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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DO LAWYERS NEED LAW LIBRARIANS NOW THAT THEY HAVE COMPUTERS?

To the extent that lawyers do their research on computers in an online or offline environment they may be able to get along in the future without law librarians. Even today many lawyers do not use our services or expertise either by choice or because of a lack of a law librarian in the locality. Because of technological developments the average lawyer will have access to vastly more legal information in his or her office. I am convinced that this does not mean that our services will become superfluous.

Just as today many lawyers have difficulties locating materials in law libraries without the help of law librarians, lawyers in the future will need our help to locate material available in online and offline environments. In the years ahead online or offline legal information is not likely to be available from one service using one set of search techniques. From using LEXIS and WESTLAW today one can see that it is very difficult to access the different types of legal information on the

systems with one set of search techniques. With the continued growth of legal information and its complex methods of organization and distribution, researchers require expertise. Lawyers do not have the time nor the interest to develop and maintain expertise in legal information bibliography. Even if they become experts in legal information, as some associates in large law firms probably do, they still lack the training to locate nonlegal information. Law librarians perform a great deal of their professional service as expert information locators of nonlegal information or in locating information not found in a particular law library. Knowing what's available beyond the four walls of one law library is a professional trait that will not be replaced by LEXIS, WESTLAW, ED-ROMS, or optical video discs.

I continue to be humbled by the growth in information technology. Some of us may fear this trend will lead to our replacement by sophisticated machines. This fear is unfounded
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May 25-27:	ORALL Spring Meeting-Cleveland
June 6:	Newsletter Copy Deadline-2nd Issue
June 26-29:	AALL-Atlanta
July 9-14:	ALA-New Orleans
Aug. 4-11:	ABA-Toronto, Canada
Sept. 5:	Newsletter Copy Deadline-3rd Issue
Oct.:	ORALL Fall Meeting-Indianapolis
Nov. 28:	Newsletter Copy Deadline-4th Issue

President's Message

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because our basic role as experts on information will continue. The neat, one stop data base for lawyers is not in our future.

The following are new developments in information technology: Information Access Company is developing a reference system that can hook sixteen compact disc players and eight video disc players together with eight work stations with multi-vendor data bases; Kodak is willing to sell a "complete library system" with fifty 6.8 giga byte disk drives which will store the equivalent of a stack of printed information ninety-two stories high; Del Mar Group offers a CD-ROM based product that allows a book buyer to get assistance in locating a book to buy based on the answers to a series of questions about his or her likes and dislikes. Scanning tunneling microscopes may greatly expand the ability to store digital information in less space; OCLC is working on a project called Graph-Text which is designed to provide text in typographic form of a printed page and pictures on a computer screen with computer search capabilities and the ability to zoom in on part of a page; and Apple Computer is providing a software page called HyperCard that allows a computer user to create his or her own tailored index to a database as he or she does research.

One last point on why law librarians are not obsolete comes from an article on "The Challenge of Hypermedia" by David Bunnell in the November 1987 PC World magazine (page 18). Apparently NASA needed to develop a navigating system for manned space vehicles based on landmarks such as islands. The research group needed information on the island of Isote Pelado off the coast of Peru. They wanted to know the shape of the island and if the shape was affected by the tides, the color of the surface and how vegetation changes effected it and the weather conditions. They could find nothing from all the sources they tried, so they went to a biology library which unfortunately was being moved at the time. The books were piled up and the reference materials and card catalog were not available. Upon asking the librarian for assistance she gave them a book called Birds of the Americas which contained an account of a bird expedition to the island in 1924. From the account the researchers

answered their questions. Knowledgeable librarians of any kind are indispensable for tough problems. Up to this last request no one had ever thought the book was of any value except to those interested in birds.

Paul Richert
ORALL President

ORALL SPRING MEETING

The 1988 ORALL Spring Meeting is fast approaching. The festivities will take place May 25-27, 1988 at the Hollenden House Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio.

The theme of the meeting is: Your Regional Association Expanding Your Professional Horizon Through Education and Service. This theme will focus on the great professional benefits that can accrue through membership in a regional association. A professional organization can only be as strong as the contribution made by its membership; therefore, I encourage you to come to Cleveland with ideas on how ORALL can better serve you and how you can best contribute to ORALL.

We believe we have developed a very exciting educational program for the spring meeting, featuring (just to name a few) outstanding law librarian speakers Roger Jacobs, Alan Holoch and Frank Houdek. In addition, a mini workshop on better organizing your priorities and time will be conducted by Joan Thomas, a noted expert in this field.

More information concerning the meeting will be sent to you under separate cover. Together with local arrangements chair, Jo Ann Fisher and her committee, we look forward to hosting you in the future home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, Ohio.

Please contact me at 219/239-5664 if you have any pre-meeting ideas.

Michael J. Slinger
Vice-President/President-Elect
Program Coordinator

NO ONE WAS A PERFECT 10!

An editorial error (I can't believe it either!) left Jody Beal's "Quality of Life Quotient" questionnaire incomplete. (See the December, 1987 ORALL Newsletter for the accompanying article.) The following represents the correction and my apologies go to Jody and to all of you who knew all along that you were a perfect 10.

The Editor

DETERMINE YOUR OWN QLQ

The following is an informal, unconventional, and unrefined quiz highlighting many of the comments presented in the "Law Librarian's Quality of Life" program. Identifying deficiencies may be the first step in the elevation of your QLQ.

	Yes	No
1. Do you regularly schedule your day's activities?	_____	_____
2. Is your salary equal to or above the regional, professional standard?	_____	_____
3. Have you an opportunity for advancement within your organization?	_____	_____
4. Is your working or office environment desirable?	_____	_____
5. Do you have adequate opportunity to display leadership skills?	_____	_____
6. Is your formal job description accurate?	_____	_____
7. Do you feel secure in your position?	_____	_____
8. Are your support and staffing needs acknowledged and met?	_____	_____
9. Is your level of prominence in the organization equal to your level of responsibility?	_____	_____
10. Do you enjoy a satisfying level of communication with colleagues and co-workers?	_____	_____

The responses to these ten questions might offer a clue as to how you perceive your quality of job life. Total the "yes" responses and identify your category as follows:

- 8-10 high satisfactory QLQ
- 4-7 average QLQ - need improvement to continue employment
- 1-3 poor QLQ - search the placement lists, it's time to make a change

*Prepared by Joanne Beal
Dayton Law Library Association*

TOLEDO LAW ASSOCIATION FEES AND SERVICES SURVEY

The following summary of data was compiled by Ms. Brenda Woodruff, Toledo Law Association (TLA) Librarian. The survey was in response to her Board of Director's re-evaluation of the fees to be charged by TLA. Ms. Woodruff sent questionnaires to a group of subscription county law libraries in Ohio and elsewhere. The survey was not intended to be comprehensive but was intended to give the TLA Board an idea of what other, similar county law libraries were charging for the same or similar services. For further information on the survey, please contact Ms. Woodruff.

The following is the legend for the survey:

* Transmissions to be completed in two hours.

** The cost depends upon 4 variables:

Membership status:

Members, no service charge

Limited Members, \$5.00 service charge

Non-members, \$10.00 service charge

Size of Order:

Less than 3 pages = \$1.50/page

3 or more pages = \$1.00/page

Item Retrieval Assistance:

No charge for item retrieved by patron

Members: \$1.00/item retrieved

Non-members: \$2.00/item retrieved

Transmission/Telecommunications Charge:

Local transmission = no charge

(1 + 617 Boston area code) \$.30/page

(1 + 413 [MA], 203 [CN], 401 [RI] or 603

[NH]) \$.30/page

(1 + all other area codes) \$.60/page

s.s.: self serve

(See pages 4-7.)

THE TOLEDO LAW ASSOCIATION-FEES AND SERVICES SURVEY

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP FEE</u>	<u>PHOTO COPY</u>	<u>HANDLING</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
<u>OHIO</u>				
Akron Law Library Association	\$50 new/non attorney \$40 annual \$20 law clerk \$10 first yr. Gov't - 1/2	\$.15 s.s. \$.50 non-member	-----\$.50 per page-----	
Butler Co. Law Library Association	None	\$.25 s.s.	None	Yes
Cincinnati Law Library Association	<u>Regular</u> \$100 cert. \$50/yr. after first year <u>Temporary</u> \$15 plus letter from law firm <u>General Public</u> \$100/yr.	\$.10 s.s.		Yes
Cleveland Law Library Association	\$45-\$90/yr. depending on yr. of bar exam. \$90-Paralegals \$90-Non lawyers \$45-Student	\$.10 s.s. \$.25 libr. staff	None	Yes
Columbus Law Library Association	None	\$.10 s.s.	None	Yes
Dayton Law Library Association	Yes: 0-5 yrs: \$25 6 yrs: \$50	\$.20 s.s. \$.50 libr. staff	Built in	Built in
Mahoning Law Library Association	No charge: Statutory users \$5/yr. Assoc. members \$10/yr. Voting members	\$.05 s.s. \$.50/page for staff to copy and mail	Built in	Built in
Stark Co. Law Library	1st yr. free 2-5 yrs: \$5.00 6 yrs: \$10	\$.15	\$1.00	

<u>MICRO-FICHE</u>	<u>STAFF AVAIL. TO PERFORM COMP. SEARCH</u>	<u>COMPUTER SEARCH CHARGE/MIN.</u>	<u>CHG. FOR LIBR. TO PERFORM SEARCH</u>	<u>TRAINING CHARGE</u>	<u>TELEFAX</u>
	Yes	\$2.00/min. LEXIS & DIALOG charged by vendor.	\$2.00/min.	\$70.00	N/A
	No (billed by WESTLAW, OSBA)				N/A
	No	\$2.50 plus off line printing of \$.02 per line.		\$70.00	Will soon have
\$.10	Yes	\$3.00/min.	None		N/A
	Yes	\$2.50/min. Cost of ALLSTATES & ALLFED passed to user	None	Not offered	N/A
\$.20	No (assistance in techniques only)	Amt. billed by West or Mead; Libr. picks up equip. & mo. subscr. charges.		Trained by West or Mead and charged their rate.	N/A
No Charge	Yes	\$2/min. WESTLAW: \$3.30 ALLSTATES & ALLFED LEXIS: Cost plus phone plus \$3.00 for mods & sorts	None	\$70.00	N/A
	Yes	\$2.00 plus telecomm.	None	\$70.00	N/A

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<u>OHIO (continued)</u>				
Toledo Law Association	\$12/yr. lawyers \$100/yr accountants	\$10 s.s.	\$1.00	Plus postage
Toledo-Lucas Co. Public Library	N/A: Libr. card for out of county resident \$25/family	\$15 s.s.		
<u>INDIANA</u>				
Marion Co. Law Library Association, Indianapolis	No	\$.35 s.s.		
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>				
Social Law Library, Boston, MA	\$135/yr. 12 or more member firms must join at 75% level 1/2 rate for out of Boston lawyers	\$10 s.s. \$.25 plus \$1/cite for members	\$10. service charge plus \$2/cite for non-members	Yes
<u>MICHIGAN</u>				
Adams-Pratt Oakland Co. Law Library Pontiac, MI	No	\$.10 s.s. \$.15 libr. staff	Minimum: \$1	
<u>NEW YORK</u>				
Association of the Bar City of New York, New York	There is an Association Fee. Any user, runner paralegal, assoc. who is sent by member must pay \$20/visit.	\$.40 member \$1/Non-member		
<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>				
Jenkins Law Library Philadelphia, PA	Phila Bar Assn. member is free Non-bar member \$150/yr.	\$.25 s.s. \$.20 venda- card	Copy Service \$2/cite plus \$.50/ page	No

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\$10	Yes (Available to members only)	\$3.00/min.	None	\$70.00	Send:\$1/page Local calls \$1.50/page Long dist. Receive: \$2/ transmission
	Yes	1st 5 min. free. Cost recouped after 5 minutes.	None		N/A
	Yes	\$3/min. ALLSTATES & ALLFED: 1 1/2	None	Not offered	N/A
Fiche- fiche \$1	No	25% over cost		\$30 per 1/2 hr.	**note
	Yes	\$2.50/min.- General \$3.75/min.- ALLSTATES or ALLFED	None		Will have one soon. No fees set yet.
\$.50/ member \$1.00/ non- member	Yes	WESTLAW: \$10/ 20 min.seg. LEXIS: direct billing from LEXIS (\$25/month plus \$3/min.)	None		\$1.25/pg in a/c 212&71 \$.25/page surcharge a/c 516&914 \$.75/page surcharge in other a/c in U.S. Non-members double above
Fiche- fiche \$1	Yes	WESTLAW: \$4/min. or \$6/min. per combined file \$.03/line off- line printing LEXIS & others: cost plus 30%	None	Through vendor	Local calls: \$2/cite, plus \$.75/page Long distance \$2/cite plus \$1/page * note

PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES SURVEY

At its January meeting, the AALL Executive Board gave final approval to a Private Law Libraries (PLL) SIS proposal for a national statistical survey of firm and corporate libraries. The survey, the first under the AALL banner directed at private firm and corporate libraries, will focus on the size, services, finance and salary information generated by such institutions. AALL member and non-member libraries alike will be contacted by using a combination of mailing lists from AALL headquarters and Altman & Weil, Inc., a national consultant which is helping to structure the questionnaire and conduct the mid-March mailing.

The survey is based on several recently distributed documents, one from the Washington, D.C. Chapter, one distributed by the Chicago Law Librarians, and a recent model used by the New York City Chapter. These documents were combined and refined during the Chicago Annual Meeting. Nuchine Nobari, of Davis Polk and Wardwell, submitted the final Committee work product to several of the country's leading management consultants, from which Altman & Weil was chosen.

The survey, itself, will be divided into several categories, including Firm or Corporate Profile, Library Characteristics, Library Services, Personnel and Compensation, Automation, and finally, Finance. Responding libraries will mail the survey directly back to Altman & Weil, who have developed well respected procedures to insure confidentiality.

Pre-publication price for AALL members is \$125, with a price of \$150 after the results are tabulated. For non-members the price is \$150, with a reduction if they join the Association. To make the results meaningful, PLL SIS really needs the support of all its members in completing the material accurately and returning the survey in a timely manner. A late spring or early summer publication date is expected. Inquiries should be sent to: AALL/Altman & Weil, Inc., P.O. Box 472, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003

TREASURER'S REPORTJANUARY 1, 1988

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1987		\$2,188.64
<u>Income:</u>		
Dues:	\$3,900.00	
Meetings	3,848.00	
Miscellaneous	4.50	
Interest:	312.68	
Exhibitor's Booths	4,937.30	
ORALL/MICHALL (AALL) Breakfast	528.00	
		<u>\$13,530.48</u>
		<u>\$15,719.12</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Newsletter:	\$1,512.54	
Meetings	5,221.02	
Breakfast (AALL)	519.37	
Misc. (Refunds, "footnotes," core bibliography, grants, board meeting)	1,575.39	
		<u>\$8,828.32</u>
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1987		<u>\$6,890.80</u>
C.D.	\$2,209.09	

*Respectfully submitted,
Ruth A. Long
Treasurer*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carswell Legal Publications now has a U.S. toll free number: 1-800-387-514.

OCEANA CONFERENCES IN APRIL

The Oceana Group is co-sponsoring two conferences in mid-April, one on Technology and the other on International Trade.

The first, scheduled for April 15 at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and co-sponsored by the library of the Bar, is on New Technology In Law Libraries: State of the Art and Beyond. Richard Boss, a leading consultant on library projects, will serve as Keynote Speaker, with law librarians focusing on new technologies and planning for the future.

The following week, The Oceana Group is serving as co-sponsor with the American Society of International Law at a conference on The Broader Aspects of Trade Policy, to take place April 19 and 20 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C., immediately preceding the annual ASIL meeting. Here, well-known legal and trade specialists will discuss the GATT, the Uruguay Round, International and Bilateral Trade Arrangements, and related issues.

Registration for the Technology Conference is with Oceana Publications, Inc., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (914-693-1733); registration for the Trade Seminar is with the American Society of International Law, 2223 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008 (202-265-4313).

ALL INVITED TO ACADEMIC SIS RECEPTION IN ATLANTA

The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section will hold its annual reception at the Emory University Law Library in Atlanta during the AALL Annual Meeting this June. The reception is being co-hosted this year by Emory University School of Law and Georgia State University College of Law. Robin Mills (Emory) and Nancy Johnson (Georgia State) are already deep into planning a very special evening for all those who attend. As in the past, an open invitation is being issued to all

members of AALL to join the SIS for refreshments, library tours, and conviviality--Georgia style.

The Academic SIS is pleased to acknowledge the generous support of the following firms serving as co-sponsors of the Reception: DIALOG Information Services, Inc., Information Access Company, and Readex Microprint Corporation.

Please make plans to join the Academic Law Libraries at their reception on Monday evening, June 27, 1988, at Emory University School of Law in Atlanta.

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- 1/4 page
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- 1/8 page
 - 3 1/4" wide x 1 7/8" high \$30.00/issue

The Board also approved rates for classified ads, as follows:

- \$10.00 - minimum of 5 lines
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The Ohio Public Defender Commission is seeking a legal resources coordinator to manage its law library, brief bank, and CALR service; edit the State Defender Report (office newsletter); and provide research assistance to staff attorneys. MLS required. Send resume and salary requirements to Gregory L. Ayers, Chief Counsel, Ohio Public Defender Commission, Eight East Long Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0587. Application Deadline: April 30, 1988.

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The annual joint Chapter Breakfast for ORALL and MICH/ALL will be held on Monday, June 27 at 7:30 a.m. in the Atlanta Merriott Marquis. Register by sending a check or money order for \$11.00 payable to ORALL to:

Kyle Passmore
Law School Library
University of Akron
Akron, Ohio 44325

Please fill out the enclosed form and send it in by June 8, 1988. Refunds will be given until that date.

Please plan on joining us for a leisurely breakfast which includes juice, scrambled eggs, hash browns, bacon and assorted pastries.

Reservation:

Name _____

Address _____

Total Number _____

Total Amount _____

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