

## Candidate Statement 2025 - LSRD-SIS Vice Chair / Chair Elect

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I am honored to be considered for the position of Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of LSRD-SIS, and I thank the nominating committee for this opportunity. I feel strongly that library systems are critical to the mission of serving our constituencies, regardless of library type. Whether pro se litigants, 1Ls, or the overworked associate down the hall, all of our patrons are better served when the underlying technology is both robust, and effectively managed.

I am a firm believer in the importance of cross-departmental understanding. My history in both Access and Technical Services departments has shown time and again that one cannot effectively serve patrons without the other, and that service becomes exemplary given greater understanding between the two. I also feel strongly that the paraprofessionals in our organizations are critical to that service, with a wealth of knowledge and skills that are frequently underutilized.

Given these beliefs, my goals for this position would be to further members' opportunities for programming and support that enhances understanding and cooperation, as well as reaching out to newer librarians who might not realize the opportunities available within LSRD-SIS. Thanks again to the Nominating Committee for this opportunity.

### **Brief Bio:**

Karen has worked at the Ross Blakley Law Library at Arizona State University for 23 years in both Public and Technical Services. Karen started as a student in Stacks, and now hold the position of Bibliographic & Technical Services Librarian. Over that span, she has been involved at least tangentially in all aspects of library work, from shelf-reading to budgeting; reference to book preservation and repair. Karen is currently the entire Technical Services department for the library, and spend much of her time shepherding the materials from the cradle to the grave. Karen has been a member of AALL, including LSRD-SIS (and OBS before it), TS-SIS, and ALL-SIS, for over 15 years, and presented as part of a panel at the 2020 annual conference on the topic of systems migration. She has also served as co-chair of the TS-SIS Resource Management committee.