

# ALL-SIS EYES ON MINNEAPOLIS

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Where has ALL the time gone? In a few short weeks, another challenging year for the Academic Law Libraries SIS will come to an end and I will conclude my term as Section Chair. In this my final column, I would like to bring you up-to-date on the work of the Section this past year, inform you of the Section activities planned for Minneapolis, and to extend my thanks to Section members for their efforts in making this a productive year.

I want to thank Susan Lewis-Somers and Anna Teller of the Nominations Committee for their work. Congratulations to our newly elected officers: Merle Slyhoff, Vice-Chair/Chair-elect and Bonnie Koneski-White, Executive Board Member.

The Awards Committee, chaired by Merle Slyhoff, has made its selection for the [Hicks Award](#). This award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to academic law librarianship. The 2001 recipient is Frank Houdek. Our congratulations to Frank! The Hicks Award will be presented at the Section Reception on Tuesday, July 17, at the University of Minnesota.

The 2000-01 Education Committee had four program proposals accepted for the Minneapolis meeting. Our thanks go to Dwight King, committee chair, and to Caroline Susta, Marjorie Crawford, and Joan Howland for their efforts in coordinating these programs.

The roundtable committees worked during this year to develop discussion group topics of interest to Section members. Six roundtables are scheduled for the annual meeting. Your ideas and suggestions are important to the growth of the Section. So, please plan on attending several of these discussion meetings. Of special note is the strategic planning committee's roundtable discussion scheduled for Tuesday, July 17 from 12:15 - 1:30 pm. See the [schedule](#) of Section activities in this newsletter for the dates and times of all programs and roundtables.

The Membership Committee, chaired by Mary Ann Nelson, will oversee the Section's table in the AALL activities area. Mary Ann needs your help in staffing our table in the exhibit hall. Please [volunteer](#)! If you are available, please contact her at [mary-nelson@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-nelson@uiowa.edu).

The CONALL Committee (Convocation for Newer Academic Law Librarians) will present a roundtable program on "[Meeting Publication Requirements](#)" on Tuesday, July 17 at 12:15 - 1:30 pm. While CONALL focuses on newer academic librarians, the more "seasoned" members of our Section may find this session beneficial. Kumar Percy and his committee are to be congratulated for planning this very informative and useful roundtable discussion.

Other important events scheduled for Minneapolis include: the Section Business Meeting (Sunday, July 15), the Section Lunch (Sunday, July 15), directors' breakfast and middle managers' breakfast (Monday, July 16), and the Section Reception at the University of Minneapolis (Tuesday, July 17). See the [schedule](#) of Section activities in this newsletter for the times of these events.

I am truly grateful to have had this opportunity to serve as your Section Chair. It has been a busy year! But well worth all the paper work, scheduling and deadlines. I am confident that the results in Minneapolis will be to your satisfaction.

As I conclude my year, there are many to thank for their hard work and commitment. First, I want to thank our executive board: Rosalie Sanderson, Beth Smith, Paul George, and Tory Trotta for their assistance during this past year. Thanks also to Shaun Esposito, newsletter editor, and David Burch, webmaster. Volunteers are the life-blood of ALL-SIS. So thanks to all of you who volunteered to work for our Section this year. I encourage you to answer the call to volunteer for [committees](#) and [new task forces](#) from our incoming Chair, Rosalie Sanderson. There is still much to be done to make our Section the brightest star in the AALL universe.

I look forward to seeing you ALL in Minneapolis! RJH

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# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW LIBRARY AND BNA HOST ACADEMIC SIS RECEPTION AT THE ANDERSEN LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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## SUBMITTED BY JOAN S. HOWLAND, ROGER F. NOREEN PROFESSOR OF LAW AND DIRECTOR OF THE LAW LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Mark your calendars for a very special event at this summer's Annual Meeting: the ALL-SIS Reception. Hosted by the University of Minnesota Law Library with the generous support of the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., the reception will be held on July 17 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Elmer L. Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Completed in early 2000 and situated adjacent to the Mississippi River on the West Bank Campus of the University of Minnesota, the Elmer L. Andersen Library is a state-of-the-art facility which houses ten University special collections and archives units and is home to the MINITEX resource-sharing service for 228 state and regional libraries. The Reception will feature periodic tours of Andersen's two storage caverns, mined at 80 feet below grade, and each two stories high and the length of two football fields. Library guides will share information about how these caverns are protected from flooding by the Mississippi River and explain the unique challenges and benefits of excavating and building storage caverns on this subterranean site.

The Exhibit Gallery of Andersen Library will feature an exhibit from the Sherlock Holmes Collections of the University of Minnesota Library, the world's largest collection of material related to Sherlock Holmes and his creator Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Mementos of this exhibit will be hand printed for guests by a local printer on a replica of a Franklin Press in the Andersen Library.

As those who are familiar with Sherlock Holmes know, his death was never reported in the London Times; he has made repeated appearances throughout the last century, and it is rumored that he may make an appearance the evening of July 17. Come to Andersen Library, renew friendships, and keep your eyes open for Sherlock Holmes!

Invitations will be send to you the first part of June. Bus transportation, generously supported by BNA, will be provided from the Convention Center.

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# ALL-SIS SCHEDULE FOR MINNEAPOLIS

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Here is a summary of the ALL-SIS events during the annual meeting in Minneapolis. Check the convention final program for locations.

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, July 14	3:00 - 4:30 pm	ALL-SIS Executive Board/Committee Chairs Meeting
Sunday, July 15	7:00 - 9:00 am	<b>ALL-SIS Business Meeting</b>
	10:00 - 11:30 am	A-5 David In, Goliath Out? Do We Need Larger Libraries to Accommodate More Books? (Dwight King)
	10:00 - 11:30 am	A-6 Young & Restless: What are the Realities of Professional Growth for Newer Academic Librarians (Joan Howland)
	11:45 - 1:00 pm	<b>ALL-SIS Luncheon</b> (Ticket event; Supported by Lexis-Nexis®)
	1:15 - 2:30 pm	B-6 Wireless Network: Is It Time to Untether Users? (Marjorie Crawford)
	5:30 - 6:30 pm	<b>Roundtable:</b> Advanced Legal Research (Faye Jones)
Monday, July 16	7:00 - 8:45 am	<b>Directors' Breakfast</b> (Ticketed event)
	7:00 - 8:45 am	<b>Middle Managers' Breakfast</b> (Ticketed event)
	5:15 - 6:15 pm	<b>Roundtable:</b> Dialog with Lexis-Nexis® and Westlaw (Rosalie Sanderson)
	5:15 - 6:15 pm	<b>Roundtable:</b> Statistics (Mila Rush)
Tuesday, July 17	12:15 - 1:30 pm	<b>Roundtable:</b> CONALL: Meeting Publication Requirements (Kumar Percy)
	12:15 - 1:30 pm	<b>Roundtable:</b> Strategic Planning (Larry Meyer)
	4:00 - 5:00 pm	I-3 Alternative to "Putting It on Reserve": The Role of Faculty Web Sites and the Reality for Libraries (Caroline Susta)
	5:15 - 6:15 pm	<b>Roundtable:</b> Continuing Status/Tenure (Susan Phillips)
	6:30 - 9:00 pm	<b>ALL-SIS Reception at the University of Minnesota</b> (Sponsored by BNA) [invitations will be sent prior to the convention; please RSVP]

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# ALL-SIS COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

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## FROM ROSALIE M. SANDERSON, VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

The ALL-SIS is only as good as each member makes it through active participation. We need YOUR help to accomplish work in committees, roundtables, working groups and task forces that will benefit all academic law librarians. This year we have openings for volunteers for several of these groups. If you have an interest in these areas, please let me know. We need your commitment. Openings are available on the following committees/working groups, roundtables, and task forces:

Committees	Roundtables	Special Working Groups	Task Forces
Awards	Continuing Status/Tenure	CALI Research Project	Library Support for Law Journals
By-laws	Legal Research	Visiting Librarian Project	Advanced Legal Research Web Sourcebook
CONALL/Mentoring	Relations with Vendors		Resources for Collection Development
Education (2003 Committee)	Statistics		
Local Arrangements (2002 Florida Committee)			
Membership & Recruitment			
Nominations			
Public Relations			
Strategic Planning			

If you are interested in working with any of these groups, please send me an e-mail at [rsander@law.emory.edu](mailto:rsander@law.emory.edu).

In your e-mail, be sure that you list the following information:

- 1st preference
- 2d preference
- 3d preference
- No preference
- Name
- E-mail address
- School affiliation
- Address
- Phone Number
- Fax Number

Many of you know that I am leaving Emory on June 1 to move to New York. You may continue to contact me at my Emory e-mail address. I will be out of touch for a couple of weeks in June, and I will not begin work in New York until Oct. 1. Thank you for your interest in the work of the ALL-SIS. I look forward to hearing from you.

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# CONALL 2001 ROUNDTABLE

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## SUBMITTED BY KUMAR PERCY

Would you like to learn how to publish an article? Do you know a newer law librarian who would like to publish? If so, come to the ALL-SIS CONALL Roundtable during the Annual Meeting.

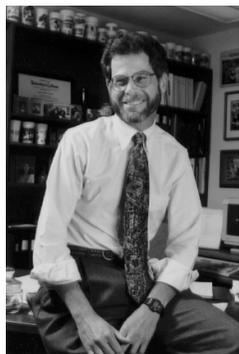
On Tuesday, July 17, 2001 from 12:15 - 1:30, at the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, ALL-SIS is sponsoring a roundtable on the topic of publishing. The program, moderated by Tory Trotta, will start with a skit, providing an entertaining overview of law library publishing. Tory will also lead a discussion about submission requirements, good topics for articles, and more. There will be several editors from law library publications in attendance, and available to talk to you.

Join us for the fun, and if you're not careful you might learn more about law library publications.

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# HICKS AWARD

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## FRANK G. HOUDEK NAMED WINNER OF 2001 ALL-SIS FREDERICK CHARLES HICKS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIANSHIP

**SUBMITTED BY MERLE J. SLYHOFF,  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
CHAIR, ALL-SIS AWARDS COMMITTEE**

The 2001 ALL-SIS Frederick Charles Hicks Award for Outstanding Contributions to Academic Law Librarianship is presented to Frank G. Houdek, Professor of Law and Law Library Director, Southern Illinois University.

The nomination criteria states that nominees "should exhibit extended and sustained contributions in one or more of the following areas." Frank shines in all areas:

- History of contributions to the field of law librarianship through research, publications and other activities displaying an active participation in the advancement of academic law librarianship - Frank, Mr. Publications, is a prolific contributor to law librarianship as well as legal literature with a bibliography that extends to six pages.
- Achievement in a particular area of academic law librarianship - Frank has written on numerous relevant topics, most notably legal research, which has resulted in many game show presentations at AALL Annual Meetings.
- Service to AALL - To name a few: Past AALL President; Editor of Law Library Journal; Chair, Committee on Relations with Information Vendors; Chair, Special Committee on Fair Business Practices; Executive Board Strategic Planning Committee; Executive Board Finance and Budget Committee; Public Relations Coordinator; Chair, Publications Committee; Editor, *AALL Annual Meetings: An Annotated Index to the Proceedings*; Mr. AALL History through his compilations and presentations, and Chair, Special Committee on the History of Law librarianship; etc., etc., etc.
- Service to the ALL-SIS - Member since 1985; past Chair of ALL-SIS; past Executive Board member; past member of Nominating Committee.

I think all will agree that Frank is the personification of the Hicks award and will join me in congratulating Frank on his accomplishments. The award presentation will take place during the ALL-SIS reception at the University of Minnesota on Tuesday, July 17.

The Frederick Charles Hicks Award was named for the first great American law librarian/scholar and first academic law librarian to be President of AALL. Information about Hicks and his career can be found on the [Hicks Awards page](#) on the ALL-SIS website. The award was first presented in 2000 to Penny Hazelton, Professor of Law and Law Librarian, University of Washington. A permanent plaque honoring all winners of the Hicks award resides at the AALL Headquarters office in Chicago.

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# LEXIS-WESTLAW VENDOR ROUNDTABLE: LIBRARIAN DISCUSSION & Q&A

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All interested librarians are invited to participate in the annual LEXIS-WESTLAW Vendor Roundtable on Monday July 16 from 5:15-6:15. Less time scheduled this year necessitated a change in format. There will be no extended presentations by LEXIS & WESTLAW personnel.

We will begin with a brief look at key issues raised by librarians in the LEXIS-WESTLAW use surveys done by Nancy McMurrer of the University of Washington. Approximately half of the program will be devoted to discussion among the librarians of issues related to administration of LEXIS & WESTLAW in the law schools, such as training, equipment support, printing, and support by academic and student representatives. Then Timothy List of Lexis Law Publishing and Gerald Johnson of West Group will join us for a Q & A. session. Timothy List is the Vice-President, Law School and Federal Courts Markets for LEXIS Law Publishing. Gerald Johnson is the Vice-President, Academic & Librarian Relations for West Group.

If you have any ideas for the roundtable, there is still time to make suggestions. Please contact any of the members of the Vendor Roundtable Committee: Nancy McMurrer, [mcmurrer@u.washington.edu](mailto:mcmurrer@u.washington.edu), Gordon Russell, [grussell@stu.edu](mailto:grussell@stu.edu), April Schwartz, [schwa084@gold.tc.umn.edu](mailto:schwa084@gold.tc.umn.edu), or Rosalie Sanderson, [rsander@law.emory.edu](mailto:rsander@law.emory.edu).

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# MEMBER NEWS & UPDATES

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Georgia Briscoe, Associate Director and Head of Technical Services at the University of Colorado Law Library, and Karen Selden, Catalog Librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library, co-authored "Cataloging @ 2000: Over 100 Years of Change at the University of Colorado Law Library," which was published in Volume 30, Number 2/3 (2000) of *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*. This article will also appear as a chapter in *Managing Cataloging and the Organization of Information: Philosophies, Practices and Challenges at the Onset of the 21st Century*, edited by Ruth C. Carter. Binghamton, NY: Haworth, 2001. - submitted by Karen Selden, Catalog Librarian, University of Colorado Law Library and Public Relations Chairperson for the Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL)

Nancy Carol Carter, Director, University of San Diego Legal Research Center, has been awarded an AALL Call for Papers prize for her paper "American Indians and Law Libraries: Acknowledging the Third Sovereign." In the paper, she argues that American Indian tribal governments constitute a third sovereign within the United States. A higher legal profile increases tribal contact with the federal and state systems, as well as with private citizens. Law librarians are urged to deepen their understanding of the third sovereign and to undertake the challenges of building library collections and creating organizational systems that best support legal research on American Indian and tribal law. Nancy will be presenting her paper at the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

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# ANNUAL MEETING PREVIEW: NEW REALITIES NEW ROLES - FOCUS ON PRACTITIONER'S TOOLKIT

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## SUBMITTED BY SCOTT G. BURGH, A MEMBER OF THE 2001 AMPC, AND CHIEF LAW LIBRARIAN FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF LAW LIBRARY

### OVERVIEW

One of the five tracks developed for the educational programs for the 2001 Minneapolis meeting is Practitioner's Toolkit. As our profession evolves, we need to keep current with the tools that are the nuts and bolts of our everyday work. The Practitioner's Toolkit track focuses on the means and implementation of our proficiencies as professional librarians.

While many of the themes overlap, twenty-four programs are offered in the Practitioner's Toolkit track which speak to specific applications in our profession. Themes addressed in this track cover many of our day-to-day work lives of cataloging, teaching, publishing, specific subject areas of reference and research, time management, technology applications, web searching, and web page design.

### PROGRAMS

- [Sunday, July 15](#)
- [Monday, July 16](#)
- [Tuesday, July 17](#)
- [Wednesday, July 18](#)

#### SUNDAY, JULY 15

"Power Search - Strategies for Successful Internet Searching": Addresses hands-on techniques to fine tune web searching.

"The Young and the Restless: What Are the Realities of Professional Growth for New Academic Librarians": Plan your career path more successfully.

"Using Metadata to Increase Visibility: The GPO Access Search Engine Project": Improve your web site's visibility with this hands-on session.

"The New Reality of a United Germany: German Legal Sources and Research Strategies": Addresses very specific issues of German law.

"Pornography on the Internet: A New Reality": Understand the limits and constraints concerning access to pornography on the internet and its implications in public areas.

"Celebrating John Marshall: The 200th Anniversary of His Elevation to Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court": A great session for legal history research and for assessing the impact of John Marshall.

"Teaching Roles and Realities: Choosing the Legal Research Text That's Right for You": An evaluation of texts by a panel of prominent authors.

"New Roles for Catalogers: Subject Access to the Web": Use controlled vocabulary to fine tune subject access to the web.

#### MONDAY, JULY 16

"Maximizing the Firm's Technology Investment: Creative Intranet Applications": Learn about information dissemination within the firm environment via an intranet in another hands-on session.

"Put a CORC in It: The Cooperative Online Resource Catalog's Attempt to Control the WWW Information Flow": A must session for any user of OCLC.

"When to Pay the Piper: The Copyright Clearance Center - the Robin Hood of the 21st Century, or Robbing Peter to Pay Paul?": Keep current with changing copyright law.

"Cataloger's Dilemma: When and How to Use Law Uniform Titles": A must for catalogers that addresses specific applications of AACR2 25.15 and 25.16.

"New Roles? Retooling Yourself for Work in the 21st Century": Turn your work efficiency into work effectiveness.

"American Indian Law: The New Reality of Native Sovereignty: Introduces federal Indian law and tribal law.

## **TUESDAY, JULY 17**

"We're Hiring: Designing IT Job Descriptions to Attract the Very Best": Provides useful tools to help write job descriptions and to conduct a meaningful job analysis.

"Implementing the MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data: The New Frontier in Technical Services": Identify specific fields of USMARC format for Holdings Data in another session for catalogers.

"Time Management: There Really Are Enough Hours in the Day": Prioritize and set effective time management goals.

"New Paths Into the Trackless Wilderness: New Electronic Resources for Researching State and Local Government Information": A must for those who need to locate and navigate state and local government information.

"Legal Research for the Xers and Nexters: Redesigning a Program": An excellent segue from the 2000 session on teaching legal research to the MTV generation.

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 18**

"Getting Published: A How-to Discussion for the Hesitant Cyber Writer and Paper Writer": Learn the premier writing venues for law librarians in this session.

"Prometheus Unbound: "Firing Up" United Nations Legal Researchers": Addresses UN legal research, the UNBIS database, and the UN's Official Documents Search (ODS) web site.

"And You Thought Gadgets Were Only for the Kitchen! 60 Technology Gadgets in 60 Minutes": Highlights new products that can help in our daily lives.

"What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Essential Technical Services Knowledge for Public Services Librarians": Highlights technical services policies that impact the catalog.

"World Wide Web Site Design and Management Considerations": Explains web site composition and diagnostic tools, as well as color, text, graphic, and navigation guidelines.

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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL-SIS IN AALL'S NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

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## FROM ROSALIE M. SANDERSON, VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

At the July 2000 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, the AALL Executive Board approved a new Strategic Plan for 2000-2005. The Executive Board recently asked that SISs devote some time at this year's Annual Meeting to the new plan. It would be a great opportunity to identify initiatives that the ALL-SIS could pursue to further outcomes identified in the plan. Of course, before we discuss the plan or develop elaborate programs, we need to bite the bullet and read the plan. The text is available at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/strategic\\_plan.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/strategic_plan.asp).

The Executive Board, and, in particular, the Executive Board Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Ruth Fraley have worked very hard to develop a plan to provide structure and focus to AALL activities. The basic idea is that the Strategic Plan will serve as the framework for activities and programs of the various AALL entities, including the SISs.

If you haven't worked with strategic plans before, be prepared to learn a new vocabulary, including the following terms:

- Mission
- Vision
- Preamble
- Environmental scan
- Strategic direction
- Outcome
- Initiative

The organization of the plan is hierarchical, so we'll begin with a brief look at each part of the plan:

- **MISSION:** A strategic plan always begins with a mission statement. AALL's mission is to "support and serve its members, promote and enhance the value of law libraries, foster law librarianship and provide leadership and advocacy in the field of legal information and information policy."
- **VISION:** Briefly, and in abridged form, AALL is a professional association whose members and libraries are critical to the success of their organizations and society, and who work toward fair and equitable access to legal information by educating library users to be skilled legal information consumers.
- **PREAMBLE:** The preamble describes the role of the strategic plan in the activities of AALL and its various entities, such as SISs and committees.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:** The environmental scan describes the current law library environment in terms of role of the library, demands by various types of library users, and current issues.
- **STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS:** The core of the strategic plan is the identification of STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS to accomplish the MISSION of the association. The 2000-2005 strategic plan identifies four strategic directions:
  - Strategic Direction #1: Law Librarianship is a thriving profession whose members are valued as critical to their institutions and to the legal system;
  - Strategic Direction #2: Law Librarians possess the knowledge and skills to thrive in a constantly changing legal environment;
  - Strategic Direction #3: AALL and Law Librarians are recognized leaders in shaping information policy and ensuring fair and equitable access to national and state legal and government information;
  - Strategic Direction #4: A diverse legal publishing industry offers a broad range of legal publications in a competitive environment.

To enable the AALL to move in these four STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS, the plan identifies desired outcomes for each direction. For example, with regard to Strategic Direction #4: "A diverse legal publishing industry offers a broad range of legal publications in a competitive environment," three specific OUTCOMES of association activity have been identified:

- a. High quality, authoritative legal publications in all formats are available at fair prices.
- b. Legal publishers follow fair business practices.
- c. Historical legal materials are preserved and accessible.

However, to be sure that these outcomes are achieved, specific INITIATIVES have been identified to achieve the desired OUTCOMES. For example, to insure that the first outcome, "high quality authoritative legal publications in all formats are available at fair prices," the following INITIATIVES will be pursued:

1. AALL will produce and widely disseminate a report analyzing evolving pricing patterns and comparing trends in legal publishing to trends in other publishing sectors;
2. AALL will provide consumers with tools for informed decision-making, such as an annual price guide with needed budgetary information;
3. AALL will engage legal publishing executives in discussions that will educate both vendors and librarians about our common concerns and represent the best interests of our members; and

4. AALL will work with other groups, consumers and members to provide leadership and ensure a vibrant and competitive legal publishing environment.

You can see that it is one thing to agree on the mission of the AALL as an association, but it requires careful planning and the creation of a strategic plan to identify the directions necessary to accomplish that mission. Furthermore, the association cannot proceed in those strategic directions without first identifying desired outcomes of moving in the direction, and enumerating specific concrete initiatives that the association or discrete entities in the association will undertake to achieve those outcomes.

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ALL-SIS?**

Members of ALL-SIS comprise one of the AALL's largest entities. Members of ALL-SIS should scrutinize this new 2000-2005 strategic plan with an eye toward identifying strategic directions and outcomes that relate specifically to academic interests. It is possible that we will find already identified initiatives that our SIS could embrace as a project, or that we as a group could identify other initiatives unique to academia that would help bring about desired outcomes identified in the plan.

We will set aside some time during the business meeting in Minneapolis to discuss the strategic plan and to get your ideas of special initiatives that might be undertaken by ALL-SIS to achieve outcomes identified in the plan. I also plan to charge the ALL-SIS strategic planning committee to attempt to coordinate the development of the ALL-SIS Strategic Plan with the AALL Strategic Plan for 2000-2005.

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The Strategic Planning Committee will be holding a roundtable on Tuesday, July 17 from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Check the final program as to the room location. During this meeting, the committee will seek the input of section members on the section's strategic plan. Those members who would like to have specific issues addressed during the open forum, may forward comments to Larry Meyer, committee chair, at the University of LaVerne College of Law ([meyerl@ulv.edu](mailto:meyerl@ulv.edu) or 909-460-2065).

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# THREE NEW ALL-SIS TASK FORCES FOR THE 2001-2002 YEAR!

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## FROM ROSALIE M. SANDERSON, VICE CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT

In an effort to address issues that affect many academic law librarians, three new task forces have been formed for the 2001-2002 year. These are the

- [TASK FORCE ON LIBRARY SUPPORT FOR LAW JOURNALS](#)
- [TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AN ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH WEB SOURCEBOOK](#)
- [TASK FORCE ON COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT](#)

### TASK FORCE ON LIBRARY SUPPORT FOR LAW JOURNALS

On a regular basis librarians raise the issue of the "proper" level of library support for law journals on law-lib. Many of us discuss this issue among ourselves. This Task Force will be charged with developing guidelines for library support for law journals, including interlibrary loan services and document delivery.

The Task Force will have wide latitude to define the type of support and to develop a frame of reference with regard to levels of support. For example the Task Force may want to consider the following variables in drafting guidelines:

- Enrollment of schools
- Number of journals established at a particular law school
- Ranking of the law school
- Whether the journal is a student-edited or faculty-edited journal

Of course, no library would be required to adopt guidelines developed by the Task Force. Some schools may want to use these guidelines and their underlying reasoning as a starting point to review their current policies. Other schools might decide to adopt the guidelines as they are developed with little modification. No matter what individual law libraries decide to do with guidelines developed by this Task Force, library support for law journals is a subject which is perennially discussed and worth some serious consideration.

### TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP AN ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH WEB SOURCEBOOK

This Task Force will consider the various components involved in administering an advanced legal research course. In particular the Task Force will review and identify model course proposals, law school course descriptions, methods of evaluation, pathfinders, research guides, class exercises, and course syllabi. The Task Force will also review course content, and the wide variation in topics included in ALR courses. Finally, the Task Force will consider appropriate methods to develop a web sourcebook that addresses these various issues and cumulates sample materials.

### TASK FORCE ON COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

This Task Force will work to identify and evaluate commonly used tools for selections and to identify and evaluate tools for collection evaluation in the wake of the cessation of *AALS Recommended Law Books & RLG conspectus*. The Task Force will also consider methods of making this material widely available to academic law librarians.

If you are interested in being involved in any of these Task Forces, please identify the Task Force you are interested in and give your contact information in an e-mail that should be sent to Rosalie Sanderson at [rsander@law.emory.edu](mailto:rsander@law.emory.edu).

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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ALL-SIS would like to staff a table in the exhibit hall during the convention in order to recruit members. If you are interested in helping with this endeavor please contact Mary Ann Nelson at (319) 335-9016 or at [mary-nelson@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-nelson@uiowa.edu) for time slots still available.

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