stores of San Marcos, hundreds of them, too many to mention, but definitely worth the trip when you consider the savings.

Ah, but I digress. For those who love shopping for footwear, there are marvelous bootmakers. Try Luchese, hand-made bootmakers since 1883, or Crazy Horse custom boots, both in San Antonio.

For me, shoes are everything, and the factory outlet shoe stores are an option. But, if you want something closer to the convention center, then Dillards & the shops in River Center have a wonderful assortment. When all are tried on and bought, there's nothing like relaxing at a table on the Riverwalk level, watching the tourists and the riverboats, sipping a Starbucks coffee, knowing the bags surrounding you are full of shoes just waiting for the right occasion, like, the General Business meeting.



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# Minutes of the SCALL Executive Board

## October 12, 2004

### Meeting held at Casita del Campo Restaurant Los Angeles

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at Casita del Campo in Los Angeles. Board members present were: Jennifer Berman, President; Pauline Aranas, Vice-President/President-Elect; Jessica Wimer, Treasurer; Diana Jaque, Past President; Karen Lasnick, Board Member, and Tom Fleming, Board Member. Secretary Jim Senter was unable to attend, so Minutes were taken by Tom Fleming.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m.

- I. Minutes from the June 28, 2004 Board Meeting were approved.
- II. Treasurer's Report
  - a. \$33,766.64 in the bank, last year there was only \$18,000 at this same time.
  - b. Need to try to locate members who have not renewed.
  - c. Auditors Report on file.
- III. Secretaries Report
  - a. The new letterhead now includes the Past President. The new template should be sent to committee chairs. This template should be password protected.
  - b. Jennifer Berman will check with Ramon Barajas about using non embossed envelopes.
- IV. President's Report
  - a. Jennifer Berman spoke with SANDALL President Valerie Railey about the location of the next Joint Institute. Ms. Railey will see if SANDALL would like to host the 2006 Joint Institute in San Diego as the other two chapters have already hosted. A rotation schedule and a schedule for future meetings still needs to be decided.
  - b. Joint Reception at AALL with SANDALL, NOCALL, WESTPAC, and LLOPS. SANDALL will contribute the \$300 left over from the 2004 reception to the 2005 reception.
  - c. Life membership – The names of Adrienne Adan, Linda Maisner and Fred Smith will be presented to the membership at the dinner meeting tonight. We will need to email the membership for any other candidates. Constitution and Bylaws Committee to look at changing the Bylaws to allow for approving life members at annual business meetings and report by the June Meeting. Membership committee needs to develop procedures to keep life members on the roster.
  - d. VIP program went very well. Susan Steinhauser enjoyed participating and will be joining SCALL.
- V. Vice President's Report - SCALL Institute will be on Palm Desert March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be Intellectual Property for the Information Professional (IP for the IP).
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Archives – no new business – Report on file.
  - b. Awards, Government Relations, Grants, Information Technology, - no report
  - c. Budget & Audit – Report on file.
  - d. Inner City Youth – Third co-chair and a budget request. Report on file.
  - e. Institute – see Vice Presidents report above.
  - f. Library School Liaison – 12 new members that need mentors. Report on file.
  - g. Membership – 328 paid of which 15 are new. 55 from 2003 have not responded. Report on file..
  - h. Newsletter – Now has a digital camera and check out procedures. Report on file.
  - i. Nominations, Placement, Public Access to Legal Information, Public Relations – nothing to report.
  - j. Programs – 61 reservations for this meeting while the usual is 50. Report on file.
  - k. Public Relations – Report on file.
  - l. Relations with Vendors. No report.
  - m. Union List – need a chair person.

(continued on page 15)





## Supporting New Professionals: The AALL Annual Meeting Grants

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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](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, 2005.

### Minutes (cont.)

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- VII. SCALL Finances
  - a. Budget requests for committees
  - b. Approval of 2004-2005 Budget
    - i. Include line for Budget and Audit, Special Committee for Handbook Procedures and Special Committee on Bylaws but put the budget at zero. The budget was approved as amended.
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Credit card - The Treasurer will check with the Bank to see what audit controls are available. Jennifer will post to the Council List to see what other Chapters have done.
  - b. Password protected area for the Board and Chairpersons on the Internet site – Jennifer will check with Ramon to see if this is possible.
- IX. Adjourned at 5:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Fleming, acting for Jim Senter, Secretary

#### Addendum:

At the dinner meeting of the regular membership, Pauline Aranas moved that Adrienne Adan, Fred Smith and Linda Maisner be awarded Life Membership in SCALL. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.



## Top Ten Problems With Student Library Workers

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**Author's Note:** *This list is meant as a humorous and irreverent "top ten" list in the traditional spirit of "Late Night with David Letterman." The ideas for this list were gathered from calls to other law libraries outside southern California and are in no way reflective of the author's past and current experiences with student workers. The author extends his personal thanks to all law library student workers for their dedication and great service orientation.*

- 10 A patron asks how much money he owes in overdue fines. The student worker says, "How much ya got?"
- 9 When told to wear more formal dress than a Hawaiian shirt, ripped shorts, sandals, and knit hat, student workers start wearing T-shirts with tuxedo-type imprints on the front.
- 8 They tend to respond to all directional questions with the same reply; e.g., "Where are the restrooms?" is followed by "It's on the Internet."
- 7 When a patron reports that a book is not on the shelf, the student worker always insists it's due to the PATRIOT Act.
- 6 They keep replacing "attorney sign-in sheets" with contracts for installation of vinyl siding.
- 5 They make crank phone calls to the reference desk asking if we deliver in less than 30 minutes.
- 4 When a patron asks to check out a book, a newer student worker says, "Do you want fries with that?"
- 3 They keep requesting that large overdue fines be paid in "unmarked bills only."
- 2 They often give directions to the local "auto mall" when someone asks for the "Lexis terminal."
- 1 Late student workers always have the same lame excuse... "My watch was desensitized!"



## Membership News

### *Welcome New Members!*

**Heather H. Ebey**, Unix System Administrator, University of California, San Diego.

**David Miller**, Associate Manager, Legal Records, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox.

**Elizabeth Osborne**, Western Regional Sales Executive, 10K Wizard.

**Daniel Raphael**, Greenberg Taurig in Santa Monica.

**Mary Rushfield**, Library Consultant.

**Susan Steinhauser**, President of the Board of Trustees, Los Angeles County Law Library.

### *In Transition...*

**Annie Leung**, formerly of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, is now at Bingham McCutchen in San Francisco.

Any corrections, changes, or additions to your membership information should be sent to:

**Karen L. O'Donnell**

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** The applicant must be a currently enrolled graduate student in either the UCLA Department of Information Studies or the Southern California Program of the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science. The applicant must demonstrate a sincere interest in law librarianship.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Along with this application form, the applicant must submit:

1. Two letters of recommendation from an instructor or employer that comment upon the applicant's potential for contribution to the field of law librarianship;
2. A short essay in which the applicant describes his/her interest in law librarianship; and
3. A resume indicating educational background and employment history.

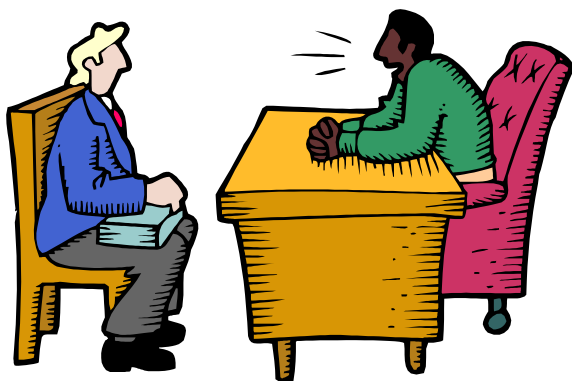
**DEADLINE:** Applications and supporting materials must be received by **January 31, 2005**. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by **February 28, 2005**.

Name	Date
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Telephone	Email address

Completed applications may be mailed, emailed, or faxed to:  
**Kevin Gerson, SCALL Scholarship, UCLA Law Library, 1106 Law Building, Box 951458,  
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## Job Opportunities



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**Law Librarian, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, Cerritos, January 19, 2005**

**Library Director, Los Angeles County Law Library, Los Angeles, January 12, 2005**

**Technical Services Clerk, Los Angeles County Law Library, Los Angeles, January 7, 2005**

**Library Assistant, Legal Option Group LLC, Los Angeles, January 5, 2005**

**Access Services Librarian, Los Angeles County Law Library, January 4, 2005**

**Librarian, Bingham McCutchen LLP, Silicon Valley, January 4, 2005**

**Law Librarian, Library Associates, Bay Area, December 20, 2004**

**Law Librarian, Walt Disney Company, Burbank, December 9, 2004**

**Librarian, Legal Option Group LLC, Los Angeles, December 8, 2004**

**Full Charge Bookkeeper, Alameda County Law Library, Oakland, November 23, 2004**

**Reference Librarian, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, Los Angeles, November 19, 2004**

**Library Assistant, Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliott, Los Angeles, September 30, 2004**

**Library Assistant, Greenberg Glusker, Los Angeles, October 27, 2002**





## All About Champagne

### SLA Southern California Chapter Annual Fundraiser for the Karen Sternheim Memorial Scholarship

**When:**  
Saturday, March 19, 2005

**Time:**  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm

**Where:**  
Gardens on Glendon  
1139 Glendon Avenue  
Los Angeles

**Cost:**  
\$85.00/person or \$150.00/couple

**RSVP by March 16, 2005**  
Attendance limited to 50



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## A SCALL Holiday Party Snapshot

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Where were you on the evening of Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>? Wait! Don't tell me - let me guess. Ahhh, your cat ate a poinsettia. No? Ummmm, you drove all over downtown Culver City and couldn't find the restaurant (no, wait, that was Bill Ketchum's defense).

Well, had you been at the SCALL Holiday Party on December 2, 2004 at San Gennaro Pasta Café & Bar in Culver City, you would have been treated to great food, great company, and you may have been lucky enough to win one of the two \$25 Starbuck's certificates donated by West.

Also at the party, Belinda Sanders, Law Librarian for the Long Beach City Attorney's Office, was awarded a life membership in SCALL in recognition for her many years of dedicated service to the profession.

Finally, in anticipation of an awesome conference in Palm Desert, our president-elect, Pauline Aranas, announced that hotel reservations were available for March 4-5 with a cost of \$139 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and \$149 beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> (for those wishing to stay through the end of the weekend).

All in all, the Party was great and we look forward to seeing you at next year's holiday bash!

### Van de Kamp (continued from page 7)

In a brief interview after the San Bernardino luncheon, Van de Kamp expressed supportiveness of county law libraries. He said he would like to communicate more with them, and feels they play a valuable role in providing access to justice for self-representing litigants.

Now in private practice at Dewey Ballantine in Los Angeles, Van de Kamp was the first federal public defender at Los Angeles and served as Los Angeles County district attorney from 1975 to 1983. He was state attorney general from 1983 until 1991.

### President's Column (continued from page 1)

#### Nominations

The Nominations Committee will soon be looking for candidates for Vice-President/President elect, Treasurer, and Member of the Board.

#### AALL

The Joint Reception in San Antonio is on Sunday before the Opening Reception. I hope many of you will be able to join me.

Finally, I would like to say a special thank you to Vicky Williamson and her wonderful crew for putting out an incredible newsletter. I know that it takes a lot of time and effort, and all of their hard work shows in each and every issue.



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