

HALL Newsletter

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Next Meeting

Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday

May 13

11:45 a.m.

at

STCL Fred Parks

Law Library,

Emilie Slohm Room

Volume 32 Number 2

Spring 2015

Continuing Education

We've had lots of great programs this Spring. In March, Dana LeJune from the LeJune Law Firm gave an entertaining and informative talk about copyright law and answered attendees' specific questions. In April, Rachel Vacek from the University of Houston talked about web design and how libraries can tailor them to fit their customers' needs. At the end of April, we served dinner at the Ronald McDonald House for our HALL volunteer event. *Continued on next page...*



HALL Volunteers at the Ronald McDonald Holcombe House {left to right}
Back: Blythe McCoy, Katy Badeaux, Patti Curtis, Shelby Shanks
Front: Mary Ann Wacker, Margaret Bartlett

Member Milestone

Congratulations to Barbara Szalkowski who will celebrate 30 years at South Texas College of Law on May 20, 2015.



Continuing Education

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Thanks to our lovely group of volunteers (pictured) we were able to serve a healthy (and tasty!) meal to about 30-40 patients and their families who were staying at the House.

- Margaret Bartlett



Editor's Notes

It's a well-known secret that the line of volunteers who are willing to serve as editor of a chapter newsletter is a short one. However, Dan Donahue, International and Foreign Law Librarian at the O'Quinn Law Library, University of Houston Law Center, eagerly volunteered earlier this Spring to become Co-Editor of the *HALL*



Dan Donahue
O'Quinn Law Library - UH

Newsletter. For anyone wondering, historically there hasn't been a Co-Editor position, but it is something we're trying out to let the next editor gradually get up to speed. After the AALL Annual Meeting, Dan plans to take on more

responsibility in the Editor's role and I will serve in more of a consulting role as I anticipate being a busy HALL Vice-President next year. Please be sure to wish Dan well as he joins the proud ranks of *HALL Newsletter* editors.

Regarding our Spring issue, there's a lot of great stuff. First, Margaret's article will warm your heart with news of last month's volunteer project. Also, we have a new author - Mica Maddry - who [reports on his recent listserv survey of O&G law news sources](#). Finally, Patti gives us another great [member spotlight](#). Enjoy!

- Joseph Lawson

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Oil, Gas, and Energy News Resources

By Mica Maddry

Anytime I meet a new attorney, whether in my office or on the street, I always try and ask, “What news are you reading these days?” Over the years, I have found this simple question really opens up a great dialog between the librarian and attorney that begins to build a foundation of trust between the two. Unfortunately, on occasion, an attorney is insistent that a specific news source is

the best and only option available - information professionals recognize this isn’t always the case. News can be picked up and spread throughout a number of different publications, all of which have different price points. Finding the right blend of cost and coverage that provides the most value to the firm, not just to the attorney, is the librarian’s task. Thanks to the help of the HALL listserv librarians, I was able to identify this wide-ranging list of news sources that Oil, Gas, & Energy attorneys are reading. It is probably not comprehensive, but is a great start.

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HALL - 2015 Slate of Candidates

President
Margaret Bartlett

Secretary
Mary Ann Wacker

Vice-President
Joe Lawson

Member At Large
Kelley Bocell (2016)
Heather Kushnerick (2016-2017)

Treasurer
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Past President
Shelby Shanks

Nominations will also be taken from the floor prior to the election at the Annual Business Meeting.

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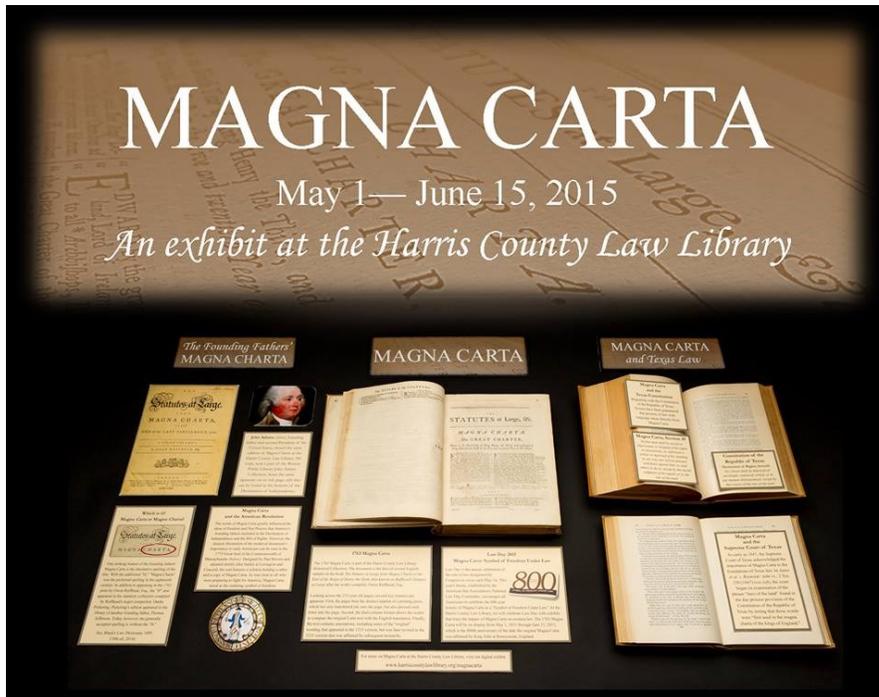
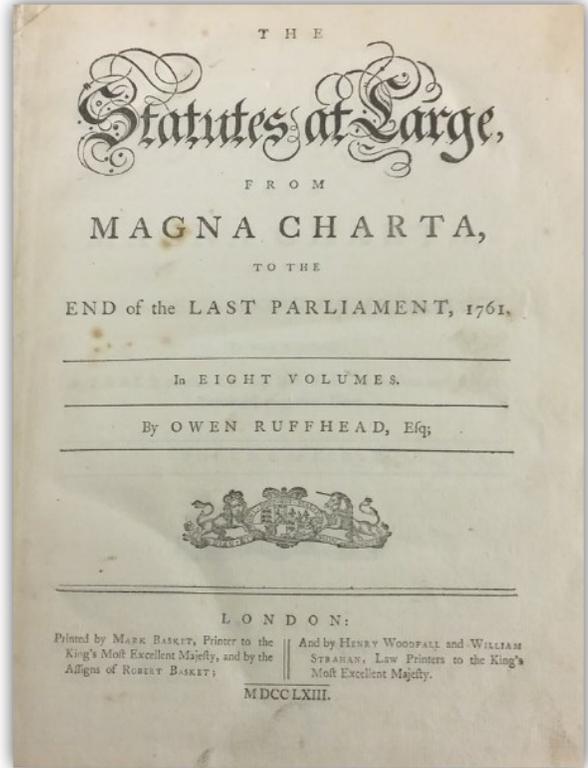
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Law Day 2015

Magna Carta - An Exhibit at the Harris County Law Library

By Joseph D. Lawson

To celebrate this year's Law Day theme - Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law - the Harris County Law Library put together an exhibit highlighting the influence of the iconic document on modern American and Texas law. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a 1763 print of Magna Carta found in *Ruffhead's Statutes at Large*, which was recently discovered in the HCLL historical collection. The in-house exhibit also features posters created by local elementary school students for the HBA's Law Day Poster Contest. A digital exhibit containing even more information about the 1763 print and Law Day is available at www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/magnacarta. The in-house and digital exhibits



will be on display through June 15, 2015 - the 800th anniversary of the date Magna Carta was affirmed by King John in 1215 as a peace treaty with rebellious barons in a meadow at Runnymede, England.

Joseph D. Lawson is Deputy Director at the Harris County Law Library.

AALL News

Register Today for the 2015 Annual Meeting

Registration is open for the 108th Annual Meeting & Conference in Philadelphia. Join us July 18-21 for four full days of exciting learning opportunities, from the keynote address by Terry Gross to the dozens of “must-have” programs on timely topics that AALL members have identified as vital to their professional education. Check out all the sessions, and start making plans to join us.



Save the Date: AALL Business Skills Clinic - October 16-17

Save the date for the AALL Business Skills Clinic, a two-day intensive experience designed to give you skills in strategic planning, managerial finance, human resources, negotiations, and marketing/communications. The program will be held October 16-17 at the Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile Hotel in Chicago. Contact Katie Brown, Chair of the Business Skills Education Task Force or Celeste Smith, AALL’s director of education, for more information.

Candidates Announced for 2016 Executive Board Election

The 2015 AALL Nominations Committee announced the following slate of candidates for the AALL Executive Board. Members will vote for one candidate to serve as president-elect, one candidate to serve as treasurer, and two candidates to serve as Executive Board members. **The election will be held October 1 to 31**, and successful candidates will begin their terms of office in July 2016.

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Sacramento County Public Law Library
Sacramento, CA

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Madeline Cohen

Mary Jenkins

Meg Kribble

Member Spotlight

A Conversation with Kendal Bergman

By Patti Curtis

Patti: Tell me about yourself. I can't help but notice your accent is a little different from mine.

Kendal: You're right! I grew up in St. Paul/Minneapolis, went to college in Wisconsin, and went to grad school in Vancouver, BC. My mother's family is Canadian, so I spent my summers in Manitoba – so I am a northerner through and through. After graduating with my MLIS in May, I moved to Houston last June because my (then fiancé -- now husband) found a residency here. Other than the already named places, I lived in Australia for 6 months and studied abroad in Milan, Italy and Dublin, Ireland in 2006-2007. I've also spent time traveling in Sweden, Norway, France, Spain, Italy, England, and Scotland.

I have an identical twin sister, and my father, older sister, and brother-in-law are all attorneys. My father, who used to tell me I'd make a great lawyer one day, is especially amused that I now work for a law firm.

P: When did you decide to become a librarian?

K: When I was 19, I found a copy of a Nora Roberts book at my family's cabin, and the main character was a librarian. I became intrigued by the idea of librarianship (as portrayed in a



paranormal romance novel...), started researching the profession, and determined that I would one day go to library school. However, I didn't want to go straight to grad school after undergrad, so I spent 5 years doing a variety of jobs, including nanny, camp counselor, barista, administrative assistant, and traveler.

P: Who didn't decide to become a librarian after reading a paranormal romance novel! When I started working at AK all my friends sent me books set in law firms. That's how I learned about Lexis.

P: Do you have any hobbies?

K: I love the outdoors and worked for 6 summers leading wilderness canoeing trips in northern Minnesota and throughout Canada. In fact, I led a 40 day trip on the Coppermine River in 2010, ending on the Arctic Ocean. I also love running (I just ran my first half marathon in February) and biking.

P: Congrats on your first half marathon! 40 days of canoeing? I'm not joining that trip, although scenery would be beautiful.

P: Any favorite foods? Do you cook?

K: I LOVE to cook. My favorite meal to make recently is kale and black bean burritos. My favorite foods include: ice cream, lacinato kale,

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Law360 Energy

<https://www.law360.com/energy>

Oil, Gas & Energy Law

<http://www.ogel.org/>

LNG Journal Online

<http://www.lngjournal.com/lng/>

Platt's Oil and Gas Online

<http://www.platts.com/>

Petroleum Economist

<http://www.petroleum-economist.com/>

Upstream

<http://www.upstreamonline.com/>

Texas Energy Report

<http://www.texasenergyreport.com/Index.cfm>

Oil and Gas Investor

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Regional Oil & Gas news publications

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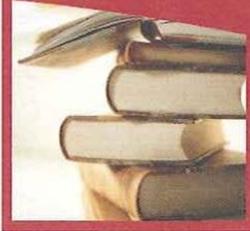
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Member Spotlight *(continued from page 6...)*

beets, feta, and anything spicy. However, I am terrible at baking because it involves following directions precisely, and when I cook I like to use recipes as a rough guide.

P: I love kale and black beans! Baking is your kryptonite, you can't be perfect.

P: Any favorite television shows? Movies?

K: My favorite TV shows are: Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Outlander, and New Girl. I also loved Parks and Rec. My favorite movie is probably Stardust.

P: Good choices! I had to look up Stardust, doesn't look like a librarian was the main character. I could be wrong.

P: Books! What are you reading?

K: I just got the newest Nora Roberts romantic suspense, *The Liar*, and I am excited to start that. I generally read multiple books at one time, so I am also reading: *The Paying Guests* by Sarah Waters, and *The Wisdom of Psychopaths* by Kevin Dutton. I generally read fiction, and I especially like Louise Erdrich's books.

P: Makes sense, if you get tired of one, you definitely have some different choices.

P: Favorite vacation spot?

K: The town of Tofino on the western side of Vancouver Island is amazing. It is great for sea kayaking, hiking, storm watching, and generally lazing around. I also really love Ely, MN, which is a small town bordering the BWCAW.

P: For my other two readers, BWCAW stands for Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

I'm hoping I'm not the only one who didn't have a clue.

P: Any big projects you are working on at the office?

K: One of my never-ending projects is to get Pillsbury's Houston library totally in order. There was no local librarian until I started in August, so there is a lot to do in terms of sorting through everything, weeding, transferring orders from other offices, etc. We also added about 10 new partners to our Austin office, so I am working on making sure we are all set up there as well. I've also taken on more Business Development work lately, and I have a few bigger projects in that area that I'm working on.

P: That will keep you busy!

This concludes a conversation with Kendal.

Patti Curtis is a librarian associate at Andrews

Law Librarianship History

By the Day

March 1, 1887: The first Librarian of the U.S. Supreme Court was appointed.

March 2, 1812: Congress passed a resolution to allow the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court to use the books in the Library of Congress. Although the Library of Congress was founded in 1800, previous attempts to extend such privileges were voted down because, as one congressman stated, "the Congressional Library would never be subjected to the abuse books in courts of justice were too liable to."

HALL Meeting Minutes - March

HALL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2015

South Texas College of Law Library

The March HALL Meeting was called to order by President Shelby Shanks at 11:55 a.m.

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: The membership had a lively discussion regarding the SWALL March/April 2018. Our choices: a) host the meeting; or b) co-sponsor the meeting. The pros and cons of each were discussed. Typically, Texas meetings make a profit, so we could share in an estimated \$2000 profit if we co-sponsor. Either way, we'd have to do a lot of work with local arrangements, greeting attendees, asking vendors to sponsor, and setting up local arrangements. Monica Ortale made a motion to co-sponsor the meeting and Heather Kushnerick seconded. The membership approved the motion.

The HALL/DALL/SWALL reception held annually at the AALL meeting. This gathering is usually very well-attended. HALL has traditionally been the one to make the arrangements for the reception, and in the past HALL, DALL and SWALL each donate \$500 towards the reception and Jones McClure provides another \$500 for the event. Now DALL does not want to pay as much since fewer of their members attend. Shelby asked the membership if we still want to participate, and it was decided we would table the discussion (motion by Joe

Lawson; seconded by Margaret Bartlett) until we know who will attend the AALL meeting.

Committee Reports:

Archives: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Continuing Education: No report.

Government Relations: No report.

Community Service: Katy Badeaux reported our HALL Community Service project will be on April 26th at the Ronald McDonald Holcombe House. We will be serving dinner to the families there. Katy will send out a survey shortly to see who is interested in participating.

Library School Liaison: No report.

Membership/Website: Richard Guajardo reported that we are changing vendors for the HALL website, and since the back-end will be changing, Richard is developing a strategy for the HALL website going forward. We would like to keep the same domain name, so this will determine which vendor we go with - some do not allow it. We will also be using a new system for our membership and event management. The Board will approve pieces as we go. The goal is to finish by May, but we will see!

Nominations: Shelby reported that Saskia Mehlhorn has come up with a slate of officers that will be sent to the membership soon.

Placement: Candice Kennington reported two jobs open in our area..

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March Minutes *(continued from previous page...)*

Publications/Newsletter: Joe Lawson reported the Winter issue just came out, and he is accepting material until April 30 for the Spring issue.

Scholarships and Grants: Shelby reported that HALL is offering one grant for the AALL Annual

Meeting in Philadelphia and applications are being accepted.

Vendor Relations: No report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Ann Wacker – HALL Secretary.

HALL Meeting Minutes - April

SUBJECT to APPROVAL

HALL MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2015

South Texas College of Law Library

The April HALL Meeting was called to order by President Shelby Shanks at 12:01 p.m.

Guests: Anita Patel, Pasadena Public Library; Mica Maddry, Chamberlain Hrdlicka; Andrea Greer and Sean Smith, CheckPoint.

Old Business: The annual HALL/DALL/SWALL reception is held at the AALL meeting. This gathering is usually very well-attended. HALL has traditionally been the one to make the arrangements for the reception, and in the past HALL, DALL, and SWALL each donated \$500 towards the reception while Jones McClure provided another \$500 for the event. Now DALL and UNT are organizing the reception and we will co-sponsor and donate our usual \$500. The was motion was made by Patti Curtis and seconded by Barbara Szalkowski.

Committee Reports:

Archives: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Continuing Education: No report.

Government Relations: No report.

Community Service: Shelby reported on behalf of Katy Badeaux - our HALL Community Service project will be on April 26th at the Ronald McDonald Holcombe House. We still need more volunteers to serve and help with preparation.

Library School Liaison: No report.

Membership / Website: Richard Guajardo reported that we are changing vendors/platforms for the HALL website. Membership renewals will have a new process, and a blog component will be available. The new homepage will be integrated and will manage monthly events, membership information can be updated, users may check if they are registered for an event, and each member will have an account. The HALL page will be refreshed with a new look.

Nominations: Shelby reported that Committee Chair Saskia Mehlhorn presents this slate of officers for 2015-2016:

- President: Margaret Bartlett
- Vice-President: Joe Lawson
- Treasurer: Sarah Lopez
- Secretary: Mary Ann Wacker

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April Minutes (continued from previous page...)

- At Large: Kelley Bocell (2016) and Heather Kushnerick (2016-2017)
- Past President: Shelby Shanks

Placement: No report.

Publications/Newsletter: Joe Lawson reported he is accepting material until April 30 for the Spring issue.

Scholarships and Grants: Shelby reported that HALL has awarded a grant for the AALL Annual Meeting, and the name of the recipient will be revealed soon.

Vendor Relations: Colleen Pincumbe reported our next Vendor Forum will be April 23rd and the presenter will be Ravel Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Ann Wacker – HALL Secretary.

Treasurer's Report - April

HALL Treasurer's Report				
HALL Treasurer's Report (Unaudited) April 8, 2015				
Balance Forward				
8/13/2014				\$5,536.84
		Income	Expenses	
Dues				
2014 - 2015		\$3,780.00		
Newsletter				
Luncheons/Receptions/ Seminars		\$3,906.50	\$5,597.41	
Scholarships/Grants				
Administrative		\$646.00	\$382.38	
Total				
		\$8,332.50	\$5,979.79	
4/8/2015				\$7,889.55

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- Resources
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Houston Area Law Librarians is a chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians.

Our monthly meetings are held at the South Texas College of Law. We present a half-day seminar in the Fall and a full-day seminar in the Spring on legal topics. However, meetings are subject to change. Visit the [HALL Website](#) for more information.

There are close to 200 members of HALL. We are librarians in firms, law schools, and courts as well as vendors and Library School students.

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Natalie Lira

Archives:

Heather Kushnerick

Government Relations:

Margaret Bartlett

Library School Liaison:

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Community Service:

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