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SEE YOU IN DETROIT!

The Academic Law Libraries SIS is sponsoring two programs at the annual meeting, both on teaching, and both involving computers.

The first program is on "How the Academic Libraries Teach the Legal Research Computers, LEXIS and WESTLAW." James Sprowl of the American Bar Foundation will be the first speaker, talking about the past, present, and future of computer-assisted legal research. John Christensen of Washburn Law School will speak on the characteristics of a good teaching program, drawing on his experiences in creating instructional materials for LEXIS. Bardie Wolfe of Pace Law School will discuss how to implement a training program using several terminals, as well as how LEXIS and WESTLAW use can be integrated into the law school curriculum. (The Pace Law Library has 5 LEXIS terminals and has recently added a WESTLAW terminal.) Kenneth Zick of Wake Forest will describe the way they teach WESTLAW. Dan Freehling of Cornell Law School will discuss some of the results of his survey on the cost, use, and teaching of LEXIS and WESTLAW at ABA accredited law schools. Dan will be moderating this very full agenda at 2-5 P.M. on Tuesday, June 15.

The second program is on using a small computer as a teaching device. The focus will be on potential uses in a law library or a law school setting. Roger Park, Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota School of Law, will speak on teaching substantive law courses with the small computer. Professor Russell Burris of the Consulting Group on Instructional Design of the University of Minnesota will describe the elements of authoring or designing computer-assisted instruction programs. Professor Charles Kelso of McGeorge Law School will relate his experiences in using a personal or home computer network system for teaching. Laurel Wendt of Southern Illinois University will moderate this program.

Unfortunately, these programs are scheduled concurrently, but all programs are being taped, and copies will be available for sale.

CONVENTION EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

The ALL/SIS is sponsoring an informal discussion, open to all interested AALL members, on all aspects of LEXIS and WESTLAW. This is the time to raise issues, discuss problems, and float ideas about the legal research computers with your AALL colleagues. While there is no formal agenda, Professor Bardie Wolfe, Librarian at Pace Law School, has agreed to lead things off with some thoughts on how LEXIS and WESTLAW can be used to replace hard copy sources, particularly looseleaf services.

The discussion will take place Tuesday, June 15 at 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. in the Richard Room of the Westin Hotel.

AT LAST, A NEW BLUEBOOK

A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF CITATION, Thirteenth Edition. By the Columbia Law Review, The Harvard Law Review Association, The University of Pennsylvania Law Review, and The Yale Law Journal. Cambridge: Harvard Law Review Association, 1981. 237 p. Paperback. \$3.00.

Since the 13th edition of A Uniform System of Citation is now available, I thought it worthwhile to point out some of its more salient features.

The first thing one notices with the new edition of the Bluebook is the dramatic change in format over previous editions. Imagine, one no longer needs the hands of Shiva in order to use the Bluebook effectively. This development was made possible by the adoption of a spiral binding. In addition, the spacing of the text is far superior to previous editions, and the use of various fonts makes reading the Bluebook a more manageable task. (To see just how substantial the changes in spacing and fonts are, compare the treatment of Rule 10.4 in the 12th edition with that of the 13th.)

Certainly a good share of the thanks for the change in format goes to ALL/SIS member Alan Diefenbach. Back in April, 1980, Alan sent a letter to the Editor of the 13th edition in which he suggested, among other things, (1) a new format that would allow the user to open the Bluebook fully without having to fight with it to keep it that way, and (2) a larger size for the Bluebook. Some 18 months later Alan received a letter from Louis Touten, Bluebook Editor, thanking him for his ideas and acknowledging the adoption of some of his suggestions. (Copies of both letters are on file in the Cornell Law Library.)

When using the Bluebook, you should first note the front inside cover. Here are found sample citations for many of the more commonly cited legal materials. This is a real time saver and will go far toward reducing the frustration often associated with using the Bluebook.

On page iv is the "How to Use" section. Portions of this section are the results of suggestions made by the Government Documents SIS Committee on Citation Reform and Revision. (See the January, 1982 issue of the AALL Newsletter, pp. 140-141.)

Some of the substantive changes reflected in the new edition are outlined on page v. In addition to this page, one should probably skim § G of the new Bluebook, pp. 133-176, for possible changes in how and what to cite in one's own jurisdiction. This is particularly true if your state has an administrative register and/or code as the Bluebook now has specific examples of how these are to be cited. You will also want to note page 52, Rule 10.8.1 of the new edition, for the proper way to cite items found on LEXIS.

* One final note. In the last issue of the ALL/SIS Newsletter, in a review of Bieber's, Dictionary of Current American Legal Citations, it was pointed out that the Dictionary was based on the rules and examples found in the 12th edition of The Uniform System of Citation. With the advent of the 13th edition, the utility of the Bieber book is lessened. Not only are there substantive changes in the two editions of the Bluebook, but changes in organization as well. For example, Bieber, at page 152, refers to Bluebook rule 10:7:2. The 13th edition has no rule with this number. Thus, when using the Bieber text, be aware that it does not, in all instances, parallel current Bluebook practices.

Dan Freehling
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FROM LIBRARY OF CONGRESS LAW LIBRARY

In response to our request for bibliographies from our membership, John M. Howard of the Library of Congress, Law Library submitted his annotated 41 page bibliography Doing Research in Federal Communications Law, 1981. This includes a section on legislative history which would be helpful to students in their research. We are reproducing just the section on treatises.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this guide is to furnish the non-specialist user with information about the basic research tools in the field of federal communications law. It is also intended to familiarize him or her with the legislation controlling the subject and provide a rudimentary understanding of the elements that combine to form the field of communication law. . . .

The primary thrust of this guide will be the Federal Communications Commission's regulation of the interstate communications industry through its jurisdiction established by the Communications Act of 1934, ch. 652, 48 Stat. 1064 (hereinafter referred to as the Act) and the effect of federal court decisions reviewing FCC rulings and regulations. . . .

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AAL/SIS IS GROWING!

The Academic Law Libraries SIS membership list is increasing. As of March 1, 1982 we had 202 members. This is 153 more than in 1979-80, the year our SIS began.

As membership increases so do our coffers. As of the end of February our Section had a credit of \$616.00.

If you have associates who have not joined, please urge them to do so. The larger our Section, the greater our strength.

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LAW LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS

A major responsibility of the Law Library of Congress is the preparation of reports on various topics in foreign, comparative, and international law in response to requests from the Members and Committees of Congress, the executive and judicial branches of the federal government, and others. Although the focus of many of these legal studies is so specific as to make them of use only to the requester, a number will appeal to a broader audience. With the approval of original requester, these reports are reissued and made available for general distribution.

The Law Library also prepared a number of other publications, such as: series of guides to the law and legal literature of nations, extensive bibliographies, indexes, and contributions to scholarly journals.

The principal resources of all Law Library publications are its collection and research staff. The Law Library's holdings of over 1.6 million volumes constitute the world's largest and most comprehensive legal collection. Its staff of over forty-five legal specialists, researchers, and librarians--competent in more than fifty languages--can provide research and reference information on all of the major legal systems of the world, contemporary and historical.

Notice of all Law Library publications appears in the Library of Congress Information Bulletin. Specific inquiries or requests for copies may be addressed to the Law Librarian, Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

LEXIS/WESTLAW SURVEY

The survey of the libraries at 167 ABA accredited law schools covering the use, training, and cost of LEXIS and WESTLAW was a resounding success. As of April 5th, 147 completed surveys had been returned for a response rate of better than 85%. Partial results of the survey will be given in Detroit at the ALL/SIS program on "How the Academic Libraries Teach the Legal Research Computer, LEXIS and WESTLAW."

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