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# SCALL Newsletter

## President's Column

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Congratulations to those members who were elected to serve on the 2007-2008 Executive Board, and thank you for voting! New board winners who will be installed at the annual Business Meeting on Thursday, June 21st are Vice President/President-Elect Jessica Wimer (USC); Treasurer John Wilson (UCLA); and Executive Board Member Stefanie Frame (Foley & Lardner). I'd like to extend a fond farewell to outgoing Executive Board Member Paul Moorman, whose timely advice and great attitude make him a pleasure to work with, and to Pauline Aranas, Past President, whose dedication, knowledge, and attention to detail are amazing.

Congratulations also are extended to this year's SCALL award winners! Awards Committee Chair Laura Cadra contributes the following:

"The Awards Committee has awarded the SCALL Vendor Service Award to Julie Webster-Matthews and Michael Saint-Onge of Lexis for their multi-faceted support of SCALL. Julie has been an active member of the ICYIP for years and has arranged for the Committee to use the Lexis offices for their summer training sessions as well as providing lunch for the interns. Under her influence, Lexis has also provided a number of iPods for fund-raising raffles for the ICYIP. Michael is a regular speaker at SCALL events, and both have offered Lexis support for various SCALL educational functions.

"The Awards Committee is also pleased to award SCALL Lifetime Achievement Awards to Diane Reynolds, formerly of the Los Angeles County Law Library and to Kate Pecarovich, formerly of the UCLA Law Library. Diane has served as mentor to dozens of law librarians in the Los Angeles area, through the LACLL internship program, through the training she provides librarians within LACLL, and through the ICYIP interns. As one of the original ICYIP committee members, she was awarded the AALL Spirit of Law Librarianship Award. She is noted for her service attitude and her deep bibliographic knowledge. Kate Pecarovich has been an active member of SCALL during her career and served as SCALL President. She led the UCLA Law Library through various technological advances and was awarded UCLA's top honor, Librarian of the Year."

In recognition of years of significant contributions to SCALL, I would like to pay homage to this year's Life Member honorees: Dorothy Hampton, Mary Lynn Hyde, Elisabeth Lamartine, Kate Pecarovich, and Diane Reynolds.

Please make plans to attend the annual Business Meeting, which will be held on Thursday, June 21st at the U.S. Courthouse for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena. One

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**Editor's Notes**

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I was once told that major life changes occur every ten years or so. If this is true, then within the next three years, I'll be due for a major change or two--perhaps relocation, marriage, or maybe even an extreme makeover!

Speaking of extreme makeovers, we have in this issue a special feature article about an extreme makeover project, library edition. Brian Keefe takes us along with him to the Orange County Public Law Library, where he was a reference librarian 10 years ago. For those of you who missed the Open House celebration held there in late April, you'll enjoy this tour of the newly expanded and renovated state-of-the-art facility.

Also in this issue, Bill Ketchum reports on the SCALL Meeting held last month at Café Metropol in Los Angeles, where UCLA Prof. Sean Hecht spoke about a very important and timely topic--"Climate Change."

By now, you've probably heard or read about the impending retirements of prominent SCALL members: Diane Reynolds, Joan Allen-Hart, and Sushila Selness. No one would argue that these law librarians have had an impact on the careers of many SCALL members. To them I offer my best wishes as they embark on their new journeys and many thanks to them for leaving an indelible mark of kindness and compassion in the hearts of those who were fortunate to know and work with them.

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**SCALL Newsletter Submission Deadlines**

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).

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

<b>August 13, 2007</b>	<b>Sept. / Oct. 2007 issue</b>
<b>October 8, 2007</b>	<b>Nov. / Dec. 2007 issue</b>
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## Extreme Makeover, Library Addition: Orange County Public Law Library's New Look

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Friday April 27th was an interesting day. I left my job at noon and drove from downtown Los Angeles towards Santa Ana. I was going to the Orange County Public Law Library (OCPLL) for its Open House celebrating the library's expansion and renovation.

Driving south on the freeways, my mind wandered. Who would I see at the Open House? From 1992 through 1997, I had worked at the library. Which of my former coworkers would be there? Then I began to worry if I would get there on time. I even thought about the expansion and renovation. You hear the same stories about these projects—cost overruns, delays, disputes between parties, and unfinished construction projects. Had the Orange County Public Law Library's expansion been a success? What would it really look like?

Reaching my destination, I entered the parking lot for the Civic Center and drove my car toward the library building. The library's new avant-garde, futuristic addition immediately caught my eye. Was I in the right place? I wondered. This building was completely different from the simple series of rectangles that comprised the old structure. I took it in, but I was too rushed to stop. What would it look like inside?

I can now say what I saw inside works!

The library has been transformed. As with any renovation, the melding of the old with the new had not been entirely seamless. There are some areas that I thought now appear too small or too large, but as a whole, the library has been remade. It is a modern, functional, and attractive facility. It is, in fact, a different library.

The story of the transformation begins with the library's construction. When it was built in 1971, the original design included five additional floors for the library. After the Sylmar earthquake, the building code changed and these floors could not be added. So, at the time the 1971 version of the library was completed, it had 28,084 square feet of space.

Even this size may not have been enough to comfortably accommodate the library staff and collection of that time.

By the early 1990's when I began working at the library, it was clear to me that the library's space was inadequate. It



*The Orange County Law Library, early 1970's.*

had so little room; I had a sense of something unfinished about the library, like a castle built with only half a tower. No doubt these limitations became even more constraining by the decade's end.

For example, two reference librarians—myself included—shared one small office. Six day and evening staff members had to share an even smaller space as their office. The bookstacks had been filled to their maximum capacity and the collection was shuffled and reshuffled to find additional space. Library staff had to retrieve books from every part of the library. The concrete structure of the building made it very difficult to install electrical and communication lines required by new technology later.

In 2000, Gruen Associates was commissioned to conduct an architectural planning study of the facility. The study specified numerous inadequacies in the existing structure, and it made recommendations for the space required by the library's materials and staff.

Over a period of 30 years, OCPLL had accumulated a building reserve of \$10 million. Realizing that it was now time, if not well overdue for an expansion, its Board of Trustees voted in October 2000 to expand the library building.

Local Santa Ana architect Ralph Allen had designed the original building. The County Board of Supervisors chose  
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his firm, Ralph Allen & Partners, to design the addition. This design process alone took nearly two years. The construction itself took as long, beginning in 2004 and ending in 2006. The interior details were not completed until



*Excavation of the parking lot beside the library to create subterranean Floor A.*

2007.

After touring the “new” library, I can say that, in spite of the lengthy process, the inevitable obstacles and inconveniences, it was worth it. Orange County Public Law Library



*Pouring concrete after excavation.*

looks as though it has been given an “Extreme Makeover,

Library Edition.” It is a building completely redone.

Not only has there been extensive square footage added to the library—19,370 square feet, to be exact—the library has been reconfigured. The place itself is now different. To paraphrase Gertrude Stein, “There is a new there there.”

A subterranean level, called Floor A, was built beneath the building, extending underneath the Civic Center parking lot. This new “batcave” gives the library 14,860 additional square feet. Many of the library’s books, CD’s and audio-visual equipment items are now located on this floor, which is open for public use.



*Floor A before shelf installation.*



*Floor A after shelving installed and books shelved.*

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## Extreme Makeover (cont.)

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The library's Technical Services department is on the ground level facing the parking lot. More than 1,000 square feet of space was added to this work area. The added space was used to widen workstations for staff and to provide additional work space for mail processing and book repair done on that floor.

The third floor is what I would call the library's main floor. This is where the public reading rooms are located, and over 3,300 square feet of space was added for a "Reading Room Annex." To better accommodate library staff, the annex includes three new offices and five workstations. It also houses a photocopier, bookshelves, worktable, and filing cabinets for staff use. Across from the annex is a public area with tables and chairs for patron use and additional shelf space for popular treatises. The annex is surrounded by windows that illuminate this area.



*The Reading Room Annex.*

Not only did the addition of the annex create more space, but it made reconfiguration of the existing space in the old building possible. A new expanded room for the public in the existing building has photocopiers, a word processor and typewriter. Three new online access catalogs have been added in the old building. A new security gate faces the entrance, books once behind the reference desk have now been moved into the reading room, the reference square has been expanded and is now surrounded by glass to decrease sound. A new elevator allows all patrons, including those with disabilities, access to the west parking lot.

Finally, there is the new exterior of the library—that part of the addition that faces out toward the parking lot. This is where my introduction to the "new" Orange County Pub-



*The new public computer lab.*



*The new Public Services counter serves twin functions of reference and circulation. Note the sound-deadening glass partition facing the original reading room.*

lic Law Library began. I had parked my car directly in line with the "ramparts" of the library expansion.

As you can see on the next page, the roofline covering the addition swoops downward and then abruptly upward. It gives the exterior of the library's extension a bold, impressive, even massive look. It is an image that is different, perhaps at odds with the sedate series of boxes suggested by the shape of the original library building. Architect Ralph Allen said the inspiration for the roof came from the architecture of Le Corbusier, in particular his Assembly Building in Chandigarh, India. To Allen, the sweeping expressive lines make this not just a roof but a kind of sculpture. This striking exterior demonstrates the progression

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*A night view of the addition, looking east.*

And, I did find the answer to my question. The expansion and renovation of the Orange County Public Law Library is a success, a tremendous achievement.



*A view of the addition from the north side. Below the photo is an architectural drawing of the building, side view, showing the curved roofline and the subterranean Floor A, which extends underneath the addition north and west under the parking lot.*

of design from the purely functional Cubist style of the original library to the expressive style of the Le Corbusier-inspired roof.

I can say that the contrast of the old building's functional form to the annex's dramatic design symbolizes something about the Orange County Public Law Library as a whole. The change to the library is so great that this new exterior heralds the transition of the structure from its small, staid former self to its present much larger, state of the art facility. In that way, the annex's exterior represents what the library has become.

I was happy to meet many people at the Open House I had not seen for some time. I was not too terribly late.



*Staircase viewed from the north.*

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## Taking the ZZZZzzzz Out of Legal Research Class

**Dear AL:** I'm a brand new law librarian and have to teach classes for our first year legal research class. I've never taught classes before. How do I make the materials interesting? – *Ned Newbie*

**Dear Ned:**

First, I believe that if you think about it enough any topic can be made interesting. When I was in law school I was looking forward to taking the International law class. It turned out to be the most boring class I took in law school. On the other hand classes like Wills and Trusts, and Property, which I had thought would be boring, were among the most interesting classes. The difference? The professor and his or her ability to make the materials interesting.

When I taught advanced legal research class for the first time, I tried to think of at least one thing for each lecture that would make it interesting for the students. For the legislative history class, I incorporated the Schoolhouse Rock video, "I'm Just a Bill," which explains the basics of how a bill becomes a law. For the international law and treaties class, I gave away products from different countries (e.g. Swiss chocolate, French bottled water) and related these to treaties. For the administrative law class, I

related the materials to how federal administrative agencies affect us on a daily basis. Even statutes can be made interesting by the use of those strange laws books. These can be used for the assignments on statutes.

Librarians are creative people. Ask colleagues with teaching experience for ideas on teaching a given topic. I used a rudimentary *Jeopardy!*® style final review and divided the class into two groups, and the students loved it. I believe someone has developed a sophisticated online *Jeopardy!*® template for use in legal research classes. Get the "Teach In" materials that are produced by the special interest sections every year. Finally, put yourself in the students' position. What would you find interesting if *you* were taking the course? Good Luck!

**AL**

Do you have questions or need advice on matters relating to law library/librarianship?  
Ask **Dear AL**. Please send your questions anonymously to: [anonymous\\_librn@yahoo.com](mailto:anonymous_librn@yahoo.com).

## President's Column (cont.)

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reason to attend is because SCALL will pay special tribute to this year's award winners and life member honorees. And as always, I would like to thank Kathy Way for coordinating the use of these wonderful facilities and Brian Raphael and his Programs Committee for their work in planning and executing this and all SCALL meetings.

Membership renewal notices and committee volunteer forms have been sent out. Please consider volunteering to chair or serve on a committee. SCALL cannot be successful without the efforts and expertise that our volunteers contribute.

The AALL annual meeting in New Orleans is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing you at the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception on Sunday, July 15th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to the 2006-2007 SCALL Executive Board, committee chairs and committee members. All of you contribute significantly to the day-to-day administration of SCALL. It is always so warming to notice how dedicated every one of you are. Please take heart that there are many members who notice your dedication.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the privilege of serving as your SCALL President for 2006-2007. It is truly a once in a lifetime honor and one for which I will always carry fond memories.





## Prof. Hecht on Regulating Carbon Dioxide Emissions

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*[This article will also appear in a forthcoming issue of FYI, the Newsletter of the Council of California County Law Librarians, Bill Ketchum, Editor.]*

"Is carbon dioxide a pollutant under the Clean Air Act?" Professor Sean Hecht of UCLA asked SCALL members who had gathered at the Café Metropol in the Arts District near downtown Los Angeles on May 1, 2007 to hear him speak on "Climate Change." He noted that, in the last couple of years, lawyers and legislators have been paying increased attention to the topic, and that many have seen Al Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth." Climate change is now generally recognized as real. We already see "weather impacts" and expect to see impacts on agriculture and infectious diseases.

Laws and regulations on how much carbon dioxide we produce and where we build houses and get water are seen as means for adapting to climate change.

Professor Hecht's question matters because the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required under that act to regulate air pollutants from any class of new motor vehicles. 42 U.S.C. §7521(a)(1).<sup>1</sup> Carbon dioxide's main sources are the burning of gasoline in cars and the burning of coal in electricity plants. The fact that carbon dioxide creates global warming, not just a local effect, raises the issue of whether a local regulation on its emission can have any appreciable or significant effect.

The EPA said that carbon dioxide was not a pollutant under 42 U.S.C. §7602(g); although, in that subsection, the Act defines "air pollutant" to mean "any air pollution agent ..., including any physical, chemical ... substance ... emitted into ... the ambient air."

The EPA said that because carbon dioxide was not a pollutant, the agency could not regulate it; but even if it could, it would not because of the uncertainty of the benefits. The DC Circuit agreed with the EPA because of the difficulty of showing either an injury caused by the action a regulation would enjoin or that the injunction would redress the injury.

California, on the other hand, passed AB 1493,<sup>2</sup> saying that California would regulate carbon dioxide. Car manufacturers claimed that only the federal government could regulate fuel economy, and they sued, claiming California



was attempting to regulate fuel economy rather than air quality.

The Supreme Court surprised everybody, Professor Hecht said, when it ruled 5-4 on April 2, 2007 that the States have a special role in this arena. *Massachusetts v. EPA*, 127 S. Ct. 1438. Writing for the Court, Justice Stevens asked, in substance: "If the States can't protect their citizens, who can?" Professor Hecht reported. And on the "redressability" issue, Justice Stevens said it is sufficient that the action can make some difference.

In dissent, Justice Roberts said there was no showing of real injury caused by the behavior sought to be restricted and no showing that the proposed action could remedy the problem.

Justice Stevens, for the majority, said that carbon dioxide is a pollutant reasonably anticipated to endanger public health or welfare. Prof. Hecht called the majority's stance vis à vis the EPA "aggressive" as opposed to the "deference traditionally paid to administrative agencies."

The decision is a big deal in the environmental community and also in the regulatory community, according to Prof. Hecht. The California law is becoming potentially more important. *Mass. v. EPA* says that there is room for EPA to regulate pollution and for California's DOT to regulate fuel economy, he says. The decision "blows the auto makers' pre-emption argument against the

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## Carbon Dioxide Emissions (cont.)

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California law out of the water,” he adds, and new AB 32<sup>3</sup> will set a cap on all carbon dioxide emissions in California.

On environmental law practice, Prof. Hecht states that most environmental lawyers now represent private (business) clients but studied this area of law in law school as idealists. These recent developments are breathing new life into environmental law practice, he says, and lawyers can now feel that they will do some good for the environment. With the state regulation, the federal regulation, and people lobbying Congress, we may well develop a “cap and trade” system like Europe’s, under which the right to pollute beyond the cap becomes a tradable value, he adds.

Professor Hecht had more to report in a question-and-answer period after the main talk: The Kyoto Protocol is considered out-dated, China is growing so fast in its production of carbon dioxide that U.S. officials say it is no use for the U.S. to try to do anything, and Canada is following California’s example.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> “The [EPA] Administrator shall by regulation prescribe... standards applicable to the emission of any air pollutant from any class or classes of new motor vehicles...which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare....”

<sup>2</sup> Chapter 200, Statutes of 2002.

<sup>3</sup> California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Chap. 488, Statutes of 2006.

## Editor’s Notes (cont.)

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As I approach the end of this term, I once again find myself reflecting on the changes we’ve made in our *Newsletter*, changes that were intended to make our newsletter more appealing, interesting and timely. I like to think that change is always for the better, but my experience tells me that sometimes change results in something other than what was intended.

I am hopeful that you think the changes we made in the *Newsletter* are for the better. Likewise, I am optimistic that the changes you may encounter in your law libraries or in your personal lives will bring you positive opportunities, satisfaction and contentment.

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# **SCALL 2007 Business Meeting Registration Form**

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m. (dinner -- assorted sandwiches, salads, and sweets)  
7:00 p.m. (business meeting convenes)

Place: Richard H. Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals Building  
125 South Grand Ave.  
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Cost: \$20 per person (students - \$10)

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## **Sandwich preference(s) (circle one or more):**

Chicken Pesto	Ham	Southwest Roast Beef
Turkey Swiss	Chicken Salad	Tomato Mozzarella
Tuna	Vegan (no cheese)	







## Fave and Famous Recipes: Carmen's Greek Egg-Lemon Soup (Avgolemono)



by Carmen Valero, Librarian  
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*2 cans (46 oz.) chicken broth*  
*OR*  
*3 qts. homemade chicken stock*  
*3/4 cup uncooked long-grain white rice*  
*4 large eggs*  
*2 TBSP chopped parsley*

*1/2 to 3/4 cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice (according to taste)*  
*salt and pepper*  
*12 lemon slices (1 per serving)*

Bring chicken broth to boil over high heat. Add rice; reduce heat to low and simmer, partly covered, 25 to 30 minutes, until rice is tender. In a bowl, beat eggs, beat in lemon juice. Slowly beat in about 1 cup hot broth. Add sauce to the remaining broth and cook over low heat, 3 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until soup coats spoon lightly. **Do not boil, or eggs will curdle.** Remove from heat ; taste and add salt and pepper to taste. Float a lemon slice on top of each serving and sprinkle each with parsley. Serves 12.

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**Library Reference Assistant, O'Melveny & Myers, Los Angeles, May 29**

**Librarians, Senior Librarians & Library Technical Assistants; California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Statewide, May 22**

**Librarian; California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General; Los Angeles; May 18**

**Senior Reference Librarian, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, May 18**

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**Reference Librarian, Latham & Watkins LLP, Costa Mesa, May 11**

**Reference Librarian, Howrey LLP, Los Angeles, May 10**

**Library Professional; Best Best & Krieger LLP; Riverside, May 10**

**Foreign, Comparative and International Law Librarian; Stanford Law Library; Palo Alto, May 9**

**Serials / Documents Assistant, University of La Verne College of Law Library, Ontario, May 4**

**Circulation Assistant, University of La Verne College of Law Library, Ontario, May 4**

**Senior Manager, Western Region; Axelroth & Associates; Bay Area, May 4**

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**Business Development / Competitive Intelligence Research Analyst, Library Associates, Los Angeles, May 1**

**Reference Librarian, San Diego County Public Law Library, San Diego, May 1**

**Reference Librarian, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, April 24**

**Research Librarians; Greenberg Traurig; Orange County & Las Vegas, Nevada, April 17**

**Records Manager, Library Associates, Los Angeles, April 10**

**Manager of Outreach Services, Library Associates, Los Angeles, April 3**

**Law Librarian & CIO, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, February 8**

**Manager of Library Services; Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP; San Francisco / Palo Alto, October 30**













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