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NOTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING 1980-81

Academic SIS Program

All reports indicate that the D.C. program—The Library of Congress: Its Present Status and Future Development—was well received. Our speakers, all from the Library of Congress, presented three very different views of LC. Mary Price, Assistant Director for Processing, Systems, Networking, and Automation spoke on the future of networking and automation at LC. Gilbert Gude, Director of Congressional Research Service, discussed the governance and responsibilities of CRS. The future of the Law Library of Congress was the topic of Marlene McGuirl's presentation. Ms. McGuirl is Chief of the American-British Law Division of the Law Library of Congress. She also gave some very interesting insights into the proposed national law library.

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NEWSLETTER NEEDS NEWS

Have you participated in an unusual project? Compiled a bibliography of interest? Do you have a library position to be filled? Some humorous incident to share?

This is your newsletter and we want it to help keep everyone informed of news from academic law libraries all over the country. We can do this only if each of you acts as a reporter.

Please send items for the Spring issue to your editor.

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TENURE DOCUMENTS--FEW RESPONSES

The project of collecting copies of law school tenure documents got off to a great start last summer. However, only five schools have responded to date. They are: Cornell, Hamline, Golden Gate, University of Southern California, and the University of Cincinnati. Their statistics, taken from the ABA pamphlet "A Review of Legal Education in the United States--Fall, 1979" are as follows:

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Volumes*</u>
Cornell	527	323,342
Golden Gate	915	92,508
Hamline	466	81,747
University of Southern California	556	168,228
University of Cincinnati	361	98,448

*Hard copy only.

Since this is a fairly representative sample of law schools, perhaps this collection will suffice for those interested in writing their own tenure documents. To date I have had two requests for copies of various documents.

Originally, the plan was to become a clearinghouse for tenure documents as an aid for those trying to write their own. This goal has met with limited success. However, if more schools were to send their documents and more schools knew of the availability, the original idea would still work. This report, therefore, is also a plea for input from the academic libraries throughout the country.

Anyone who has wrestled with the task of trying to formulate these policies from scratch knows how awesome the job is. Shouldn't we pitch in and pool our resources? Send documents to:

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5353 West Third Street
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MEMBERSHIP INCREASES

At the end of fiscal year 1981, we had 157 members. This was a 325% increase over the previous year. Even though we have made great strides, there are still many academic law librarians who are not members of our SIS. Some of them may work in your library. Please become a recruiter and give the form on page 7 to a prospective member.

DETROIT CONVENTION PLANS

THE COMPUTER AS A TEACHING DEVICE is the working title of one program being developed by the Academic Law Libraries SIS for the Detroit Convention in 1982. The intent of the program is to introduce ways that a computer might be advantageously employed as an instructional device by law libraries at relatively low cost.

The focus is to be on those computers which utilize simple programming language and require only limited instruction. Networks such as PLATO and home or personal computers such as Apple II and Radio Shack will be included. Program design and actual library applications are also planned topics.

This program will be in "plain English," and should appeal to all types of librarians in all work areas. Spread the word to your colleagues and invite them all to come.

To date we have commitments from Russell Burris of the Consulting Group on Instructional Design, University of Minnesota; Roger Park, Professor, University of Minnesota Law School; and Charles Kelso, Professor at McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific. In addition, we are looking for at least one speaker to discuss using a computer for staff training in areas such as filing rules and reading call numbers.

A second program is also being planned for the 1982 convention, HOW THE ACADEMIC LIBRARIES TEACH THE LEGAL RESEARCH COMPUTERS, LEXIS and WESTLAW. Dan Freehling is developing a questionnaire to gather information on the teaching methods used, when it is taught, to and by whom, and so on. Please complete and return the questionnaire when it comes.

An additional and more visible part of this program will be presentations on teaching methods. James Sprowl, Research Attorney, American Bar Foundation, will compare LEXIS and WESTLAW as they currently are. John E. Christensen, Librarian and Assistant Professor, Washburn University School of Law, will discuss the characteristics of an effective program for teaching these systems. In addition, we will have someone with an innovative program for teaching each of the systems to share with us his/her techniques and experiences.

We hope that the consumers of our "products," the firm and court librarians, might give us some input on how well we are doing on this task. All academic librarians are invited to come, as the computers apparently are here to stay. If you don't have one yet, you can use this program to help plan for the time when you do.

I would welcome any information any of you might have on schools with unusual or very effective teaching programs in this area.

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BLUEBOOK COMPANION--A REVIEW

DICTIONARY OF CURRENT AMERICAN LEGAL CITATIONS, Abridged Edition with Examples. Compiled and edited by Doris M. Bieber. Buffalo: William S. Hein & Co., 1981. 223 p. Paperback. \$6.50.

Has Doris Bieber succeeded where the Harvard Law Review Association has been unable or, at least, unwilling? Ms. Bieber's newest contribution to mapping the maze of cryptic legal citations is, Dictionary of Current Legal Citations, Abridged Edition with Examples (hereinafter the Dictionary). The stated purpose of the Dictionary is to "(1) give abbreviations for the legal publications of all United States jurisdictions, the international law publications directly affecting the United States, and privately published legal periodicals; and (2) to provide examples of the more commonly cited authorities."

The Dictionary is intended as a companion to, not a replacement of, the 12th edition of the Bluebook. (This may in itself result in problems in the not too distant future as the 13th edition of Bluebook is expected to be out this year.) It consists, according to the Preface, of some 1300 examples of citations made up according to Bluebook rules.

The arrangement of the Dictionary is alphabetical with each entry divided into two columns. The left column lists the full title of publications for which Ms. Bieber has provided citation forms. The right column, of course, contains the corresponding citation forms.

Because the arrangement of the work is alphabetical by title, one cannot turn to a particular point in the book and find all the sample citation forms for one's own jurisdiction. Thus, the sample citation form for New York Consolidated Laws Service (Lawyers Co-op) is on page 121 while the sample for McKinney's Consolidated Laws of New York Annotated (West) is on page 103. Ordinarily this would present no problems as the author has provided a generous number of "see" references. However, occasionally there may be some inconvenience as, for example, in the case of N.Y. Consolidated Laws Service. This set is sometimes referred to simply as "CLS." Since there is no "see" reference from CLS to N.Y. Consolidated Laws Service, some users of the Dictionary may experience difficulty. Despite this slight weakness, I have to agree with Ms. Bieber's alphabetical approach. She includes, to her credit, such a wide variety of sample citation forms that some sort of topical or jurisdictional arrangement would cause more problems than it alleviated.

While it is clear that there is a wide variety of sample citation forms included in the Dictionary, it is unclear exactly what guidelines Ms. Bieber used to determine what would and would not be included. For example, the Maryland Law Forum is listed and a sample citation given but there is no listing and, hence, no sample citation for the Cornell Law Forum. Similarly, there is an entry for Fair Employment Practice Cases (BNA) but not one for Employment Practice Decisions (CCH). Finally, I could find an abbreviation of but no full sample citation for any of the state session laws. This is a particularly

perplexing omission as citations to state session laws are fairly common and many people have difficulty interpreting the Bluebook in this area. These two factors in combination would seemingly present the classic case for inclusion of full sample citations in the Dictionary.

To move now to the substance of the Dictionary how accurate are Ms. Bieber's sample citations? A random check of the sample citations clearly indicated that the great majority of them followed proper Bluebook form. However, there are always some inaccuracies. Interestingly enough, both of the ones I found were in the area of parallel citations. On page 137 of the Dictionary, it states that the Bluebook requirement for citing a case reported both in Oklahoma Reports and in Pacific 2d is to cite only to the official reports--i.e., Oklahoma Reports. However, the Bluebook at page 131 clearly states that one should cite to Oklahoma Reports if therein and to Pacific 2d.

A second inaccuracy in the Dictionary is with the treatment of citations of United States Supreme Court cases. On page 202 of the Dictionary one finds under the entry for United States Reports a sample citation that not only includes a cite to U.S. Reports but parallel cites to Lawyer's Edition and Supreme Court Reporter as well. However, the Bluebook at page 37 states that one should cite only to the official reporter (U.S.), if available, and, in addition, specifically states that a parallel citation should not be given.

The acid test for any reference work is whether or not it should be purchased. In the case of the Dictionary of Current American Legal Citations, Abridged Edition with Examples, the answer is yes. While there are some inconsistencies with the Bluebook, the Dictionary, used with prudence, can go a long way toward reducing the frustration often attached to determining proper form for legal citations. Overall the Dictionary is a very solid tool that provides more and clearer examples than anything found through at least the 12th edition of the Bluebook. Further, at \$6.50 per copy, it is well within the reach of virtually all of its potential users.

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PROGRAM BIBLIOGRAPHY

Our contribution to the Annual Meeting's Program Bibliographies, entitled "Automation and Academic Law Libraries," was compiled by Karen Spencer and Marcia Zubrow both of SUNY/Buffalo. Karen and Marcia did an excellent job on the bibliography and are to be commended for their work.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

ANTITRUST CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS, 1980 edition, supersedes the 1972 edition. Available for \$35 from: American Bar Association, Order Billing 503, 1155 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

ANTITRUST DISCOVERY HANDBOOK. Loose-leaf, supplements are planned, copyright 1980. Available for \$35 from: American Bar Association, Order Billing 503, 1155 E. 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637.

BANKRUPTCY LAW MANUAL by Weintraub and Resnick. Available for \$48 from: Warren, Gorham & Lamont, Inc., 210 South St., Boston, MA 02111, (800) 225-2363.

DRUG LAW REPORTER, v. 1 (July 1981) - Published monthly by the National College for Criminal Defense, University of Houston, P.O. Drawer 14007, Houston, TX 77021. For further information call: (713) 749-2283. Subscription price: \$275 per year.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CASES, 1981 - Published weekly by the Bureau of National Affairs, 1231 25th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037. Subscription Price: before May 20, 1981 - \$360 per year.

GEORGETOWN IMMIGRATION LAW QUARTERLY. v. 1 (1981). Published four times each year by Centro de Inmigracion of Georgetown University Law Center, 600 New Jersey Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20001.

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF LAW AND ECONOMICS, vol. 1, no. 1 (June 1981). Published twice each year by Butterworths, Inc., 10 Tower Office Park, Woburn, MA 01801. Cost is \$62.50 for libraries and \$31.25 for individuals per year.

LAW AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY OF CORPORATE COUNSEL 1981 - 1982. Available for \$110 from: Law & Business, Inc., 757 Third Ave., New York, NY 10027, (800) 223-0231.

LAW LIBRARIAN'S PROFESSIONAL DESK REFERENCE AND DIARY 1982. Compiled and edited by Arlene Stern. Published by Infosources Publishing, 118 West 79th St., New York, NY 10024. Cost is \$20 per copy.

LEGAL LOOSELEAFS IN PRINT 1981. Compiled and edited by Arlene Stern. New York: Infosources Publishing, 1981. 192 p. (perfectbound) Order from: Infosources Publishing, 118 West 79th St., New York, NY 10024. Price: \$20 plus \$2 postage and handling (\$22 total). Prepayment required, payable to publisher.

LEGAL REFERENCE QUARTERLY, v. 1, no. 1 (Spring 1981). Edited by Robert Berring. Published four times each year by Haworth Press, Inc., 149 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010. Telephone (212) 228-2800. Cost is \$60 for institutions and libraries and \$25.00 for individuals per volume.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW, v. 1, no. 1 (Winter 1980). Published bi-annually by students of the Northern Illinois University College of Law, 15101 Route 53, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. The cost is \$6.00 per year.

OXFORD JOURNAL OF LEGAL STUDIES, v. 1 (1981) - Three issues published yearly. Available through Maxwell Scientific International (Pergamon Press), Fairview Park, Elmsford, NY 10523. Subscription price: \$46.25 per year.

POLICE MISCONDUCT LITIGATION REPORT, v. 1 (1980) - Published quarterly by Citizens in Defense of Civil Liberties, 343 South Dearborn, Suite 918, Chicago, IL 60604. Published in conjunction with the National Lawyers Guild. Subscription price: \$15 per year.

PRIVACY TIMES, v. 1 (1981) - Published bi-weekly by Privacy Times, 2354 Champlain St., N.W., Washington, DC 20009. For further information call: (202) 234-4813. Subscription price: \$205 per year.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION, revised, will be effective June 1, 1981. Available free from the Panel: 1030 15th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20005. (202) 653-6090.

UCLA JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY, v. 1 (1980) - Two issues published yearly by UCLA School of Law, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Subscription price: \$10 per year.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE REPORTS, 1981 - Published by Oceana Publications, Inc., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. Looseleaf format. Editors: Edwin Newman and Eugene Wypyski. Subscription price: \$85 per year.

WEST'S FEDERAL TAX SYSTEM, 1981 - Published weekly by West Publishing, 50 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55165. Complete text of new tax laws, tax rulings, tax regulations and cases. Advance sheets to be cumulated into hardbound volumes every two months. Subscription price: \$200 per year.

WHITE HOUSE WEEKLY is edited by Lawrence O'Rourke. Fifty issues per year with a binder and a quarterly index cost \$287. For an additional \$138 they will also provide information and White House documents on demand. Available from: Feistritz Publications, 1261 National Press Building, Washington, DC 20045. (202) 783-0677.

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