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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ORALL

It has been the sad and most annoying experience of some of us in the law library profession to have been harassed by some sales representative, publisher, or dealer trying to sell merchandise which we do not need or can get elsewhere for less. The harassment may take many forms: getting an employee to buy without consulting the head law librarian, going to the governing body or dean, even making vicious and unfounded "hints" about the librarian's professional competence. The variations are endless.

Fortunately, these tactics are rare. Most publishers, dealers, and sales representatives are pleasant, friendly, and quite ethical. Many may be counted among our friends as well as having our respect and admiration. It would be a disservice to them, as well as to ourselves, to tolerate these kinds of harassment from the few exceptions among them.

We strongly urge any law librarian who encounters this kind of behavior to make a complaint to the American Association of Law Libraries Committee on Relations with Publishers, at AALL Headquarters, 53 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. 60604, (312) 939-4764. Moreover, we should openly discuss such abuses with our professional colleagues. We need not, and should not, put up with such abominable practices.

DOWN WITH ALL THIS NONSENSE!!!!!!

## SOME BRIEF NEWS ABOUT THE ORALL FALL MEETING (Oct 14-16, 1976)

Thursday will feature a tour of the new Law School facilities of the State University of New York at Buffalo, as well as the William Hein Company, where afternoon cocktails will be served.

The Friday morning session will be devoted to "Operating your Library As An Efficient Business" and the afternoon session will cover "The Finer Points of Legal Research" (with emphasis on New York and Canadian Law). Four principal speakers on the program for Friday are: Professor Julius J. Marke of the Law Library of the New York University Law School, Mr. Kenneth W. Simpson, a well known accountant and advisor to libraries from Dayton, Ohio, Professor Laura N. Gasaway of the University of Oklahoma School of Law Library, Professor Paul T. Murphy of the Law Library of Windsor Law School. Plans include both a useful program by the principal speakers and individual workshops by type of Law Library: academic, private and bar libraries.

Saturday morning there will be business meetings, an election of officers, followed by a closing brunch. All interested persons are welcome.

Hospitality Suites on Thursday and Friday will be open at the Hotel from 9-11 p.m.

For further information and a detailed breakdown of the meeting, please see the September 13, 1976 mailing sent to all the ORALL membership by James F. Bailey, our Vice-President and Local Arrangements Chairman.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OHIO REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES,  
Cleveland, Ohio, May 21, 1976, 9:15 A.M.

A regular meeting of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries was held at the Hollenden House Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, May 21, 1976, at 9:15 A.M. A quorum was present, and Mr. Trelles, President, called the meeting to order and presided.

Mr. Arthur Fiske moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Bailey, Vice-President, announced that the Fall Meeting would be held jointly with the Association of Law Libraries of Upper New York at the Niagra Hilton Hotel, Niagra Falls, New York.

The Treasurer, Mr. Carro, gave his report, showing a total cash balance of \$5,400 in the Association Treasury as of April 30, 1976. He also expressed the thanks of the Association to those publishers and dealers who made contributions to the meeting.

Committee reports followed, as appended hereto. (NOTE: See the June issue of the ORALL Newsletter for summaries of Committee Reports.)

After the committee reports, Mr. Trelles reported that he would seek a change in the ORALL Constitution to permit constitutional amendments to be made by the members of the association at either the Spring or Fall Meeting rather than only at the Fall Meeting.

Mr. Bailey also announced that an attempt would be made to develop means to plan Spring Meeting sites far enough in advance to coordinate hotel accommodations with the Ohio State Bar Association's annual meeting.

Mr. Trelles called for further business. There being none, Mr. Richard Beer moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee has recommended that the language in parentheses be deleted from the ORALL Constitution:

ART. III. A. Individual Members. Any (natural) person who is an employee of a law library (in the Ohio Region) or who has an active interest in the promotion of law libraries, may become an individual member of this Association.

B. Institutional Members. (Any county law library association,) any library or institution (located in the Ohio Region) whose predominant function is that of conducting a law library or any separately maintained law section or branch of any library or institution may become an institutional member of this Association....

### Reasons:

a. The term "natural" in reference to persons is archaic and could be deleted without changing the meaning of the provision.

b. A limitation on membership to the geographical region is unnecessary; it is not found in the constitutions of several other associations. In practice, ORALL has members from a wide area.

c. Our membership now includes firm, special, and university law libraries as well as county law libraries; all are included in the general designation of any library or institution whose predominant function is that of conducting a law library.

### ART. V. Dues of Members.

...Members who have not made full payment by the end of the annual (fall) meeting shall be suspended from membership without notification.

### ART. VI. Officers. A. Kind, Election, and Tenure, 3rd paragraph.

All officers shall assume office on January 1 after their election at the annual (fall) meeting.

Reason:

Article IV provides that there shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Association at a time and place fixed by the Executive Committee. The annual meeting is traditionally held in the fall, but Article IV gives the Executive Committee flexibility in fixing the annual meeting with which the provisions of Articles V and VI are inconsistent.

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PLACEMENT NEWS

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Assistant Librarian, University of Cincinnati College of Law. Law School of major urban university seeks two assistant librarians. Minimum requirements for one position include J.D. and M.L.S. degrees; M.L.S. alone acceptable for second position. Staffing hopefully completed by November 1, 1976 for one position and January 1, 1977 for the second position. Competitive salary commensurate with experience and credentials. Within five years collection size is expected to double with move to new building. Send resume and letter of application to Dr. Jorge L. Carro, Head Librarian, Marx Law Library, University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221. An equal opportunity employer.

Law Librarian The Lorain County Law Library is now taking applications for the position of Law Librarian. Although the Board has not set any requirements regarding having a degree, the applicant should be able to perform the duties of cataloguing, acquiring, shelving and assisting library users in research, bookkeeping and finance. Resumes with salary required should be sent to Eugene A. Tonry, Attorney-at-Law, 319 Elyria Savings and Trust Building, Elyria, Ohio 44035, Telephone (216) 323-3335.

ABOUT OUR LIBRARIES

## THE DAYTON LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Dayton Law Library Association maintains the law library in the Montgomery County Courts Building, Dayton, Ohio. The Association was founded shortly after the Civil War by a number of local judges and attorneys. It has continued its existence since that time as a corporation not for profit.

The total library area is 13,440 square feet. Of this, approximately 8,400 square feet is devoted to shelving and 1,600 to work area for the staff. The main area of the library seats approximately fifty people. Additional space is provided for conference and dictation rooms.

The library has three classes of patrons: 1) attorneys admitted to the practice of law in any state and who are dues-paying members, 2) officials entitled to use the library without charge, and 3) certain federal officials, out-of-town attorneys, and registered law students to whom use of the library may be extended, all without charge. In 1974 patrons from all classes paid a total of 13,173 visits to the library.

At last count the total collection of the library stood at 67,894 volumes. Perhaps the strongest feature of the collection in terms of meeting the needs of the patrons is that it includes the statutes and reports of the highest court of every state, with additional materials for neighboring states and major jurisdictions. The library also has a good collection of early Ohio statutes.

The library has an open stack policy. In addition, a large part of the collection may be charged out by members and officials. Books are subject to recall at any time, but may remain out of the library for up to two weeks. As a convenience to the members, messengers are permitted to pick up books which the member has requested. The library is involved in inter-library loans only on a very limited basis.

The library is operated by six full-time personnel: the librarian, reference librarian, cataloger, secretary/bookkeeper, file clerk, and page-janitress. The librarian and staff welcome visits from other law library personnel and will be glad to explain our operations.

## NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

Henry P. Tseng, Law Librarian and Associate Professor of Law at Capital University Law School, has authored an article (with Pedersen) entitled "Acquisition of Administrative Rules and Regulations" (including 50 states and territories checklist) which appeared in 28 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW REVIEW 277 (1976).

He has also authored a book entitled COMPLETE GUIDE TO LEGAL MATERIAL IN MICROFORM, recently published by the University Publication of America, Inc. The book will be supplemented annually.

Rosemarie Chrisant has been appointed Law Librarian of the Akron Law Library Association. Her new position began July 1, 1976.

Ms. Carolyn Jean Ray has been appointed Head of the Catalog Department and Assistant Professor at the University of Dayton Law School, effective August 1, 1976. She was formerly at the University of Wisconsin-Superior where she was the head cataloger and instructor in Library Science.

Oscar Trelles reports that as of July 30, 1976, the University of Dayton Law School Library had 90,796 bound volumes and microforms equivalent to 39,583 volumes, a total of 130,379 volumes.

New address: Oscar M. Trelles, II  
Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library  
Nova University  
Center for the Study of Law  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33314

(305) 587-6660 Ext. 325

Jose Coutin, previously Law Librarian at Catholic University of Puerto Rico, has been appointed Law Librarian and Associate Professor at the University of Dayton.

Robert T. Begg, previously Assistant Law Librarian at the University of Akron has been appointed Law Librarian at Ohio Northern University Law Library.

Thomas McNinch, previously the Reference Librarian at the Dayton Law Library Association, has become the new Assistant Law Librarian at the University of Connecticut.

Betty Busch has been appointed Secretary of ORALL until December 31, 1976, after the resignation of Tom McNinch due to his move to Connecticut.

Our Vice-President, Jim Bailey, delivered a speech for the International Association of Law Libraries at its Roundtable in Lausanne, Switzerland on August the 25th, 1976. The same speech has been published in article form under the title (Linguistic Obstacles to the Effective Exchange of Legal Documentation) in 4 International Journal of Law Libraries 91 (July 1976)

Oscar Trelles has offered an article entitled (The Act of State Doctrine: The Interaction of Domestic and International Factors - Some Observations and Suggestions), which appeared as the lead article in 1 University of Dayton Law Review 121 (1976).