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SCALL Newsletter

President's Column

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Welcome to our 55th anniversary year! Yes, folks, SCALL has been around and thriving since 1953. To borrow a couple of political buzz words from the headlines, we have the *experience*, and we are truly a force for *change* in the law library community in Southern California and beyond. It's all thanks to the commitment and passion of volunteers like you.

Revisiting 2007 for a moment, it was great to see so many of you at the **Holiday Party** at the flagship Callender's Grille in mid-Wilshire. Despite the rain, it was a very well-attended party, and Ms. Callender's food was scrumptious. Thanks to David Burch for arranging everything, and special thanks to Doris Black (Continuing Education of the Bar) and Michele Lucero (Thomson West) for the party favors and door prizes. I did notice that all three winners of the Thomson West gifts were sitting in next to or across from Michele. Hmmm...

Now that the holidays are behind us and the New Year has begun, the big BIG event looming on the horizon is the **36th Annual SCALL Institute**. This year's Institute, *Think Inc.! Corporate Research Today*, promises to offer something for everyone. The event will be held at the spectacular Marriott Ventura Beach, in Ventura, California, on March 14th-15th, with pre-Institute workshops beginning the afternoon of the 13th.

There are so many reasons to attend this year's Institute, it's hard to know where to begin. The three pre-conference workshops promise to be jewels in the Institute's crown. Competitive intelligence is definitely a hot topic in the library world these days, and I know many of you will find *Competitive Intelligence: Nuts & Bolts* to be quite useful. Additionally, a generous grant from the AALL/BNA Continuing Education Grants Program has enabled us to offer the program *Think Risk: Assessing and Navigating Legal Risk in Law Libraries*. Dr. Tomas Lipinski, renowned scholar and author, will discuss potential liability issues in copyright, licensing, confidentiality, and malpractice, and the impact these issues have on law libraries. Last, but definitely not least, is the ever-popular Technical Services workshop held on Friday morning. This year's workshop will be moderated by Melody Lembke, Director of Collection Management Services at the Los Angeles County Law Library, and Leonette Williams, Associate Director of the Law Library for Collections and Technical Services, Barnett Information Center & Call Law Library, at the University of Southern California. The topic, *Is a Technical Services Reorganization in Your Future?*, is sure to stimulate a lively discussion in the light of recent, major law library reorganizations. Space is limited to 35 registrants per workshop, so make plans to reserve your spot right away.

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A new year has begun and for some of us with it comes a new job, a new boss, a new staff, or perhaps a new facility. Whether you're new at your job or working with a new boss, you are bound to have a new set of responsibilities, expectations and challenges. Whatever they may be it's best to view them as opportunities for learning new skills, gaining new knowledge and expanding one's network. The SCALL Institute has always been successful in providing its members with these same opportunities.

The venue for this year's Institute is Ventura Beach and the theme is *Think Inc!*. While this theme may seem remotely relevant to academic or public law libraries, SCALL has an excellent track record in putting together a program that meets its members' expectations, and this year's Institute promises to be no exception. The program will include pre-Institute workshops and sessions on topics that are both interesting and relevant to all law libraries. One of the Friday workshops is *Think Risk! Assessing and Navigating Legal Risks in Law Libraries* to be presented by Prof. Tomas Lipinski, author of *The Complete Copyright Liability Handbook for Librarians and Educators* (Neal Schuman, 2006).

So if you haven't registered yet, do so now. Experience tells me you'll be glad you did. Keep in mind that in addition to the programs, the Institute is the perfect venue to get to know SCALL and its members, and to learn about new products and product enhancements through the legal vendors' exhibits. Attending the Institute is the best way to get acclimated to the Southern California law library community particularly for those new to the profession or new SCALL members.

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Dean Donald Dunn—A Personal Remembrance

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I first met Donald Dunn when I went to work at the University of La Verne College of Law in the fall of 2003. Dean Dunn had assumed his position as dean of the law school only a few months earlier.

When I think about Dean Dunn, I think of a librarian who became a law school dean. He was not only a dean. Don Dunn was a down to earth person, a decent person, and these things showed through him as much as did his leadership, his scholarship and his determination. Don Dunn embodied the best qualities that I see in librarians as well as those qualities necessary to be a leader of an organization.

Don Dunn was not some law school dean, intimidating by his presence, impatient with fools, parsimonious with his time, consumed with the management of his school and with his scholarship. The Don Dunn that I knew was approachable and down to earth. He was fun. I remember one Halloween this figure, wearing a full-length costume and carrying a plastic jack o'lantern, walking the halls giving out candy. It was Dean Dunn. He was doing something I would expect most other law school deans would never do.

One picture of Dean Dunn that I like shows him with a smile on his face and his hands folded atop the classic book he co-authored, *Fundamentals of Legal Research*. He looks the real bibliophile, happy to be associated with books, proud to have authored a book. He looks friendly and kind. I think that picture captures a good-sized part of him.

The University of La Verne College of Law hired Don Dunn because he had extensive experience in the evaluation process through which the American Bar Association decided which schools would be granted its imprimatur as "ABA Approved." It was his job to see that ULV College of Law, previously denied accreditation twice by the ABA, would grasp the brass ring.

Don Dunn took the job knowing that there would be another ABA site inspection pursuant to accreditation only a few months after he became dean. There would be no real time prior to the inspection for him to make any changes he thought necessary. That ABA inspection in fall 2003 did not go well, and the College of Law was again denied. With that, it had been refused three times.



The University of La Verne had invested a large amount of money in the law school and was ready to invest more. The University no doubt wanted to see a return on its investment. The University no longer could tolerate being the spurned suitor. I really didn't know then, nor do I know now, how much stress this imposed upon Don Dunn. I think, however, though he did not admit it and did not show it, it was substantial.

When I came to the library on Saturdays, trying to catch up on my work, I would sometimes see Don Dunn there. He often came to his office on Saturday mornings. I would deliver the copies of the library's weekend newspapers that went to him and to the faculty lounge, and I would chat a few minutes with him. As I remember it, he had a picture of Muhammad Ali in his office that his son had given him,

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Dean Donald Dunn (cont.)

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and once we spent a few minutes talking about "The Greatest." As did the rest of faculty, staff and students, I found Don Dunn a very easy man with whom to talk.

Every Christmas, Dean Dunn had a catered party at his house in the hills above La Verne. He would invite the entire faculty and staff. They were beautiful parties. At them, I met his wife, Cheryl, a very friendly lady; and then at subsequent parties, Cheryl introduced my wife and me to their newly born grandson. Don and Cheryl Dunn were gracious hosts.

In the fall of 2005, the law school made another attempt at accreditation. This time the site inspection went much better. However, there was concern over the law school's fall bar passage rate. I remember seeing Dean Dunn outside the school taking his smoking breaks. He would be walking up and down the sidewalk immediately in front of the school. I thought he had quit smoking. He had, but then he started again.

I once asked Dean Dunn about what it was like anticipating the ABA's decision. He said that it was "hurry up and wait." He did not seem overly concerned. Yet, I think he must have been.

Sometime later, I was walking down the hallway of the faculty offices when I heard Don Dunn speaking on the telephone. He was saying to the caller that he would tell the President of the University. He had just been given the news that the ABA had granted provisional approval to the law school. It was February of 2006. For the University of La Verne College of Law, it was a dramatic turn of events. The University and the law school had struggled for this achievement. Money and time had been spent. Now, at last, the goal had been attained. The College of Law had become a "real law school." It had a brighter future. For Dean Dunn, the accreditation undoubtedly gave him tremendous satisfaction.

I left the employ of the College of Law in June 2006. Don

Dunn was diagnosed with lung cancer in January of 2007. A picture of Don Dunn at the law school's 2007 graduation shows him standing with one of the law school's students wearing a hat. He must have been undergoing chemotherapy at the time, but he was there at the graduation with his students.



In a profile of Dean Dunn for an earlier issue of the *SCALL Newsletter*, Margot McLaren had asked him where he saw himself five years hence. Don replied, "As dean of an ABA-accredited law school--the University of La Verne College of Law." Don Dunn did not live another five years, but he was the dean of an ABA-accredited law school--the University of La Verne College of Law--when he died.

I have heard it said that living well is the best revenge. Donald J. Dunn lived well. He certainly lived fully. He was a law librarian for many years. He was an author. And, he was the man who led the University of La Verne College of Law to its promised land. Above and beyond all those accomplishments, Don Dunn was a good man.

Don't Forget!

Sign up for the 36th Annual

SCALL Institute

Marriott Ventura Beach

March 14-15, 2008

"Think Inc.! Corporate Research Today"





President's Column (cont.)

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Once the Institute officially begins on the 14th, SCALL members will find a wealth of programming focusing on various aspects of corporate research. Those of us who are less familiar with the field will leave the Institute with a newfound knowledge of the types of documents and information that are important to know when doing corporate research, and most importantly, where to go to find them! Our seasoned colleagues who arrive at the institute with plenty of corporate research experience will not leave empty-handed either. For those veteran researchers we have planned programs that take a more in-depth look at major topics facing the corporate world today, such as Sarbanes-Oxley and the impact of white collar crime.

Combine insightful workshops, good food, the buzz of the Exhibit Hall, stimulating conversation with colleagues and friends, and informative programming with the beautiful Ventura Beach setting and its promise of wonderful shopping and scenery, and you will find plenty of reasons to attend the Institute. For those of who need that last and final enticement, join us in Ventura to catch up with the latest news from our national association, AALL. This year we are especially honored to have not one, but *two* VIP guests from AALL; James E. Duggan, AALL Vice President/President-Elect and Associate Director and Professor at the Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, and Kate Hagan, AALL Executive Director. Make sure you take some time to talk with them! Both James and Kate are eager to meet you and hear your suggestions and concerns about issues confronting the profession and the Association.

Registration packets should be arriving shortly, if they haven't already, so be sure to keep your calendars clear on March 14th-15th. Those of you who like to be "in the know" can find a wealth of SCALL Institute news at <http://www.scallinstitute.org>. It's *the* place to go to find the latest Institute updates, to book your hotel rooms, register for the Institute online, and scope out plenty of local attractions too. Be sure to check it out!

Do you need **funding** to attend the SCALL Institute? Judi Bikel, our Grants Chair, will be accepting applications for funding to attend the Institute from now until February 15th, 2008. SCALL grant recipients will be notified by February 22th. The application is available at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/pdf/scallgrant.pdf>.

In Library School news, Chair Cheryl Kelly has announced that the Library School Liaison Committee is accepting applications for this year's **Student Scholarships**. Applicants must live in Southern California, and be a currently enrolled graduate student in either the UCLA Department

of Information Studies or the San Jose State University School of Library & Information Science. For more details and a copy of the application form, visit <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/pdf/scholarship.pdf>. The application deadline is Friday, February 22, 2008.

Editor's Notes (cont.)

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Speaking of new members, in this issue, we are featuring Tina Jagerson and Kelly Keach, reference librarians of the San Diego County Public Law Library. Being new to the profession, both welcome the opportunity to meet other SCALL members and learn from their experience. Please give a warm welcome to them and to all the new members listed on page 8 of this issue.

Also in this issue, Ed Butler reports on the consumer law workshop held last month in Victorville. This is part of an ongoing series of workshops sponsored by the San Bernardino County Law Library for self-represented litigants.

Time and time again, we ask members to send in their articles and news, and to share their successes and accomplishments with our readers. Nothing is new for this year in this regard. We are always in need of member's contributions. Remember this is your newsletter and it needs articles, news stories, photos and everything else that is of interest to you and to the law library community.



Consumer Law Workshop Held in Victorville

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A special visitor from state government highlighted a consumer law workshop hosted by the Law Library for San Bernardino County in Victorville Jan. 23.

Maria Kennedy, representing the Contractors State License Board, offered wide-ranging pointers for homeowners engaging construction contractors to improve their homes.

In an ongoing series of workshops for self-representing litigants, the meeting also focused on the rights of breaching mortgagors and their tenants in the event of foreclosure, mortgage relief for those trying to keep their homes, and useful law library resources.

Kennedy emphasized that the law requires construction contractors to have a state license if the total value of the project, in labor and materials, is \$500 or more.

She said licensees carry pocket identification which allows the homeowner to check on them at the state board's web site. The consumer can check for complaints against the contractor as well as verify that the person is licensed.

The homeowner should draw upon "word of mouth" to identify a quality prospective contractor, Kennedy continued. At least three bids should be obtained for the sake of cost comparison. Each prospect should supply at least three references, and the owner should actually contact them, preferably including a project still under way.

Once the contractor has been chosen, a written contract needs to be drafted that is clear and specific in terms of work to be included, the materials to be used and colors to result, start and finish time, and payment arrangements. The owner should pay no more than 10 percent of the contract total cost to get the project started, should not allow payments to get ahead of schedule, and should withhold final payment until there is certainty that the project has

been completed satisfactorily. In the interest of paper trail, payment in cash must be avoided.

Kennedy said the homeowner himself should check to see if a building permit is required for the project. If so, the contractor should be required to obtain the permit from the regulating agency, to avoid owner/builder potential liability. In the event that the contractor has a problem pre-paying for necessary materials, the owner can circumvent that by making the purchase himself from the supplier.

Kennedy urged owners to keep a job file, including photos, to provide an evidence stream if needed.

As for responding to complaints, she said her board has jurisdiction only over licensed contractors, except for citing those working without license. Under the process, a caseworker evaluates a complaint and tries to negotiate a solution. Where that fails, an investigator is assigned to evaluate the complaint. A further step is to draw upon an industry expert if needed.

If the contractor fails to cooperate with a finding adverse to him, he can have his license suspended or revoked.

Kennedy said her board oversees approximately 310,000 contractors in the state and processes about 20,000 complaints per year. In 2006-07 the board obtained \$45 million in restitution for consumers, so "it does help to file a complaint," Kennedy said.

The rights of home occupants in the event of foreclosure were the workshop topic of Monica Mitchell, supervising attorney for self-help services at San Bernardino County Superior Court.

Mitchell said the home's occupant is entitled to a 20-day advance notice of an impending trustee sale of a defaulted property. The notice must be recorded on the property at least 14 days before the sale. A prospective purchaser contacts the trustee to make the purchase. The law exempts the mortgagor for a sale short of the pending mortgage obligation, but a sale exceeding that amount entitles the mortgagor to the difference.

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Maria Kennedy

(Photo courtesy of Maria Kennedy)



Membership News

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2007-2008 SCALL Membership Directory

We now have a current directory available on the web. As a reminder, the directory is password-protected. If you do not have a password, please complete the password request form, and submit it to Ramon Barajas. Click on the URL below:

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This directory version is a draft document that will form the basis for the print directory (published Spring 2008 through the generosity of Daily Journal Corporation). Please take time review your information and send any corrections or revisions to Pauline Aranas [paranas@law.usc.edu] by February 22, 2008. If you are not listed in the current directory, please send your renewal form and a check payable to SCALL Membership, PMB 334, 8391 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048.

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Welcome, New Members!

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Christina Rosas, Client Relations Manager at Portfolio Media, Inc., in New York, New York.

We welcome these new members from the San Diego County Public Law Library:

Robert Riger, Director.

Gail Lawrence, Assistant Director, Finance & Personnel.

Janet Liggett, Assistant Director, Technical Services.

Derek Antler, Circulation Supervisor.

Isabel Eustaquio, Reference Librarian.

Tina Jagerson, Reference Librarian.

Kelly Keach, Reference Librarian.

Chris Pickford, Cataloging Librarian.

Eric Bekins, Branch Librarian, Chula Vista Branch.

Barbara Tarvin, Branch Librarian, El Cajon Branch.

Cheryl Weeks-Frey, Branch Manager, Vista Branch.

Debra Morse, Reference Librarian, Vista Branch.

New Student Members

Amy Bernocco, Research Assistant, O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

Other News

Esfandiar Abbassi, formerly Reference Librarian at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld LLP, is now Librarian at the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General.

Sue Aspley, formerly Reference Librarian at University of La Verne Law Library, is now Reference Librarian at Western State University College of Law.

Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner, has relocated from the Los Angeles office to the San Francisco office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld LLP.

Kevin Gerson, has been appointed Director of the Hugh & Hazel Darling Law Library, UCLA School of Law. Kevin served as a reference librarian at the Law Library for nine years. In 2006, he became the Director of Reference and Research Services. This past year, he served as Acting Director of the Law Library.

Cynthia Guyer, formerly Rulings Editor for Daily Journal Corporation, is now a Law Librarian — Research Services at USC Law Library.

Lee Nemchek, formerly Information Resources Manager at Morrison & Foerster LLP, is now Vice President, Records Management at Oaktree Capital Management, LP in Los Angeles.

Sarah Rankin, formerly Assistant Librarian at Proskauer Rose LLP, is now Librarian at Sherman & Howard LLC in Denver.

Hugh Treacy, Associate Director at Whittier Law School Library, Costa Mesa, is a candidate for General Board Member, ALL-SIS of AALL.



Consumer Law Workshop (cont.)

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Mitchell emphasized that neither defaulting mortgagor nor tenant can be forced off the property without adherence to proper eviction procedure. Once the occupant has been served with an unlawful detainer (UD) lawsuit, it could take several months for the procedure to be completed.

Mitchell said the defaulting home purchaser has the choice of moving out voluntarily, contacting the buyer to try to rent the property, or waiting out the eviction process.

The tenant of the defaulting owner has similar right of possession. Once the UD lawsuit is filed, there would be approximately 45-60 days in which to move, Mitchell said. Once the sheriff serves notice of the UD judgment, there is a formal allowance of five days to get out or it might take longer before forcible removal.

Once a sale is complete, rent is owed to the new owner and lessees are entitled to a 30 to 60-day notice of eviction, Mitchell said. Depending on circumstances, a UD defendant might be entitled to a court fee waiver for responding. Tenants are entitled to security deposit refunds within three weeks or can sue in small claims court to recover.

A meeting attendee was concerned about the credit taint a tenant might suffer from a UD judgment. It was suggested that moving out before the lawsuit would avoid that.

Regarding ideas of forestalling foreclosure, it was suggested that mortgagors contact the lender to see if payment arrangements can be changed.

Mitchell noted that other scope areas of the court's resource centers for self-representing litigants, besides landlord/tenant matters, include family law, guardianship and small claims.

County Law Librarian Lawrence Meyer provided an overview of sources the library provides that are useful to people representing themselves. These include self help books designed for the non-attorney, a web site featuring many government links including official state court forms and other state agencies, and a live online service, "Ask the Law Librarian," for posing research questions to the state's network of county law libraries.

The workshop's co-sponsors included Inland Counties Legal Services, Legal Aid Society of San Bernardino, A Better Way Domestic Shelter, the Law Library for San Bernardino County, and the San Bernardino County Superior Court.



Allow Me to Introduce Myself

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I've been working as a librarian at the San Diego County Public Law Library (SDCPLL) for a little over a year now, something I never imagined doing. But, I feel life takes you where you need to go, even if you're not sure where that may be until you get there.

I was born in Lakewood, California, but grew up in Wichita, Kansas, Scottsdale, Arizona, and Boise, Idaho, before returning to southern California after high school. I ended up in Huntington Beach and began working at Western Airlines in Los Angeles. It was a long commute, but the pay and especially the travel perks made the commute worth it. Unfortunately, Delta bought Western and unless I wanted to move to Atlanta, which I didn't, I had to find another job.

This time I looked for something a little closer to home and found a job at the Huntington Beach Police Department. After working there for almost eight years in the Records and Traffic Divisions, I was well aware that it was not my destiny. Being the person I am, rather than attending school at night and continue working, I simply quit my secure job and went back to school at thirty. Between student loans and family, I was able to attend UCLA. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications with a minor in English in June 2000.

After graduating, I took a job with Priority Networks, Inc., a high-speed Internet company, and moved to San Francisco. What an adventure. I lived across the street from the Moscone Convention Center downtown. I also had the privilege of living in a rent-free company apartment for the entire year and a half I was there. I had an amazing time and learned a great deal about computers and the Internet. Not only that, I met my boyfriend of seven years who worked for the same company; we had our first date on my birthday and have been together ever since.

By the time I decided to leave Priority Networks, I'd been out of school for two years. I had always considered attending law school and felt it was time to head in that direction. So once again I quit my job to attend school. I applied at UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law and was accepted in 2002. The tuition was more than half the price of any school in southern California, and that was even with out-of-state status the first year. While in law school, I received the CALI award for my research paper in international law on female genital mutilation, and the Dean's



(Photo courtesy of Tina Jagerson)

award for my contribution to the Criminal Law Society student organization, which I started and headed for almost two years. I successfully received my Juris Doctor in 2005.

I knew even upon beginning law school that I most likely wouldn't pursue the traditional legal career. Upon graduation, I got a position at the Nevada Cancer Institute (NVCi) working as a research coordinator for various projects. My dad had died of stomach cancer and this job came along the same time my uncle was diagnosed with brain cancer. I could work in a field in which I had a personal interest, as well as one that considered health, well-being and work/life balance crucial elements to success. I was able to apply my legal background and the researching skills I learned in law school to many different topics and projects, as well. It seemed like the perfect fit for me – the right job at the right time.

After only eight months at NVCi, my boyfriend, who was by this time a Special Agent with the FBI, was being transferred to San Diego. Although I enjoyed living in Las Vegas, I was thankful that his "mandatory" transfer didn't end up taking us to Detroit or New York, no offense.

After moving to San Diego, I began looking for a job. I had no idea what I wanted to do here and only dreamed of finding a job as rewarding as NVCi. I was hired for a part-

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Who are you really, and what were you before? What did you do and what did you think, huh?

I am an over-educated reference librarian, or when are you going to decide what to do with your life?

Being a reference librarian at the San Diego County Public Law Library is the first step toward a fulfilling career that only took 4 years of college, 2 post-graduate degrees, and 13 years of after-college experience to find.

I went to Pomona College where I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. I loved to read and I was interested in everything so history seemed the most appropriate. I even took history of theatre for my Fine Arts requirement. I had my first library work experience here. In the summer between my Junior and Senior Years, I worked in the Science Library. I enjoyed the work, but at that time, I couldn't see myself as a librarian.

I was adrift after college, getting a job only when the student loans came due. Thus began my seven years of working for home improvement centers. I was out of my comfort zone, but I learned a great deal, met people I never would have, and learned how to deal with the public. The last has been invaluable in my current position because everyday I deal with a wide swath of people. After dealing with arguing couples and customers waiting five deep in the middle of summer in a building without air conditioning, I learned that staying calm, listening to your patron or customer, and talking to them honestly will solve almost any problem.

There was a decided lack of advancement possibilities in home improvement if I wanted to stay in San Diego. Many friends from college had gone to law school, so I decided to try it. I enjoyed the law, but no particular field grabbed me. I thought International Law was right, but it ended up being too theoretical. Then I tried a tax class and thought estate planning was my calling. I was advised to get an LL.M if I wanted to practice tax law in a major city. My wife, Laura, and I looked at several possibilities and decided on the University of Washington program.

My year as a Husky was a lot of fun and a great growing experience. Laura and I bought our first house in a great area called Ballard near the locks into Lake Washington. Seattle was a great city, but we returned to San Diego after graduation. We decided to start a family, and both of ours are from San Diego, so back we went.



(Photo courtesy of Kelly Keach)

But without having passed the California Bar, it was difficult to find work, so I started working at a local Borders Books. I met some great people and they gave me enough time to study and pass the Bar, finally. Plus, they have a great discount policy!

Despite enjoying Borders, I knew I had to do something more with my life and education for my family and myself. I was hired by the San Diego County Public Law Library last year as a substitute reference librarian. I enjoyed everyone I was working with at the four branches and liked the challenge and variety that each day brought, so I applied when a full time librarian position opened. Luckily for me, the Library decided to hire both Tina and myself. I really think I have found my calling after so many years. I am looking forward to many years assisting people with their legal research and I am hoping to begin work on my Masters in Library and Information Sciences at San Jose State University this fall.

I am a family man, or wait, when did I turn into my dad?

The two most important people in my life are my wife of almost five years, Laura, and my son. Laura and I met while we were working for Home Depot Expo Design Center in San Diego. After a lengthy courtship, we were married in September 2003. They inspire me to try and make each day better than the last. We enjoy going to our local parks and the San Diego Zoo.

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Tina Jagerson (cont.)

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time position at SDCPLL and thought that would be the ideal job while studying for the bar exam, and until I found...something else. Little did I know that "something else" was exactly what I had just stumbled upon!

Once I learned my way around SDCPLL, I realized how much I really enjoyed the work. I had never thought of such a position as a career; however, considering my unusual path out of law school, it wasn't surprising that I found law librarianship so gratifying. As luck would have it, a full-time position opened up.

I have been working full-time now for almost seven months and love it. It definitely has its ups and downs, but overall, the work is interesting and rarely boring. One of the most challenging aspects of working at a law library is finding the most useful and efficient means to help patrons without actually giving them legal advice. Nevertheless, I had no idea I would enjoy working as a reference librarian as much as I do, especially in a law library such as SDCPLL where I can also apply my legal background; it's the best of both worlds.

My newfound interest in librarianship has led me to yet another new adventure. I recently applied for and have been accepted into San Jose State University's MLIS distance learning program, Fall 2008. I anticipate completing my degree by 2011 and using my education to become more involved in the field and contribute as much as possible to its growth.

Kelly Keach (cont.)

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I am a seeker of new experiences, or what is that pretty thing over there?

I have a lot of interests and hobbies, but they all can be reduced down to one thing: searching for the unknown. Whether it is a new movie, a new book, or a buried baseball or other sports fact, I enjoy discovering new things. And not just discovering; the searching is at least half the fun.

I read a combination of genre (science fiction, fantasy, and horror) fiction, sports history and statistics, and history. Works from small press genre publishers are my favorite. Their books are so well made and/or specially illustrated. Plus, since they are written and published for a narrow au-

dience, the books can take more risks.

With sports, I love finding out about the past. I think sports are a great window for seeing how society changes throughout time. Also, I like discovering players unappreciated by history. In fact, I have spent the last four years involved in the Hall of Merit. It's a project through BaseballThinkFactory.org to refigure the Baseball Hall of Fame in light of current advanced statistics pioneered by Bill James and Baseball Prospectus. I have "met" a number of great people and we have found out things previously unknown, such as a method for translating Negro League statistics into a National or American League context.

Lastly, I greatly enjoy foreign, genre, and independent movies. I enjoy Asian movies, especially martial arts, historical, and crime thrillers. I like genre movies, though I have pretty high standards. Genre movies are a great way to discover new directors. For example, I was first exposed to Guillermo Del Toro with his vampire movie *Cronos* back in the mid-90s or to Peter Jackson with the movies *Dead Alive* and *Beautiful Creatures*.

Anyway, that's a little bit about me. Thanks for reading. Hope to meet you at an upcoming SCALL event!





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Part-Time Library Assistant, Public Services Department; San Diego County Public Law Library; San Diego, January 30

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