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## President's Message

Lisa Smith-Butler

Many thanks to Monique Arenas for arranging our wonderful holiday party in December. The bay view was spectacular, the food tasted delicious, the flowers were gorgeous, and the company was delightful!

As we continue into the 2002-2003 year, we have three programs left:

- **February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Bloomberg Financial Electronic Services  
Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Miami
- **April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Live Chat Reference  
St. Thomas University School of Law
- **June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Annual Business Meeting  
Nova Southeastern University,  
Shepard Broad Law Center

We will be electing a Secretary and Vice President/President Elect this year. Please send any nominations to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Clare Donnelly Membiela, at [cmembiel@law.miami.edu](mailto:cmembiel@law.miami.edu).

On a more somber note, Governor

Bush has proposed dismantling the Florida State Library in order to save \$5.4 million for the 2003-2004 budget year. Several Florida organizations, including the:

- Florida Anthropological Society
- Florida Archaeological Council
- Florida Association of Museums
- Florida Historical Society
- Florida State Genealogical Society &
- Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

have formed a coalition, opposing this proposed action. The Florida Library Association announced that it was "strongly opposed to the elimination of the State Library of Florida."

Members of SFALL's Executive Board, Liz Chifari, Katherine Rosin, Pat Pardo, Janet Reinke, and myself oppose this action as well, and have sent a letter to Governor Bush. If you are interested in contacting the Governor or other governmental officials, contact information is provided within the newsletter.

I hope to see everyone on February 19<sup>th</sup>!

Lisa

## SFALL OFFICERS

<b>President:</b>	Lisa Smith-Butler
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## February Meeting

**When:** February 19, 2003  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.  
Lunch Provided

**Where:** Shook, Hardy & Bacon  
Miami Center  
201 S. Biscayne Blvd.,  
Suite 2400  
Miami, FL  
305.358.5171 x68023

**What:** Bloomberg Financial  
Services

Bloomberg Financial Services and Shook, Hardy and Bacon are joining together to host our February meeting. The meeting will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at Shook, Hardy & Bacon's Miami office. At that time, Bloomberg will provide SFALL members with lunch and demonstrate their new electronic product.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please R.S.V.P. to Katherine Rosin by February 12<sup>th</sup> at either [Krosin@shb.com](mailto:Krosin@shb.com) or (305) 358-5171 x68023.

### Directions Via MapQuest

#### Heading South to Miami Via I-95

- Take I-95 South to Miami
- Take the Miami Ave. Exit (#3) on the left toward Downtown/Biscayne Blvd./BrickellAve.
- Take the US-1 ramp toward Biscayne Blvd.
- Turn left to take the SE2nd Ave. ramp toward Biscayne Blvd.
- Stay straight to go onto SE 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- Turn left onto US-1/Biscayne Blvd.

#### Heading North to Miami Via I-95

- Take I-95 North to Miami

- Take the US-1 Exit, #3 toward Biscayne Blvd/Downtown
- Turn left to take the SE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. ramp toward Biscayne Blvd.
- Stay straight to go onto SE 3<sup>rd</sup> St.
- Turn left onto US-1/Biscayne Blvd.

For more detailed instructions and a map, take a look at the following page.

### Upcoming Programs

**When:** Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** St. Thomas University  
School of Law  
16400 NE 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Miami, FL  
**Topic:** Live Chat/Virtual Reference

**When:** Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Nova Southeastern  
University  
Shepard Broad Law Center  
3303 College Ave.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL  
**Topic:** Annual Business Meeting

## Chapter Happenings

Diane Altimari, Miami Dade County Law Library, will moderate a program on electronic licensing at the Annual Meeting of **AALL** in Seattle in July.

Roy Balleste, St. Thomas University, Billie Jo Kaufman, Nova Southeastern University, Gordon Russell, St. Thomas University, and Lisa Smith-Butler, Nova Southeastern University, will speak at the upcoming **CALI Conference** on Live Chat/Virtual Reference.

Billie Jo Kaufman, Nova Southeastern University, has been appointed to the **West Academic Advisory Board**.

Gordon Russell, St. Thomas University, will be speaking on the *Librarian's Role in Space Planning* at **Bricks & Bytes** in Boston in March.

Lisa Smith-Butler, Nova Southeastern University, will provide a *Cost Effective Legal Research* CLE for **Lorman Education Seminars** in West Palm Beach on May 16, 2003.

### SFALL's Newsgroup

Many of you have joined the SFALL listserv. For those who haven't, we invite you to do so. It's easy. Just open up your web browser to <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/> Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on **Listserv**. At the next screen, you will see a caption, **Subscribe to the SFALL Listserv**. Click on this and follow directions!

## SFALL ILL

Interested in establishing an informal ILL group among law firms in the SFALL area? If so, contact Bill Stafford of Greenberg Traurig at [staffordb@gtlaw.com/](mailto:staffordb@gtlaw.com/).

### AALL

AALL's annual meeting will be held July 12 - 16, 2003 at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center, Seattle, WA. If any of SFALL's members will be available to participate in the **CONNELL Marketplace** on **Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**, from **11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**, please contact Connelly Johnson at [connellyjohnson@dwt.com](mailto:connellyjohnson@dwt.com).

### Veronica Maclay Student Grant

The Government Documents Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL GD-SIS) is pleased to announce that it will award a grant in the amount of \$400.00 to a student currently enrolled in an ALA accredited library and information studies master's program.

The Veronica Maclay student grant is to be used to attend the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference held July 12 - 16, 2003 in Seattle, Washington.

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate interest in government information and a career in law libraries.

### Contact Information Regarding the State Library of Florida

In his proposed 2003-2004 budget, Governor Bush plans to dismantle the State Library of Florida. See

<http://www.ebudget.state.fl.us/>. Several organizations, including the:

- Florida Anthropological Society
- Florida Archaeological Council
- Florida Association of Museums
- Florida Historical Society
- Florida State Genealogical Society &
- Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

have joined a coalition to oppose the proposed budget cut. See <http://www.fgs.org/rpa/FICurrent.htm>. The Florida Library Association also opposes the closure of the State Library of Florida and has examples of opposition letters that can be sent to the Governor and legislators. See <http://www.flalib.org/legislative/files/letter-to-governor.pdf>. Members of the SFALL Executive Board also sent a letter to Governor Bush, opposing this closing.

If you would like to contact either the Governor or others regarding this, use the following information:

- Governor John Ellis (Jeb) Bush  
Governor of Florida  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 488-7146  
[jeb.bush@myflorida.com/](mailto:jeb.bush@myflorida.com)
- James E. King  
President, Florida Senate  
Room 302  
Senate Office Bldg.  
404 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 487-5030  
[king.james.web@flsenate.gov/](mailto:king.james.web@flsenate.gov)
- Johnnie Byrd  
Speaker, Florida House of  
Representatives  
420 Capitol

402 S. Monroe St.  
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To locate other legislative contact information, go to the *Online Sunshine* official Internet site at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us/>.

## Cost Effective Legal Research

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Shepard Broad Law Center

Listed below are Internet sites that provide free access to numerous legal documents, ergo cost effective legal research. The list is divided into four categories: *Federal Information*, *Florida Information*, *State Information*, and *Secondary Information*.

### *Federal Information*

*Cornell's Legal Institute @*  
<http://www.law.cornell.edu/>

This web site provides access to:

- *United States Code (U.S.C.)*  
You can search for code sections via keyword, citation, Popular Name, or via title through a Table of Contents. Full text of the code section is provided.
- *U.S. Constitution*
- *Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.)*  
You can search for sections via a Table of Contents, citation, and keyword. Keyword searching is connected to the popular GPO search engine.
- *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure*
- *Federal Rules of Evidence*

- *U.S. Supreme Court Opinions*  
The full text of U.S. Supreme Court opinions from 1990 onwards is available at this site. Selected historical decisions can also be found here. The Court's Calendar and its Schedule of Oral Arguments is here as well. Opinions can be searched via party name, date of decision, author of opinion, Cornell created topical index and keyword.

*Federal Courts Finder @*

<http://www.law.emory.edu/FEDCTS/>

Maintained by Emory University's School of Law, this site maintains and provides links to decisions from all of the federal Circuit courts. At sites maintained by Emory, the full text of decisions from 1995 onwards is available. They can be searched by date, party name, or keyword. You can access decisions from the following courts:

- Court of Appeals for Armed Forces
- Court of Federal Claims
- Federal Circuit
- D.C. Circuit
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Circuits

*Firstgov @ <http://www.firstgov.gov/>*

This site is the gateway to U.S. federal government information. There are links to the federal agencies of the Executive Branch, GPO Access, the U.S. Congress, and U.S. Courts. The site can be searched by keyword.

*GPO Access @ <http://www.access.gpo.gov/>*

Maintained by the Government Printing Office, this site provides access to a wealth of government information. Links to federal executive agencies, including the Census Bureau, FDA, and NLRB, are provided as are links to the U.S. Congress and various other government publications, including:

- *Code of Federal Regulations*
- *Federal Register*  
The full text of the *Federal Register* from 1994 onwards is available here. Updated daily, the current issue's Table of Contents is listed and provides hyper-text links to the text of the document. Archived issues can be searched by date or via keyword with the GPO Access Search Page. Updating of federal regulations with the *LSA* is also possible at this site.
- *United States Government Manual*
- *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*

*Oyez, Oyez, Oyez @ <http://oyez.nwu.edu/>*

Developed and maintained by Northwestern University, this site is intended to provide access to leading constitutional cases in the United States. Consequently, coverage is selective rather than comprehensive. This site is known for its archival of oral arguments made to the U.S. Supreme Court. To listen to these arguments, you will need Real Audio on your computer. You can search for cases via keyword, party name, or citation. In addition to U.S. Supreme Court cases, this site also provides access to information about all Justices of the United States Supreme Court as well as a virtual tour of the United States Supreme Court.

*Thomas @ <http://thomas.loc.gov/>*

Maintained by the Library of Congress, Thomas provides a great deal of information about the U.S. House and Senate. It can be searched via keyword, date, committee, number, or sponsor. Access to the full text of following is available:

- pending bills, including full text, status, and summary available;
- recently enacted public laws;

- *Congressional Record* (current and archived);
- House & Senate Committee Reports;
- Roll Call Votes;
- House & Senate directories.

Searching is via keyword.

*United States Supreme Court @*

<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>

This is the official site of the United States Supreme Court. The full text of opinions from 1999 onwards can be found here. Information about the Court, the justices, the Court's calendar, as well as photographs of the Court can be found here. Opinions are arranged in chronologically released order and keyword searching is possible.

*Villanova's Federal Courts Locator @*

<http://vls.law.vill.edu/Locator/fedcourts.html/>

This site organizes the federal courts and provides links to the sites for the U.S. Supreme Court, the 11 Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the U.S. District Courts .

*White House @ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>*

This site is maintained by the Whitehouse and provides the full text of Presidential:

- Press Briefings
- Radio Addresses
- Executive Orders & Proclamations

Searching is via date or keyword.

*Florida Information*

*Executive Office of the Governor/ My Florida*

*@ <http://www.myflorida.com/>*

This is the portal into the state government of Florida. Executive Orders promulgated by Florida's governors from 1996 onwards are archived at this site and can be searched via date or keyword. Links to the executive

agencies, the Florida legislature, Florida's courts, and other government information is available at this site.

*Florida Administrative Code @*

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/fac/index.shtml>

The regulations promulgated by Florida's administrative agencies are published in the *Florida Administrative Code*. These are published online and can be searched by browsing the Table of Contents. From the Table of Contents, there are hyper-text links to the appropriate chapter.

*Florida Bar @ <http://www.flabar.org/>*

This is the official site of the Florida Bar organization. It provides access to the membership directory, ethical opinions, CLE events, and calendars. The entire site can be searched via keyword.

*Florida Courts @ <http://www.flcourts.org/>*

Maintained by the Florida Office of State Courts Administrator, this site provides access to Florida's judicial information. At this cite, you can find:

- Florida Supreme Court Opinions and Rules, archived from December 1999 onwards and searchable by date or keyword;
- bar exam results;
- links to *Gavel to Gavel*, providing live and archived broadcasts of oral arguments made before the Florida Supreme Court; &
- links to other Florida courts.

*Florida Department of State @*

<http://www.dos.state.fl.us/>

This official cite provides a wealth of information regarding corporations. Using *Corporations Online*, you can search by Name, Registered Agent, Officer, FEI, or

Trademark to learn the:

- status of a corporation, i.e. active, inactive, good standing;
- identity of registered agent & address; &
- identity of corporate officers & addresses.

*Florida Information Resource Network at*  
<http://www.firn.edu/supct/>

This is the mirror site to the Florida Courts site.

*Florida Legislature On-Line Sunshine @*  
<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/>

This is the official site of the Florida Legislature and provides the full text of numerous legislative documents. Access to the following is provided:

- *Florida Statutes* which can be searched via a Table of Contents with hyper-text links or keyword
- *Florida Constitution*
- Daily Bill Information
- Daily Calendars and Journals
- Committees
- Members
- Lobbyist Information
- Economic and Demographic Information

*Florida State University College of Law*  
*Briefs & Opinions @*  
<http://www.law.fsu.edu/library/flsupct/index.html>

This site includes opinions published by the Florida Supreme Court since May 1994 and the briefs filed in these cases. Searching is via docket number or keyword.

*State Information*

*Findlaw @*

<http://www.findlaw.com/11stategov/index.html>

Developed in association with the Northern California Law Librarians, this site provides extensive links to legal resources available on the Internet. The full text of documents can be retrieved, and boolean searching via keyword is available. At Findlaw's state sites, you will find an alphabetical arrangement of hyper-text links to all 50 states. Links are available for:

- primary materials, including codes, cases, and regulations;
- area law schools;
- state government information; and
- state bar associations.

*Washlaw @* <http://washlaw.edu/>

Developed and maintained by Washburn University's Law School, this site provides links to legal resources from all 50 states. Searching is via keyword. States are arranged in alphabetical order. You can obtain the following information on each state:

- Legislative
- Judicial
- State Agencies
- Local Government
- Congressional Districts

*Municipal Code Corporation @*  
<http://www.municode.com/>

This site is a commercial site that currently provides free retrieval of full text documents. It provides keyword searching via Folios and retrieves a citation and an abstract to various city and county codes. States are organized alphabetically and codes/ordinances are then listed under the appropriate state. Hyper-text links then allow the user to access Folios and use keyword searching.

## Secondary Materials

*Hieros Gamos* @ <http://www.hg.org/>

Created by Lex Mundi, this site allows keyword searching. It retrieves both full text and abstracts. It provides access to:

- *Legal Guide for Foreign Countries*, including the European Union;
- law journals;
- global bar directories; &
- directories of experts.
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*Findlaw* @ <http://www.findlaw.com/>

In addition to providing primary source materials for the federal and state governments, this site also provides extensive access to secondary sources, including:

- CLE programs
- directories of consultants & experts
- electronic law journals
- U.S. law schools
- U.S. law firms

Other helpful secondary sites include the following:

*Jurist* @ <http://www.jurist.law.pitt.edu/>

*Law Librarians Resource Exchange* @ <http://www.llrx.com/>

*Martindale Hubbell* @ <http://www.martindale.com/>

*Virtual Chase* @ <http://www.virtualchase.com/>

At present, these sites provide free access to a variety of full text primary and secondary legal materials. Enjoy using!

## Finding Older Sections of the Florida Administrative Code in the Florida Administrative Weekly

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Patrons often ask Reference staff for older or repealed sections of the *Florida Administrative Code (FAC)*. Frequently libraries keep only the current edition. Similarly, Lexis, Westlaw, and various Internet sites maintain the current, rather than an historical version. Requests for older forms of the *FAC* seem, at first blush, unfillable. However, historical versions of the *FAC* can be located and tracked through the *Florida Administrative Weekly (FAW)*.

The *FAC* contains the rules and regulations of all Florida state departments and agencies with rule making authority. The *FAW* provides public notice of agency rule making actions, including:

- notices of proposed rulemaking;
- the text of proposed rules;
- notices of changes to or withdrawal of proposed rules; and
- notices of emergency rulemaking actions.

To find the wording of repealed sections of the *FAC*, look in the *Table of Repealed Sections*, currently found in the last two volumes of the print *FAC*. This will give you the date the section was adopted (adopted is *FAC* wording; in the *FAW*, this date is known as the effective date), and where applicable, the dates of any amendments. For current sections of the *FAC* for which you would like to see prior wording, check the *History* at the end of the section. There you will find the date of

adoption and the dates of any amendments that have been made.

Using the adoption or amendment date, look in the issue of the *FAW*, which most closely corresponds to this date that contains the *List of Rules Affected*. Each bound volume of the *FAW* has multiple weekly issues. Prior to February 2, 1996, in the back of each weekly issue, you should find the *List of Rules Affected*; this *List* was cumulative for an eight-week period. As of February 2, 1996, the *List* is published monthly, in the first issue of each month. The post February 2, 1996 *List* covers the prior month's activities. This *List*, in rule number sequence, shows, where applicable, the *FAW* volume, issue number, and in the older issues, page number, of the proposed rule, the amended rule, and the adopted rule. Starting with the February 8, 1994, issue of the *FAW*, page numbers were eliminated from the *List of Rules Affected* and moved to the *Table of Contents*. Be aware that the page number given may be the beginning of an entire rule section, rather than a pinpoint cite to an exact rule portion or subsection.

When a rule is proposed, the full language of the rule appears in the *FAW*; when a rule section is amended, the full existing wording of the section is given, with additions or deletions indicated.

So it is possible to track the language of an administrative rule, from proposal through amendments, with a current set of the *Florida Administrative Code* and a historical run of the *Florida Administrative Weekly*. If these tools are not available to you, *FAC* superseded rules and regulations can be found at the Bureau of Administrative Code or State of Florida Archives. Additionally, each state agency is required to keep copies of its own rules.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

SFALL February Program	Feb. 19, 2003
SFALL April Program	April 4, 2003
SEAALL Annual Program	April 10 - 12, 2003
SFALL Business Meeting	June 6, 2003
SLA Annual Meeting New York, NY	June 7 - 23, 2003
ALA Annual Meeting Toronto	June 19-25, 2003
AALL Annual Meeting Seattle, WA	July 12-16, 2003