President’s Message
by: Pat Ellingson
LLAW President

I would like to wish everyone, Happy Holidays and the best of everything in 2001.

Congratulations to Amy and Connie for a great meeting. There are two items from that meeting that I need help with.

LLAW’s web site is an important part of LLAW. Bonnie Shucha has agreed to chair a new LLAW Web site committee. She is looking for volunteers to work with her on this project. Tony Chan has volunteered to help. Bonnie will be on maternity leave this spring and her committee could use a few more volunteers. If you would like to work on this committee or serve as a co-chair, please contact Bonnie. (608-265-5513)

Ping Pong anyone? Hein Publishing is sponsoring a ping pong tournament at AALL this summer. They would like each chapter to send 2-4 representatives to the competition. To help us prepare for this event, Hein will send us a ping pong table and equipment to practice on. We can then donate the table to a local charity. In addition they will donate $10.00 to each chapter for each participant at the local level. This is great way for our chapter to raise money and to have the opportunity to help out a

(My Week In Philly!
by: Connie Von Der Heide
LLAW Grant Recipient

Programs, luncheons, meetings, exhibits, “pro bono work,” receptions … AALL 2000 was a whirlwind of activities and a rejuvenating experience for me. This year’s theme, “Gateways to Leadership,” had four program tracks: leadership, resource identification and allocation, technology, and management. I picked and chose from all tracks and filled in with all the other events to make it a “complete” conference.

My adventure started on Friday afternoon, July 14, with some of the same flight problems many other AALL attendees experienced due to severe weather in and around Ohio. My particular travel story could fill the rest of this column, so if you haven’t already heard it, see me at the next LLAW meeting! (It has a unique and happy ending.)

First stop: CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians), all day Saturday. I arrived a bit late due to the above-mentioned travel problems, so I missed the introductions to AALL Executive Board, Committee Chairs and SIS Chairs. I heard three presentations on being a successful law librarian, and en-
# LLAW Officers and Committees 2000/2001

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**LLAW TREASURER REPORT**

### CHECKING ACCOUNT

**Beginning Balance (7/31/00)** ................................................................. $6,126.76

**Income:**
- Membership
  - Active (18) ................................................................. $360.00
  - Associate (1) ................................................................. $10.00
  - Newsletter (2) ................................................................. $8.00
  - Sustaining (1) ................................................................. $110.00
- Total ............................................................. $488.00

**Expenditures:**
- Membership
  - Directory Postage ......................................................... $26.40
- Miscellaneous
  - Checking maintenance fee ................................................. $3.75
- Newsletter
  - Postage ................................................................. $71.50
  - MS Publisher ................................................................. $89.85
- Program
  - Nov. room down payment ................................................. $100.00
- Total ............................................................. $291.50

**Ending Balance (10/31/00)** ................................................................. $6,323.26

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

**Beginning Balance (7/31/00)** ................................................................. $3,051.38

**Income:**
- Interest ................................................................. $11.57

**Ending Balance (10/31/00)** ................................................................. $3,062.95

### CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

**Beginning Balance (7/31/00)** ................................................................. $3,127.14

**Income:**
- Interest ................................................................. $42.46

**Ending Balance (10/31/00)** ................................................................. $3,169.60

### TOTAL: CHECKING, SAVINGS AND CD

................................................................. $12,555.81

Respectfully Submitted, Victoria Coulter, LLAW Treasurer
Second Quarterly Board Meeting
Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin
Wednesday, November 8, 2000
Diana’s Party Room & Fine Dining
Sun Prairie, WI

President Pat Ellingson called the meeting to order at approximately 4:50 P.M.

**Present:** Pat Ellingson, Amy Easton Bingenheimer, Bonnie Shucha, Vicky Coulter, Olivia Bradford Jaskolski, Heidi Yelk, Pam Noyd, Mary Jo Koranda, Diane Duffey, and Connie Von Der Heide.

**Absent:** Rick Hendricks, Jane Moberg, Mary Koshollek, Jim Mumm, Susan O’Toole, and Kellee Selden.

I. Minutes for the September 12, 2000 Board Meeting were approved.

I. Treasurer’s Report

Checking Account Ending balance.................... 6,323.26
Savings Account Ending balance..................... 3,062.95
Certificate of Deposit Ending balance............... 3,169.60
TOTAL Ending balance....................... 12,555.81

II. Committee Reports

**Archives** No report.

**Government Relations** Heidi Yelk informed the Board that UCITA (the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act) may be coming up for action in Wisconsin. She suggested that LLAW create a resolution against passage. She will investigate the possibility.

**Grants** Pat Ellingson reported in Jane Moberg’s absence that the Grants Committee would like to increase the total budget amount from last year’s $2000 to $2500 this year. This amount was approved by the Board.

**Membership** Pam Noyd reported the following figures: 88 active members, 8 associate members, 4 sustaining members, and 3 student members for a total of 103. This shows an increase over last year’s 94 members. Pam also indicated that she would be sending a welcome packet to new members consisting of the LLAW brochure and other information about committee opportunities, the web site, and listserv.

**Newsletter** Pat reported in Mary Koshollek and Jim Mumm’s absence that the new software purchased (MS Publisher) to assist with design and layout is working out nicely. Mary and Jim would like to investigate publishing the newsletter on our web site.

**Nominating** No report.

**Placement** Diane Duffey asked for suggestions from the Board for future projects. One suggestion included creating a page on our web site with job notices and sample librarian job descriptions and salary recommendations. The latter idea evolved from Heidi Yelk’s mention that the Wisconsin Association of Legal Administrators’ web site includes a section on careers in a law firm. She felt that the information about librarians (http://www.wi-ala.org/carlaw/ala/librarian/librarian.html) might benefit from a librarian’s insight. The Board suggested that LLAW offer assistance to WALA on this project to foster good-will and possible cross-promotion between our two organizations.

**Program** Amy Easton Bingenheimer mentioned that West is generously underwriting the social hour at tonight’s Membership meeting. She suggested that this year’s remaining meetings be held in February, April, and May to avoid hazardous winter travel. The Board felt that priorities in picking sites should be location and convenience, rather than cost, which could be subsidized, if necessary, by LLAW.

**Public Access** No report.

**Public Relations** See discussion of the LLAW Logo Design Contest under New Business.

*(Please see Board Meeting on page 8)*
President Pat Ellingson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

I. Minutes Minutes from the April 6, 2000 and May 17, 2000 general membership meetings were approved.

II. Treasurer’s Report Vicky Coulter gave the treasurer’s report: checking account balance at $6,323.26; savings account balance at $3,062.95; and certificate of deposit balance at $3,169.60 for a total of $12,555.81.

III. Committee Reports
   A. Archives. No report.
   B. Government Relations. Heidi Yelk related that UCITA (the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act) may be coming up for action in Wisconsin. If you have any additional information on this matter, please contact Heidi or Tony Chan.
   C. Grants. No report.
   D. Membership. Pam Noyd reported the following figures: 88 active members, 8 associate members, 4 sustaining members, and 3 student members for a total of 103.
   E. Newsletter. Pat Ellingson reported that the new software purchased (MS Publisher) to assist with design and layout is working out nicely.
   F. Nominating. No report.
   G. Placement. No report.
   H. Program. Amy Easton Bingenheimer reported that this year’s remaining membership meetings will be held in February, April, and May. Connie Von der Heide thanked West (Sue Spoerk) for generously underwriting tonight’s social hour.
   J. Public Relations. Pat announced that LLAW will be conducting a logo competition. The contest would be aimed at Madison and Milwaukee SLIS students with a prize of $100 awarded to the winner.

IV. Announcements
   A. Kimberly Barskaitiki Article. Pat pointed out that an article written by one of our new members, Kimberly Barskaitiki, recently appeared in the AALL Spectrum. See the October 2000 issue for her article, “Confessions of a New Law Librarian.”

V. Old Business
   Wisconsin Law and Technology Show Pam Noyd announced that brochures for this event, which will be held November 30th in Milwaukee, have recently been sent to LLAW members. Due to a mix-up in mailing, the early bird registration period has been extended for LLAW members. Amy Easton Bingenheimer will be presenting and the following LLAW members will be volunteering at the Internet Café: Pam Noyd, Susan O’Toole, Julie Tessmer, Jane Colwin, Pat Ellingson, Mary Koshollek, Shelly Maiman, and Jenny Dedolph. For more information, see http://www.npilaw.com/wlt2000.html which is a link from the LLAW web site.

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Mentoring Opportunities: 
Calling all Madison-area 
Special Librarians

by: Laura Olsen Dugan, 
LLAW/UW-Madison SLIS Liaison

The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies Special Libraries Association Student Group is seeking special librarians, like you, to serve as mentors. Do you have a few free hours you could share?

Student interest in special librarianship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is on the increase. Nearly 25% of students admitted to SLIS in 1999 expressed a career goal in special libraries and information agencies. In fact, in both 1998 and 1999, special librarianship was the most commonly listed career goal of incoming students. 21% of students in 1998 and 18% of students in 1997 expressed that special librarianship was their career goal.

The mentoring relationship can vary, based on parameters and expectations set forth by both the mentee and mentor. The relationship could be as limited as a one day job shadow; more in-depth with a set of regularly scheduled meetings; or a casual relationship over e-mail and voice mail, whereby the mentee could seek career-planning advice from the mentor. Commitments can range from two hours total to two hours per month. Once paired, the mentor and mentee will set learning objectives, and will meet when objectives have been met to evaluate the mentoring process and measure its success.

When I was a SLIS student a formal mentoring process was not in place at the UW-Madison. At that time I called the librarian at Rayovac Corporation to ask if I could visit her special library and pick her brain about special librarianship. I felt awkward calling a person I did not know and asking for her professional advice, but she kindly obliged and invited me to her special library. I was grateful that she took the time to talk with me, show me her organization’s special library, and talk with me about the profession.

Volunteering to serve as a mentor is a way in which to give back and reinvest in our profession. It requires less of a time commitment than hosting an intern or practicum student (another wonderful way in which to help shape tomorrow’s library and information professionals), yet is equally valuable to a student. Share your professional forecasts with a student; advise on recommended courses and skills sets for special librarians; invite a student to an LLAW meeting; introduce a future special librarian to a day in the life of a law librarian … the possibilities are varied and diverse.

If interested in establishing a mentor relationship with a future special librarian, please contact Barbara Arnold and include information on the type of mentoring relationship you would like to have with a student. You will be contacted at a later time by SLIS to discuss mentor/mentee pairing. Barbara can be reached at bjarnold@facstaff.wisc.edu or at 608.263.2909.

Wanted

Madison-area special librarian willing to share a few hours total or a few hours per month mentoring a SLIS student from the UW-Madison. Interests include guidance on special librarianship as a career, recommended skills for special librarians, tips on job searching, and other sage advice. For details please call 608.263.2909.
(Board Meeting continued from page 5)

IV. Announcements

A. Kimberly Barskaitiki Article - Pat pointed out that an article written by one of our new members, Kimberly Barskaitiki, recently appeared in the AALL Spectrum. See the October 2000 issue for her article, “Confessions of a New Law Librarian.”

B. LCOMM Vacancy - Pat announced that Corliss Rice will be leaving her position at LCOMM (Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee).


V. Old Business

A. Grant Committee Budget - As noted in the Grants Committee report above, the budget will be increased from $2000 to $2500.

B. Wisconsin Law and Technology Show - Brochures for this event, which will be held November 30th in Milwaukee, have recently been sent to LLAW members. Due to a mix-up in mailing, the early bird registration period has been extended for LLAW members. For more information, see http://www.npilaw.com/wlt2000.html.

As Amy Bingenheimer will be presenting and LLAW members will be staffing the Internet Café, it was suggested that the Public Relations Committee submit a Chapter News article to AALL Spectrum.

C. SLIS Liaison - Because it was determined from the minutes that the position of UW-Milwaukee SLIS Liaison is currently vacant, LLAW will ask for a volunteer to fill this role.

VI. New Business

A. Michael Bemis Recognition - As tonight is Michael’s last LLAW Membership meeting before retirement, Pat will present him with a certificate of appreciation and gift certificate from Borders.

B. Hein Ping-Pong Competition - To encourage participation in the 2001 AALL Meeting competition, Hein has offered to supply each chapter with a ping-pong table and equipment which LLAW could donate to a worthy charity after the competition. In addition, Hein will donate $10 per local competition participant to our scholarship fund. Winners of the local competition would be sent on to compete at the Annual Meeting. The Board agreed passed a motion to accept the offer, but wondered where the table could be stored. Volunteers will be requested at tonight’s membership meeting.

C. LLAW Logo Design Contest - Pat presented Laura Olson Dugan’s proposed flyer announcing the logo competition. The contest would be aimed at Madison and Milwaukee SLIS students with a prize of $100 awarded to the winner. The winning entry, which could be announced in conjunction with National Library Week, would be decided by member vote. The Board approved the contest details and flyer, with a few minor revisions, such as the addition of a statement that submissions will become the property of LLAW and a note that entries should be designed with LLAW’s goals and objectives in mind.

D. Web Site Committee - To ensure that the LLAW web site is kept dynamic and current, the Board decided to form the Web Site Committee as a new standing Committee. Applicable page content would be the responsibility of each Committee chair, with the Web Committee responsible for implementation and design. Bonnie Shucha was suggested as chair of the new Committee, which she accepted. The bylaws were consulted to see if a member could serve as an officer (secretary) and chair simultaneously, but no such restrictions were found. Volunteers to co-chair or to serve on the Committee will be requested at tonight’s membership meeting.

E. WLA Program - Connie Von Der Heide has discussed with AWSL (Association of Wisconsin Special Libraries) the possibility of LLAW members presenting a session on Legal Research at the WLA (Wisconsin Library Association) Fall Conference next year. As AWSL would sponsor the session, a WLA affiliate status for LLAW would not be needed. The Board approved the idea and it was suggested (Please see Board Meeting on page 17)
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B. **AALL Strategic Challenge** Pat also announced that AALL would like member feedback on it’s new strategic plan, “Leadership for the 21st Century: New Realities, Changing Roles.” The plan is available on AALLNET at http://www.aallnet.org/about/strategic_challenge.asp. Send your comments to Ruth Fraley at rfraley@worldnet.att.net by November 15th.

C. **WLA Program** Connie Von Der Heide has discussed with AWSL (Association of Wisconsin Special Libraries) the possibility of LLAW members presenting a session on Legal Research at the WLA (Wisconsin Library Association) Fall Conference next year.

D. **State Bar Thank You** Connie passed on a thank you from Kari Hoel, State Bar CLE programming attorney, to all LLAW members involved in the hands-on CLE programs this fall. As registration for the hands-on courses is down from last spring, Kari is interested in revamping, revising, and creating additional courses to create new interest. Anyone who is interested in revising or creating courses, teach-

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ing in the spring, or who has ideas for new courses please contact Connie. Kari would like to hold a planning meeting in January for the next series of programs which would begin around April.

E. **Katy Duren Resignation** Connie also announced that Katy Duren has resigned her position as director of State Bar CLE Programs and is now Associate Dean of Continuing Studies with the UW System. While there will be some staffing changes, the State Bar remains interested in and committed to continuing and further developing the hands-on course series.

F. **State Bar Tele-seminar** On October 16th, Connie and Amy taught the *Wisconsin Resources on the Internet* course as a 2-hour web tele-seminar. A great success, this was the first time a U.S. bar association had ever offered a live, web-based CLE course in this format. There were 61 registrants, 80% of which were from Wisconsin and the other 20% from as far away as D.C., Toronto, and San Jose. State Bar staff will be making a presentation about the development and offering of the tele-seminar this February at the mid-year meeting of ACLEA, the Association of Continuing Legal Education in Florida.

G. **Excellence in Marketing Awards** Connie also announced that the Public Relations Committee is working on two entries for the Excellence in Marketing Awards which are given each year by the AALL Public Relations Committee. In the Best Campaign category, LLAW will submit the partnership between the State Bar and LLAW to create the hands-on course series. In the Best Use of Technology category, the *Wisconsin Resources on the Internet* web-based tele-seminar will be submitted. Winners will be announced around the time of the AALL annual conference.

H. **Web Site Committee** To ensure that the LLAW web site is kept dynamic and current, Pat reported that a Web Site Committee has been added as a new standing Committee. Bonnie Shucha has offered to serve as chair of the new Committee, but would like additional volunteers to co-chair or serve on the committee. For more information, please contact Bonnie.

I. **Michael Bemis Recognition** Pat recognized Michael Bemis for his years of loyal LLAW service, especially his dedication to early adjournment. Tonight is Michael’s last membership meeting before retiring from the Department of Justice in January. On behalf of LLAW, Pat presented him with a certificate of appreciation and gift certificate from Borders. Thanks to the Paul sisters for sharing their “Michael Moments.”

With Michael Bemis’ motion, the business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M., whereupon the program portion of the meeting commenced.

VII. **Program**

Connie welcomed Ted Potter, Associate Director at Marquette University Law Library, who spoke on the topic of “Teaching Legal Research.” Recently, Ted’s article, “A New Twist on an Old Plot: Legal Research is a Strategy, Not a Format” appeared in the Summer 2000 issue of *Law Library Journal* (vol 92, issue 3).

According to Ted, the basic goal of any legal research program is to teach students the fundamental skills to needed to analyze legal problems. He feels that instruction should be based on content, not format and that attempts to delay students from using electronic resources simply because they are not print is outdated. Today’s law students who have grown-up using computers find them to be a natural medium for legal research. Therefore, we should teach them to use the computer sources first and introduce them to print sources as they seem appropriate, particularly because they find the computer more comfortable and convenient to use than the print counterparts. While encouraging the use of electronic tools, Ted does feel that some print resources, such as treatises and looseleaf services, are important legal research tools. In determining which legal resources are most appropriate, decisions should not be based on the format in which the materials appear, but on the content of those materials.

The program concluded with a lively question and answer session from the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Shucha
Secretary
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joyed a wonderful lunch at the Original Bookbinder’s restaurant in Old City and a guided bus tour covering many historic sites. I also got to know several other newer law librarians.

I had volunteered to transport Elsie and other LLAW exhibit items to Philly, so the first order of business on Sunday was finishing the LLAW table setup before exhibits opened. Our cow and cheese erasers and stickers were a big hit—thank you, Laura Olsen Dugan, for providing these. Programs on teaching legal research and taking the lead in pro bono work were next, followed by the West-sponsored Academic Librarians SIS luncheon—thank you, Pat Ellingson for giving me the extra ticket! I especially enjoyed the afternoon program I attended, Greeting Our Lay Patrons at the Gateway: Who Are They and How Can We Help Them? The presenters performed short humorous skits portraying reference transactions with laypersons, and they offered ideas on how to better serve this growing segment of library users. I then did 2 hours of “pro bono work” at the AALL registration desk. The LEXIS-sponsored Opening Reception capped off the day.

Monday began early with the Chapter Public Relations Leadership Roundtable meeting. People from several chapters shared their activities and ideas, including publishing effective newsletters, PR tips for small chapters, and collaborating on projects with local bar associations. One chapter had provided articles for an entire issue of their state bar’s journal. I reported on LLAW’s collaboration with the State Bar of Wisconsin on the development of hands-on internet legal research courses. Several people expressed interest in this endeavor.

Next stop: the President’s Program featuring leadership consultant Dr. Carole Leland, who presented an interesting and thought-provoking talk. (See Sue Center’s excellent summary in the Fall 2000 newsletter, page 8.) The rest of the day was filled with programs on developing partnerships with public libraries, competencies for leadership in law libraries, and staff training, along with the Association Luncheon, the LISP-SIS business meeting, and finally the unforgettable West Group Customer Appreciation Reception, which had a Mardi Gras theme this year.

I spent most of Tuesday morning in the exhibit area learning about new products, talking with vendor reps, and of course stocking up on all the freebies. The highlight of my “exhibit experience” was meeting Bob Berring at the West booth. He spoke about the making of his new legal research video series. Programs I attended that day were: I Can Help You: Legal Information vs. Legal Advice, a Customer Service Perspective; Managing Your Library Staff and the Workplace: Basic HR Do’s and Don’ts; and Distance Learning: Educational Design and Applications. Other activities included the LEXIS government librarians luncheon, the State Court & County Law Library SIS reception, and another interesting reception, “Sophisticated Ladies,” sponsored by and held at the offices of the Hillier Group, a Philadelphia-based architectural firm. Hillier Group has worked on a number of library projects, both in Philadelphia and around the country. One of their current projects is the restoration of the U.S. Supreme Court Building. They held this reception to highlight the many libraries in Philadelphia. Representatives from several different academic, public and private libraries spoke briefly and brought gifts which were raffled off. Winners included Pat Ellingson, who received a beautiful book, Legacies of Genius: A Celebration of Philadelphia Libraries, published by the Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries.

Since I hadn’t done any sightseeing on my own yet, I had to fit it in on Wednesday—wouldn’t you know, the only day it rained during the entire week. After another hour of “pro bono work” at the registration desk and a program on electronic access to government documents, I took off for a few hours to tour the Reading Terminal Market (where I tried an authentic Philly Cheesesteak), Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Carpenter’s Hall, First Bank of the U.S., Philadelphia Exchange, City Tavern, Betsy Ross House, Old First Reformed Church, and the U.S. Mint. I made it back to the conference in time for one last program on service marketing, and then joined Jane Colwin for a delicious dinner at Ralph’s, a highly recommended Italian restaurant in South Philly. Thank you, Philadelphia native Dave Golden, for that and other tips!

Thankfully my trip home was as uneventful as my trip there was eventful. By Thursday afternoon I was back in Madison, re-energized and ready to get back to my job with new ideas and many new contacts in the profession. Thank you, LLAW, for awarding me a grant to attend AALL 2000. I encourage other members to take advantage of the LLAW grants program, so you too can take part in an AALL conference.

The author describes numerous government Web sites for criminal statistics and other crime-related material, including sentencing guidelines, research reports, press releases, speeches, Congressional testimony, consumer information, and most-wanted lists. He also recommends prosecutors' and criminal defense agencies' Web sites as sources of potentially valuable information.


The advent of legislative Web sites has put bill tracking into the hands of anyone who's interested. At the federal level, Thomas and the Web sites of the Senate and the House of Representatives are briefly discussed. The remainder of the article consists of bill tracking resources at the state level, arranged alphabetically by state.


This guide deals with Internet sites that provide case law, legislation, and government home pages for the Pacific Island region. There are also links to journals and to Web sites that have specific pages on Pacific law. Included is a table comprising an alphabetical list of countries and each country's political status and associated country, where applicable.


In this installment of their column, Reference from Coast to Coast, the authors cover both print and electronic, free and fee-based resources relating to jury verdicts and settlements. They also provide links to a number of law library pathfinders for jury verdict research in specific jurisdictions.


In this roundup of brief reviews, the author has chosen products for creating Intranet links that integrate news or current awareness into an internal Web page. In addition to services from West, Lexis and Factiva, she discusses free services from Moreover.com.


This guide was prepared as a resource for the International / Foreign Law area on LLRX.com. For this reason, the author has chosen to treat the U.S. like a foreign jurisdiction and to address the guide to legal researchers in a global setting. She has therefore concentrated on publicly accessible Web-based resources. Basic explanatory paragraphs are followed by
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links as she discusses the U.S. federal system, legislation, the judiciary, and the executive branch / administrative law.


These references to articles on knowledge management are fully annotated, and most are linked to full-text versions on the Web. They are arranged under topics such as: What is knowledge management?, What does KM mean?, Knowledge management technologies, The chief knowledge officer, and Law firm KM articles.


This bibliography includes scholarly works and some popular works on the legal issues arising from the Watergate affair, including the independent counsel law, legal ethics, impeachment, and executive privilege. It also provides access points for speakers at a Hastings College of Law symposium on Watergate, and gives detailed descriptions of previously compiled bibliographies on the subject.


This bibliography covers articles published after 1995 and A.L.R.s that have supplements published after 1995. Entries are arranged by topic, including Abduction, Adoption and foster care, Child custody and visitation, Child support, Domestic violence, Family and Medical Leave Act, Immigration law, Indian Child Welfare Act, Pensions, QDROs, Taxes, and Welfare.


This essay explores the idea that the Internet will cause the scope of the permitted "fair use" of copyrighted works to shrink.


Besides linking to company Web sites, CompanySleuth monitors, collects and charts company information into 27 categories, and links to primary sources. Some of its 27 "reports" consist of recent news, pending litigation, recent IP registrations, rumors, insider trading, and SEC filings. The author explains registration and use of the site.


According to the compilers, the focus of this bibliography is estate planning techniques as opposed to complex estate tax issues. Citations are arranged alphabetically under broad format groupings: periodicals, books, and Internet sites.

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Citations to articles are arranged under topics, including Antitrust/free agency, Disabilities, Discrimination/Title IX, Sports agents/attorneys, Franchise relocation, Intellectual property/trademark, Liability/injury, Compensation, Taxation, Immigration, and Boxing. Separate sections at the end cite to books and Internet sites.

Neacsu, Dana. "Doing Legal Research in Romania." LLRX (September 4, 2000)

This guide provides references to print and links to online resources, and is aimed primarily at researchers outside of Romania needing an overview of Romanian legal research. There are five major sections covering an introduction to the Romanian legal system, primary sources, secondary sources, Romanian legal organizations, and specific topics in Romanian law.


The author investigates legal research and the impact of technology on legal research using the traditional five w's and an h model, asking who, what, when, where, why, and how.


The authors state that the purpose of this guide is to provide researchers with a selective, quick guide to basic and significant print and electronic materials on international criminal law and procedure. They provide references to sources of general background and reference information, treaties, the International Criminal Court, ad hoc tribunals, extradition, specific crimes, crime prevention and criminal justice.


Similar in intent to the entry on international criminal law cited directly above, this guide arranges references by topic into General sources, Marriage and divorce, Family maintenance and support, Child custody and abduction, Inter-country adoption, Convention on the Rights of the Child, and Supervision of adults.


Almost every state has information about lobbying rules, requirements, and forms available from the state's Web site. This guide consists of an alphabetical arrangement by state of each state's oversight group, their location on the Web, a little information about it, and some observations about the site itself.

This Note recounts the history of Reno v. ACLU, highlights the supporting case law, and sets out the issues and arguments the Supreme Court considered. The author concludes that the mandatory use of Internet blocking software in public libraries is destined to fail.


Professor Smith outlines some of the key policy issues and choices which face law librarians when confronted with the demands of a growing body of Asian law materials.


The author discusses the Commerce Department's attempt to close down NTIS and why he believes NTIS should not be closed.


Howard Trivers, a law librarian at Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis, reviews three major legal portals: FindLaw.com, eLawCentral.com, and Law.com. He concludes that each of the three has its strengths.

"The Universal Citation Guide: Tentative Drafts for Law Reviews and Court Rules." Law Library Journal 92:363-375 (summer 2000)

Draft format-neutral citation rules for law reviews and court rules, with examples, are presented by the AALL Committee on Citation Formats. Comments on any of these rules should be conveyed to the Committee.

Watson, Jill. "Keeping Current with International Law Developments via the Web." LLRX (September 15, 2000)

The author provides a brief rundown of useful current awareness resources geared to international law, including portals as well as scouting, news, and government sites. She also suggests sources for finding out about new books and articles, Web tools handy for international users (such as translation services and reference works), and current awareness services via email.

Williamson, Matthew. "Citation Showdown: A Head-to-Head Look at Three Legal Research Services." Law Office Computing 10:64-67 (October/November 2000)

The author compares citation checking as to speed, accuracy, and ease of use using Westlaw's KeyCite, Lexis' Shepard's, and Loislaw's GlobalCite. By these three criteria (price notably missing) he concludes that Westlaw wins and GlobalCite loses.
that the Public Access Committee get involved in drafting a program proposal to WLA. [It was learned later that we do in fact need WLA affiliate status; this had already been approved at the 9/12/00 Board Meeting in the Public Access budget.]

F LLAW Retreat - The Board enthusiastically approved the Program Committee’s proposal a

one day member retreat to be held April 27, 2001. Estimated member registration fee would be $30. As LLAW is a Bar affiliated organization, there would be no charge to use the facilities of the State Bar Center in Madison as a site for the retreat. It was suggested that we seek vendor sponsorship for meals at the event. Amy contacted Genie Tyburski, author of the Virtual Chase web site (http://www.virtualchase.com/), about presenting a Keynote Address at the retreat. The Board approved an expense budget of up to $2000 for this event.

G AALL Professional Development Committee - AALL has suggested Wisconsin as a site for a “Training the Internet Trainer” seminar to be held in June. Because of the high registration fees, difficult date, and potential lack of interest in the topic, LLAW has politely declined. AALL would also like program suggestions and volunteers to write “Desktop Learning Articles” for the AALL Spectrum. Contact the AALL Professional Development Committee Chapter Liaison, Lori Hedstrom at 651-687-5981 for more details.

H AALL Strategic Challenge - AALL would like member feedback on it’s new strategic plan, “Leadership for the 21st Century: New Realities, Changing Roles.” The plan is available on AALLNET at http://www.aallnet.org/about/strategic_challenge.asp. Send your comments to Ruth Fraley at rfraley@worldnet.att.net by November 15th.

I AALL Annual Meeting Events - AALL has asked that Chapters needing facilities for AALL Annual Conference events submit scheduling reservations soon. The Board decided not to offer any official Chapter events, but agreed that an informal gathering at a local establishment would be nice.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Departures

Cindy Blank Secker, formerly the Reference/Outreach Services Librarian at the Milwaukee Legal Resource Center has left the Milwaukee Legal Resource Center.

Lori Zingsheim, formerly the Administrative Assistant at the Marquette University Law Library has left the Law Library to move to a position with Purchasing at Marquette University.

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DON’T FORGET!

The deadline for submitting articles for the next
LLAW NEWSLETTER is
February 6, 2001
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Address Changes
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Name Changes
Kellee L. Selden was recently married, and is now Kellee L. Selden Huston.

 Corrections
Please make the following correction in your 2000/2001 Directory. Mary Jo Koranda

Position Changes
Enid Stevenson started employment this October as the new Librarian for the City Clerk's Office - Legislative Reference Bureau.

Other Membership News:
The following LLAW members have served as instructors for the fall series of hands-on technology CLE programs at the State Bar of Wisconsin: Amy Easton Bingenheimer, Tony Chan, Diane Duffey, Mary J. Koshollek, Kellee Selden Huston, Felicia Vastalo, Connie Von Der Heide, Barbara Walker and Heidi Yelk.

On October 16, Amy Bingenheimer and Connie Von Der Heide presented the first web-based "Live on the Internet" CLE seminar ever offered by a state bar association: Wisconsin Legal Resources on the Internet.

Amy Bingenheimer was a presenter at the Wisconsin Law & Technology Show 2000, in Milwaukee on November 30. She spoke on Cyber-Research: Finding the Law You Need on the Internet. LLAW members who volunteered to staff the Internet Cafe during the show were: Pamela Noyd (volunteer coordinator), Jane Colwin, Jenny Dedolph, Pat Ellingson, Mary Koshollek, Shelly Maiman, Jane Moberg, Susan O’Toole, Sara Paul, and Julie Tessmer.

Rick Hendricks was recently featured in an article in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel explaining how the Wisconsin Ghost Society uses high tech equipment to investigate ghostly phenomena.