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## View from the Chair

### *Lighten the Load*

Anita Anderson, SCCLL Chair  
Office of the Attorney General, St. Paul, MN

Incoming chairs and chairs-elect of the AALL SISs participated in leadership training during the annual meeting in Minneapolis. At this year's half-day session I was introduced to the *SIS Impact Statement*. It states:

"Energized and committed members benefit from creating and participating in a strong, multi-faceted, vibrant community that is the core of their professional lives."

This rang true with me as I thought about the workings of our SIS. Our members truly exemplify that impact statement. I have experienced your dedication first hand in a so many ways.

I feel privileged and grateful to be chair of the State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS. Over the years I have made wonderful connections in this SIS. I am thankful for colleagues who have given me expert support in my day-to-day work. They have inspired with articles, programs, and a readiness to answer questions posted on our e-mail list. Perhaps of even more importance to me, have been the friendships of SCCLL members that have stood the test of time and distance. All of this bounty from our SIS has surely helped to lighten my load.

Those of you who attended the AALL annual meeting in Minneapolis heard that my theme for the year is "Lighten the Load." In the coming months many committed volunteers will be working on a variety of tasks that will benefit our members and our vibrant community. Page two of the newsletter lists the current committees and their members. Let me tell you a little bit about some of our anticipated projects for the coming year. Here are some of the ways that SCCLL will lighten everyone's load.

The Strategic Planning Committee has refreshed our strategic plan for the coming two years. Based on the solid foundation of our previous plan, this is truly a working document. You will find a link to it on our website at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/>. This document was particularly valuable to me as I developed charges for our committees. Again at our website you will find a complete listing of the SCCLL committees and their charges.

We'll be looking at new ways to do business in the coming year. One way is to consider moving to electronic ballots for our elections. The Bylaws and the Website/Listserv committees will be investigating both the technical and

We have all been profoundly affected by events of the terrorist attacks. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to our friends and colleagues in New York and Washington D.C.

SCCLL-SIS will help in any possible way. Please call on us for support.

Anita Anderson  
SCCLL-SIS Chair

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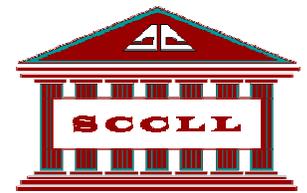
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## Editor's Etchings

### *Starved for Content*



Mary Ann Parker, Editor  
Department of Water Resources Law Library, Sacramento, CA

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Mary Ann Parker, the new editor of State, Court & County Law Libraries News. I'm taking over from Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, who did a fine job for the last three years and gave me a model to follow. One of my favorite columns was "Editor's Etchings" where Lisa had the chance to say what was on her mind. I propose to continue this column.

First of all, I'll start with my position and place of employment. I am the Law Librarian at the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), a state agency whose mission is to manage the water resources of California. If you've seen *Chinatown* you know how important water is to the Golden State. DWR has a legal staff of approximately 35 attorneys and, as a courtesy, the DWR Law Library also serves the legal staffs of the other state agencies sharing our building, another 20-30 attorneys. I operate the library with one library assistant.

Secondly, I would like to tell what I learned about editorship at the AALL Meeting in Minnesota. I attended the CONE (Council of Newsletter Editors) meeting and learned that most chapters and SIS's are going to online publication of their newsletters because of the expense involved in printing and distribution. However, the consensus was that publication in .pdf format rather than HTML was the way to go. Of course the SCCLL Newsletter is ahead of the game with our publication in .pdf format of all of last year's issues. If you haven't already, I encourage you to read and print the newsletter from the [SCCLL website](#).

I also attended Program J-4 *Getting Published: a How-to Discussion for the Hesitant Cyber Writer and Paper Writer*. I learned from all three speakers that a commissioning editor, one who solicits articles or book ideas, is "starved for content". Whoa! That's strong stuff and made me sit back and think seriously about what will fill the pages of this newsletter this year. I hope that SCCLL members will remember this phrase and choose to publish their news and comments in these pages. See page 2 for the deadline for submissions for the Winter issue.

If you are interested in publishing an article in this newsletter, [AALL Spectrum](#), or [Law Library Journal](#), I recommend buying the tape of this program for good advice and encouragement.

## SCCLL List



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practical aspects of such a change.

The Website/Listserv chair worked with headquarters staff to move our e-mail list to the AALLnet server. Our new list has the capability to "auto-populate" using our current member list. We felt this move was important because the SCCLL e-mail list is the official notification device for the availability of the newsletter. This will assure that all of our members receive our newsletter when it is published on our website. Non-members are welcome to join our new list by registering at [http://www.aallnet.org/discuss/list\\_index\\_sis.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/discuss/list_index_sis.asp).

Our Model Code Working Group has produced a draft for a Model Trial Court/County Law Library Code. Please take time to review this draft at our website at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/modcode4.htm>. The committee is anxious to receive feedback and comments. You should contact Anne Grande with your reactions.

The Education committee began its work early to meet the August deadline for program submissions for the Orlando meeting. The group submitted six exciting programs and one workshop proposal to the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee.

As you may know, our *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees* published in 1994 needs updating. Susan Szymula has volunteered to work on this project but would like additional help. Please contact Susan if you are willing to assist with this project.

Other committees are organizing and beginning a variety of projects that will be highlighted in future issues. I want to thank everyone for continuing to support our organization. I am looking forward to a productive and energizing year.

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## Charley's Corner: Who Ya Gonna Call?

Charles R. Dyer, Director of Libraries, San Diego County  
Public Law Library

**Nothing in this column represents the view of my Library or its Board of Trustees. These are just my personal opinions.**

**The Rise of Arbitration.** As a director at one of the many public law libraries that depend on a portion of the filing fee for civil court cases as the mainstay for our revenues, I have watched court filings closely here in San Diego County. The number of paid civil filings has been dropping for some ten years here. All across the United States, the number of civil cases filed has been dropping. Although an increase in the granting of fee waivers (*in forma pauperis* orders) accounts for some of the lost revenues, there are also just fewer cases being filed.

What are the several reasons given for the drop? Some of it is demographics, as Baby Boomers reach middle age and litigate less. Perhaps this signals a general drop in the total level of testosterone. Crime is down, too.

One thing it is not is economics. With the longest running upward business cycle in history, there is less unemployment and generally more wealth. More satisfaction means less interest in suing, or so it would seem. But history tells us this is not the case. In prior business cycles, it was more common to see a rise in civil litigation when the economy improved. There would be more sales and commercial transactions, leading to more disputes. Employers also cannot lay off those they would discriminate against during an up-cycle, so there was generally more employment litigation over being fired for cause. Divorcing couples would fight in court over their recently acquired possessions. (In truly bleak times, couples breaking up would often not even bother to divorce.) Personal injury victims could find a deep pocket to go after.

The difference now is the rise in arbitration and non-court related mediation. Alternative dispute resolution has taken hold. Commercial litigation is often settled by arbitration. We have all heard of the shrink-wrap contracts that specify arbitration in some software-producer-friendly state. Well, much of our high tech litigation is occurring that way. In fact, it is not uncommon for many high tech firms to prefer arbitrators simply because they feel that certain arbitrators know the technology better. But the most compelling reason for arbitrators in this arena is a concern for trade secrets. When two high tech

companies go after each other, they don't want the actual conflict publicly examined because of the competitive intelligence it gives away to third parties, i.e., the company down the road.

Most medical malpractice cases are now settled by arbitration, or occasionally mediation. The doctors are willing to arbitrate so that the case is settled without the glaring lights of news cameras. The victims get their money faster, and sometimes more of it.

Personal injury litigation is also accepting arbitration in leaps and bounds. Many insurance contracts call for it. Often, plaintiff's lawyers like it, too. Video presentation of a "A day in the Life of a Paralegic" often convinces a CEO that he would rather settle than face a jury. Although there are claims that insurance companies forum shop by choosing arbitrators who have recently been friendly toward them, it seems that plaintiff's attorneys are also passing arbitrators' names around among themselves. Some local bar associations are even creating private databases, tracking arbitrators' decisions, as reported by their members.

Once again, secrecy is often a concern for personal injury defendants. The Ford Explorer/Firestone tire cases would have hit the airwaves two years earlier, except for the use of arbitration. A bill in the California Legislature, started by the Attorney General, that would require most large award arbitrated decisions to be made public, has raised a huge hue and cry, both from large business and from the high tech community.

Another area being taken over by arbitration is employment law. I heard the prediction from a local arbitrator that by 2005, 90 percent of all employment law decisions in California will be by arbitration. He went on to say that the remaining cases would be litigation over procedural matters. The occasional sore loser who would want to litigate after arbitration will try to make a procedural claim to bring it to court, but will usually fail. As employers become more used to the procedural aspects, even those claims will usually be lost in summary judgment.

The many lawyers and judges with whom I have had occasion to discuss this increase in ADR all are sympathetic for me that civil filings fees will drop. But the inevitability of this development seems to them all to be the natural state of affairs.

**Where is the Precedent?** Recently, though, I have begun to ask another question: With all this  
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alternative dispute resolution, won't we miss the natural progression of cases that feed the development of substantive law? Arbitration is final; there is no appellate review. If 90 percent of the cases in a given field of law don't feed the system, isn't it likely that the law as developed by the appellate courts will be somewhat askew from what is actually going on in society? Do we want the settled jurisprudence for employment law or law for high tech companies to be created from those few cases that are odd-ball enough to miss out on the prevailing system of resolution? How can you develop *stare decisis* when the cases aren't published?

As law librarians, especially those of us in the public settings, we need to raise this question. Even if the arbitrated decisions were published, as sought by that bill in California, they certainly would not be synthesized by a duly designated appellate court. Each and every arbitrator is on a par with the highest supreme court justice. Decisions are final and never reviewed. Instead of fifty state jurisdictions and one federal one, we would effectively have as many jurisdictions as there are arbitrators. In fact, I would not be surprised if, as all these arbitrated decisions become at best merely persuasive sources for later arbitrators, we end up developing a non-regulated system of legal scholars who comment on these matters and who become the accepted text for the law, replacing the appellate courts.

Carrying this thought further, let's assume that these arbitrators, having few court opinions to look at, will start to use statutes as general propositions that they, as arbitrators and final judges, would apply reasonably as they see fit to their own particular cases. Without the courts to draw the lines between the classes of fact situations that are covered by the particular statute and those that are not, our statutes will begin to look and act like the codes found in civil law countries, such as France or Germany. But there is one notable exception: our arbitrators are under no obligation to find some statute that is applicable at all. So, unlike civil law countries, our law would have large portions of "law" that is neither civil law (i.e., taken from broad interpretations of sections of generic codes) nor common law (i.e., dependent on integration or extrapolation from previous decisions).

I realize that there are huge areas of the law that will not become "arbitratorized" (sounds like arbitrage, doesn't it?). We will still have the courts and court opinions. Yet this trend bothers me. As a law librarian, I have enough trouble purchasing the

information needed when I know exactly what I should be looking for, i.e., primary sources first. What do we give to our readers who want employment law, personal injury law, or commercial law?

**A Hypothetical: Law in the Age of Arbitration.** The doctor was beta testing this new micro-probe on a patient who had signed an agreement for an experimental procedure he had to have since the HMO wouldn't cover the more expensive standard procedure. The probe seems to have caused a gland to malfunction. The HMO was provided by his employer. Under the terms of his union contract, his LMO (legal maintenance organization) was obligated to tell him what the law is and to aid his settlement efforts. To the patient's surprise, his lawyer was less concerned about what state he lived in than who his arbitrator would be. Until that is resolved, the lawyer could not determine what the "law" would be. However, the lawyer did have access to the ATLA database of arbitrators, so he suggested several arbitrators who would be friendly to his claim. Getting the doctor, the HMO, the employer, and the union to agree to a single arbitrator might be tricky, but the lawyer would be able to help him. After all, when it comes to determining what the law is, it's who you know that's important.

## *AALL Colloquium* *Not Finding What You're Looking for...*

*Jean Holcomb, Law Librarian  
King County Law Library  
Seattle, WA*

To answer a legal research question, each individual researcher brings to the process a highly developed set of personal strategies. An individual's research strategies may involve the use of a variety of sources. Some find information as near at hand as their desktop computer while others rely on resources or individuals that are outside their work environment.

The resources used to answer questions may be selected as a consequence of law school training, on the job mentoring, or real life trial and error experience. In May, AALL sponsored a two day colloquium in Chicago for 20 law librarians from around the country and 17 presidents of major legal publishing companies. The attendees considered the topic "The Changing Nature of Legal Research: Adapting to New User Realities."

Four law librarians from SCCLL-type libraries: Anita Anderson, Law Librarian of the Minnesota Office of

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the Attorney General; Judy Meadows, Director of the State Law Library of Montana; Mike Miller, Director of the Maryland State Law Library; and I participated in the event. To prepare for the colloquium, we all read in advance an article by Georgetown University Law School Professor Diana R. Donahoe entitled, "Bridging the Digital Divide between Law Professor and Law Student" about how law students do their research primarily on the web.

The article theorizes that law students' preference for the web as the primary research source will result in a digital divide in perception, knowledge and understanding of the law and legal research between them and the law school faculty. She believes that the experience of reading a book based text and a web based text is so different that the whole continuum of thinking, processing and utilizing information changes as the medium changes. To experience this phenomenon for themselves, colloquium participants read Donahoe's article in both formats. To experience the difference, the article may be found at [www.vjolt.net/vol5/issue3/v5i3a13-Donahoe.html](http://www.vjolt.net/vol5/issue3/v5i3a13-Donahoe.html) and at [www.teachingla.freewebsites.com](http://www.teachingla.freewebsites.com).

Why are law librarians and legal publishers concerned about law students' preference in their choice of research sources? We care because both librarians and publishers are looking over the horizon to imagine what their clientele will expect in legal information tools in the future. While the way we act based on our anticipation of users needs may be different, both law librarians and legal publishers must keep their businesses aligned with the direction their markets will take. Over the course of the two day conference, participants met in small groups to brainstorm ideas about the ways legal researchers will seek and process legal information. We then considered the ways changing research practices might impact strategies libraries and publishers must use to maintain their relevance.

At the King County Law Library, we're looking over the horizon while balancing a user demographic whose research styles and needs span generations and learning styles. Partly in response to information discussed at the May colloquium, a new feature will soon premiere on the kcl website at <http://www.kcll.org/>. Under the heading "Not Finding What you're Looking For?" the library will venture into the world of virtual reference. From this location on our web, the reference staff will begin to respond to e-mail reference questions. We're also expanding the range

of staff generated original content we publish on our website. We hope that these added services will become an important component of the research strategy for legal researchers in King County.

## 2000–2001 Committee Reports

### Awards

The principal charge of the Awards Committee was the solicitation and review of nominations and selection of the 2001 recipient of the *O. James Werner Award for Distinguished Service to Persons with Disabilities*.

The Committee made a formal call for nominations in December via the SCCLL Newsletter, and in January via the SCCLL Website (posted under Announcements and Awards), the SCCLL Listserv, and the AALL Listserv. To reinforce the call for nominations, each Committee member made a number of telephone calls to others within the SIS personally soliciting their consideration of candidates for nominations.

Catherine Lemann, Associate Director of the Law Library of Louisiana, was selected to receive the award. She was nominated by her colleagues Carol D. Billings and Georgia D. Chadwick, for her work as Chair of AIDS Law of Louisiana, Inc., a non-profit corporation that has since 1989 provided legal services throughout the state to low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Her work over the years in support of the organization, employing her legal research skills, teaching talents, knowledge of Website design and maintenance, and her board leadership, has been work of substance. Her distinguished contributions to AIDS Law of Louisiana, Inc., and her commitment to making the legal system work for all, evokes the memory of O. James Werner and reflects honor on the profession. Her selection as recipient of the *O. James Werner Award* was unanimously approved by the Committee.

Announcement of the selection of Catherine

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Lemann as recipient of the *Werner Award* was placed in May in the SCCLL Newsletter, the SCCLL Website, SCCLL Listserv and the AALL Listserv. Notice was also given to AALL Headquarters for publication in the Annual Meeting materials.

The Committee comprised: Anne Peters, Chair; David Badertscher, Pamela Gregory, Karen Moss, and Jessica Rehbaum.

*Anne Peters, Chair  
Social Law Library*

## By-laws

There were no by-laws issues to consider in the 2000-2001 year.

*Georgiana G. Wellford, Chair  
Virginia Attorney General's Library*

## Education

The Education Committee met at the AALL annual meeting in Philadelphia to discuss program ideas for the 2001 meeting in Minneapolis. Prior to the meeting, a call had gone out via the SCCLL listserv for persons who might be interested in developing program proposals to attend the meeting or, if they could not attend, to send in their ideas. The Education Chair also contacted all those who had submitted proposals that had not been selected for the 2000 Philadelphia meeting to see if they would like to rework them for resubmission. At the Philadelphia SCCLL Education Committee meeting all of these program ideas were discussed and suggestions made. Discussions and suggestions regarding the proposals continued via e-mail until shortly before the submission due date. In the end, the SCCLL Education Committee coordinated the submission of seven program proposals and one workshop proposal. It also agreed that SCCLL should co-sponsor four additional programs being submitted by others. Of these submissions, three SCCLL developed programs and three SCCLL co-sponsored programs were accepted. The SCCLL developed programs were (in the order the Committee ranked them):

1. New Opportunities Through Collaboration: The Minnesota Model (Anita Anderson) (Accepted)
2. Unpublished Judicial Opinions, Secret Settlements and the Judicial System (Cathy Lemann) (Accepted)
3. Another New Role: Law Librarians as Press Secretaries (Kathy Carlson)
4. Webcite Check-Up: Rx for a Long Life (Cathy

Lemann)

5. Realities of Poor Workplace Design: A New Role for Librarians as Ergonomic Evaluators (Karlye Pillai)
6. Facing a New Reality: The Law Librarian as Fundraiser (Susanne Dyer) (Accepted)
7. American Indian Law: Its role in the Legal System (Cathy Lemann) [SCCLL's proposal was not accepted but a very similar program proposal was accepted]

SCCLL Workshop Proposal:

1. Creating New Roles and New Realities : Marketing Your Law Library (Kathy Carlson)

SCCLL Co-Sponsored Programs:

1. Capital Punishment: Is a Moratorium the New Reality? (with VALL and SRSIS) (Accepted)
2. Pornography on the Internet : A New Reality (SRSIS) (Accepted)
3. Facing Reality: The Death of the Reference Desk? (RIPS) (Accepted)
4. Coping with the Wireless Revolution : The Impact of Wireless Technology on Libraries (David Badertscher & OBSSIS)

Although the SCCLL Education Committee did not co-sponsor the following idea, Cossette Sun, a SCCLL member independently submitted the following proposal:

1. Happily Ever After? Personal Financial Planning for Law Librarians

It worked well to have at least the Chair of the Education Committee appointed early. The "running start" allowed the Chair to look at program proposals that were not accepted for the upcoming meeting and contact the developers of these proposals to see if they wanted to rework them for resubmission for the next meeting. It also allowed for solicitation of new ideas before the annual meeting. It allowed SCCLL members to work on their ideas before the SCCLL Education Committee meeting. The Committee meeting could then focus a discussion on ideas already partially or completely developed. Given the short time frame between the annual meeting and the due date for program proposals, this discussion was much more meaningful to all developers than starting from scratch.

My thanks to all who contributed ideas and proposals and who provided comments and critiques to

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assist in making the SCCLL proposals very strong competitors in a tough field.

*Kathy Carlson, Chair  
Wyoming State Law Library*

## Grants

The Committee solicited a total of \$1,600 in grants:

- William S. Hein & Company - \$350,
- LEXIS.NEXIS - \$250,
- Court Record Services, \$1,000.

The first two were received by May 1, 2001 and the Committee awarded a grant of \$600 to Connie Von Der Heidi, Reference/Outreach Services Librarian at the Wisconsin State Law Library. Since the check from CRS came in after the grant deadline, the committee recommended that the funds be encumbered and used toward 2001-2002 SCCLL SIS scholarships.

*Nancy Joseph, Chair  
New York Law Institute*

## Membership/Mentoring

A notice was given to newer SCCLL members about the mentoring program. The notice also asked for volunteers interested in being mentors. Matches were then made. An attempt was made to match mentors and new persons in the same type of community, type of organization, and performing the same type of professional function. We had more persons willing to act as mentors than we had requests.

### Membership Recognition--20 year pins

The committee attempted to determine the dates when each SCCLL member joined both AALL and SCCLL to establish when each member reached or will reach the landmark date of 20 years of AALL membership with 10 of those years as a member of SCCLL. An attempt to contact everyone listed in the AALL electronic directory as members of SCCLL was made. Where possible, contact was made via e-mail. If a member did not have an e-mail address, a letter was sent via U.S. Mail.

Prior to contacting each member, the membership lists of the past 10 years of the SCCLL section of the AALL directory were examined and tentative membership dates were established for each person listed as a 2000-2001 member. Each member was asked to

respond as to whether those dates were correct. Responses were received from about ¼ of the membership with either a confirmation of the dates or corrections. Each member was also asked if s/he had previously received recognition. From these responses, a planning list of which year each member would become eligible for recognition (assuming continued membership in both AALL and SCCLL) was developed.

Where no response was received, the established tentative date was used. A more complete list of those already recognized was also developed. Along the way, it was discovered that a number of people who should have been recognized over the past few years were missed. These people, along with those who become eligible in 2001, will be recognized at the 2001 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

Now that the lists have been developed, the Membership Committee will be able to plan member recognition in the future. The lists need to be maintained with annual additions and deletions. A manual page describing the update process is a project for next year.

*Kathy Carlson, Chair  
Wyoming State Law Library*



## Model County Law Library Code

The 2000-2001 Committee included the following members: Anne Grande, Chair; Jane Colwin, Charles Dyer, Brenda Kelley, Jan Ryan Novak, Jerry Stephens, and Maureen Well. Kathy Coon and Kathy Edie resigned from the committee at mid-year due to work demands.

The charge to the Committee was as follows:

- Pursue the recommendations made by the 1999-2000 SCCLL Working Group on a Model County Law Library Code and approved by the SCCLL Executive Board at its July 2000 meeting
- Examine existing SCCLL Standards for County Law Libraries in conjunction with the Standards Committee and update them as necessary to reflect current county law library needs and requirements.
- Add appropriate committee members who will represent law related associations and organizations when the committee reaches the drafting stage.
- Present a proposed model county law library code as an interim draft document to the SCCLL Executive Board at the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

The chair distributed Draft #1 of the Model Code in December 2000. After receiving comments from Committee members, a second draft was issued in May 2001, followed by a third draft in July 2001. Draft #3 will be submitted to the SCCLL Executive Board at the 2001 Annual Meeting.

Though the Committee has not yet reviewed any drafts of proposed changes to the SCCLL Standards for County Law Libraries, the work of this group is important to the Model Code, because the Code incorporates these standards by reference. Future coordination between the two groups is critical. Both have been in the initial stages of drafting this past year. In the coming year, they should work together more closely.

The Committee did not feel it was appropriate to present early drafts of the Model Code to other organizations before the SCCLL Executive Board and SIS members had had a chance to study it and make comments. Once our own organization agrees on a final draft, it should then be submitted to representa-

tives of related groups, such as the Conference of State Court Administrators, for their comments before a final draft is approved.

*Anne Grande, Chair  
Hennepin County Law Library*

## Newsletter

Our strategic direction (Enhancing Communications) was defined as follows:

1. Continue to publish and distribute a newsletter three times a year on a timely basis
2. Seek additional advertising for the SCCLL Newsletter such that this subsidy will insure that all three issues of the newsletter can be fully subsidized through advertising or sponsorship and also sent out as first class mail.

We did publish and distribute three newsletters last year on a timely basis.

We have gone electronic with the last two of the three newsletters published. There is no cost for mailing as the newsletter is posted on the SCCLL Website. Approximately 50 individuals or groups have indicated to me that they would still like the newsletter in print. These first-class postage costs were absorbed by the mailing library. We have also gotten a full-page advertisement from West Group which appeared in the last two issues of SCCLL News. However, more advertisers are needed. A push for advertisers for the newsletter should be included in the strategic direction for next year's newsletter committee.

*Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Chair  
Montana State Law Library*



## Nominations

The SCCLL Nominations Committee of Donna Bausch, Chair, Cossette Sun and Marvin Anderson selected a slate of candidates, as follows:

For the office of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Sandy Marz, Washoe County Law Library and Michael S. Miller, Maryland State Law Library.

For the office of Secretary/Treasurer: Cynthia Fellows, Alaska State Court Library and Timothy N. Holthoff, Arkansas Supreme Court Library.

For Executive Board member, 2001-2004: Sharon E. Borbon, Fresno County Law Library and Catherine Lemann, Law Library of Louisiana.

The successful candidates were Mike Miller, Cynthia Fellows and Cathy Lemann. The new Board members will assume their duties at the SCCLL Business Meeting in Minneapolis.

Continuing on the Board will be: Chair, Anita Anderson, Minnesota Office of the Attorney General; Past Chair, Regina Smith, Jenkins Law Library; Board member (1999-2002) Tim Lewis, Alabama State Law Library; Board Member (2000-2003) Rita Dermody, King County Law Library.

In addition, the committee submitted a list of 11 names of SCCLL members for consideration by the AALL nominations committee in its search for candidates for the AALL executive board.

*Donna Bausch, Chair  
Norfolk Law Library*

## Publicity/Public Relations

The committee has worked this year on furthering the section's goal of providing our members with tools and skills to educate both our customers and our governing bodies. We hope that if these two groups understand who we are and what we do, we can gain their necessary financial and political support.

One task aimed at educating our decision-makers--whether they are trustees, judges, attorneys, court administrators, or other governing bodies--has been to create a publication series as a vehicle for familiarizing them with topics we wish they knew. In response to a business proposal in October 2000, the committee was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Lexis-Nexis Library Relations section to be used for layout design, publication, and distribution of the section's proposed publication series. After collecting and sifting through many possible topics, we selected Hiring a State, Court or County Law Librarian as the topic of the first resource guide in the publications series. The topic seemed to have universal significance for all our members.

Along those same lines, the committee spent time this year developing a template for a media/public relations toolkit. Unlike the publication series, the toolkit is targeted at helping SCCLL members market themselves to the outside world. We selected the information deemed most helpful to our colleagues for inclusion in the toolkit, and developed a usable format for the materials.

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*New SCCLL Board Sworn in by Sacramento Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Gunther at the Business Meeting on July 15, 2001.*

We've also spent some time practicing public relations within our own profession. Jody Mosel Beal of the Publicity/Public Relations Committee has an article coming out in the July issue of Spectrum that highlights for our fellow law librarians the things that make state, court and county law librarians unique. The article is entitled, "SCCLL, Pronounced Skill".

True to tradition, the committee will sponsor the SCCLL table in the "activities area" of the AALL 2001 Annual Meeting. A gift will be raffled off to SCCLL members who enter the competition by completing a ticket--including their committee preferences for SCCLL volunteer activities for next year! The prize will be awarded at the WestGroup sponsored SCCLL Reception on Tuesday evening at the conference.

During 2001-2002, the Committee recommends completing the Strategic Initiative Plan tasks of creating the first resource guide in the publications series and completing the media/public relations toolkit.

*Betsy Vipperman, Chair  
New York Appellate Division Law Library*

## Standards

The Standards Committee was divided into two subcommittees focusing on technology/electronic services, and an overall review of the existing standards for county law libraries as adopted in 1996. Members of the technology group included Greg Lambert and Maureen Well. (The existing standards review group consisted of Joan Bellistri, Mark Linneman and Robert Shriek.

Both focus groups studied relevant library standards documents found on various websites and reviewed recent literature on the impact of technology on the future of legal research. Both have incorporated appropriate amending language in initial drafts of recommendations to update the county law library standards. These drafts have not yet been finalized as there remains a fair amount of fine tuning of those proposals. The committee will meet on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis to finalize its remaining work. It is anticipated that a full report, with recommended amending language for the county law library standards will be submitted to the SCCLL Executive Board for their consideration by Sept. 28, 2001.

Five recent studies/work efforts that were especially beneficial to the committee's efforts were: (1.) **Beyond 2000-the Future Delivery of County Library**

**Services to Ontario Lawyers, Phases I-III. 2000.** Law Society of Upper Canada; (2.) **Model County Law Library Code-draft #2.** May, 2001. Anne Grande; (3.) **Maryland Circuit Court Libraries Study Committee Report & Recommendations.** Feb. 27, 2001; (4.) **Delivery of Services by Trial Court Libraries. Draft,** March, 2000. Massachusetts Trial Court Libraries; and (5.) **A Strategic Plan for the Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Library System.** As adopted 2/29/00.

*Michael S. Miller, Chair  
Maryland State Law Library*



*Reception at US Courthouse  
July 17, 2001*

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## Statistics

No one volunteered to chair this committee in 2000-2001.

## Strategic Planning

Committee members continued to realize their individual and committee initiatives of the 1999-2001 SCCLL strategic plan. The plan also was refreshed to add initiatives for 2001-2003. In order to coordinate both the implementation of the first two-year plan and to develop the new plan, Shirley David coordinated the current initiatives and Regina Smith coordinated the work on the 2001-2003 plan.

The activities listed below illustrate the goals that have been met.

Strategic direction #1 **Changing Perceptions:** We must provide our members with the tools and skills to educate their customers and governing bodies so the contributions of member librarians are recognized and they receive necessary financial and political support.

### Year two activities

- Develop a publication series to build relationships with library “customers”.  
**Status: Completed**
  - Funding for the series has been secured through a generous \$20,000 donation from LexisNexis.
  - The topic for the first publication in the series has been selected
  - A narrative for creating the first resource guide is complete.

### Recommended next steps.

- Complete first publication in series
- Determine future topics and continue to develop the publications
- Continue to develop a media/public relations toolkit for marketing to governing boards.  
**Status: Completed**
- Developed template that includes suggestions of what information to include, and ideas for the format of the kit.

### Recommended next steps.

- Continue to solicit member authors to write articles describing the talents and expertise of law librarians for submission to targeted judicial/court administration/bar publications.

### Status: No Activity

### Recommended next steps.

- Submit articles as they are written for the first resource guide in the publication series to target group publications.

**Measure of Success** - It is too early to measure the success of initiative number one, which was to observe a significant increase in the level of understanding relative to the services provided the issues facing law libraries.

Strategic direction #2 **Strengthening Membership:** We must identify and recruit law librarians who are not currently members of SCCLL and strengthen our relationship with existing members.

### Year two

- Continue to plan a “mini-CONELL” for Trustees. The first was held at the Philadelphia meeting. (See *Trustees Committee Report*)  
**Status: Complete**
- Establish a network of liaisons to AALL chapters to distribute SIS news and to recruit new members.  
**Status: Not established.**
- Distribute the new SIS brochure at CONELL.  
**Status: Completed.**
- Develop mentoring opportunities for members of law library governing bodies who become new members of the section. (See *Membership Committee Report*).  
**Status: In progress.**

Strategic direction #3 **Enhancing Communications:** We must develop a more diversified communication network for our members.

### Year two

- increase member usage of the SCCLL listserv and Website. (See *Listserv/Website Committee Report*).  
**Status: Completed.**

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- Continue to publish and distribute a newsletter three times a year and fully subsidize the newsletter publication and distribution through advertising. (See *Newsletter Committee Report*).

Part two of the Strategic Planning Committee work this year was to refresh the 1999-2001 plan. A planning session facilitated by Gail Warren was held at the Philadelphia annual meeting. Each member of the committee volunteered to conduct a portion of the plan review and update. Regina Smith coordinated the sections into the 2001-2003 strategic plan for board approval at the Minneapolis meeting. As incoming chair, Anita Anderson will use the plan to develop 2001-2002 committee charges. As immediate past chair, Regina Smith will serve as liaison for the 2001-2002 strategic initiatives. Those activities that were initiated during our first two-year plan now become part of the regular activities of the committees.

#### 2001-2002 Strategic Planning Committee

Regina Smith  
 Anita Anderson  
 Tim Lewis  
 Kathy Joyce Welker  
 Michele Finerty  
 Rita Dermody  
 Shirley David, Chair

## Trustee Caucus - Trustee Development

The committee began its term filled with excitement about the opportunities to build on the momentum generated by the AALL Bylaws change that made it possible for members of law library governing bodies to become full members of AALL and SCCLL.

Committee charges:

### Strategic Initiative #2: **Strengthening Membership**

- Work with the Membership and Mentoring committee to develop mentoring opportunities for members of law library governing bodies who become new members of the section:

**UPDATE:** Our committee communicated with Kathy Carlson, co-chair of Membership and Mentoring. Her committee is developing a list of Trustees and Library Directors who would be interested in a mentoring relationship with a trustee. This is a subset of the committee's activities to promote mentoring among SIS members. The Membership and Mentoring committee posted a recruitment message on the SIS listserv.

- Promote the "Mini-CONNELL session for Trustees at next year's AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis

**UPDATE:** A series of special events for Trustees at the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting has been planned and publicized. Tours of West

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Group Headquarters have been scheduled for both Saturday and Tuesday. On Sunday a full day of activities will be held. Trustees have been invited to the SIS business and breakfast meeting. The SIS will present programming of interest to members of law library governing boards during the day's educational slots. A luncheon on Sunday for librarians and trustees will be held following the morning's programs. After the luncheon, an orientation will be held for Trustees and their librarians that will focus on strategies for navigating through the meeting. Small group discussions of topics of special interest to library boards and trustees will conclude the session. On Tuesday evening Trustees will join SIS members for the SCCLL SIS Recognition Reception at the U.S. Courthouse.

**Strategic Initiative #3: Enhancing Communications**

- Work with the Membership and Mentoring Committee to increase use of the SCCLL Listserv and Website by members of law library governing bodies who become new members of the section

**UPDATE:** The Membership Committee will be posting information about their "Each One Reach One" campaign, a program designed to recognize SIS members who recruit new members including new Trustee members. They are creating a "welcome to the section" form letter that will go to all new members including Trustees.

**Additional Charges:**

- Develop a program/luncheon or dinner program for libraries with governing boards for the 2001 Annual meeting in Minneapolis

**UPDATE:** A place on the AALL meeting program has been set aside from 11:45 am until 1:00 pm on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for this separately ticketed event. The featured speaker for the luncheon will be Judge Edward Toussaint, Chief Judge for the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Judge Toussaint will talk about "New Roles for Law Library Boards as Technologies Change."

- Work with the Publicity/PR committee to attract trustees as AALL and SCCLL members

**UPDATE:** We talked with Betsy Vipperman,

chair of Publicity and Public Relations about modifying the membership brochure created last year to target this audience in light of recent membership rules change, but determined that such a plan would not be financially feasible.

- Determine where there is enough interest for the caucus to petition to be an AALL SIS: 2001 is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the caucus

**UPDATE:** Discussions have been held at the SIS Council level about creating a new organizational structure in which the "big three" SISs, including SCCLL, would become Divisions. The committee will need to follow this development.

- Recommend programs for trustees to the Education Committee

**UPDATE:** Information about the AALL annual meeting proposal process and an invitation to propose programs of interest to Trustees for the 2002 meeting was posted on the SCCLL listserv in the spring.

- Establish a trustees' column in the SCCLL Newsletter

**UPDATE:** With the assistance of Newsletter Editor Lisa Mecklenberg, a special column by and for Trustees has been established. The articles will appear in a column entitled "Trustees' Tips." Judge Michael Harris, Trustee of the San Diego County Public Law Library wrote in the Fall issue about his impressions as a first time attendee to the AALL Annual meeting. The Winter issue's article focused on "Education for Library Boards: A Library Director's Perspective." The Spring issue will contain an article on "A Role for Trustees in Strategic Planning."

Additional topics to be considered by this committee in the future:

- Funding for attendance of Trustees at the AALL Annual meeting. We suggest that this committee talk with the SIS Grants committee about offering a grant for one trustee. Other options are writing an article for our next newsletter issue suggesting funding sources such as AALL Grants, Chapter VIP programs, LSTA grants.
- Committee membership. The committee recommends that a trustee or other member of a library governing body be added. The possibility of a creating a separate recruitment brochure for trustees should be pursued. Post the trustee brochure on

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our web site.

- Collaborate with the Publicity and Public Relations Committee as it produces a publication series that would be targeted to members of law library governing boards.

*Jean Holcomb, Chair  
King County Law Library*

## Trustee Caucus - Sourcebook

Unfortunately for our SIS, Alison Alifano, Library Manager at New York County Lawyers Association left her position in November 2000. The committee was left without a chair and one member. Regina Smith reviewed the committee's charge and made an outline of what needed to be done. Kai-Yun Chiu worked with her, but since there were no other committee members, and both librarians had heavy workloads, the work on this important project was shelved. The Sourcebook is outdated in many sections and updating it in 2001-2002 should be a priority for this committee.

*Regina Smith, Chair  
Jenkins Law Library*

## Website/Listserv

The Web Site/Listserv Committee continued developing and promoting the web site and listserv to SCCLL members. The web site was updated regularly and announcements were made on the listserv when new features and information were available on the web site.

The committee worked with the Newsletter Committee to provide electronic access for the newsletter for all members. Most members now receive the newsletter only in electronic form. A message is posted to the listserv when the issue is available with a link to the issue.

John Pickett improved the backside of the web site by adding Meta tags. This should make it easier for search engines to find our site.

The links to websites of member libraries have expanded this year due to work by Barb Golden. There are links to at least one member library in most states and to some Canadian and Irish libraries.

Other additions to the web site this year:

- Revised by-laws were added shortly after approval by the membership.
- Both the current and the previous year's officers and committee members are listed.
- Pictures of the location for the SCCLL reception were added to the web site.
- A schedule of meetings, programs, and other SCCLL events during the annual meeting was provided.

Recommendations for the new year:

- Update the web site with the change in officers and committee membership.
- Continue to update the web site during the year to provide up to date information and new features.
- Work closely with the Newsletter editor to provide timely release of the newsletter.
- Work with the Publicity/Public Relations and Membership/Mentoring Committees to provide additional learning and sharing opportunities using the listserv.

*Anita Anderson, Chair  
Minnesota Attorney General's Office*

## Attorney General Librarians Roundtable Report

At the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting, the SCCLL-SIS Attorney General Librarians Roundtable will hold a luncheon meeting on Sunday, July 15, 2001. Anne Ellis, Director of Library Relations for West Group, will be our speaker. Her topic will be "Intranets and Technology."

On Wednesday July 18, 2001, our Roundtable will be visiting the Minnesota Attorney General's Library in St. Paul. We are looking forward to seeing Anita Anderson's library. She and her staff will be demonstrating her office's Intranet.

*Georgiana G. Wellford, Chair  
Virginia Attorney General's Library*



# County Law Library Shares Experience with Public Library: *Web Training at SPL*

Rita Kaiser  
King County Law Library  
Seattle, WA

In January of this year Jean Holcomb, the Director of the King County Law Library, was asked if her staff would be willing to present a series of workshops for the Seattle Public Library staff. Seattle Public librarians receive questions about such legal topics as divorce and child custody, landlord-tenant issues, how to bring a small claim, deal with traffic tickets, write wills or power of attorney, and find legal forms on the Internet. They often had difficulty finding resources to help. And, as their patrons asked for web-based information, they wanted to be sure they were sending them to the most reliable web-sites to answer their questions. In addition, they wanted to know how the KCLL staff handles legal questions in our library - as these reference questions tended to be some of their most difficult.

Jean offered the services of Rick Stroup, Public Services Librarian, and me – Rita Kaiser, Reference Services Librarian. Rick and I coordinated the classes with Mary Ross, the Training and Development Managing Librarian for the Seattle Public Library. We discussed the focus and scope of the workshops through a series of email conversations and phone calls, and managed to develop a curriculum that we thought could be taught in the 90 minutes allotted for each session. The Seattle Public Library offered us the use of their training facilities for the sessions, a marvelous space that included a projector and a presenter's station with computer and internet access, plus 12 computer training stations that the participants would use. It was to be a hands-on class.

Rick and I tried to design our class for librarians who may or may not know much about the legal system. We gave the participants a list of our links for answering the categories of questions we would address. We also gave them a quiz they could take after the session - with suggested answers. And we included a document outlining the three divisions of the government - legislative, executive and judicial, and the primary law each one created, along with information on where to find this law. During the first workshop we explained the legal system. After this explanation we covered the Internet resources that

answer their more common questions. Big mistake! The explanation of primary law took too long, was way too boring for the audience, and didn't address what they came to learn. We ran out of time to visit the web sites that actually WOULD answer their questions. Plus, when I realized I was running out of time, I started to speed up so much that the participants had difficulty following me. Rick, who has a naturally quiet voice, was having trouble making himself heard. Nevertheless, they seemed to enjoy the class.

Because we were not satisfied, we went back to the drawing board to hone our presentation. As we would be giving a total of five workshops, we knew we could do a better job on subsequent sessions. We divided our class session into two parts. I started the sessions and took the librarians to the web sites to answer divorce and custody questions, landlord-tenant, and small claims questions. Rick took them to the resources for traffic tickets, wills and power of attorney, and legal forms. After doing this he discussed how we address the legal questions we get everyday. As a public law library, we cannot create an attorney-client relationship with our patrons. We must answer our patrons by leading them to discover the answer for themselves. This can be very interesting. The SPL librarians were fascinated with our approach!

The web sites ran the gamut from the marvelous Northwest Justice site at [www.nwjustice.org](http://www.nwjustice.org) and pretty good Washington court site at [www.courts.wa.gov](http://www.courts.wa.gov) to some of the marginally useful form sites that are proliferating. We had the participants follow us using our own web site at [www.kccl.org](http://www.kccl.org).

We included a basic glossary in the materials we gave them. This glossary was a simple legal translation aid to lead them from divorce to dissolution, traffic tickets to traffic infractions, evictions to unlawful-detainer actions or writs of restitution, district and municipal courts to courts of limited jurisdiction and more.

After our first outing we did not try to visit every site we listed. I started the sessions by asking the participants what questions they received on a regular basis. Then I explained a little about our library and what we do. We took them through the sites as we talked – slowly and loudly. Rick saved time for discussion and questions at the end of the sessions. They asked us interesting questions and encouragingly, we could usually suggest a source to help answer them. As word spread about the classes, Rick and I were asked to hold additional sessions. Even though we missed giving one

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class – due to the February 28<sup>th</sup> earthquake in Seattle - we still managed to do seven workshops, training over 80 SPL staff. We enjoyed doing the workshops and would gladly do more. We even have a name for the Rick and Rita training team - the Screaming Turtles. Rick has learned to speak louder (he thinks he is screaming) and I am actually beginning to slow down a little!

We will gladly share our outline if you want to know more about the workshops. One measure of the effectiveness of the training is the increase in hits on our web site. Visits have increased by over 70% - and continue to grow. As we made the SPL staff familiar with our site and the fact that KCLL is a public library, they have become more comfortable referring legal questions to us, or simply calling us to find the information they need.

## Announcements

### Public Access to Government Information Award *AALL GRC Looking for Nominations*

*Charlene Cain  
Louisiana State University Law Library*

The Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2002 **Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award**. Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Previous PAGI award winners have been the United States Government Printing Office in 1999 for its website, GPO Access, and the Library of Congress in 2000 in honor of its website, THOMAS.

Criteria for selection include :

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization

has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.

3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

Though nominations are solicited annually, there is no requirement that the award be given every year.

The award is jointly administered by the AALL Government Relations and Awards Committees. All nominations are considered on an individual basis, with complete confidentiality, and according to the criteria listed above.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Anne Burnett (University of Georgia Law Library, Law School, Herty Drive, Athens, GA 30602 [aburnett@arches.uga.edu](mailto:aburnett@arches.uga.edu)), **no later than February 1, 2002.**

### West Group Forms New Government Division *Announcement Made at SCCLL Reception*

*Jean Holcomb, Law Librarian  
King County Law Library  
Seattle, WA*

For the second year in a row, West Group sponsored a reception at AALL for SCCLL members hosted by the U.S. Courts Branch Library. During a brief program, representatives from West Group announced the formation of a new division dedicated to serving government customers. This new division offers more than 100 years of combined expertise in the legal industry, as well as dedicated management, sales and account managers throughout the country. Maria Loftus Redmond, West Group Vice President of Sales and Account Management for the Government Division, introduced Carol Williamson, Director of Account Management, and Kim Willis, Director of Sales.

Redmond announced that the Government Division plans to initiate librarians' advisory boards for law librarians who work both in state and local governments and for those who work at the federal government level. Ruth Fraley, recently retired from the position of Assistant Deputy Chief Administrator for Legal Information and Records

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Management of the New York State Unified Court System, will be chairing the Government Advisory Boards. The Boards will meet regularly with personnel from West Group to identify issues and concerns, and to improve communication and efficiencies in ordering, shipping, billing and information exchange. The Board may also be asked to provide input on new and existing print and online products. Board members will serve three-year terms. The initial meeting will take place in the fall.

## Trustees and Law Library Committee members meet in Minneapolis

### *Trustees Caucus has 4th Meeting*

*Shirley H. David  
Sacramento County Public Law Library*

The AALL Trustees Caucus is a forum for those who serve on law library boards of trustees, operating boards, library committees, and librarians who work for library boards or committees to discuss common concerns about issues facing their libraries. "All you have to do to change your life is to change your mind!" "Black robes create too much of a barrier." "The drag and drop generation."

"Perseverance is one short race after another." These sound bites from Justice Edward Toussaint, Jr.'s address at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trustees Caucus Luncheon set the tone for law library trustees and librarians' roundtable discussions that followed the July 15, 2001 luncheon at the AALL annual meeting in Minneapolis. 39 participants met for the luncheon program and 20 stayed for the roundtable discussion.

Anita Anderson, our SIS chair, welcomed the group and then turned the program over to Sara Galligan. Sara introduced Justice Toussaint, the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Justice Toussaint

was a MALL Chapter VIP at the 1999 AALL annual meeting as well as participant at the 2001 meeting. He spoke to the group about "Roles for Law Library Boards as Users and Technologies Change." He talked about the perseverance and integrity that is necessary to construct services that reach generations and communities different than our own.

The Roundtable discussion program led by Shirley David, SCCLL Trustees Caucus Chair, included short presentations by AALL dignitaries. Anne Grande brought the participants up to date on the work of the Model County Law Library Code Working Group. Barbara Bintliff, incoming AALL president, explained the AALL structure and highlighted annual meeting activities. She distributed flamingo shaped pencils to each trustee as a reminder of her mantra "Birds of a feather flock together."

Sandy Marz solicited ideas for 2002 annual meeting programs. Shirley encouraged participants to share ideas on how the association can better meet the needs of trustees and activities at local libraries. Marketing library services was a hot topic. How can libraries research potential customers? Suggestions included local public access television spots, developing "sound bites" on the value of li-



brary services and personal interest stories, soliciting grant money for posters to place in public libraries. AALL leadership was encouraged to develop a glossary of library and convention terms and acronyms for non-librarian participants to use at the annual meeting.

The roundtable concluded with encouragement to participate in annual meeting formal and informal activities throughout the week including the tour for trustees caucus participants at WestGroup headquarters and the SCCLL reception at the Federal Court library.

# SCCLL Member Library News

*Compiled by Amanda Collins, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, Mobile, AL*

The Maryland State Law Library's four volume double elephant folio of John James Audubon's Birds of America subscription series prints, more than a century old, was featured in the August 14, 2001 issue of *The Baltimore Sun*. These books, part of the library's collection since the 1830's, are showing the wear of more than a century's handling and exhibition. In the fall, experts from the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia are expected to spend about three days in the library examining the volumes.

The Arkansas Supreme Court Library this year observes the sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup>) anniversary of its enabling legislation. An historical exhibit honoring the library will be available for public viewing in the Justice Building, 625 Marshall Street, Little Rock Arkansas, beginning Thursday, September 6, 2001. The exhibit will be introduced at a reception immediately following the Arkansas Supreme Court's proceedings on that date.

The Arkansas Supreme Court also announces that Shawn Pierce joined its staff this summer as Technical Services Librarian, a new full-time professional position created by the General Assembly earlier this year. Ms. Pierce was previously employed as the Interim Director / Head of Technical Services of the Philander Smith College Library in Little Rock.

Lois Calvert retires from the Colorado Supreme Court Library at the end of September 2001. With the Supreme Court Library since 1995, Ms. Calvert has also served as a librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library, and was formerly a Lexis representative.

Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, formerly at the State Law Library in Helena, has become Montana's Legislative Librarian. Lisa's new contact information is: Montana Legislative Reference Center, State Capitol Room 110, P.O. Box 201706, Helena, MT 59620-1706, Phone: (406) 444-2597 Fax: (406) 444-2588 Email: ljackson@state.mt.us

## *New Members*

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11th Circuit Court of Appeals  
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