

SCCLL Pro Bono Partnership Committee Report, 2013-2014

Committee members: Joan Bellistri, Claudia Beth Jalowka and Jessica Van Buren, chair and liaison to Self Represented Litigation Network. SCCLL Board Liaison – Larry Meyer.

Members of the Committee are members of the Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN) Law Librarians' Working Group and participate in a monthly conference call. Most also participate in the monthly SRLN Strategy and Outreach conference call.

- In the summer of 2013, the working group surveyed law librarians about their services to self-represented parties. 153 libraries from 33 states, Canada and Guam participated. Respondents included state and federal court law libraries, county, state, supreme court and academic law libraries, and one prison library. Survey committee members included Joan Bellistri, Charles Dyer, Sara Galligan and Marnie Warner.

Joan Bellistri presented the results of the survey at the May 2014 Equal Justice Conference SRLN pre-conference in Portland, OR. The survey results are available online at <http://www.selfhelpsupport.org/surveys/>.

- Longtime SRLN Coordinator Richard Zorza stepped down from his leadership position in fall 2013 for health reasons, and Katherine Alteneder was selected to be Coordinator.

Ms. Alteneder has a background in legal services, the courts and private practice. After clerking for a trial court judge, Katherine worked at Alaska Legal Services Corporation. In 2001, Katherine joined the Alaska Court System to develop the statewide Family Law Self-Help Center. In 2008, Katherine moved to private practice, establishing a successful unbundled practice supporting self-represented litigants in Alaska, and helped to create the first (and currently only) Unbundled Law Section of a state bar.

Ms. Alteneder has been selected to be SCCLL's VIP at the San Antonio conference.

- SRLN Law Librarians' Working Group member Sara Galligan was appointed as chair of the American Association of Law Libraries' Special Committee on Access to Justice. The purpose of the committee is to identify and evaluate existing law library programs and strategies for enhancing citizens' access to the justice system; to suggest new practices or projects for law libraries to adopt that will facilitate access

to justice; and to draft a "white paper" for circulation to the legal community that describes the existing and prospective roles all types of law libraries play in fostering access to justice. The committee is expected to publish its White Paper in July. In addition to Ms. Galligan, working group members Rita Dermody, Janine Liebert and Larry Meyer are also members of the committee.

- *Statewide Access to Justice (A2J) and Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) Collaborations Between Law Libraries and Courts, Bar Associations, and Legal Aid Committees, Workgroups, or Task Forces*, created by SRLN Law Librarians' Working Group member Laura Orr, was updated in April 2014. The document is available online at http://www.co.washington.or.us/LawLibrary/upload/Collaborative_State_JD_MLS_TaskForces_April2014.pdf.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Van Buren, chair
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