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Louisiana Law Librarians Shine at AALL in Seattle

DeNovo Named Best Newsletter

by Carol Billings

The American Association of Law Libraries at its 96th Annual Meeting in Seattle in July named *De Novo* the winner of its Excellence in Marketing Award for Best Newsletter. The award, sponsored by Thomson-West Publications, consists of an attractive plaque and a check for \$250. The library staff is especially proud since *De Novo* is only in its second year of publication. Cathleen Furlong, who served as editor of the inaugural volume while on our staff, is now the librarian at Chaffe McCall, and Jason Kruppa is the current editor.

Louisianians played an active part in the Seattle conference. Most prominently, the library's Associate Director Catherine Lemann holds the national office of secretary of AALL. Marie Erickson, Head of Public Services, took office as Chair-Elect of the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section. Enjoying her very first AALL meeting, Serials/Preservation Librarian Miriam Childs attended a pre-convention workshop on "Law for the Non-J.D." at the University of Washington Law School. Miriam also participated in the CONELL, the Conference of Newer Law

Librarians, an experience designed to introduce new members of the profession to the activities of the association. Director Carol Billings was one of the speakers on an educational program entitled "Maximize Preservation Efforts Today, Envision Continued Access to Legal Information Tomorrow: A National Agenda for Preserving Legal Information." She is a member of the steering committee of the new Legal Information Preservation Alliance, which is especially committed to preserving "born digital" texts.

Other Librarians from Louisiana law schools and firms were busy contributing to the conference as well. L.S.U. Government Documents Librarian Charlene Cain was completing her term as chair of AALL Government Relations Committee, an impor-

tant body that monitors legislation and public policy and advises the association's executive board about taking official positions on issues. Charlene moderated a program about the Permanent Public Access Project, which is surveying and reporting on preservation efforts by state governments. Her colleague at L.S.U., Senior Reference Librarian Madeline Hebert coordinated this year's Diversity Symposium on the status of affirmative action.

Rave reviews were heard for attorney David Szwak, of the Shreveport firm of Bodenheimer, Jones & Szwak, who spoke about identity theft at a program entitled "Is Someone Stealing Who You Are?" More detailed reports of the activities in Seattle appear throughout this issue. **δ**



Cathy Lemann, Jason Kruppa & Marie Erickson with our award



Georgia Chadwick

The DeNovo Profile: Charlene Cain

by Georgia Chadwick

Louisiana librarians are aware that Charlene Cain is one of the outstanding librarians in the state. Her title at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University is Associate Librarian/Government Documents Librarian, but she is so accomplished that it is not accurate to describe her simply as a documents librarian -- she is an *extraordinary* documents librarian. In addition to her efforts in her home state, Charlene is also a very active law librarian on the national level. Although the Louisiana Library Association claims Charlene as one of its stars, the American Association of Law Libraries claims her as one of theirs as well.

Charlene has traveled the entire state and to other states as well to make presentations on a wide variety of topics including disaster planning, the fine art of writing manuals, legal research and intellectual freedom to name a few. She can always be counted on to provide an update on federal and state legislative actions involving government information. Charlene is a very popular speaker because with her insight and enthusiasm she can infuse a subject some might otherwise consider dry. At the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, Charlene was involved in three programs: a program on developing advocacy web sites, a second on the activities of the AALL Washington Affairs Office and a third on AALL's Permanent Public Access Project.

For the past three years Charlene has been a member of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. The Depository Library Council provides advice on policy matters to the Public Printer, the Superintendent of Documents, and members of the Government Printing Office staff on the efficient management of the Depository Library Program.

The members of the council represent a diverse range of opinion and expertise. Charlene's tenure on the DLC has been at a time of great change in the Federal Depository Library Program, as government information is increasingly offered in electronic format only. As a council member she firmly defends the public's right to free permanent access to government information.

At the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, the AALL Government Relations Committee was awarded a Presidential Certificate of Merit by AALL President Carol Avery Nicholson recognizing the committee's report, *Permanent Public Access of State Government Information: A State-by-State Compilation and Resource Guide*. The full text of the report can be found at:

http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/allwash/State_PPAreport.htm

Charlene has been a member of the GRC since 2000 and chaired the committee in 2002/2003. The GRC monitors all federal and state legislative, regulatory and judicial developments that would affect AALL and law libraries. The committee's award-winning report was funded by a grant from Aspen Legal Publishers, and it assesses the level of permanent public access to electronic government information across all the states. Charlene was the Louisiana state author and Southeastern regional

editor of the report, which revealed that no state is comprehensively addressing the challenges of permanent public access to government information. The GRC hopes that the findings of the report will encourage state governments to work with law librarians and the broader library community to ensure that permanent public access to electronic government information becomes a reality across the country. In Louisiana, we're not only fighting coastal erosion but information erosion in electronic format as well.

Before serving on the AALL Government Relations Committee Charlene was active in the AALL Government Documents Special Interest Section. She has served on the program committee, was chair of the SIS and was state coordinator on UCITA for Louisiana. In 2001 Charlene and Madeline Hebert published a revised version of *Louisiana Legal Documents and Related Publications* which was published by the SIS as a part of its state documents bibliography series and is available for sale from AALL. Information on purchasing the bibliography is at:

<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/>

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New Law Clerks 2003-2004

Every August sees the arrival of a new round of law clerks in the justices' offices around the court, and this year we welcome five fresh faces as well as one happy return.



Julie Hebert

Our first contestant is **Christine White** in Justice Calogero's office. Christine is a New Orleans native who received her undergraduate degree in business management from LSU in 1995, and her law degree from Loyola Law School in 2003. Says Christine: "I come from a large family (six kids, of which I am the youngest) and I have three nieces and two nephews whom I adore. A lot of my free time is spent with friends, family, cooking and reading -- other than the law."

Julie Hebert (Justice Knoll) is originally from Thibodaux. After graduating from Loyola University, she attended Loyola Law School where she received her law degree in 2003. In addition to spending time with her three nephews, Julie enjoys reading mystery novels, especially those by Mary Higgins Clark.

Born in Oklahoma City, OK, **David Joseph** (Justice Victory) graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in international business before pursuing



David Joseph

a Law Degree, which he received from LSU Law School in 2003. David describes himself as outgoing and laid back, and enjoys running, sports and travel.

Eunice, LA native **Jody Montellaro's** (Justice Kimball) education spans three southern states: boarding school at St Stanislaus in MS, the University of Southern Alabama in Mobile (International Marketing major) and Loyola Law School. Jody's favorite song is "Stagger Lee," and he enjoys cooking, snow skiing, water skiing and tennis, though, we trust, not all at the same time.

Anne Broussard (Justice Traylor) is a native of New Orleans. She has a BA in history from Tulane and received her law degree from Loyola Law School in 2003 after interning at the court last year.

Returning champion **Angela Heath** clerked for Justice Kimball from 1999-2000 and then went to work at Chaffe, McCall, Phillips, Toler & Sarpy. She enjoyed the experience of private practice so much that, after three years, she's back at the court and plans to stay, barring an act of God or a winning lottery ticket. Angela was born in Athens,

Greece, but at the age of one moved to and was raised in New Orleans. Her undergraduate degree is in English and Communications from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, her JD from Loyola and her L.L.M. (Admiralty) from Tulane. She has a Chihuahua named Pepa and an all-black cat named Montgomery (Monty) Clift. Among her many interests are traveling, reading (favorite book: Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*), movies (*Casablanca*), and opera ("L'amour" from Bizet's *Carmen*). She'd also like everyone to know her *parfum de préférence* is Chanel No. 5 (*hint hint*).

Finally, though not clerking for a justice, **Kristine Spaulding** recently began working in Central Staff. "I was born and raised in New Orleans," says Kristine, who answers to the nickname **Casey**. "I went to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for undergrad and Loyola for law school. My husband graduated from Loyola law school also and just began a job on the northshore where we will be moving soon. I enjoy playing with my dog (her name is Dixie) and painting in my spare time." **δ**



Jody Montellaro



Angela Heath



Christine White

The Louisiana Practice Series

By Ruth Mahoney

Some of the most frequently used reference books in the Law Library belong to the Louisiana Practice Series published by the West Group. They are legal practice books on important topics of law written by prominent Louisiana judges and attorneys who are considered authorities in their respective fields of practice. Each work varies in scope and content, but most combine analysis of the substantive law along with practical information for use on a daily basis. Several of the books are treatises; they combine features of scholarly research along with practical, hands-on information. Because they are in looseleaf format and the content is well organized they are easy to use. Most contain special features such as research references, examples, practice tips, forms, tables, and bibliographies.

We have the following titles in our collection:

Estate Planning in Louisiana by Maunsel W. Hickey, Donald H. McDaniel, and David L. Sigler

Louisiana Corporations by James S. Holliday, Jr. and Rick J. Norman

Louisiana Divorce by Robert C. Lowe

Louisiana Environmental Compliance by Stanley A. Millan, Anne J. Crochet, and Roger A. Stetter

Louisiana Personal Injury by Russ Herman

Louisiana Real Estate Transactions by Peter S. Title

Louisiana Secured Transactions by David S. Willenzik

Louisiana Civil Procedure by Judge Steven R. Plotkin

Louisiana Civil Pretrial Procedure by Hon. Max Tobias, Jr., John M. Landis, and Gerald E. Meunier

Louisiana Civil Trial Procedure by Hon. Billie C. Woodard, John W. deGravelles, and David R. Frohn

Louisiana Civil Appellate Procedure by Roger A. Stetter

Louisiana Civil Practice Forms by Susan B.Kohn and Denise M. Pilie'

While these books are used by business and legal professionals, they are also widely read by lay people searching for answers to complex legal problems. The depth of research, knowledge, and experience reflected in the Louisiana Practice Series is invaluable to the legal researcher.



Ruth Mahoney

Diversity Programs at AALL

by Cathy Lemann

For the past few years, the Diversity Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries has sponsored a symposium. It is held on Saturday afternoon preceding the start of the conference. In the past I've had conflicts that have prevented me from attending or hadn't arrived early enough. This year I was able to stop in for a portion of the program and was very impressed by the rhetoric and passion of the speakers. The symposium, "Affirmative Action after Grutter & Gratz: Where Do We Go from Here?" tackled the pros and cons of affirmative action in higher education. (*Grutter v. Bollinger* and *Gratz v. Bollinger*, both decided June 23, 2003, are available at www.supremecourtus.gov)

Three weeks before the meeting, the United States Supreme Court had ruled on the cases involving the University of Michigan's affirmative action admission policies designed to promote

diversity in higher education. The rulings will likely set the tone for affirmative action in the next few decades. There was a lively debate on the merits of using such an affirmative action to achieve a diverse student population. Curt Levy of the Center for Individual Rights argued against affirmative action, as he had when arguing the Grutter and Gratz cases before the Supreme Court. Henry McGee Jr., former prosecutor and civil rights attorney and currently distinguished professor of law at Seattle University, explained why he is in favor of affirmative action in higher education. Each of them conveyed their passionate belief in the correctness of their position.

I also chose to attend "Diversity is Good Business: What do Great-performing Organizations Know about Diversity that We Should Know?" This was another excellent program with dynamic speakers. The aspirational goal of employing a di-

verse group of people was not the starting point for the presentations. Rather, the speakers focused on how to cope with diversity once an organization has hired a variety of people. There must also be some recognition that our customers and the public also have diverse backgrounds. Diversity is not necessarily limited to race or gender. We need to consider that there are a variety of factors such as age or youth, region or national background, culture or religion, attendance at different educational institutions, etc. A successful manager needs to recognize that differences exist. Diversity is not a short term project. Diversity should be considered when making management decisions and task assignments. This was a good reminder that the whole is only as good as the sum of its parts. Groups need the ability to work together while recognizing the differences that make members of the group unique. δ

Memorial Books

If you are interested in memorializing a family member, friend, or colleague by purchasing a book for the library's collection please contact Carol Billings at 504-568-5706.

A NEW EDITION...

The new 2003 edition of Kendall Svengalis's *Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual*, which many law librarians – including our staff – consider the Bible for cost-effective legal information acquisitions, has just been published. To view the introduction and the appendix on “Cost Saving Tips,” as well as samples from other chapters, Svengalis invites you to visit www.rilawpress.com and click on “samples” and “Cost Saving Tips.” The annual guide is published by Rhode Island Law Press and sells for \$115 plus postage. The author's own extremely interesting biography is on the website as well.



...AND NEW ADDITIONS

This summer the library acquired many recent publications from the American Bar Association. Listed below new titles of special interest in four subject areas: Corporate Law, Family Law, Law as a Profession, and Law Practice Management.

CORPORATE LAW

Corporate director's guidebook. - 3rd ed. - Chicago, Ill. : Committee on Corporate Laws, Section of Business Law, American Bar Association, 2001.

KF 1423.Z9 C67 2001

Guidebook for directors of nonprofit corporations. - 2nd ed. - Chicago, Ill. : American Bar Association, Section of Business Law, 2002.

KF 1388.7.Z9 G85 2002

Mediation practice guide : a handbook for resolving business disputes / Bennett G. Picker. - 2nd ed. - Washington, DC : American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution, 2003.

KF 9084.Z9 P53 2003

Nonprofit governance and management. - [New York] : American Society of Corporate Secretaries ; Chicago, Ill. : Section of Business Law, American Bar Association, 2002.

KF 1388 .N66 2002

FAMILY LAW

Advance health care directives : a handbook for professionals / Carol Krohm, Scott K. Summers. - Chicago, Ill. : American Bar Association, Senior Lawyers Division, 2002.

R 726.2 .K76 2002

Balancing competing interests in family law : how to handle alternative relationships, third-party interests, interspousal torts, privilege, and privacy issues / John C. May-

oue. - 2nd ed. - Chicago, Ill. : Section of Family Law, American Bar Association, 2003.

KF 510 .M39 2003

The family lawyer's guide to bankruptcy : forms, tips, and strategies / Shayna M. Steinfeld and Bruce R. Steinfeld. - Chicago: Section of Family Law, American Bar Association, 2002.

KF 1535.D58 S74 2002

Understanding elder law : issues in estate planning, medicaid, and long-term care benefits / L. Rush Hunt, Patricia Day, and Michael McCauley. - Chicago, Ill. : General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section, American Bar Association, 2002.

KF 390.A4 H86 2002

LAW AS A PROFESSION

Balanced lives : changing the culture of legal practice / prepared for the Commission by Deborah L. Rhode. - Chicago, IL: American Bar Association, Commission on Women in the Profession, 2001.

KF 300 .R48 2001

The directory of minority judges of the United States. - 3rd ed. - Chicago, Ill. : American Bar Association, Judicial Division, Standing Committee on Minorities in the Judiciary, 2001.

Ref. KF 8700.A19 D573 2001

Dispute resolution ethics : a comprehensive guide / edited by Phyllis Bernard and Bryant Garth. - Washington, DC : American Bar Association, Section of Dispute Resolution, 2002.

KF 9084 .D574 2002

Model rules for client protection. - 2002 ed. - Chicago, Ill. : Center for Professional Responsibility, American Bar Association, 2002.

Reserve KF 311.M62 2002

Nonlegal careers for lawyers / Gary A. Munneke, William D. Henslee. - 4th ed. - Chicago, Ill. : ABA Law Practice Management Section : American Bar Association, Law Student Division, 2003.

KF 297 .M862 2003

The practitioner's guide to suspension and debarment. - 3rd ed. - [Chicago, Ill.] : Section of Public Contract Law, American Bar Association, 2002.

KF 864 .P73 2002

Selecting legal malpractice insurance/ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability. - Chicago, IL : American Bar Association, 1998.

KF 313 .S46

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Attorney and law firm guide to the business of law : planning and operating for survival and growth / Edward Poll. - 2nd ed. - Chicago, Ill. : General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm Section, American Bar Association, 2002.

KF 315.Z9 P64 2002

Collecting your fee : getting paid from intake to invoice / Edward Poll. - Chicago, Ill. : Law Practice Management Section, American Bar Association, 2003.

Reserve KF 316 .P65 2003

Flying solo : a survival guide for the solo lawyer. - 3rd ed. - Chicago, Ill. : Law Practice Management Section, American Bar Association, 2001.

KF 300.Z9 F59 2001

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My First Conference

By Miriam Childs

I recently attended my first American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) conference July 9-16, held this year in Seattle, WA. I attended the full conference plus two workshops: "Law for the Non-JD" and CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians). I found the experience to be very rewarding, and I met a number of new colleagues.



Miriam Childs

The "Law for the Non-JD" workshop gave me a general overview of the United States legal system and covered the concepts found in major areas of the law. After learning about constitutional law, I developed a better understanding of what it means for a law or an act to be declared "unconstitutional." At one point we split into groups to read cases related to a lawsuit and discussed their relevance to the issues in the suit. The workshop was taught over two days by three faculty members of the University of Washington Law School. I was impressed by the depth of their knowledge. They

worked to make the class entertaining as well as informative, and all of the participants enjoyed it. The J2D (Just Two Days) degree was conferred upon all of us at the conclusion of the workshop. I will draw upon what I learned in the workshop as I continue to become familiar with legal resources and research.

The next day I attended the CONELL workshop. This workshop is designed to introduce new law librarians to AALL and to foster the formation of new friendships. Some of the attendees of the Law for the Non-JD workshop also attended CONELL, so I saw some familiar faces. The moderators discussed how to become involved in the organization and provided tips on how to have a successful conference. They impressed upon us how friendly everyone is in AALL and how any member is more than willing to give help when asked.

Next was the "Get to Know Each Other Mixer." This exer-

cise helped me become more outgoing than usual, and I happily found myself chatting with complete strangers. After a break, we were given a chance to talk with representatives from AALL committees. There were also informal breakout sessions where representatives from all types of law libraries and areas of library work answered questions, discussed issues, or both. Afterwards we were treated to a wonderful lunch at Ivor's Salmon House and then were given a complete tour of the city.

The rest of the week I went to as many programs as possible. I learned about upcoming trends, increased my understanding of current topics in law librarianship, and gained more knowledge in areas that directly affect my day to day duties. I also networked a great deal, either meeting new people or spending time with new friends. By the end of it all, I was exhausted and ready to get back home, but at the same time I thoroughly enjoyed myself and I was a little sad to leave.

