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## From the President ... Hugh J. Treacy

As the year draws to a close and the holidays arrive, it's a good time to say thank you to all of the SCALL members who contributed in large and small ways to the success of SCALL this year. Your support for SCALL makes this organization among the best of the AALL affiliates across the country.

At our November 4<sup>th</sup> Fall Meeting at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, 47 attendees heard an exceptionally interesting presentation on the subject of human trafficking from Loyola law professor **Kathleen C. Kim**. She has largely focused her career in law on this challenging worldwide problem. Thanks go to our Program co-chairs **Michael Saint-Onge** and **Michelle Tolley** for organizing the excellent dinner and program. We also thank Loyola Law School and its Library Director **Dan Martin** for making it possible to meet there.

During the business portion of the meeting, SCALL members present constituted a quorum and voted unanimously to approve a proposed bylaws change, permitting active SCALL

members who become unemployed to retain their SCALL membership for the duration of the membership period.

The SCALL Holiday Party will take place at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at Casa Restaurant in downtown Los Angeles. An announcement from the Program committee has been sent. We hope to see many of you there!



Of course, the SCALL Board will also meet at 4:00 pm before adjourning to attend the Holiday Party. Among the agenda items will be a discussion on the future of the Union List committee and its principal product. Recently, Membership committee chair **Judy Davis** sent out a short survey to the membership on this question, and those results will be helpful to the Board in making its decision.

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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](mailto:hart@chapman.edu)

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

January 10, 2011  
March 14, 2011  
May 9, 2011  
September 12, 2011  
November 14, 2011

Jan. / Feb. 2011 issue  
Mar. / Apr. 2011 issue  
May / June 2011 issue  
Sept. / Oct. 2011 issue  
Nov. / Dec. 2011 issue

## Editor's Notes ... by Patricia Pelz Hart

Thanks to all members of the SCALL Newsletter staff and members of SCALL for a year of support of the newsletter. Here is a little ditty to enjoy. I originally wrote the lyrics in Nov. 2008 for the Chapman Law Library.

### THE TWELVE DAYS OF A LAW STUDENT'S CHRISTMAS

*(sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas")*

**On the twelfth day of Christmas  
the staff here sent to me  
Twelve overruled decisions  
Eleven codi-fi-cations  
Ten 3Ls leaping  
Nine 2Ls browsing  
Eight 1Ls asking  
Seven students reading  
Six fiche a-laying  
Five gol-den spines  
Fo-ur call num-bers  
Three horrn books  
Tw-o vid e-os  
And an invite to the law li-bra-ry**

## Save the Date for SCALL's Holiday Party

### SCALL's Holiday Party

**Place:** Casa Restaurant  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 14th  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Address:**  
350 South Grand Ave  
Los Angeles, CA 90071



**Directions:** (driving and public transportation)

<http://www.casadowntown.com/contact.html>

**Parking:** located in the California Plaza Parking Garage on the corner of 4th and Olive. Validated parking is offered for \$7.50. SCALL Members are encouraged to carpool or take public transportation if possible.

**Dinner:** Mexican buffet  
**Cost:** \$28.00 per person

**All attendees will be entered into a raffle to win prizes.**

## From the President ...

*(Continued from page 1)*

I've just signed the contract for a hotel in Temecula, the site of the 2011 SCALL Institute. Vice President **Mark Gediman** has been working hard to evaluate several hotels there and in Riverside, and he has also selected a program theme that undoubtedly will be of great interest to many of us. Both the site and the theme of the Institute will be announced soon.

Past President **Larry Meyer** and I will be meeting in January with other AALL affiliate organizations to begin planning for a joint Institute in 2012. Each affiliate, including SCALL, will also involve in the planning process other members who have planned joint Institutes in their organizations' recent history. We will update our members throughout this process.

On behalf of the SCALL Board, I wish each of you a very happy holiday season!

***Hugh J. Treacy** is Associate Director of the Law Library, Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa*

## Unemployed SCALL Members Get a Break

**At this year's SCALL Fall Meeting, the membership unanimously passed the following changes to the SCALL bylaws.**

The changes added a paragraph to Article IV (Members) § 2 (Rights and Privileges), allowing active members who become unemployed during a membership period to remain active members for the duration of that period. [Note: strikethrough indicates deleted text; underlining indicates added text.]:

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### § 2. Rights and Privileges

- (a) Members in all categories have the right to serve on committees and receive association publications.
- (b) Members in all categories within the geographical boundaries of SCALL have the right to chair SCALL committees and to vote in elections.
- (c) Active members and Life members within the geographical boundaries of SCALL also have the right to hold elective office.
- (d) Active members who become unemployed during a membership period shall remain active members for the duration of that period.
- ~~(d)~~ (e) The geographical boundaries of SCALL are generally understood to extend from the northern boundary of San Luis Obispo County to the Mexican Border and to reach as far east as the California/Nevada/Arizona boundary.
- ~~(e)~~ (f) In unclear cases, the membership categories and the geographical boundaries may be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Board.
- ~~(f)~~ (g) If a member changes membership categories during the time the member is serving an elective office, that member may, at the discretion of the Board, continue in office provided the Board is satisfied that the...



## Membership News

### SCALL Membership Directory

The current *SCALL Membership Directory* is 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 (see <http://aallnet.org/chapter/scall/pdf/membership.pdf>, page two) & submit to Ramon Barajas. If you are not listed in the current directory, please send your renewal form and a check payable to SCALL to: *SCALL Membership, PMB 334, 8391 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048*.

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 Committee

[jkdavis@law.usc.edu](mailto:jkdavis@law.usc.edu)

### Welcome New Members!

**Ursula Barboza**

**Daisy Duarte**, Library Assistant, Best, Best & Krieger LLP

**Cathy Elliott**, Business and Financial Technician / Adm. Asst., Chapman University Law School Library

**Debra Hogan**, Library Director, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP

**Joy Shoemaker**, Head of Research Services, UC Irvine School of Law Library

**Kimberly Ann Simpson**, Cataloger / Reference Librarian, Law Library for San Bernardino County

**Patrick E. Smith**, Library Assistant, Buchalter Nemer

**David Nicholson**, Librarian, Hunton & Williams LLP

**Christina Tejada**, Librarian, Best Best & Krieger LLP

### Welcome New Student Members!

**Stephanie Der**

**Gabriella Ozurovich**, Rutgers School of Communication and Information

### Other News:

**John Adkins**, formerly at the University of San Diego, is now Director of Libraries at the San Diego County Public Law Library.

**Francine Biscardi** is now Senior Library Consultant with Profit Recovery Partners, LLC.

Monica Martinez of DLA Piper US, is now **Monica Justice**.

**Brian Keefe**, formerly Librarian at Argosy University is now Director, Learning Resource Center at Argosy.

**Christine Langteau**, formerly at Knapp Petersen & Clarke, is now at the Pomona Court Branch of the Los Angeles Law Library.

**Jane Larrington**, formerly at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, is now Reference Librarian at the University of San Diego Legal Research Center.

**Galeen Roe**, formerly at Winston & Strawn, is now Librarian, Ogletree Deakins.

**Priscilla Stultz**, formerly Head of Reference Services at O'Melveny & Myers, is now Library Manager.



## UCI Open House for Law Librarians / October 4, 2010



### Visiting Librarians

**Chapman:** Lorin Geitner, Tanya Cao, Tracie Hall, Patricia Hart

**LexisNexis:** Karen Hanson Wellman

**Loyola:** Laura Cadra, Daniel Martin

**Orange County Public Law Library:** Maryruth Storer

**Pepperdine:** Jessica Drewitz, Catherine Kerr, Phil Bohl, Herb Cihak

**Thomas Jefferson School of Law:** Patrick Meyer

**University of California, Los Angeles:** Donna Gulnac, Cheryl Kelly Fischer, Michelle Gorospe

**University of San Diego Legal Research Center:** Ruth Levor

**Western State University College of Law:**

Patricia O'Connor, Patricia Plumb

**Whittier:** Hugh Treacy, Margot McLaren, John O'Donnell  
(Partial list)

### Dean Erwin Chemerinsky

1. Law library is the heart of a law school
2. UCI had the “**great benefit of a blank slate**”
3. Law library – the intellectual core of a law school
4. He was told school could open in fall 2009, but without the law library, as that would not open until the fall 2010. He replied, then we won't have a law school until fall 2010. In fact, the law school opened with the library, fall 2009.
5. He has learned that library floors have to be able to support 150 pounds per square foot. The present entrance floor cannot support that, so almost all the books are on the lower, ground floor.

## UCI Open House for Law Librarians ... *continued*

### **Beatrice Tice, Associate Dean of Library and Information Services**

1. She dismissed the professional library designer, and designed the library space herself.
2. The library area in building originally had many small offices. She had the interior walls taken down. Windows were revealed.
3. Twenty-four **art works** are hung throughout the library. They are **giclée**, or reproductions produced by a computer directing spurts of paint on a canvas.
4. They are of the California Impressionist school.
5. James Irvine Swinden is a UCI supporter, and also heads the Irvine Art Museum. The paintings are on permanent loan from the museum. He brought over 22 paintings and a crew to hang them. Beatrice and he placed the works around the library. She said they needed two more. He went to the museum and brought back two more paintings.
6. A row of **rocking chairs** faces windows overlooking trees. Beatrice grew up in Newport Beach. She used her mother's rocking chair as the model, when she could not find an existing chair she liked. She photographed and measured the chair, and went to a furniture maker. The chairs were made by Amish craftsmen in Pennsylvania.
7. The rocking chairs are very popular with students and faculty as a way to relax. One faculty member spends a few minutes every day in a chair. At present, the library does not limit the time to sit in a given chair.
8. The new logo of UCI law school shows the back of a rocking chair.
9. Dean Chemerinsky said UCI had to be **traditional enough to be credible, and innovative enough to justify its existence**. The library concurs.
  - a. No **Shepard's** are anywhere in library.
10. In setting up the library, Beatrice has **three principles**.
11. First. Create **outstanding services** and hire a **cracker jack staff**.
12. Second. The **collection is not that important at the start**. She did not try to recreate the print collection of older and existing schools. The law school has access to the UC system. The collection relies heavily on electronic services. It is not all electronic, however: books are important.
13. Third. The **library should be original**. The physical space has art and an attractive design. Study space, the computer lab, and offices are on the entrance level. Most books are on the downstairs in compact shelving.
14. The library will expand the first floor when computers move out in Jan. 2011.
15. The library went straight to **wireless access**. There are **no computer power ports** on desks.

### **Tour**

1. The law school is spread over two buildings. The first building has 2 wings, like an open "V." One wing is for the law school, the second wing is mostly the Education dept, with some law school present or future use. The second building is across a parking lot.
2. Law School building: the library, faculty offices, classrooms.
3. MPAA [Multipurpose Academic & Administration] building: law school administration (dean's suite, IT, etc.), classrooms, future moot court; student lounge, clinics; career services; law review.
4. The school currently has 143 students: 60 in the entering class, 83 in the second class.
5. Per the dean, the goal is 600 students total, or 200 per class.
6. In classrooms, professors use the **Eno** system. It displays material on screens and goes on the internet.
7. Future building for law school: either its own separate building, or get more space in an existing UCI building.

### **UCI Law Library Staff Hosts**

Beatrice Tice, *Associate Dean for the Law Library*  
 Jennifer Wimer, *Associate Law Librarian for Public Services*  
 Melody Lembke, *Associate Law Librarian for Technical Services*  
 Dianne Sahhar, *Research Services Coordinator*  
 Christina Tsou, *Research Specialist*

*Notes by Patricia Hart. Photos by Tanya Cao.*



## Heard Around Town ... by Larry Meyer



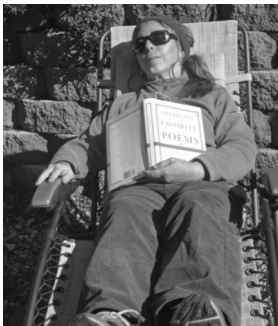
It's time for another update on our colleagues and their comings and goings. The first item I would like to mention is related to **Fay Henexson**, who (unfortunately for us) has decided to move into the next phase of her life as a "retiree".

After 29 years at the Attorney General's Office in San Diego, Fay has announced she will be leaving at the end of December. Fay indicates she will devote her time after retirement to photography (featured in a previous "Heard Around Town"

column), gardening and pursuits too numerous to mention.

Fay is one of the first "law librarians" I was privileged to meet. Over the years that I have known her, she has been a major contributor to both SCALL and SANDALL. Her presence within our profession will be missed. However, we will hopefully enjoy periodic

updates from her with some of her latest photographs. To Fay, all the best as you move on to the next phase.



Fay working on retirement

Did you know that SCALL Board member **Galeen Roe** was a pool shark? She was spied during the recent WESTPAC conference playing a mean game against SCALL Archives Chair **Ralph Stahlberg**. Of course, that was during the opening reception, as during the meetings they were both hard at work taking notes, networking and asking pertinent questions of the speakers. Also spied actively participating at another conference, the Federal Depository Library Conference in the D.C. area, were **George Carter** and **Margot McLaren**. All four report both conferences as having been extremely informative and well attended.

Apparently, our SCALL President, **Hugh Treacy**, has found himself with extra time on his hands. According to my sources, he is putting that time to good use by taking up the trumpet, after a 40-year hiatus going back to his high school band days. Word has it Hugh does *not* plan to open each SCALL Board meeting with a trumpet blast, but he will tap his ceremonial gavel instead. According to his instructor, an accomplished jazz musician and Hugh's neighbor, our colleague is doing very well. Neighbors have not complained and Hugh has received no noise citations. Hey, you might see Hugh dressed in a pastel-striped jacket and a straw hat playing Dixieland jazz and entertaining along with other musicians at Disneyland someday!

Speaking of entertainment, inside sources have given me notice that **Bob Ryan's** latest theatrical endeavor (mentioned in the last column) is meeting with critical acclaim. If you have the opportunity to do so, you have through the weekend of November 21<sup>st</sup> to attend. Feel free to contact Bob for more information.

Lastly, the best of luck is extended to former SCALL President **Cornell Winston**, who is among the candidates running in this year's AALL election.

As always, please send you news items and suggestions to [larrym@sblawlibrary.org](mailto:larrym@sblawlibrary.org).

**Lawrence R. Meyer** is Director of the Law Library for San Bernardino County in San Bernardino. Photo courtesy of **Esther Eastman**, Reference Librarian at the LA Law Library in Los Angeles.

## A Look at Human Trafficking with Professor Kathleen C. Kim ... by Karen Skinner



Professor Kim

**Kathleen C. Kim**, Associate Professor of Law at the Loyola Law School and a former civil rights attorney, spoke on the topic of human trafficking at the **SCALL Fall Meeting**. The meeting took place Nov. 4, 2010, at Loyola Law School. Prof. Kim started by describing the

current state of human trafficking, but cautioned that the numbers can vary widely depending on the source. Internationally, the U.N. estimates that 2-4 million people are trafficked annually, and that in the U.S., the number is up to 50,000. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that the number is actually 14,500-17,500 in the U.S. and up to 800,000 internationally.

Kim notes that “human trafficking” is actually a misnomer because it implies that movement must be involved. **Under U.S. law, movement is not necessary. Human trafficking is more like forced labor through threat or coercion.** Most victims of trafficking are immigrants. Low wage fields, such as the hospitality and garment industries, agriculture, and domestic labor are the typical areas where human trafficking occurs.

Those trafficked come from many countries. When Kim practiced, her clients were from all over the world. What is it about a country which might facilitate trafficking humans from that country? Kim said “push factors” include political and social instability and poverty. The countries where these victims end up are generally those with a demand for cheap immigrant labor.

In 2000, the U.S. passed the **Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)** to help with the prosecution of traffickers, and to protect their victims. The TVPA established new crimes in the area of forced labor, and created a responsibility of law enforcement to trafficked victims. Law enforcement could no longer treat victims as criminals.

Many victims are undocumented workers. The TVPA also created the **T-visa**, which would give

victims immigration status if they cooperate with law enforcement officials. Kim stated that the T-visa recognizes that a victim’s immigration status is often one of the methods used to control the victim and to continue the forced labor.

Since enactment of the TVPA, there have been 238 prosecutions, and about 1,200 victims have received a T-visa for their cooperation. Kim states that there is a serious disconnect between the number of prosecutions and the number of victims being trafficked. Kim thinks the TVPA is a good law, but there is a problem with interpretation of the law that has created a restrictive implementation. Part of the problem is the concept of psychological coercion, for instance, threats to reveal embarrassing information about a victim. The government prefers to prosecute physical coercion as it tends to be egregiously severe and more readily identifiable and, therefore, easier to prove. With psychological coercion, the prosecution must prove the traffickers’ intent; that is very difficult to do. Kim concluded by noting that trafficking prosecutions face the difficult task of overcoming ideas of coercion and proving intent.

During the question portion of Kim’s presentation, she mentioned that she believes trafficking is linked to immigration laws. She says there are very few ways to legally immigrate to the U.S. The scarcity encourages trafficking. Kim suggested that immigration reform in the U.S. would go a long way to alleviate trafficking issues. When asked whether the problem of human trafficking is improving or worsening, Kim said she thought it was stagnant. She said she will believe the problem is improving when first responders, such as law enforcement officials and those from service organizations, say they see a decrease in incidents of trafficking.

**Karen Skinner** is a Research Services Librarian at the USC Gould School of Law Library in Los Angeles

## Eighth Advanced Management for Private Law Librarians (AMPLL) Conference

The ***Eighth Advanced Management for Private Law Librarians (AMPLL) Conference***, sponsored by the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group, will be held **April 8 - 10, 2011** in Dallas, TX.

### THE MISSION:

Redefining ourselves in the new law firm landscape: changes, challenges and opportunities.

### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- **Our world:** appreciate and capitalize on intimate knowledge of the legal industry
- **Our firm:** collaborate to create and leverage strategic opportunities
- **Our department:** measure and communicate value
- **Our staff:** cultivate the staff you want
- **Ourselves:** enhance time management, project management and soft skills

Application deadline is **December 31, 2010**, and all applicants will be informed by February 18, 2011.

Additional information can be found at: [AMPLL 2011](#) and the application to attend can be found at: <http://www.lexisnexis.com//amplapp>

If you have any questions about the program, please contact your LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant.

## 2010 Federal Depository Library Council Meeting and Conference ... by Margot McLaren

The conference was held at the Doubletree Hotel, Arlington, VA, from October 18-20, 2010. I attended the following workshops.



### Monday, October 18

#### Overview of Federal Digitization Projects

**Barbie Selby**, Manager of Research and Information Services at the University of Virginia discussed three major federal digitization projects: GPO's Registry, TRAIL (Technical Report Archive and Image Library), and CIC/Google. In the **GPO's Registry** of digitization projects, there are about 170 collections. Many are not listed, and projects reflect institutional bias and are not comprehensive. However, GPO encourages increased participation. **TRAIL** was formed to meet the challenges of accessing federal technical reports prior to 1975. Over 200,000 records have been scanned to date. TRAIL has developed partnerships with institutions such as University of Michigan, University of Arizona, Oklahoma State University, University of Washington and University of North Texas. **CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation)/Google Project** involves the University of Minnesota, Penn State and University of Illinois. Over 105,000 documents have been scanned so far, and about 200,000 materials will be part of the Hathi Trust collection by the end of this year.

#### Harvesting Government Documents into the Local Catalog: A New Model for Online Access

**Hathi Trust** ([www.hathitrust.org](http://www.hathitrust.org)) is a shared digital repository. Its goal is to build a reliable and comprehensive and digital archive of print library materials that is co-owned and managed by academic institutions. Launched on October 13, 2008, it consists of a 12-member Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) plus 11 libraries of the University of California system. The University of Denver library staff began harvesting Hathi Trust materials into their Innovative Interface's Encore online catalog database. What motivated them to be involved in the harvesting project? For one, their patrons are used to using electronic documents, and secondly, all of their print documents (including the legacy collection) will be in storage during the library's 18-month renovation. The downside of harvested materials from Hathi Trust is the records are stripped down, thus providing too few access points and inadequate descriptions. On the upside, Hathi Trust records are freely available and easy to harvest, the content is superb, and it contains monographic and serial documents holdings spanning about 150 years.

#### Plenary Session: Council/GPO Welcome and Kick-Off

The Government Printing Office (GPO) celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 23, 2010, and produced a facsimile edition of 100 GPO Years, 1861-1961: A History of United States Public Printing. GPO also produced its first comic book, Squeaks Discovers Type: How Print Has Expanded Our Universe!

GPO Bookstore was remodeled, and is moving into e-publishing. Government documents will be available on e-readers.

**Robert Tabella** is the 25<sup>th</sup> public printer.

The federal digital system (FDsys) and GPO Access will be running on parallel platforms until December 2010.

Johnson County Library from Overland Park, Kansas was named the 2010 Federal Depository Library of the Year.

#### Managing the Disposition of Depository Materials: Practical Tips for Efficient Weeding

Specific procedures on weeding government documents are set forth in the Federal Depository Library Handbook. **Liya Deng** of Mercer University provided strategies on what to weed and what to keep in order to update the library's collection, and how to generate extra shelf space. She also discussed using GPO's Superseded List and Needs and Offers requirements.

## 2010 Federal Depository Library Council Meeting and Conference ... *continued*

### **Be Prepared / Ser Listo**

As population grows, disasters become costlier and deadlier. Since the 1960's, economic losses from natural disasters on a global scale have more than tripled due to lack of standard building codes and lack of government intervention. **Jane Canefield**, Depository Coordinator of Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Puerto Rico, directed conference attendees to government agency web sites (such as NOAA, Dept. of Homeland Security, USGS, etc.) that keep citizens informed of natural and man-made disasters, and how to prepare for them. This workshop was presented in English and Spanish.

**Tuesday, October 19, 2010**

### **Emerging Models for Partnerships among Depository Libraries**

Depository libraries are partnering to preserve and enhance access to depository collections. The proposed Southeast Region guidelines for management and disposition of federal depository collections from the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), the Google digitization project from the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), and the cooperative projects of the 5 Colleges of Ohio were addressed.

### **Agency Update: STAT-USA**

STAT-USA/Internet website and syndication services ceased operations on September 30, 2010. USA Trade Online has continued and maintained under the Foreign Trade Division of the US Census Bureau. USA Trade Online provides access to current and cumulative US export and import data for over 18,000 export commodities and 24,000 import commodities, and includes monthly and annual trade statistics at the district and port level, as well as state exports. There are 2 free single, designated workstations for USA Trade Online. To obtain a username and password, contact **Michael Clark** of GPO at [mclark@gpo.gov](mailto:mclark@gpo.gov).

### **Agency Update: United States Geological Survey**

**Richard Huffine**, USGS National Library Coordinator, provided an overview of products and services of the United States Geological Survey which includes the latest development and information about the dissemination of geospatial information.

### **Agency Update: Defense Technical Information Center Resources for Depository Libraries**

**Candy Parker**, Instructor, and **Christine Barrett**, Technical Information Specialist for the DTIC, provided an overview of DTIC's products and services which includes technical reports and memos, journal articles, conference proceedings, theses and dissertations, patent information, command histories, and budget information. DTIC developed one of the world's first online bibliographic databases, fielded its first website in 1994, and developed more than 100 websites for Dept. of Defense and military services. DTIC has more than 2 million documents in the technical report collection. Both presenters demonstrated to the audience on how to search DTIC's bibliographic database.

### **Agency Update: Copyright**

The structure of the US copyright law includes 6 exclusive rights: reproduction, preparation of derivative works, distribution to the public, public performance, public display, and public performance via Digital Audio Transmission. Attorney-Advisor **Christopher D. Weston** for the Office of General Council, US Copyright Office covered three sections of the copyright law regarding exceptions to and limitations on exclusive rights: section 109: "First Sale Doctrine"-Distribution; section 108: Exceptions for Libraries and Archives; and section 107: "Fair Use" Exceptions.

**Margot McLaren** is Serials/Documents Librarian at Whittier Law School Library in Costa Mesa



## The Richard H. Chambers Courthouse and its Library are Pasadena Jewels ... text by Patricia Pelz Hart, photos by Tanya Cao



Richard H. Chambers Courthouse, 2010



Hotel Vista del Arroyo, 1930's

fancy resort. The doorman refused to let him in.

In 1954, Chambers was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He served as chief judge from Aug. 6, 1959 to June 30, 1976, and became a senior judge on Dec. 31, 1976. When the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit needed more space in greater Los Angeles, Judge Chambers remembered the Vista del Arroyo. He was the prime force behind its conversion to a courthouse.

### Building Renovation

When it was first considered for a court facility in the late 1970's, the building was described by Chambers' colleagues as "a wreck" and a "skid row fugitive." But engineers declared it sound. In 1979, Congress appropriated money to restore and seismically upgrade the building. Then, in 1981, the Vista del Arroyo was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Renovation thus had to respect the old hotel's position in California architectural history.

**Neptune & Thomas Associates**, a Pasadena architectural firm, and architect **J. Rudy Freeman**, handled the design and restoration. Their finished work restores or pays homage to many of the grand design elements from the hotel. Benches and a clock from other courthouses were brought to Pasadena, adding a nationwide gloss to the project. Artwork from local artists is featured through the public areas.

Architectural renovation of the highest order, western art, and beautiful landscaping can be seen glowing in the federal courthouse in Pasadena. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals sits at the **Richard H. Chambers Courthouse**, 125 South Grand Avenue, Pasadena. The city and the building share numerous treasured links dating back many decades.

### Building History

In the 1930's, Pasadena was well known for a luxury resort called the **Vista del Arroyo**. Set on over 7 acres a few blocks from Colorado Boulevard, the resort had a ball room and other magnificent public rooms, luxurious suites, a swimming pool, badminton and tennis courts, large gardens, and trails for horse rides. The large main building rose among a nest of individual bungalows of the wealthy.

During World War II, the federal government took over the property under the War Powers Act. The resort became the **McCornack Army Hospital**. The hospital cared for hundreds of ambulatory patients injured in the Pacific Theater. Soldiers' wives were also treated, and babies were born there. **Bob Hope** visited to perform for troops, and broadcast his radio show from the Ball Room, which is now Courtroom Three.

The military hospital was deactivated in 1949. The federal government then declared the building as "surplus property."

During the next three decades, the building's fortunes went downhill. At first, several federal agencies used it for office space. After a time, however, it stood empty and neglected.

### Court Space Required

The caseload of the Ninth Circuit increased substantially after the war ended in 1945. Population and businesses migrated west, bringing with them legal conflicts. Congress created new judgeships to handle the workload. The Ninth Circuit needed to expand its facilities. Fortunately, from an experience many years before, one judge knew what to do.

On New Year's Eve of 1936, **Richard H. Chambers**, a recent Stanford Law School graduate, stopped by the Vista del Arroyo to visit his cousin, who was playing on a Rose Bowl team. Chambers was dusty and rumped, and the hotel was a



## Chambers Courthouse and Law Library ... *continued*

On the first floor, areas accessible by the public are the main lobby, three courtrooms, the law library, the court clerk room, meeting rooms, a dining room, and a room with an exhibit about Judge Chambers. The upper floors are devoted to judges' chambers and court business.

The restored building was dedicated and formally taken over by the General Services Administration on Feb. 3, 1986. Chief Justice Warren Burger presided over the ceremonies. The new facility allowed several judges from Los Angeles to move out of their crowded conditions. On Feb. 16, 1993, the courthouse was named the **Richard H. Chambers U.S. Court of Appeals Building**, in honor of its guiding force. Judge Chambers died on Oct. 21, 1994.

### Law Library

The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit has a network of libraries to serve its twenty-five active and twenty-two senior judges. Twenty-one branch libraries and four unstaffed libraries are located in the states or territories of the circuit. California is the location of eight branch libraries, including one in San Francisco for the U.S. District Court. The largest branch library is also in San Francisco, at the headquarters of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit at 7<sup>th</sup> & Mission.

The Branch Librarian at the Richard H. Chambers Courthouse is **Kathryn A. Way**. She has served in that position for almost twenty years. Kathryn met Judge Chambers at the naming ceremony. The Assistant Librarian is **Lan Dang**. The Library technician is **Helen Petersen**. Helen has been at the library since it opened in 1986. At various times, interns and volunteers also work in the library.

The librarian before Kathy was **Evelyn Brandt Ricci**. They are the only two librarians who have managed the library since the courthouse opened 1986.

The law library in Pasadena contains about 30,000 volumes in print, fiche, and equivalents. The library subscribes to HeinOnline. Cataloging is done via OCLC.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit's libraries share resources and have developed topical subspecialties to promote efficiency. In Pasadena, the subspecialty is banking and bankruptcy.



Branch Librarian Kathryn A. Way and  
Assistant Librarian, Lan Dang



Chicago Clock



## Chambers Courthouse and Law Library ... *continued*

### Law Library Space

Throughout the building, echoes of the past continue to resonate. The **reading room** of the law library houses federal material. The library is located in what had been the **main dining room** of the Vista del Arroyo, which became the **officers' dining room** of the army hospital.

California codes and reporters are in the **back stacks**, housed in the original **kitchen**. The **technical services room** had also been part of the kitchen. The **dumbwaiter** dates to 1930 and it still works, being used today to bring mail up to the library from the loading dock in the basement.

A **storage room** is in the basement.

### Chicago Clock

The **Chicago Clock** dominates the library reading room. The 800 pound clock dates from 1890. It had been on the old Corinthian Courthouse in Chicago.

The courthouse was demolished in 1965, but some pieces had been saved by Judge Chambers the year before. The Judge rented a moving van, drove it to Chicago, and drove the then-fragile clock to San Francisco for storage. Other saved pieces were shipped west by train. Of the antiques and other historical fixtures he rescued, the clock and wooden bench seating now housed in Courtroom One made their way to Pasadena.



Courtroom One

### Courtroom One

Courtroom One has benches that Judge Chambers brought from the old courthouse in Chicago, as well as from judicial offices in Arizona. The room was a **sitting room** called the **Spanish Room** when the building was a hotel. It then became the **non-commissioned officers'** [enlisted] **mess hall** in the hospital period. After a 1983 fire damaged some of the ceiling decorations, set designers from **Disney** helped to recreate the tiles. The law library is across a hall from Courtroom One.

### Courtroom Two

Courtroom Two is the smallest of the three courtrooms. Courtroom Two and a small judges' conference room were carved out of a portion of the hotel's grand **Ball Room**. Today, the **Bankruptcy Appellate Panel** (BAP) meets in this courtroom.



Courtroom Two

### Courtroom Three

Courtroom Three, the largest of the three courtrooms, takes up the bulk of what had been the hotel's **Ball Room**. This is the courtroom used when the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit sits with all judges present (*en banc*). Three rows of seats can accommodate the full court of 28 judges. When only a few judges are present, the rear two rows are concealed behind curtains.

Investitures for new judges take place in Courtroom Three.

Courtroom Three is also the site for SCALL's annual business meeting in June. SCALL officers sit at the bench, and SCALL members sit in the spectator seats.



Courtroom Three

### Little Mural Room

Just prior to the June annual business meeting, the SCALL executive board meets in the **Little Mural Room**. Hotel guests used to have coffee there when it was the **morning room**.

In 1985, the room's walls are painted with wonderful murals of southwest scenes. One mural shows the **Arroyo Seco Bridge** that faces the courthouse. The artist was **Terry Schoonhoven**.





## Chambers Courthouse and Law Library ... *continued*



### Dining Room and Veranda

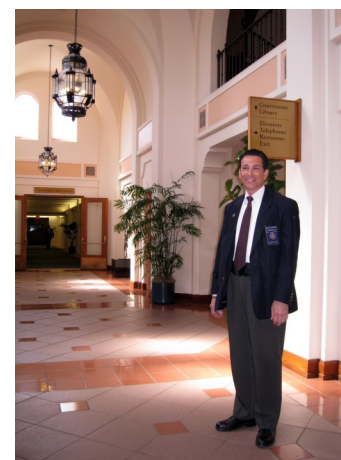
Following the business meeting, SCALL members eat dinner in a dining room off the lobby. This was the hotel's **Sunset Room**. A connecting veranda with tables and chairs is a cool place to sit outside and view the lovely gardens while gazing at the sunset and the **Arroyo Seco Bridge**.

### Main Lobby

The main lobby has been restored to a similar appearance as during the hotel period. Visitors to the court enter through the lobby and have to face security, like the young Richard Chambers.

United States Marshal **Steven L. Sarnicola** has worked at the courthouse since the early 1990's. Marshal Sarnicola greeted two SCALL librarians when we paid a visit on August 26, 2010. **William J. Borges**, a court security officer, added his welcome.

A present day lounge and a conference room for attorneys were converted from hotel lobby shops.



U.S. Marshal Steven Sarnicola

### Art Works

The first floor of the courthouse is a visual delight. In addition to the building itself, several free standing works of art adorn the space.

A portrait of **Judge Chambers** hangs in the lobby. The artist was his wife, **Eileen**.

A **wooden bench** sits in the lobby with a gentle scoop down its center length.

Three **wooden bowls** are rest on a table just inside the Clerk's office. The first is made of carob wood, originally from the Middle East; the second is Carolina cherry; the third is camphor burl, a hard wood originally from India. All came from trees that were grown in Pasadena. **Peter Tarbox** was the Pasadena artist who carved the bench and the bowls.

A large painting of the **Snake River Valley, Idaho** is in the library. The painting is by **Robert Moore**, a painter with a degree from the Art Center of Design in Pasadena.

Several paintings of the hotel, photographs of noteworthy officials and judges, and commemorative plaques also line the walls.

The art works in the courthouse were created by artists and artisans indigenous to the geographic area covered by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit.



### Judge Chambers' Chamber

A prominent feature of the lobby is a display honoring the life and legal practice of Judge Richard H. Chambers. Librarian Kathryn Way created the display in 2008, per the request of the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit executive officers. She scavenged among federal archives and museums, and contacted the judge's family, friends and colleagues to locate and acquire items of significance in his life.

## Chambers Courthouse and Law Library ... *continued*



A ledger and books from the Arizona law practice of the judge and his father are on a desk. Diplomas, a military commission, and other school souvenirs are framed together. The flag from Judge Chambers' coffin, folded into a military triangle, is displayed on a wall. A \$2.00 bill is one the judge gave his wife, Eileen, on their first date. The manual typewriter is a gift from a fellow judge.

Judge Chambers did not like to fly. He preferred to take the train, carrying papers in a government mail bag, which is included in the exhibit.

### A Horse Named Tom

Judge Chambers had a horse whose full name was **Thomas Tipton Chambers**. The judge loved Tom. In the "chamber" are photos, a cartoon, and a painting of Tom and the judge. A horseshoe serves as a paper weight.

Tom was also Judge Chambers' alter ego. The judge wrote memos and notes to judges and court staff, and signed them "Tom." Viewers can see a memo from Tom Chambers, with the handwritten entry by Judge Chambers that "Tom says working for Dick drives you into prayer."

A wooden carving of a horse is carefully placed next to a light so the horse's shadow is projected upon the wall as if it were racing across it.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit is very pleased with the display. It has become the model for similar displays in other courthouses.

The glass door to the display is kept locked. Kathy maintains the exhibit herself, due to security concerns and the fragility of some of the exhibit's contents; even the marshals and cleaning crew do not have access.

### The Grounds

The grounds of the courthouse are themselves works of art. Beautiful plants and flowers are everywhere to see. Judge **Cynthia Holcomb Hall** oversees the

landscaping.

The building's history manifests itself again. The palm trees near Grand Avenue, the street in front of the courthouse, were chosen and placed to look like those originally in front of the hotel. The roses are the same color as the hotel's.

There have been changes, however. The path that led to the pool has now become part of the landscaping. The pool has long since been dug up.

Most of the private bungalows have been torn down. Four that remain have become a campus of the Western Justice Center. Other bungalows are available for conferences.





## Chambers Courthouse and Law Library ... *continued*



### The Public and the Courthouse

The courthouse's present and past lives continue to be part of the Pasadena scene. During Kathy's first week of work, a couple in their 70's came to the courthouse to re-visit the site of their wedding and honeymoon at the Vista del Arroyo fifty years earlier. Over the years, people who were born at the army hospital have stopped by, as have some who were patients.

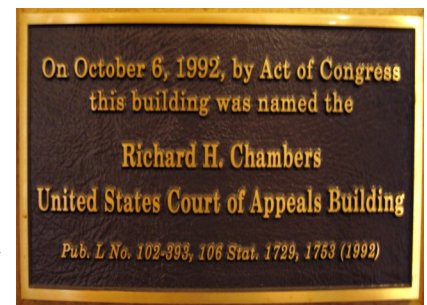
Each New Year's day, Grand Avenue, outside the grounds, is a staging site for the Tournament of Roses parade. Workers in the courthouse get an early look at the floats.

The building is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Only judges and court staff can borrow from the law library, but the staff tries to help the public as much as possible. Local practitioners, students, and the public can use the library materials inside the library, and a public photocopier, as well as Wifi capability, are available.

As does SCALL, local groups may arrange to use the dining room for meetings.

In the late 1950's, a local pet shop that specialized in birds caught fire. The store owner released his birds to save them. Since then, parrots have become common over Pasadena and other areas in the San Gabriel Valley.

The Richard H. Chambers Courthouse has much to offer to staff and visitors. In addition to a stunning building and library enhanced by beautiful and meaningful art, it may be possible to spot a parrot feeding its newborn chicks somewhere on the splendid grounds.



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## Renovation of San Diego County's Downtown Law Library Begins January 2011 ... by Victoria Williamson

*This is a slightly modified version of an article that originally appeared in the SANDALL News, November 2010.*

The San Diego County Public Law Library will be undergoing an estimated \$3.2 million renovation of its downtown facility at 1105 Front Street, San Diego. Anyone who frequents the 50 year old Law Library building at the corner of Front and C streets will agree that it needs an extreme make-over. The renovation will not only bring the building up to code and ADA-compliant, but will also provide a new interior that will include comfortable work spaces, a modern multi-purpose community room, and conference rooms with enhanced technology capabilities, including video conferencing, more computers for online research, and improved Internet connectivity. Construction is slated to begin early January and is projected to be completed by June 2011. The Main Library's staff, equipment, and major portion of the collection are expected to be moved out of its downtown facility and into a temporary site at 1168 Union Street by the first week of January.

During the renovation, the Main Library will continue to provide services and access to its collection from its temporary store front location, which will be open from Monday thru Saturday with the same hours of operation as now. Frequently used materials from the Main Library's California and Federal practice collection will be available at the downtown store front location, while the rest of the secondary loose-leaf treatises will be available at the South Bay branch in Chula Vista. Selected materials from the Main Library's Native American Law collection and

Federal Government documents will be moved to the North County branch in Vista. Library members will be able to check out materials and request them thru intra/inter-library loans from any of its branches or other law libraries. In addition, a significant portion of the library's print materials, including CEB, Rutter, Matthew Bender, and CCH titles, are available online and accessible at all the branches. The public can continue to call the Main Library at (619) 531-3900.

**The Main Library's MCLE classes scheduled for December and January will be held at Kramm Court Reporting, located at 401 West A Street, Suite 750.** Thanks to the generosity of Kramm Court Reporting, the library will continue to offer free MCLE classes to its attorney and paralegal members in downtown during the MCLE crunch time period.

The San Diego County Public Law Library

values its members, library users and supporters. It has set up a renovation webpage to



keep them informed and help them navigate through the collection and services during the renovation period. The **"Rebuilt, Reinvented, Reinvigorated" webpage** is a one-stop shop for renovation news and information about what to expect before, during, and after the renovation. As the renovation progresses, anyone will be able to view before and after photos of the library. Be sure to visit the renovation webpage at <http://www.sdcpll.org/renovation/index.html>.

The Law Library recognizes the inconvenience that may result due to the temporary closure of its downtown facility. In an effort to alleviate the inconvenience caused to its members, the **annual**

## Renovation of San Diego County's Downtown Law Library Begins January 2011 ... *continued*

**membership fee for this year (Oct. 1, 2010-Sept. 30, 2011) has been waived.** Members wishing to make a tax-deductible donation in lieu of their membership fee are encouraged to do so by visiting the Law Library Justice Foundation website at <http://www.lljf.org/donations/donation01.php>. The Law Library gratefully acknowledges the Hervey Family for its \$1.6 million donation and the members who have contributed to the renovation fund.

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## Want to be a Law Librarian Mentee?

Be a part of the new SANDALL Buddies Program launching this fall!

The **SANDALL Buddies Program** is a yearlong commitment (aligned with the school year) where professional law librarians are paired up with library students, new librarians and other types of librarians who are interested in the field of law librarianship. This program is an excellent opportunity for mentees to learn how to succeed in the law librarian profession. Mentors also benefit by sharing their experiences and expertise in guiding newer librarians into the profession. This will be an overall rewarding experience for all who participate.

The pairs will have a variety of activities to choose from such as attend events together, work on projects like writing newsletter articles and plan a SANDALL event to help mentees get more familiar with the organization. The Buddies Program is designed to be flexible to allow pairs to set their own goals and expectations. They can schedule meetings on their own to stay in contact in a way that is best suited for them. There will also be occasional social events for the program where the pairs can meet up with all the other participants and share ideas.

### **As a Mentee:**

- Learn what it's like to be a law librarian first hand
- Job Shadow your Mentor or tour their workplace
- Have your resume reviewed by a professional
- Have someone you can turn to for questions and support
- Attend conferences, workshops, and social events with your mentor where you can meet other law librarians
- Get more involved with the SANDALL organization to build your network and resume

If this sounds like a program for you, then sign up by emailing Allison Coltin at [acoltin@sandiego.edu](mailto:acoltin@sandiego.edu).

\*SANDALL Membership is not required for mentees of the SANDALL Buddies program; however it is encouraged and is only \$15 for students. For More information about the benefits of SANDALL go to <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sandall/>

## San Jose State: Do You Know the Way? ... by George P. Carter



I graduated with a Master's degree in library and information science (MLIS) from **San Jose State University** (hereafter SJSU) in 2009. I earned this degree without ever having stepped a foot on the campus. Conveniently, SJSU offers their entire MLIS program online and the degree is fully accredited by the American Library Association.

When I began the program in the fall of 2007, they were still offering classes on campus for those students in San Jose, as well as hybrid classes for those in the Southern California area. In the fall of 2009, the program became an **online only program** due to the lack of enrollment in the traditional classes that were still being offered. The **School of Library and Information Science** at SJSU found that most students prefer attending class from the comfort of their homes and were just not enrolling in the traditional campus and hybrid classes.

With nearly 2800 students, SJSU's School of Library and Information Science (hereafter SLIS) has the highest enrollment of any library school in the U.S and Canada. The program has students in 45 states and 17 countries. In 2009-2010, 464 students graduated from SJSU with an MLIS degree. Nearly 40% of 2009 graduates were under the age of 30, and nearly 60% were under the age of 35. The coursework consists of 43 semester units which can be completed in 2 years. Nearly 50% of SLIS students complete the program in two years, and nearly 80% graduate in three years or less. Some students take longer, but the program must be completed within 7 years.

Beyond the regular **MLIS** degree program, SLIS offers an **executive MLIS** program, a **Master's degree in archives and records administration (MARA)**, and a **teacher librarian credential**. More recently, SLIS has partnered with Queensland University of Technology to offer a **PhD** through its gateway program. To be admitted to the MLIS or MARA degree programs, the applicant must have an accredited Bachelor's degree with at least a 3.0 GPA, or a Master's degree regardless of GPA. The GRE is not required. All students must have computer access from home. Individuals interested in the PhD program should visit [www.slisweb.sjsu.edu](http://www.slisweb.sjsu.edu) for more details.

The MLIS degree consists of 5 required courses and completion of either an e-Portfolio or a thesis. Aside from the required courses, SLIS provides students with the freedom of choosing their own personalized course of study. Individuals who prefer a more structured educational plan can choose among a variety of program specializations. A complete list can be reviewed at <http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/classes/specializations.htm>.

There is no specific track for those who want to practice law librarianship. But there are tracks and classes that will prepare a person for working in a law library.

I found the course offerings to be exceptional. You may find it difficult when registering for classes each semester. Choose wisely because SLIS no longer offers its courses through Open University; you must be a student to enroll in classes. As always, AALL and SCALL seem to be the best options for professional development.

Some of you may be hesitant about distance learning, but I can testify to its convenience and efficiency. All SLIS students are given access to SJSU's electronic King library, which includes a variety of resources and databases. Most of the course content is delivered asynchronously through the ANGEL learning management system. Some courses include occasional live synchronous sessions through the Elluminate live web conferencing platform. All incoming students are required to take a 1 unit course to become familiar with the distance learning technology.

There are some programs that are longer than the program at San Jose State University and some shorter. Many programs are more expensive and may even require some travel. The course offerings at San Jose State University are exceptional and the faculty is easy to work with. Everyone will have to decide their own educational path. Now you know the way to San Jose.

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## SCALL Student Mentorship Program 2010

The **SCALL Library School Liaison Committee** reported a very successful response to our 2010 mentor program. The program matches library school students interested in law librarianship with mentors.

17 local students responded to announcements from the Committee on the listserv of SCALL, UCLA library school students, and SJSU library school students. 23 generous SCALL members volunteered to mentor students interested in their type of law library

Library students living in Southern California who were interested in law librarianship and wanted a mentor were matched with 17 of the SCALL volunteers.

Cheryl Kelly Fischer thanks all of the 23 volunteers (those 17 who were matched up this year, as well as those who did not receive a mentee this year - because their location and type of library did not match one of the 17 students) for their willingness to mentor the future of our profession!

Until next fall (when we start mentor matching all over again!),

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## The Law Library for San Bernardino County ... text by Patricia Pelz Hart, photos by Tracie Hall



The **Law Library for San Bernardino County** is a public law library that is a model for California and the rest of the nation. The library, which began in 1891, is 119 years strong and looking ever forward.

The state of California holds it has a responsibility to provide legal information resources to the public. California has therefore established a state-wide system of law libraries that are publicly funded and are open to the public. A public law library exists in each county in California, per chapter 5, law libraries, of division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, beginning § 6300.

San Bernardino County is the geographically largest county in the United States. The County's public law library is the Law Library for San Bernardino County.

### Locations

The Law Library for San Bernardino County operates out of three locations. The main library is in the city of **San Bernardino**, across from the county government center. The large rectangular building was formerly a Security Pacific bank. The library moved in about 15 years ago, after renovation.

The facility in **Rancho Cucamonga** is referred to as the **West End** branch. At one time the Rancho Cucamonga branch was housed in the local courthouse, but then moved out to a separate building.

The **Victorville** facility, called the **High Desert**, has existed for about twenty years. The local bar was instrumental in getting the county law library to expand to a third location.

The library owns two of its buildings, and rents the third one (Rancho Cucamonga.) The library may ultimately build on two additional acres it owns in Rancho Cucamonga.



Rancho Cucamonga Branch



Victorville Branch

### State Support

Per the B. & P.C., the Law Library for San Bernardino County is funded through filing fees. The allotted sums of \$29 per civil case, etc. provide 90 -- 95% of San Bernardino's yearly funding. There are statutory variations in the dollar amount from filing fees going to the various county law libraries.

Except for that state support, however, the San Bernardino County law library is totally independent of any other entity. While courts or county governments elsewhere may provide resources or space to their public law libraries, that is not so in San Bernardino County.

### Collection

The print core collection in each location consists of codes, reporters, California treatises, and self help works. The main library has about 60% of the group holdings. The two branches have smaller collections of both federal material and general treatises.

## San Bernardino Law Library ... *continued*

The major publishers of self help works in the collection are the National Consumer Law Center (NCLC), Nolo, Sphinx, and Sourcebook. Sphinx is the publisher of the works in Spanish.

The library subscribes to many electronic databases. Its policy is that a database must be available in all three locations. CEB's OnLAW is the database with the heaviest use. Also on hand are HeinOnline, Westlaw, Lexis, LLMC, Fastcase, and Loislaw. For tax matters, the library subscribes to CCH and RIA. The library does not subscribe to Bloomberg.

### Patrons

In all three locations, usage is roughly 50% public and 50% legal profession. Rancho Cucamonga has more usage from the legal profession; in Victorville, the balance tilts more to non-legal patrons.

### Administration

The law library director is **Lawrence R. Meyer**. He has been there for eight and a half years. Larry is an active SCALL member, known to many in the chapter. When two SCALL members visited the San Bernardino facility on Oct. 26, Larry gave us a lengthy tour of the individual building, and a wealth of information about the three-location entity.

A seven-member board of trustees oversees the operations. Five members are from the court, and two are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

### Staff

A total of fourteen full time and part time employees run the three locations. Staff are scheduled by the week to rotate among the three locations. The two branches are usually staffed by only one employee at a time.

Work tasks may be split up. For example, bills for all locations are paid from the San Bernardino facility. The invoices for the library maintenance agreement of the West End branch therefore go to San Bernardino for payment. West End works are physically processed in San Bernardino, but labels and Tattle-Tape are done at the branch. High Desert does the total processing of its materials.



Larry Meyer,  
Library Director

### First Floor

Once inside, the San Bernardino building welcomes visitors with a burst of light and a sensation of open space. An angled wall of windows on the second and third floors brings in natural sunlight that permeates throughout the first floor.

Federal material is on one side of the center aisle; the California collection is on the other side. Readers may relax in easy chairs in the middle.

The reference collection is at one end. **Kimberly Simpson** is the reference / technical librarian. The online catalog is **Autographics**.

Self help books are in a separate area. English and Spanish language works are intershelved, with color coded labels.

Photos of San Bernardino judges hang on a wall.

There is no circulation desk. The collection is generally non-circulating, although attorneys may borrow MCLE materials.





## San Bernardino Law Library ... *continued*



The mail room has a stand with boxes labeled for West End or High Desert. Interlibrary loan material is put in a labeled box. Staff members going to a branch on rotation check the box and deliver its contents.

### Basement

Government documents, older treatises, and law reviews are in the basement, some kept on the library's compact shelving.

The library has been a **federal depository** for 26 years. It is a 17% selective depository, choosing from the legal field, supplemented by standard reference titles, like the *U.S. Government Manual*.

The San Bernardino County law library is also a **state depository**. Among its holdings are California Assembly and Senate bills back to 1981. A workstation / desk in the basement is where documents are processed and document reference is provided.

The computer network server is kept in the basement.

### Bank Indicia

A user who wanted to learn about the building's previous tenant would find some Big Clues around the library.

On the first floor, one former bank **vault** is now the Rare Book Room. The room contains a complete set of Deering's California codes, with annotations back to 1880. The genesis of the rare book collection was that of William Russler, San Bernardino public defender 1971 - 1985.

In the basement, there are two **bankers' tables** available for patron use. One has six sides, the second has eight sides. On each side is a drawer that could be locked. The wooden tables were originally used by bank tellers for their money trays. Each cashier would count money in the tray, and then lock the tray into the cashier's individual drawer. A combination lock can still be seen on one drawer.

A **tunnel** originally led from the basement to a glass booth at street-level. Bank patrons could conduct business without entering the bank. Before it moved out, the bank filled in the tunnel. Larry pointed out the wall behind where the tunnel used to be.

The bank's second **vault** is now used primarily as a basement storage area.



### Second Floor

The second floor is referred to as the mezzanine level. The floor is not strong enough to support book stacks. The bulk of the space is devoted to a large meeting room that is suitable for programs.

The county bar association often holds brown bag lunches in the meeting space. Attendees are attorney, staff, and some judges. Seminars on small claims are also held.

Unless a meeting of some sort is being held, the mezzanine level is generally closed off. It is opened up, however, twice a year for bar study.

Several computers are kept in the meeting room.

**George P. Carter**, head of reference and public services, has his individual office next to the conference space. George is also the depository coordinator.

### Third Floor

Library administration is on the building's top floor. Larry's office, a conference room, and several workstations all face the wall of windows on the back side of the building.

### Roof

The building's roof is not open to the public, but can be accessed via a steep staircase and a locked hatch. A **birds' net** protects the roof and equipment. The roof looks over the nearby courthouses and other buildings, with views extending to the mountains.

## San Bernardino Law Library ... *continued*

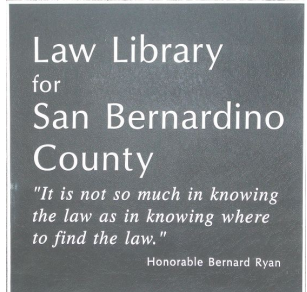
### Conclusion



In 2008, the library won the **Federal Depository Library of the Year Award**. In addition to winning, the library also set two records. First, it is the only California library ever to win the yearly federal depository library award. Second, is the only law library of any type to ever win.

To date, the library has ample growth space. It generally keeps everything in its collection and only rarely discards.

The Law Library for San Bernardino County is a public law library to emulate, study, and use. It is a model county law library poised to serve its patrons for years to come.



Plaque on outside of the law library building

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## Job Opportunities ... by Jodi Kruger

**Reference Librarian; LA Law Library; Los Angeles, November 30**

**Information Resource Assistant (Part-Time, 25 hours per week); Knobbe Martens; Irvine, November 17**

**Technical Services Librarian; Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP; Los Angeles, November 10**

**Electronic Services Librarian; University of San Diego Legal Research Center; San Diego, November 1**

**Librarians & Library Technical Assistants, Calif. Dept. Corrections & Rehabilitation, Statewide, Ongoing**

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## SCALL Executive Board Meeting / June 29, 2010

### SCALL Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, 29 June 2010

A regular meeting of the SCALL Executive Board was held on Tuesday, 29 June 2010 at the United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit in Pasadena. Board members present were:

Brian Raphael, President  
 Hugh Treacy, Vice President/President Elect (arrived 4:55)  
 John Wilson, Treasurer  
 Robert Wright, Secretary  
 Jessica Wimer, Past President  
 Margot McLaren, Board Member (arrived 4:55)  
 Mary Dryden, Board Member

Also attending as guests were incoming 2010-2011 Vice President/President Elect Mark Gediman, Secretary Galeen Roe (arrived 4:40), and Board Member Kelsey Chrisley.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

#### I. Review of the Minutes

John Wilson moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 27 April 2010. There was no discussion and the motion was carried.

#### II. Treasurer's Report

John Wilson reported that SCALL had net assets of \$41,773.48. Mary Dryden 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

Robert Wright reported on the recent SCALL election declaring the election of Mark Gediman, Vice President/President Elect, Galeen Roe, Secretary, and Kelsey Chrisley, Board Member. He also gave special thanks to Pauline Aranas and the Membership Committee for their help in preparing and mailing the election materials. Jessica Wimer moved to approve the report. There was no discussion and the motion was carried. The written report is filed with these minutes.

#### IV. President's Report

Brian Raphael read his report, some of the highlights of which were:

SCALL has subscribed to a membership database management system, Memberclicks, to integrate dues invoicing, directory, electronic balloting, and other services. The Membership Committee will begin setting up the SCALL account in the coming year.

Once again SCALL agreed with ALM to promote the LegalTech West Coast conference in exchange for partial complementary passes for our members.

Diana Jaque and Jennifer Berman have been working with vendors and the other chapters to bring about the 2010 Joint Pacific Chapters Reception at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver.



## SCALL Executive Board Meeting *continued*

Discussions have begun with NOCALL and SANDALL about a future tri-chapter joint institute. The general feeling of the Board at this time was that 2012 would be better than 2011.

Mary Dryden 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

Hugh Treacy reported on the success of the 2010 Institute in Ventura, "It's Not Easy Going Green: Lawyers and Librarians in Support of the Environment". SCALL received net receipts of \$12,572.59.

Robert Wright 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.

### VII. Proposals Regarding Dues for Unemployed Members

Brian Raphael presented proposed bylaws changes to Article IV Members, section 1, paragraphs (a) concerning the definition of "active member" and (d) concerning active members who become unemployed. The proposed bylaws amendments are filed with these minutes.

After much discussion, Mary Dryden moved that the Board approve and send to the membership for a vote the amended language for Art. IV, section 1, (d):

"(d) Active members who become unemployed during a membership period shall remain active members for the duration of that period."

After further discussion, the motion was carried.

### VIII. New Business

Brian Raphael brought up the possibility of another tri-chapter joint institute for 2011 and circulated the results of a members survey conducted by all three chapters: NOCALL, SCALL, and SANDALL (filed with these minutes).

After much discussion, no motions were made for or against a joint institute, but a general consensus grew that 2011 was too soon to plan such an institute and that discussions should continue with the other chapters.

Brian Raphael also brought up a proposal from Bob Ryan and the Casa Restaurant for a purely social SCALL gathering, with food and premises sponsored by the restaurant, happening some time in July. Suggestions were made that this could be a fund raising event for SCALL Committees (such as Grants) but that information concerning SCALL tax status and tax deductibility donations must be obtained from a tax adviser.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Submitted,

SCALL Secretary

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