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From the President ... Hugh J. Treacy

Happy New Year to all SCALL members! I hope that each of you is off to a great start in 2011.

Before time marches on, however, I want to thank Michael Saint-Onge and Michelle Tolley for planning the well-attended holiday party at CASA Restaurant downtown on December 14, 2010. It was a very convenient location; the atmosphere was festive, and the food was delicious! Thank you all who came to celebrate and socialize!

Preparations are underway for the 2011 SCALL Institute to be held at the Temecula Creek Inn in Temecula, California on March 18-19, 2011. Vice President On behalf of the SCALL Board, I Mark Gediman has chosen his Program subcommittee and Publicity chairperson. I will be assisting Mark, Larry Meyer, and Lynn Merring with program content and speakers. As in past years at this time, the Vice President is busy selecting members of other subcommittees necessary to organize, plan and execute the event. I hope that many SCALL members will step forward to help Mark prepare for this interesting educational program. Mark will also provide SCALL webmaster Ramon Barajas with material to post on the SCALL website to make it easier for you to learn more about the Institute, reserve a hotel room,

and register for the event. You will be notified once that information has been posted.

I am working with the SANDALL and NOCALL leadership to plan a joint Institute to be held in 2012. At this preliminary stage of the planning, we are discussing broad issues such as the costs to be borne by each organization as well as possible geographic locations for this event



would like to press our deepest condolences to SCALL member Rhonda K. Lawrence and her family at news of the death of Rhonda's husband, Arthur Rosett, Professor Emeritus at UCLA, who died on January 4th. The SCALL Board has authorized a contribution on behalf of SCALL to one of two charities suggested by Rhonda's family in lieu of flowers.

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Submission Deadlines

We welcome the submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Patricia Pelz Hart, *SCALL Newsletter Editor*: hart@chapman.edu

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

March 14, 2011 May 9, 2011 September 12, 2011 November 14, 2011 January 9, 2012 Mar. / Apr. 2011 issue May / June 2011 issue Sept. / Oct. 2011 issue Nov. / Dec. 2011 issue Jan. / Feb. 2012 issue

Editor's Notes ... by Patricia Pelz Hart



Welcome to the new year and the new decade! Law librarianship is a good career choice for those interested in knowledge and organization and legal principles. In this issue, SCALL librarians, as always, share their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Learn what one librarian did to organize knowledge at the Los Angeles District Attorney office. Read about the metamorphosis of a 1971 building duckling into a 21st century building swan. Offer potential new librarians an online path to a library degree through a program in Alabama. As always, SCALL and AALL notices encourage readers to network and benefit from our strong professional ties.

And have fun. Watch a movie about the law. Match your wits and reference skills upon one library's best reference questions. Take friends and family to the gorgeous federal courthouse in Pasadena, on a Saturday. And, for those of you with lawns to mow or hillsides to clear, look at photos showing one library's four-legged solution. Enjoy!

SCALL Call for Nominations 2011-2012

The nominations committee needs your help!

We are ready to set a slate for 2011-2012, and the following positions will be up for election:

- **Vice President/President-Elect** (must be a member of AALL and have served as a SCALL officer, Board Member, or committee chair)
- Treasurer
- Board Member

If you are interested in running for office or know someone who is, please let us know by sending an e-mail to Jim Senter (jsenter@jonesday.com) by **Feb. 28th**

Save the Date: 2011 SCALL Institute

2011 SCALL INSTITUTE

Special Guest: Joyce Janto, AALL President

When: March 18-19, 2011

Where: Temecula Creek Inn, Temecula, CA

Theme: "Let the Sun Shine In: California Municipal & Public Agency Law & Practice."

Topics include: Election Law, Public Records, Open Meetings and CEQA

- Members of SANDALL/NOCALL/WESTPAC/AZALL can register at the SCALL member price of \$99
- Registration site: http:scallinstitute11.eventbee.com
- ♦ Hotel site: http://tinyurl.com/46zfxq3 or call 1-877-517-1823. Our group code is 1703SOCAL.
- Institute webpage: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/Institute/institute.htm

Need more information: Mark.Gediman@bbklaw.com

Women and the Law Conference

WOMEN AND THE LAW CONFERENCE AT THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF LAW

"Gender Justice and Indian Sovereignty: Native American Women and the Law"

Friday, February 18, 2011 10th Anniversary Conference

This one-day conference, the first at TJSL's **brand-new state-of-the-art building** in downtown San Diego, will feature the annual Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture by **Interim Associate Dean Stacy** Leeds, University of Kansas School of Law. Dean Leeds is a former Justice of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court and currently serves as chief judge of three Indian Nation tribal courts.

Two dozen speakers, all deeply experienced leaders of Indian Nation Tribal courts, governments, business, law practice, and academia.

Issues affecting American Indian women, including:

Gender-related violence Indian Country law enforcement

Development of Tribal courts, governments, and businesses

Intersection of Native identity, civil rights, sexism, and racism

Free shuttle service between the conference hotel, The Handlery (conference rate available), and the law school.

A full list of speakers, conference schedule, and a registration link are at http://www.tjsl.edu/wlc2011

Membership News ... by Judy K. Davis

Welcome new members!

Refugio Acker-Ramirez

Assistant Librarian

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld LLP

Sally Doyle

Reference Librarian

Jackson Lewis

Young Lee

Reference & Electronic Services Librarian

University of La Verne College of Law, Law Library

David Nicholson

Librarian

Hunton & Williams LLP

Michelle Tolley

Technical Services Librarian

Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP

Welcome new student members!

Antoinette Morales

Loyola Law School

Nina Scholtz

UCLA Graduate School of Education & Information Studies Department of Information Studies

Alyssa Thurston

University of Washington Gallagher Law Library

Other News:

Legislative Research, Inc. is changing its name to

Legislative Research & Intent LLC

1107 9th Street, Suite 220

Sacramento, CA 95814

Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP is now known as **SNR Denton**.

Michelle Tolley is now Technical Services Librarian at Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP.

Any corrections, changes, or additions to your membership information, as well as any announcements for Membership News, should be sent to: Judy K. Davis, Chair, SCALL Membership

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spread the word

about the benefits and opportunities of being a SCALL member ...

get a colleague to join SCALL ... only \$30/year

an application is available at:

http://aallnet.org/chapter/scall/pdf/ membership.pdf

A Day in the Life Photo Contest 2011

It's time for the "A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community" photo contest, sponsored by the AALL Public Relations Committee. The contest is open to all AALL members, from every type of law library (academic, government, court, private, etc.) During the month of February 2011, AALL members are encouraged to take a variety of photographs of law librarians working, meeting, teaching, and doing all that law librarians do.

Enter your digital or print photographs by **February 28, 2011,** in any of the following categories:

- Librarians as information evaluators and managers
- 2. Librarians as expert researchers
- 3. Librarians as teachers and trainers
- Librarians as trailblazers in new technology
- 5. The artistry of librarianship
- 6. Most humorous

The photographs can be black and white, or color images.

When taking the photographs, make note of the time and date of each photo. Electronic submissions are preferred. Electronic entries must be digital image files of photographs or scans of photographs in JPEG format with a resolution of 300 dots per inch (dpi), a minimum size of 1536 x 2048 pixels, and a maximum file size of 1 MB.

Paper entries must be postmarked by February 28 and mailed to AALL Headquarters.

The entries will be judged in two rounds.

Members of the Public Relations Committee will do preliminary judging of entries in March.

Then during National Library Week,

(April 10-16, 2011 with the theme,

"Create your own story @ your library") the Committee will post the top five photographs from each of the six categories to AALLNET for all current AALL members to vote on.

Further info: www.aallnet.org/dayinlife

2011 AALL Management Institute

Manage with Confidence

From transforming libraries and nurturing staff for new roles and responsibilities to developing a strategic plan for the library to building partnerships, new law library managers have a lot on their plates. The 2011 AALL Management Institute, to be held April 7-9, in Chicago, will provide new and aspiring managers with the opportunity to collaborate with your colleagues from all types of law libraries and develop the skills you need to manage with confidence today.

Learn how to:

Build and nurture a professional network
Develop effective communication
Negotiate and handle difficult situations
Develop a strategic plan
Take on project management
Champion the library's role within the institution and build partnerships

The registration deadline is March 7, and the number of attendees will be capped at 50. Don't wait – register today!

(Registration link: http://www.regonline.com/Mgmt Inst/)

AALL Nominations

AALL Nominations Committee Seeks Candidates for Office

AALL is looking for the next leaders of the Association. If you, or someone you know, have proven leadership experience, commitment to law librarianship, and demonstrated ability to think strategically, please consider serving on the AALL Executive Board.

The Nominations Committee is asking members to nominate individuals who would make strong candidates for the 2011 <u>AALL Executive Board</u> election for the offices of vice president/president-elect, and two Executive Board members.

If you or someone you know is ready to serve on the AALL Executive Board, let the Nominations Committee know. The chair of this year's committee is Kelly Browne of the Sacramento County Public Law Library. You can email her with your nomination. The committee is accepting nominations through March 1, 2011. The election will be held in November 2011, for three-year terms beginning July 2012.

Heard Around Town ... by Larry Meyer



On a sad note, this column begins with special condolences to long-time SCALL member and UCLA's Head Catalog and Metadata Librarian, **Rhonda Lawrence**, on the recent passing of both her mother and her husband. Rhonda, please know that our deepest condolences and sincerest best

wishes go out to you and your family.

Our San Diego members have been busy of late with job changes and retirements. As noted in the last SCALL Newsletter, **Fay Henexson** has retired from her position with the Attorney General's Office. Shortly after her announcement, **Nanna Frye**, the long time law librarian at the Fourth District Court of Appeals in San Diego announced her retirement. Over the years, Nanna has served on both the SCALL and SANDALL Boards and has been an ardent advocate on our behalf with vendors as

well as a mentor to many. Knowing how busy of a person Nanna is, it is reas-

suring to



Nanna Frye on the Cactus Tour

know that she will not remain idle and has many plans for her retirement, including bike trips with her husband.

Former SCALL Treasurer, **Michelle Schmidt**, was recently appointed by **John Adkins**, the Director of the San Diego County Public Law Library (SDCPLL), to the newly created position of Deputy Director. One of Michelle's first projects will be the remodel of SDCPLL's main location. In anticipation of that remodel, the SDCPLL will be hosting an "Empty House Party" on February 10th.

Hopefully, many SCALL members will be able to attend. Congratulations to Michelle and the entire SDCPLL team!

One of our former law library colleagues and former SCALL President, **Jan Goldsmith**, was amongst those spied at the recent ALA Mid-Winter meeting in San Diego. If you attended either Mid-Winter or the AALS meeting in San Francisco, please share your thoughts with me on which exhibits or new products caught your attention as they may be mentioned in a future "Heard Around Town."

As always, please feel free to send me any news you might have for the next issue: larrym@sblawlibrary.org

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Goats Clear the Hills at the Chambers Courthouse in Pasadena

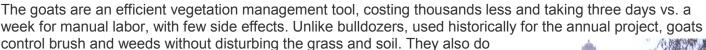
[We could not resist including this. The Richard H. Chambers Courthouse in Pasadena was the subject of an article in the Nov. / Dec. 2010 SCALL Newsletter.]

GSA Deploys Goat Herd to Save Energy, Money

The extreme overgrowth and underbrush on the hillside behind the Richard H. Chambers U.S. Courthouse in Pasadena, California, prompted GSA's Pacific Rim Region property management to take guick action to avoid summer fires.

Ultimately, the choice was easy: Use a herd of goats. The decision meant a cost-saving to taxpayers over hiring manual labor and proved to be better for the environment than bull-dozers.

The unusually wet winter and spring caused the overgrowth, which, in California, always means the risk of summer wildfires and grass fires because of tinder underbrush.



not pollute or leave synthetic chemicals that could run off into lakes and streams or be ingested by other animals.

Before deploying the animals to the courthouse, GSA reached out to neighbors to let them know about the herd of four-legged critters.

"They were tickled and impressed with the idea," said acting Regional Administrator Jeffrey E. Neely, of GSA's Pacific Rim. "The clerk of the Court watched the goats depart and said she'd be happy to see them back again—the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

GSA is using innovative and sustainable practices for vegetation management, getting a lot closer to its zero environmental footprint goal. (http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/149785)



9th Circuit Courthouse in Pasadena Opens for Saturday Tours

The Richard H. Chambers Courthouse in Pasadena will offer public tours during one Saturday a month, beginning Feb. 26, 2011

- Visit the Mural Room, Courtrooms, Library, Dining Room, Clerk's Office
- View a Video and Photos
- ♦ Listen to Music of the 1920's
- Courthouse is located at 125 S. Grand Ave., Pasadena, CA
- Tours are led by a court docent
- Tours are open to groups and individuals
- Free
- Advance reservation required for each participant, with individual names
- For reservations and further information, contact court docent Steven Sarnicola, phone 213-713-0212

SCALL HAS TIES TO THE RICHARD H. CHAMBERS COURTHOUSE IN PASADENA

SCALL's annual business meeting is held at the courthouse

SCALL Newsletter, Nov. / Dec. 2010 had an article on the courthouse

VISIT THE COURTHOUSE WITH TIME TO SAVOR IT. TAKE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



Surprising Alabama: ALA-Accredited MLIS by Synchronous Distance Education through University of Alabama ... by Bill Ketchum



Bill Ketchum in front of the President's Mansion at AU

Of the 57 MLIS programs that are ALA-accredited, 19 allow a student to earn the degree entirely online. The University of Alabama program I attended does this **synchronously** -- professors and students in various time zones communicate "in class" together via their computers with headphones and microphones. Using the same system or by telephone, students meet with other students to prepare group projects.

The professors are very accessible for individual consultations and advice. Students and professors present to the entire class, complete with PowerPoint, handouts, and immediate question and answer periods, impossible in an **asynchronous** situation. The voices of students and professors convey to each other a shared enthusiasm for the profession, the pleasures of learning, and much more.

The whole **School of Library and Information Studies** has fewer than 400 students; each online cohort at present consists of only about 40 students. The group picture taken during the single, required four-day visit to campus for orientation helps members of the class connect voices to faces during the next two years. Those who travel to Alabama for their graduation ceremony, as I did in 2009, see old friends and foster what will be long-term professional relationships.

The library service to distance education students of University of Alabama is nothing short of phenomenal; librarians are specially trained for this, and the collection is vast. You request a book or an article electronically, and it arrives quickly, either physically or electronically. For physical materials, you pay only return postage, at the library rate.

The program consists of 36 semester units of coursework. No thesis is required, although a student may choose to take a few units of "directed research," meeting regularly with a professor during a semester and producing a paper at the end. Students normally attend class twice a week beginning at 6:00 p.m. Central Time (4:00 p.m. Pacific Time) and complete the degree requirements in two years. For many, this schedule enables them to continue to work full time, especially if the employer provides the computer, the Internet connection, and the appropriate space.

The cost of obtaining an ALA-accredited MLIS varies significantly by school. At the two California-based schools, it is over \$20,000. At Drexel (online), it is over \$40,000. The online program at University of Alabama currently costs about \$12,000. Like Drexel and San Jose State, the University of Alabama charges out-of-state students no more than it charges in-state students for the distance education program.

The quality of education at the University of Alabama program is high and innovative. Prof. Steven MacCall coordinates distance education there and teaches at least two courses to most of the students. On January 8 at the ALA Midwinter conference in San Diego, he received the student-driven award, *Library Journal* 2010 Teacher of the Year, sponsored



Steven MacCall and Bill Ketchum at the award ceremony, Jan. 8, 2011, San Diego. Photo by Beth Riggs.

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by ProQuest. (See the *LJ* article at http://tinyurl.com/24e2la6, which also describes the Alabama distance education program.)

Prof. MacCall and the other faculty members are preparing new librarians for the profession as it evolves with information technology. In addition to the traditional courses such as Organization of Information, Reference, Collection Development, Cataloging, and Management, and those on law, medical, academic, and public libraries, you can take Metadata, Media in Libraries, and other innovative courses.

I named this article "Surprising Alabama..." because as I got to know the state through the University, I replaced a prejudice with an affection. As the program Director Elizabeth Aversa says, "Alabama is not what you think."

The University is a vibrant, up-to-date academic community that draws students from the entire region. From 2000 to 2009, its enrollment grew from 19,000 to 28,000. With distance no longer a barrier, it will draw more students from across the country. Prof. Aversa adds that scholarships are available, even to distance education students.

There is still time to apply for fall 2011 admission. GRE scores can sometimes be obtained in as few as 20 days from the time you register for the test. The deadline for a completed application packet for the Alabama program is **April 15**. Visit www.slis.ua.edu for more information.

Bill Ketchum is Reference and Faculty Services Librarian at the University of La Verne College of Law in Ontario

SCALL Scholarships

Scholarships for Library School Students Interested in Law Librarianship

The SCALL Library School Liaison Committee is now accepting applications for this year's student scholarships. If you know any library degree candidates who are planning a career in law librarianship, please encourage them to apply!

Applicants must live in Southern California
Applicants must be a currently enrolled graduate
student in either the UCLA Department of Information Studies or a distance/online library
school program.

For further information, please see the application form, which is posted on the SCALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/scall/.

Deadline for applications is **March 7, 2011**. Please contact Michelle Gorospe, gorospe@law.ucla.edu with any questions.

L.A.C.D.A. Librarian ... by Karen Corwin



Recently, I received a 20-year service award from the **Los Angeles County District Attorney's** office. It's a pin with the County seal, and a "small" ruby.

In 1990, I was the first real "librarian" hired for the District Attorney's Office. Then (as now) the office consisted of about 1,000 Deputy District Attorneys, spread out all over Los Angeles County. Since the practice of law at the DA's office is quite a different environment from a law firm (and highly bureaucratic), I had to quickly learn the basics, and terminology, of criminal law. I had to quickly assess the basic information needs of criminal prosecutors, and determine what books and resources are available to them. The attorneys here prosecute everything ranging from violent

crimes to frauds (all kinds) and public corruption.

I am a "solo" librarian, responsible for reference and Westlaw or Lexis assistance, recommending book purchases and ordering, vendor liaison, catalog and holdings information, and invoice tracking and approval. I also train the law clerks on the book resources available to them. There was no catalog when I arrived, so I created one using, first, Paradox, and then MS Access.

In addition, I make periodic visits to every DA office library in the County. We're located in every courthouse in Los Angeles County. That breaks down to 23 branch and area locations (ranging from Lancaster, to Pomona, Compton and Long Beach, to Malibu, Van Nuys and Santa Clarita), 9 juvenile offices, special units such as Appellate Division, Major Frauds, Consumer Protection, and various other smaller special units, mostly located in downtown Los Angeles.

Many of the cases the attorneys try in court are high profile and are given wide public exposure. Often deputy DAs are interviewed on TV in front of the courthouse. I was the librarian during the infamous **O.J. Simpson trial**. In fact, my name was read into the record, when a Deputy DA testified about my research that revealed the world-wide exposure the case was getting in 1995 (imagine that case now, with the Internet, Twitter, Facebook, and everything else!). More recently, I was librarian during the **Phil Spector trials**. In that case, I assisted the attorneys with obtaining information (including transcripts of testimony) on expert witnesses. Often, I help the attorneys by obtaining older copies of statutes (many times out-of-state) for "three strikes" purposes.

My first major project was to create a catalog with complete library holdings. Until I arrived, no one knew exactly what titles we were subscribing to, how many copies, where they were going, or how much we were paying for them. I personally inventoried every book title, how many copies we were receiving, and which library held a copy. (I did not create call numbers.) I found that we were subscribing to over 300 copies of advance sheets, which was considered a "perk" for high-ranking deputies (attorneys) and over 600 sets of CALJIC jury instructions. (We have since cut way back on these titles.) I saved the County quite a bit of money with subscription cancellations!

Another of my projects is invoice tracking. I created a system using Quicken where I list every invoice by title and by the location that received it. This way, I can easily access to which office each title was sent, how many copies, and what was spent. Our library budget grew over the years to over \$500,000, but now, due to budget cuts, it is down to one-quarter of that amount.

In recent years, Westlaw and Lexis access has been given to every deputy and paralegal. We have therefore canceled many of our book subscriptions, maintaining only 3 (three) libraries (the main library, called the Joseph P. Busch Law Library, Appellate Division, and Major Frauds). My position is now much less book-oriented. The other branch and area courthouse libraries have been archived

My current project is the creation of an Expert Witness database. For many years, attorneys have been asking for transcripts of testimony by defense experts on various topics, such as Battered Women's Syndrome, Child Sexual Abuse, DNA, DUI, eyewitness ID, memory, false confessions, gangs, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and a host of other topics. Many times I find transcripts of testimony on our in-house case tracking system. I then scan them and upload them to

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our Intranet, where our deputies can easily access them from their own computer. I also search for background information, including articles they've written, on the expert using the Internet, Wexis, and other sources. So far, I have uploaded approximately 400 transcripts to the Intranet.

It's been a rewarding job here at the DA's office. The work is often interesting, the people are nice to work with, and I feel secure knowing that I have played a small part in helping make Los Angeles County safer for our families and communities.

Karen Corwin is District Attorney Law Librarian at the Joseph P. Busch Law Library, Los Angeles County District Attorney	

The Orange County Public Law Library ... text by Patricia Hart, photos by Tracie Hall



Maryruth Storer

The **Orange County Public Law Library** serves the judiciary, the legal community and the public from its location in the heart of the Santa Ana Civic Center. The library, at 515 North Flower Street, Santa Ana, is in building #32 in the civic center. The director is **Maryruth Storer**. She is a dedicated SCALL member, who has been the director since July 1988.

The OCPLL merits admiration and respect for many different reasons. The library's collection is extensive and growing, with legal resources in print, alternative formats, and online. The library's staff

is knowledgeable, helpful, and committed to the highest standards of service. And the library's journey from its former cramped space to its current stunning facility is a model to admire and study.



Exterior View

A Well Planned Expansion

The Orange County Public Law Library began in 1891. By the early years of the 21st century, the library was in a 28,084 square foot building that dated to 1971. Staff office space was minimal, collection growth space was virtually non-existent, furniture had been in use since 1971, and never ending remedial efforts were required for the pre-personal computer building to function in the electronic age.

The library's trustees began discussing expansion in 1998. The need for more space was great. But the library building was located in the middle of the civic center, hemmed in by existing public buildings, parking lots, and an elevated pedestrian plaza. Options seemed few as to where an expansion could physically go.

Architect Ralph Allen & Partners came up with a creative plan. A multi-story addition of modest depth was added to the building's rear, and space was dug out underground.

The original plan called for a two-story underground, but due to various factors, the new underground space had to remain all on the same level. The result was one huge room that is easy to navigate. In total, 19,370 square feet were added to the building.

Although interior space increased by almost 69%, only the relatively small rear addition is visible on the exterior. The bulk of the new space comes from the enormous basement room located under the parking lot. People walking through the parking lot and admiring the windows in the back of the library may not realize they are, in fact, standing above the underground stacks.

Excavation, construction, and collection relocation took place from spring 2004 – fall 2006. Construction was planned so most books had to be moved only once. New furniture was delivered in March 2007, and the open house was held the next month.

Library staff stretched themselves to work around construction and then to move the collection, with minimal disruption. Except for two months of reduced hours in early 2006, the expansion was completed with virtually no interruption in normal hours.

The expansion was paid for by the library itself. With farseeing restraint, the library saved a portion of filing fees for decades. The accumulated funds, with interest, were applied to the enlarged facility.

Today, library patrons and staff make use of a transformed building. Although it remains surrounded on all sides by the civic center, the current Orange County Public Law Library is a spacious and airy facility, with ample room for staff and patrons, and with years of growth space for the collection.

3rd Floor – Lobby



Entrance

"""The building's main entrance, which faces the pedestrian plaza, opens onto a lobby on the third floor of the library. The lobby and 3rd floor are decorated with sixteen paintings of local Orange County scenes. The paintings are reproductions, on loan from the Irvine Art Museum.

""""Off the lobby are two areas which are accessible to visitors without entering the library proper. The library administration suite is entered from the right side of the lobby. A public lounge and bathrooms are on the left. An elevator, which provides access from the ground level parking lot, opens in the lobby.



Public Services Desk

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Handouts



Third floor stacks

Public catalog terminals



Third floor annex seating

Computer lab



3rd Floor Space Combines the Old and New

Turnstiles in the lobby lead directly into the library and the large and busy public services desk. Two staffers at a time are generally on reference duty. Reference offices and stacks are near the desk.

The **main reading room** is to the right, perpendicular to the public services desk. A glass wall between the room and the desk helps to block sound. Stacks, both tall and low, enclose several tables and desks. While the main reading room has kept the old core physical space, the expansion brought changes in shelving, cabinets, and displays. Among the newly added features are individual covered slots for 48 handouts on various topics of interest.

Personal computers and printers for public use are grouped in the computer lab to the left of public services. One standalone terminal is reserved for document use. The separate terminal is maintained to meet the obligations of being a **federal depository**. The OCPLL is also a **state depository**. The library provides access to electronic resources, such as Westlaw, CEB's OnLAW, HeinOnline, LLMC-Digital, and various BNA titles.

On the far side of the public services desk is a **seismic separation joint** that connects the building's original rear wall with the 3rd floor of the new rear addition.

Much-needed offices, workspace, and conference area for public service staff were built on one side. The other side opens to the **reading room annex**. The new annex, though a bit of a walk from the 3rd floor stacks, offers quiet surroundings, comfortable chairs, views to the outside, and several work tables.

3rd Floor Resources

The main reading room is the location for California state, county, and local codes, California reports, CCR, U.S. Codes, newer volumes of federal reports, CEB, Rutter guides, and other print resources in heavy demand. Photocopiers are in a separate alcove.

Relocation of the collection elsewhere freed up shelf space in the reading room. The reference stacks were moved from behind the desk to the open floor. The self help collection is directly accessible by the public.

A small "quick reference" collection of duplicate California codes, Rutter guides, CEB, and California Forms of Pleading & Practice is in the reading room annex. Having two reading rooms gives patrons a choice of environment appropriate to their library needs of the day.

4th Floor Stacks

Non-serial secondary sources of U.S. law are kept on the 4th floor. These are works classified in KF132– KF9999. The tax collection is especially strong.

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5th Floor Stacks

The library's extensive collection of law reviews is kept on the 5th floor. Law reviews are classified in K1 – K30. The expansion allowed the complete runs of journals to be shelved together. For example, volumes 1-80 of the *Harvard Law Review* were formerly kept in basement closed stacks, with volumes 81 and forward on open shelves. The 5th floor now houses all volumes of the *Harvard Law Review*, available for use.

Floor A

Floor A is the name for the new underground floor. The floor contains stacks, stacks, and more stacks, stretching so far that the most distant one is barely visible from any given point.

Growth space has been provided for well into the future. Completely empty "wild card" shelves have been left scattered among the stacks, in addition to partially and fully empty shelves left for growth of individual titles.

Floor A contains works in the full LC classification, except for the K, KF and KFC resources shelved on the upper floors. Voluminous primary sources, such as the Congressional Record and older volumes of Federal Reporter and Federal Supplement, have found room on the floor, as have state materials in KFA - KFW. The room holds <u>serial</u> secondary sources in KF and KFC, along with their finding aids. Government documents, audio / visual, and MCLE materials are shelved separately on Floor A.

The microform room is on Floor A, near the internal elevator. The microform room is kept locked, and patrons must ask to use it.

The stacks are open. Patrons may come down to the floor to take items from the shelves. By design, however, no amenities are present that encourage anyone to linger. There are no bathrooms or drinking fountains. The only tables are two small ones holding the OPAC. At the tables is the single chair on the entire floor.



Floor A



Lektriever in Microform Room



Compact shelving

Internal Navigation

As they did before the expansion, an internal elevator and an interior staircase, both near the public services desk, connect floors 3-5 of the library. This elevator also goes to the closed second floor, but access is restricted to library staff.

A new internal elevator near the expansion joint takes the public down to Floor A. Floor A may also be reached by a new staircase near the expansion joint.

Rear Entrance and 1st Floor

A new rear entrance was made possible by the rear addition. The new entrance is at ground level, below the pedestrian plaza. The entrance opens to a long corridor that travels the length of the new addition. At its far end, the corridor leads either to the library lobby elevator or to the technical services department.

The rear entrance offers access for those who prefer not to climb the plaza stairs. Security is maintained, as the public can go only to the elevator, which opens on the 3rd floor lobby.

The enlarged technical services area, located on the first floor of the new addition, now has office space, a conference room, and individual work stations. Tall windows offer light and views to the outside. Mail and packages can be delivered easily to the receiving department.



Rear Doors

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2nd Floor

Superseded volumes and historical sets are kept in closed stacks on the 2nd floor. The rear entrance corridor has interior 2nd story windows that offer a glimpse of the closed stacks.

Public Conference Rooms

Two conference rooms on the 5th floor can be rented out to the public for group meetings. Conference room B is larger than conference room A. Legal publishers at times reserve space to demonstrate new products to librarians and others in the legal community.

Staff

About twenty people are on the regular staff. Most employees are full time. Though the building is much larger, the staff is the same size after the expansion as it was beforehand. Volunteers and library interns also assist on a regular basis. The library is open 66 hours per week.



Meeting Room B







4th floor

Technical Services Area

The Library Looks to the Future

The renovated building was designed to handle the sea changes in information management that had taken place since original construction in 1971. Electronic information and constant change continue to touch every facet of this, or any, library. The renovated Orange County Public Law Library is poised to keep up.

The flooring on the 3rd floor of the rear addition is raised, and wires rest underneath. The wires are accessible for service, but do not clutter up floor space.

A climate controlled server room keeps machines humming under the watchful eyes of two full time systems staff. The fan stays on 24/7.

Although the expansion gave it growth space the envy of many libraries, the Orange County Public Law Library prepared for even more growth. Portions of Floor A were constructed with built in tracks for compact shelving. The library added several ranges of compact shelves in 2010.

The Orange County Public Law Library is a comprehensive public law library, serving the public and the legal community. The focus of the collection is the same as before the expansion. The building, however, has changed so much as to be effectively a new facility. Staff, patrons, and visitors can now make full use of the collection and revel in their 21st century building. When the next sea change rolls in, they will be ready to catch the wave.

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"All Work and No Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy": Building a Feature Film Collection at Rinker Law Library ... by Isa Lang

Reason for Building a Feature Film Collection

One thing that has always bothered me about law libraries is their lack of entertaining, yet legally relevant, material. When our Director at Chapman Law School's Rinker Law Library asked me to spend some extra "non-book" money about five years ago, I proposed selecting law-related DVDs to circulate within the Law School community. Our DVD collection has proven to be a popular stress-reliever for our students and staff.

How We Began

Our first purchases originated from staff suggestions and books on film and the law. The best book, *Reel Justice: The Courtroom Goes to the Movies* (Andrews and McMeel, 1996), is co-authored by two UCLA law professors, Michael Asimow and Paul Bergman. It covers the legal classics such as "**To Kill a Mockingbird**" and runs the genre gamut from shining comedies ("**My Cousin Vinny**") to Westerns about ethical dilemmas ("**The Oxbow Incident**"). Two recent surveys in the *ABA Journal*, one about movies in the August 2008 issue and the other about TV shows in the August 2009 issue, also helped build the collection. The following paragraphs contain highlights of our collection that are appropriate for law libraries of all kinds.

Courtroom Movies

Many of our earliest selections featured stirring courtroom scenes, notably "Philadelphia" (Tom Hanks faces death from AIDS) and "Primal Fear" (Edward Norton assumes two different personae). Litigators use their courtroom bag of tricks to their advantage in "A Few Good Men" (Tom Cruise takes down Jack Nicholson) and in TV series such as "Law and Order" and "JAG." Sensationalism runs amok in "The Accused" (Jodie Foster testifies about her horrifying gang rape) and "Jagged Edge" (a "society" murder trial featuring Glenn Close).

Human Rights Movies

Some of the most emotionally charged feature films are about human rights. Our collection includes some gritty ones, such as "Holly" and "Trade" (human trafficking), some beautifully made historical ones, such as "Amistad" and "Amazing Grace" (slavery), and some quietly despairing ones, such as "Hotel Rwanda" and "The Music Box" (genocide). "North Country" (Charlize Theron as a solitary female miner), "Norma Rae" (Sally Fields as a labor organizer in a mill town), and "On the Water-front" (labor union crime on the docks) explore civil rights in a labor context and feature some of the most talented performers of their times.

Whistleblower Movies

Corruption runs rampant in corporations and law enforcement agencies; movies are an ideal vehicle for exposing it.

Among the corporate crimes featured in film dramas are environmental pollution ("Erin Brokovitch" and "Michael Clayton"), the tobacco industry ("The Insider"), and health insurance ("The Rainmaker"). Both "Serpico" (Al Pacino plays the honest cop) and the more recent "American Gangster" (Russell Crowe is the honest cop become lawyer and Denzel Washington is the gangster become stoolpigeon) expose police corruption, while in "The Star Chamber," an eminent group of men take on corrupt lawyers and judges.

All Work and No Play ... continued

Joys and Delights, but Not Necessarily Funny

There are some movies I can see over and over again because they appeal to me. I'm sure everyone has their "Top Ten" but, for the fun of it (and since I'm writing the article), I'll mention several DVDs that I always watch with affection. For comic acting performances, "My Cousin Vinny" (Joe Pesci and Marisa Tomei), takes first place. For a riveting story, it's not surprisingly "The Firm." For a classic scene between two great actors, the men's room scene between Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman in "Runaway Jury" is stirring, despite its setting. For scary stuff, Al Pacino as the devil in "Devil's Advocate" never fails to send shivers up my spine.

So Go Ahead, Spend Some Money and Enjoy....

You can entertain your patrons with very little money and research. Go with your instinct and your colleagues' recommendations and you can build a nice little collection in no time. With a little marketing, you can launch a new library interest that builds good will. Please send your recommendations to ilang@chapman.edu (we are always in the market!) and stay tuned to my follow-up article on our documentary DVDs.

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My Favorite Reference Questions from 2010 ... by George P. Carter

For those of us who work in public law libraries, we experience some interesting patrons and questions, to say the least. Here is my list of the best questions asked on the 24/7 Ask a Law Librarian Chat Service. All of them have been reproduced as they were written. Names have been removed to protect their identities. My comments reflect my sense of humor and not the real answers.

Most awkward question of 2010:

Q: "I just moved from one city to another, what is the registration process?"

George (GPC): I did not understand what this patron was asking at first so I asked him to clarify and well, let's just say I'm glad I don't have kids living in his neighborhood.

Best coming of age question:

Q: "I am an emancipated minor, I was wondering if I can become an exotic dancer and if I were to visit an other state, will my emancipation status stay they (sic) same or will I be considered a minor?" **GPC:** They grow up so fast.

Funniest typo:

"THE Fther of my child is gonna **sing** his rights over to me what npaper work do i need to do?" **GPC:** Probably something that shows you own the copyright for that song.

Question(s) that best exemplify the need for law librarians:

Q: "How do I file a writ of mandate? I don't know what that even is." **GPC:** I feel your pain.

Q: "What form do I need to file a brief? The number?"

GPC: 47.27823586

Notable mentions:

"When filling out the papers for an adoption does the baby have to be born?" **GPC:** That's probably the easiest way to verify the authenticity.



Dial: 1-800-CALL GEORGE

"If some one is cheating dose the other spouse get more money when divorcing?"

GPC: I don't think so, but it might be something to consider.

"If your spouse told you not to come back when you were out of state helping family, does that consist of abondoning (sic)?"

GPC: Abandonment maybe, but I am not sure about abondoning.

"I want to adopt a baby that will be born to an incarcerated mother. How will this work?" **GPC:** I suggest watching the show Prison Break. It should give you some good ideas.

"We have had a squatter in a house we own for more than a year, how do we get him to leave?" **GPC:** Try tear gas.

Best Reference Questions ... continued

"I just received my FL-190 from (sic) stamped and filed by the court with a termination date of marriage as 3-20-2011 (6month 1 day after first filing.) What does this mean to me exactly?"

GPC: I can't tell if this is a legal question or a philosophical one.

Best question(s) of 2010:

"Do you know anything about legal research?"

GPC: Nope.

"I need to serve someone who damaged my car, but it seems like she is dead. How can I sue the dead person?" **GPC:** Wait, it SEEMS like she is dead? Have you checked her pulse, because usually "dead" or "not dead" are fairly obvious.

Good luck in 2011 and feel free to share your favorite reference questions.

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Job Opportunities ... by Jodi Kruger

Pool of Temporary Reference Librarians; Western State University Law Library; Fullerton, Ongoing

Librarians & Library Technical Assistants, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Statewide, Ongoing

Jodi Kruger is Research Services Librarian at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu. She is currently Chair of the SCALL Placement Committee.

SCALL Executive Board Meeting / November 4, 2010

SCALL Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, 4 November, 2010

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Thursday, 4 November, 2010 at Loyola Law School. Board members present were:

Hugh Treacy, President John Wilson, Treasurer Galeen Roe, Secretary Brian Raphael, Past President Kelsey Chrisley, Board Member

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes

- Brian Raphael moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 29 June 2010. There was no discussion and the motion was carried.
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II. Treasurer's Report

• John Wilson reported that SCALL had total assets of \$45,637.04. Brian Raphael moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

III. Secretary's Report

• Galeen Roe had nothing to report.

IV. President's Report

- Hugh Treacy read his report, some of the highlights of which were:
 - During the 4 November 2010 member meeting, the membership will vote on the proposal to amend the bylaws to permit active members who become unemployed during a membership period to retain their status as active members for the duration of that period.
 - The Pacific Chapters Joint Reception at the 2011 AALL Annual Meeting will be hosted by WESTPAC.
- Brian Raphael moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

V. Vice-President's Report

- In Mark Gediman's absence, Hugh Treacy presented his report on plans for the 2011 SCALL Institute.
- The site committee visited three locations, two in Temecula and one in Riverside. The date is set for March 18-19, 2011. Brian Raphael moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

VI. Committee Reports

- The Board received and read all committee reports by email, and those reports are filed with the minutes of this meeting. Per Sturgis' Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, all reports are considered filed without voting.
- The Board Liaison to the Nominations Committee, Kelsey Chrisley, conveyed the Chair of the Committee's request for nominations for election candidates from the Board.

SCALL Executive Board Meeting ... continued

VII. SCALL 2010-2011 Budget

- Hugh Treacy submitted a budget for the coming year of \$48,050.
- All budget requests were reviewed by the Board. The Treasurer recommended that the requested amount for the 2011 Institute budget be held at same amount as the budget for the 2010 Institute. The Board reached a consensus on the total for the Institute budget.
- The revised SCALL budget for the coming year is \$45,400.
- Brian Raphael moved to approve the budget as revised. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The budget is filed with these minutes.

VIII. New Business

- Hugh Treacy announced that he is working with the presidents of SANDALL and NOCALL to discuss the possibility of holding a joint institute in 2012. The presidents will begin broad planning for the joint institute. This includes selecting members of each chapter to deal with specific aspects of joint institute.
- An unemployed library volunteer requested a waiver of membership dues for a new membership. The Board requested more information about the volunteer. Galeen Roe will contact the requestor with follow-up questions.

IX. Announcements

- The SCALL Holiday Party will probably take place downtown at CASA restaurant towards the middle of December.
- Hugh Treacy announced changes that will be made to the AALL Annual Meeting format beginning in 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Galeen L. Roe SCALL Secretary, 2010-2012

NOTE: ADDITIONAL MOTIONS MADE AND BUSINESS CONDUCTED

11/4/2010

During the SCALL Fall meeting at Loyola Law School, which began at 6 PM, Hugh Treacy presented amendments to the bylaws amending Article IV (Members) § 2 (Rights and Privileges) to permit active members who become unemployed during a membership period to retain their status as active members for the duration of that period. A motion was made from the floor that the Bylaws Amendments be adopted and the motion was seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously. The Amendment is filed with these minutes.

8/2010

On August 12, 2010, Hugh Treacy sent the Board an email informing them that Programs co-chair, Michael Saint-Onge received an email from Robin Dodge, the incoming President of SLA-SCC, asking if SCALL would be interested in partnering in a joint Holiday Party with SLA-SCC and LACSIST. On August 26, 2010, Brian moved that SCALL join with the Southern California Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA-SCC) to hold a joint holiday party in December 2010 at the Skirball Cultural Center. On August 27, 2010, the Board voted and the motion did not pass.

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