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Guilty Until Proven Innocent The Wisconsin Innocence Project at LLAW

by: Jean Callihan, Marquette University Law Library

At the February 8, 2001 meeting, LLAW members were treated to a presentation by Keith Findley and John Pray, UW law professors who recently succeeded in freeing an innocent man from a Texas jail. Findley and Pray work with UW law students in a clinical program called the Wisconsin Innocence

Project. The Innocence Project, which began in 1998, is the latest in UW's 30 year history of clinical programs through which the school strives to maintain its "law in action tradition" by putting students to work on real cases. The Wisconsin Project is part of a loose network of similar innocence projects run by US law schools that were inspired by the New York

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...advances in DNA technology have opened a window on the justice sys-

City project of Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld. The original NYC project gained national attention by using DNA evidence to free wrongly convicted prisoners and through Scheck's bestseller, *Actual Innocence: Five Days To Execution and Other Dispatches From the Wrongly Convicted* (Jim Dwyer, Peter Neufeld, Barry Scheck. New York: Doubleday, 2000)

Prof. Findley explained that lessons drawn from the Innocence Project's cases should not be limited to the success of DNA evi-

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President's Message

by: Pat Ellingson, LLAW President

How often have we heard you get it off the WEB? It seems like that comment is made at least once a day to me. And now I am telling you, you can get it off the web. If you are interested in applying for a LLAW grant, applications are available on the LLAW web site: www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/grants/grants.htm. Grants are available for the AALL Annual meeting or any institute or workshop associated with annual meeting or any other professional development activity.

Please check out this page and the other recent additions to our web site. I would like to thank Bonnie Shucha and her web committee for their fantastic efforts.

Ping Pong anyone?

I haven't given up on this one and it looks like we will have place to practice this spring to get ready

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LLAW BOARD MEETING

**Third Quarterly Board Meeting
Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin
Thursday, February 8, 2001
Thunder Bay Grille
Pewaukee, WI**

President Pat Ellingson called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 P.M.

Present: Pat Ellingson, Amy Easton Bingenheimer, Bonnie Shucha, Vicky Coulter, Olivia Bradford Jaskolski, Jane Moberg, Pam Noyd, Mary Koshollek, Mary Jo Koranda, Diane Duffey, Susan O'Toole, and Connie Von Der Heide.

Absent: Rick Hendricks, Jim Mumm, Heidi Yelk, Laura Olsen Dugan, and Kellee Selden Huston.

I. **Minutes** for the November 8, 2000 Board Meeting were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

<u>Checking Account</u>	Ending balance	6,669.93
<u>Savings Account</u>	Ending balance	3,078.43
<u>Certificate of Deposit</u>	Ending balance	3,214.98
<u>TOTAL</u>	Ending balance	2,963.34

III. Committee Reports

Archives No report.

Government Relations No report.

Grants Jane Moberg reported that the Grants applications have been forwarded to Bonnie Shucha and would hopefully soon be available on the LLAW Web site. Pat Ellingson announced that AALL has decided to award one free full registration to this year's Annual Conference to a newer member of LLAW. The Board decided to add this award to LLAW's own newer member AALL Annual Conference grant to cover additional conference expenses.

Pat will investigate whether AALL is still running its VIP program for non-librarian attendance at the Annual Conference. The Board thought that a

member of the State Bar staff may be interested in attending, given our current teaching relationship.

Membership Pam Noyd reported the following membership figures: 91 active members, 8 associate members, 4 sustaining members, and 3 student members for a total of 106. There are also six newsletter only subscriptions.

Newsletter Mary Koshollek thanked Bonnie Shucha for her assistance in making past issues of the LLAW Newsletter available on the Web site. She raised the question of whether vendor ads which appear in the print editions should also be viewable in the Web site edition. It was suggested that we offer the option to advertisers, but at a higher cost. The Board approved by vote that LLAW raise advertising rates for print only to \$50 for a full page ad, \$30 for a half page, and \$20 for a quarter page. A second vote approved adding a new ad category for both print and web and doubling prices to \$100 for a full page ad, \$60 for a half page, and \$40 for a quarter page.

Nominating Mary Jo Koranda reported that she is looking for people to run for LLAW office. She will be sending an e-mail to LLAW members and/or putting a notice in the newsletter asking for volunteers and nominations. It was also suggested that she look at membership applications to see if anyone expressed an interest in getting more involved with LLAW.

Placement Diane Duffey announced that the Job Placement page is now available on the LLAW Web site and thanked Bonnie Shucha for her assistance.

Program Amy Easton Bingenheimer and Connie Von Der Heide reported that the date for the next meeting has been set for April 27th. LLAW will be hosting a one-day conference at the State Bar Headquarters in Madison. In appreciation for our teaching involvement, the State Bar has generously offered use of their facilities at no charge. Genie Tyburski, author of the *Virtual Chase*, has been booked as the keynote speaker. The conference will consist of three or four sessions, a key-

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LLAW MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LLAW Second General Membership Meeting
Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin
Thursday, February 8, 2001
Thunder Bay Grille
Pewaukee, WI

President Pat Ellingson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

- I. **Minutes** Minutes from the November 8, 2000 general membership meeting were approved.
- II. **Treasurer's Report** Vicky Coulter gave the treasurer's report: checking account balance at \$6,669.93; savings account balance at \$3,078.73; and certificate of deposit balance at \$3,214.98 for a total of \$12,963.34.
- III. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Archives**. No report.
 - B. **Government Relations**. No report.
 - C. **Grants**. Jane Moberg reported that the Grants applications would hopefully soon be available on the LLAW Web site. It was also announced that AALL has decided to award one free full registration to this year's Annual Conference to a newer member of LLAW.
 - D. **Membership**. Pam Noyd reported the following figures: 91 active members, 8 associate members, 4 sustaining members, and 3 student members for a total of 106
 - E. **Newsletter**. Mary Koshollek reported that past issues of the LLAW Newsletter are now available on the Web site. She also indicated that there is still time to submit items for the next newsletter.
 - F. **Nominating**. Mary Jo Koranda reported that she is looking for people to run for LLAW office. She will be sending an e-mail to LLAW members and/or putting a notice in the newsletter asking for volunteers and

nominations

- G. **Placement**. No report.
- H. **Program**. Amy Easton Bingenheimer and Connie Von Der Heide reported that the date for the next meeting has been set for April 27th. LLAW will be hosting a one-day conference at the State Bar Headquarters in Madison. They also thanked Lexis for generously underwriting tonight's social hour.
- I. **Public Access**. Susan O'Toole reported that LLAW will be presenting a session entitled "Wisconsin Legal Resources on the Internet" at the WLA Convention in Appleton this October. Connie Von Der Heide and Pam Noyd have offered to conduct the session. Susan also announced that the committee was working on updates for the Consumer-Related links available on the LLAW Web site.
- J. **Public Relations**. Pat announced that as no entries were submitted in LLAW's logo design competition, it will be reopened to include non-members.
- K. **Web Site**. Bonnie Shucha reported that recent additions to the Web site include back issues of the newsletter and the Job Placement page. Anyone with ideas about the Web site should contact Bonnie.
- IV. **Announcements**

Royalty Check - Mary Koshollek presented Pat with another royalty check in the amount of \$331.93 from sales of the Hein bibliography "Wisconsin Practice Materials."
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **LLAW Secretary Replacement** - A substitute secretary is needed for the remaining LLAW meetings as Bonnie Shucha will be going on maternity leave. (Julie Tessmer has

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since agreed to take on the role of secretary for the rest of the term.)

- B. **State Bar CLE Programs** Connie announced that volunteers are needed to help plan and teach the State Bar's hands-on CLE programs this fall. Courses under development include "Wisconsin Databases on the Internet," "Litigation Resources," and other courses on Microsoft products. Please contact Connie if you are interested.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M., whereupon the program portion of the meeting commenced.

VI. **Program**

Amy welcomed Keith Findley and John Pray of the UW Law School's Wisconsin Innocence Project who spoke about the case of Chris Ochoa, who was wrongly convicted of rape and murder. Ochoa had confessed to the murder after being interrogated by an aggressive police officer, who threatened that he would be convicted and given Texas's death penalty if he did not confess. Ochoa's claim of innocence was substantiated by a combination of DNA testing and the verified confession of another man.

Findley and Pray also spoke generally about the failure of the criminal justice system in which so many innocent people are wrongly convicted. They feel that the importance of DNA testing lies in its capacity to prove with certainty that juries do make mistakes. They are optimistic that this case and others like it will encourage a re-examination of the methods employed by the criminal justice system.

The program was followed by a lively question and answer session from the membership. Amy concluded the program by presenting the Wisconsin Innocence Project with a \$200.00 donation from LLAW.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Shucha
Secretary

Anne Ellis Visits Milwaukee Law Librarians

by: Lynn Mikulsky, Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

On February 13, 2001, the Milwaukee Downtown Law Librarians Association was privileged to receive a visit from Anne Ellis, West Group's Director of Librarian Relations. Anne reprised her presentation on Business Planning for Law Librarians which she conducted at the 2000 AALL annual conference in Philadelphia.

When many librarians are asked by their firms to write a business plan, the initial question they typically ask themselves is, "How do I even begin?" One may not realize that they have most likely already written parts of a business plan. These parts have just not been cohesively brought together in the past into a single document – the business plan. A good business plan always includes five elements: a mission statement, collection development plan, discussion of business trends, human resource needs, and the budget. Most libraries already have a mission statement, collection development plan and budget. These should all be integrated into the business plan. If one has never written a business plan before, there are several resources available for business plan organization and samples. Internet sites, the Small Business Administration, and AALL can provide useful information on this process.

It is the budget aspect of business plan writing that often seems to be surrounded in the most mystery. Your firm has its own financial goals that it must meet for shareholders. Your library and its budget are just a small part of the company's overall picture. One must strive to understand the financial stresses the firm is under and how the library fits into the firm's long-term plans. Some of the most difficult information to obtain may be the information regarding your firm's strategic plan and goals – what kind of financial gain do the shareholders expect for the year, does the firm anticipate downsizing, or merging with another firm? This can be difficult information to obtain.

However, there are things the librarian can do to construct a realistic budget. Last year's budget can be used as a starting point. The firm's finance or accounting department should also be utilized for explanations as to how the budgets of respective depart-

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LLAW TREASURER REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance (10/31/00)\$6,323.26

Income:

Membership		
Active (5)	100.00	
Active—after Jan.1 (1)	10.00	
Sustaining (1)	60.00	
Miscellaneous		
Hein royalties	331.93	
Newsletter		
Advertising	160.00	
Program		
Nov. meeting deposit	577.00	
Total		\$1,238.93

Expenditures:

Miscellaneous		
Dept of Financial institutions filing fee	10.00	
Retirement appreciation gift	25.00	
WLA Affiliate membership	75.00	
Newsletter		
Postage	66.00	
Program		
Nov. meeting announcement postage	32.56	
Audio tapes	4.19	
Nametags	14.23	
November program	643.10	
Tape recorder rental	22.18	
Total		\$892.26
Ending Balance (1/31/01)		<u>\$6,669.93</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance (10/31/00) \$3,062.95

Income:

Interest	\$15.48
Ending Balance (1/31/01)	<u>\$3,078.43</u>

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Beginning Balance (10/31/00)\$3,169.60

Income:

Interest	\$45.38
Ending Balance (1/31/01)	<u>\$3,214.98</u>

TOTAL: CHECKING, SAVINGS AND CD **\$12,963.34**

Respectfully Submitted, Victoria Coulter, LLAW Treasurer

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note address, and a business meeting. A continental breakfast, lunch, and a social hour are also planned. The Board discussed whether to open registration to non-LLAW members as there is a limit of 64 persons due to room size. It was agreed that participation should be opened up to non-members at a slightly higher registration fee. A scholarship or subsidy for students was also mentioned.

No date has yet been set for the final LLAW Membership Meeting in May, although a social program is planned. Amy also announced that AALL has offered one free admission for a LLAW member to their "Managing Solo Librarians" program to be held in Milwaukee at Marquette University on May 21st.

Public Access Susan O'Toole reported that LLAW will be presenting a session entitled "Wisconsin Legal Resources on the Internet" at the WLA Convention in Appleton this October. Connie Von Der Heide and Pam Noyd have offered to conduct the session. Susan also announced that the committee was working on updates for the Consumer-Related links available on the LLAW Web site.

In addition, she reported that the committee is considering drafting letters to all federal and state depository libraries informing them of the LLAW Web site and offering copies of the AALL "How to do Legal Research" pamphlet. Because the pamphlet is currently under revision, they are waiting on this project.

AALL's Legal Information Services to the Public SIS, national counterpart of our Public Access to Legal Information Committee, will be creating a "Public Libraries Toolkit" on their Web site. Susan suggested that LLAW appoint someone to complete their state "template" for Wisconsin's Internet research resources.

Amy recommended that LLAW contact Matthew Koch of the Wisconsin Law and Technology Show to offer LLAW participation at future conferences. The Board decided that this was more appropriate for the Public Relations committee as it does not concern the general public.

Public Relations Pat reported in Kellee Selden and Laura Olsen Dugan's absence that the committee has submitted two entries for the AALL Public Relations Committee Excellence in Marketing Awards on behalf of LLAW. Both entries relate to LLAW's involvement in the popular web-based tele-seminars offered in partnership with the State Bar.

As no entries were submitted in LLAW's logo design competition, it will be reopened to include non-members. It was suggested that we announce it to the Milwaukee Institute of Art Design.

A partnership between LLAW, Special Librarians Association - Wisconsin Chapter, and Wisconsin Library Association was discussed for the purpose of contacting Governor Scott McCallum. As part of National Librarian's Week, the group will request that the governor proclaim a Wisconsin Librarian's Day.

Finally, it was mentioned that SLA-WI Chapter is sponsoring a "Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians" session on February 21st.

Web Site Bonnie Shucha announced that committee members included Tony Chan, Mary Jo Koranda, and Susan Janik. She reported although there are three LLAW listservs (LLAW, LLAW-MKE (Milwaukee), and LLAW-Exec Board), the Web site only contains instructions for signing-up for the general LLAW listserv. The Board recommended adding instructions for the LLAW-MKE list also for interested members, although this may raise the issue of why there isn't a corresponding list for Madison members. It was also suggested that LLAW membership applications contain an option for automatic addition to the LLAW listserv. Bonnie will check with list administrator, Rick Hendricks to see if this is technically possible.

She also reported that recent additions to the Web site include back issues of the newsletter and the Job Placement page. Future additions may include a UCITA/Government Relations page and a Grants page. As these new pages were being considered, the Board decided that web pages could be designed for each committee wanting one.

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IV. Announcements

Royalty Check - Mary Koshollek presented Pat with another royalty check in the amount of \$331.93 from sales of the Hein bibliography "Wisconsin Practice Materials."

V. Old Business

- A. Ping Pong Table - LLAW is still looking for a home for the Hein Ping Pong table. Connie thought that the State Law Library might be willing to house the table
- B. SLIS Liaison - Pat will contact the Public Relations committee about appointing a liaison to UW-Milwaukee's SLIS program.
- C. WLA Mailings - As LLAW presidents, Pat receives many mailings from groups such as WLA. She wondered if she should be passing them on to the membership. The Board agreed that only important items should be passed on.

VI. New Business

- A. Membership List - Pat was contacted by the Marketing Assistant at the State Bar who wanted to obtain a copy of our membership list. The Board felt that this would not be in the best interest of our membership. Pat will inform her that it is LLAW's policy not to distribute the list.
- B. National Library Legislative Day - Pat reported that she had received a letter from WLA member, Sue Center, encouraging LLAW members to attend National Library Legislative Day events in Washington DC. The Board felt that this would be a good opportunity for someone to apply for LLAW's Professional Development grant.
- C. LLAW Salary Survey - The Board discussed the possibility of conducting a salary survey among the LLAW membership. As Placement Chair, Diane Duffey offered to investigate. In Fall 1997, the Milwaukee Downtown Law Librarians conducted such a survey with the assistance of LCOMM (the Library Council of Metropolitan Milwaukee). Susan

O'Toole and Jane Moberg, who both serve on the LCOMM Board, will inquire whether LCOMM's would be interested in compiling results as a disinterested third party. The Board suggested we offer them a donation for their assistance.

- D. LLAW Secretary Replacement - A substitute secretary is needed for the remaining LLAW meetings as Bonnie Shucha will be going on maternity leave. The Board agreed that we should offer some sort of incentive to someone willing to take over as secretary. (Julie Tessmer has since agreed to take on the role of secretary for the rest of the term.)
- E. Donation to Wisconsin Innocence Project - The Board decided to offer a donation of \$200.00 to the UW Law School's Wisconsin Innocence Project in appreciation of co-directors Keith Findley and John Pray speaking at tonight's Membership meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Shucha
Secretary

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dence but rather focus on the failure of the criminal justice system. There has been a suspicion that innocent people were sentenced to prison and to death but only recently have statistics backed up the claim. For example, in a FBI study of 10,000 sexual assault cases, DNA testing excluded primary suspects in 25% of the cases. Other statistics show that the justice system failed in one of seven capital cases studied (93 exonerations out of 694 executions.) The current rash of overturned convictions provides "stone cold proof" that innocent people have been victimized by the system.

According to Finly, the advances in DNA technology have opened a window on the justice system. A system that incarcerates innocent people is not only a danger to the individuals involved, but also to society as a whole since guilty parties run free to commit other crimes. In the cases handled by the WI Innocence Project, the following problems were highlighted:

- Faulty eye witness identification
- False confessions
- Use of unreliable jail house "snitch" testimony
- Police misconduct
- Prosecutor misconduct
- Ineffective defense counsel
- Bad science (forensic fraud, lab error, "junk science")
- Racial discrimination

Faulty eyewitness identification and police misconduct surfaced in 84% and 50% of the cases respectively.

Prof. Pray took the audience through the painful details of the Chris Ochoa case that put the national spotlight on the Wisconsin Innocence Project. Ochoa and his friend were arrested for the sexual assault and murder of a young Pizza Hut employee. The police investigation was going nowhere since few clues were available--no witnesses and no video surveillance tape. Neither Ochoa nor his friend was involved in the crime in any way. Nonetheless, after interrogation by a police detective notorious for getting confessions, Ochoa confessed and implicated his friend in an attempt to avoid the all too real threat of the death penalty. Ochoa had served over 10 years in prison when the Innocence Project got involved.

Several factors coalesced to rescue the young man. First, the actual murderer sent a written confession to authorities that cleared Ochoa and friend and provided details as to where key evidence could be found! Nothing happened regarding the letter until much later in the process. Second, Ochoa was given the WI Project's web address by a friend Third, DNA evidence from the crime scene remained available for testing after the passage of 12 years. Fourth, the DA cooperated in the DNA testing and investigation of the real murderer. And fifth, "free counsel" put in hundreds of hours on Ochoa's behalf, with the emotional support of Ochoa's family and the victim's mother, who was convinced the wrong man was in jail.

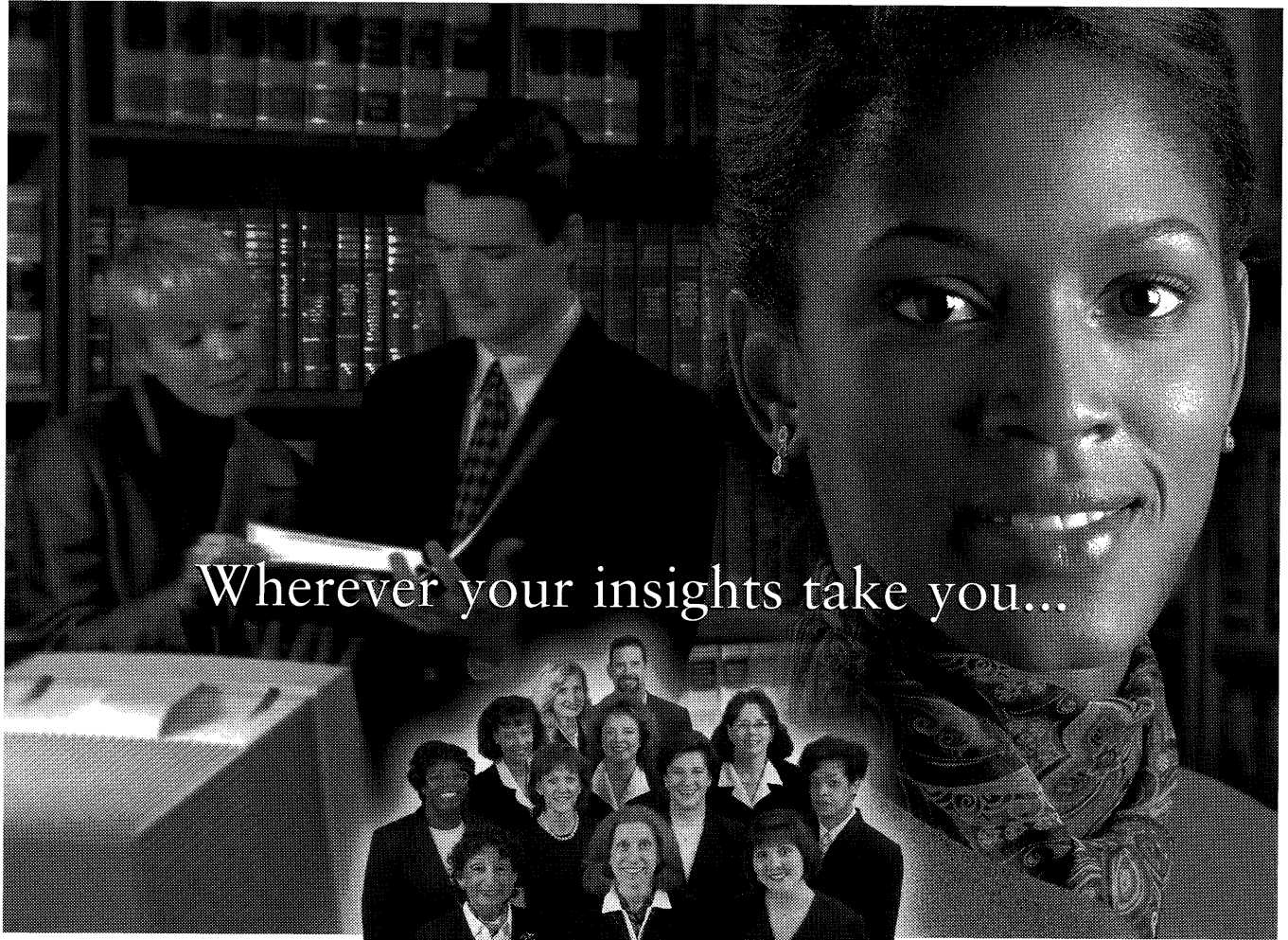
On Jan. 16, 2001 the professors and students were in court to hear the judge order Ochoa released and apologize for "fundamental miscarriage of justice." Pray recounted the emotional moments at the hearing and with Ochoa on the plane during the return trip to Austin. Unfortunately, Ochoa's friend remains in

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prison until a facility can be found that will care for him: a severe beating in prison rendered him incapacitated.

The professors suggested improvements to the system, including the videotaping of interrogations and allowing expert testimony on the unreliability of eyewitnesses. They also support legislation that preserves DNA samples for testing and extends the statutory time in which prisoners can raise claims of innocence from less than a month in some states to a reasonable time. Society cannot rely on DNA evidence alone to remedy the criminal justice system's failures, since DNA evidence is involved in a minority of cases.

As an epilogue, the Innocence Project has received over 200 requests for assistance. The police detective is under internal investigation. Ochoa is waiting to collect his \$50 from the prison and civil damages allowed by law. His chances of successfully suing the state and participants in his case are small due to sovereign immunity. LLAW presented a donation of \$200 to the WI Innocence Project at the conclusion of the program.



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2001 – A Teach-In Odyssey LEGAL RESEARCH TRAINING FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM

Does the dawn of a new millennium and all the accompanying technology find you floating aimlessly out in space? Are you feeling beleaguered and bewildered in our fast-paced, ever-changing law library environment? You will be pleased to know that there is one thing in our crazy, mixed-up world that remains constant -- the **National Legal Research Teach-In!** It is returning in 2001 for its ninth consecutive year!

The 2001 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past eight years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2001 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 1-7, 2001). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with the West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception eight years ago.

RESEARCH TRAINING KITS

Topped the "BESTSELLER" list again last year! -- West Group distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the world! The 2001 Teach-In training kit will cover a wide range of subject areas bringing together traditional legal resources and the newest electronic sources in one convenient package. The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. They may include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email mkg-support@westgroup.com. Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

A BIG HIT from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 525 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by

LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 2001 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. Email or fax requests to Melissa Engler, Marketing Manager, Librarian Relations Group, LEXIS-NEXIS, at melissa.engler@lexis-nexis.com or 937-865-1585. Be sure to indicate your name, address, and the minimum quantity you need. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by March 3, 2001, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research during National Library Week 2001. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/>. Past years' kits can be obtained through AALL Headquarters. Contact: AALL, 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 2001 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, gap6@psu.edu; or Karen Brunner, Library Manager, Riker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti, 973-538-0800, kbrunner@riker.com.

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for the Hein tournament in Minneapolis this summer.
More news to come.

A big thank you to Julie Tessmer for volunteering to be our secretary for the rest of the year. As Bonnie Shucha will be occupied with very special duties for the next 18 years.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

WLA Conference, LaCrosse, WI April 18-20, 2001
LLAW Spring Conference, Madison, WI April 27, 2001
AALL's Managing Solo Libraries, Milwaukee, WI May 21, 2001

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting in April.

Pat



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ments are analyzed. Schedule a meeting with the head of the I.T. department and the firm's accounting manager to determine if the I.T. department or the library will bear the costs of CD-ROMs, online services and other intranet-related costs. West Group can provide librarians with information as to the anticipated costs for specific items in the coming year.

The same concepts that apply to making your household budget also apply in making your library budget. The main concept to keep in mind is that there will always be fixed expenses, the essential expenses for items your library must purchase and maintain. There are also more flexible items. Do not forget to put some of these "dream" items into the budget as well. A "wish list" shows that you are aware of library trends and are planning for future change. Other suggestions in the budgeting process were to encourage client bill-back for computer-assisted legal research and to review office copying costs. Budgeting is mainly a process of establishing priorities and then blending those priorities with choices and monetary constraints.

Anne challenged all law librarians to voluntarily write a business plan for their library this year. It is a great way to highlight the library's value to the firm and organize your department's functions. As Anne put it, "With a well-written business plan, you really do control your own destiny."



National Library Legislative Day

National Library Legislative Day will be held in Washington, D.C. on April 30-May 1. This is our opportunity to speak with our congressional delegation and increase their awareness of issues that are important to the Wisconsin library community. Each year a group of delegates from Wisconsin attend this meeting to speak with our eleven Senators and Representatives. We believe that a larger group compels the Congressman to meet with us personally rather than to staff it out. Our Wisconsin library delegation will make a far greater impression with greater numbers.

Monday April 30 is a Briefing Day, which defines the issues and provides guidance on how to present them to our congressmen. Tuesday is the meeting day, with previously scheduled group appointments throughout the day. This year our major legislative issues are Public Access to Government Information (print and electronic formats); Federal Depository Library Program); Funding for Libraries (LSTA, GPO); Copyright and Intellectual Property (Digital Millennium Copyright Act, Data Base Protection, Distance Education); Intellectual Freedom (including federal filtering mandates), and Telecommunications and E-Rate.

We would like to encourage members of the Wisconsin Library Community to attend this meeting and help deliver our message to our legislators. Funding support would have to be solicited by the person wishing to attend -- perhaps from their library or from a library organization (LLAW, etc.). If you are interested in attending or would like more information, contact Sue Center, WLA Federal Relations Coordinator, at (608)262-1499 or slcenter@facstaff.wisc.edu.

The AALL Grants Committee would like to remind members and library school students that the grant application deadline for financial assistance for registration fees for the annual meeting or for workshops is April 1. Please see the instructions, qualifications and application form at:

http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp

Recommended Readings

Compiled by Cindy May

Barmakian, Deanna. "Better Search Engines for Law." Law Library Journal 92:399-438 (Fall 2000)

Ms. Barmakian reports on two studies she conducted in which she compared known item searching and topical searching among various Web search engines. She goes on to discuss the impact of various search engine issues on legal research.

Baumgartner, Anke. "European Document Delivery Suppliers and Resources on the World Wide Web." LLRX (December 18, 2000)

This article discusses providers used by the author's broker service for document delivery within a multi-national company. She defines document delivery to include the purchase or loan of journal articles, journal issues, books, reports or conferences, and dissertations. Because most of her users are in Europe, the article concentrates primarily on German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Spanish suppliers on the Web.

Berring, Robert C. "Legal Information and the Search for Cognitive Authority." California Law Review 88:1673-1708 (December 2000)

Prof. Berring examines the careful control of print legal information in the past and the absence of systems of control in the new electronic environment, and points out the resulting challenges facing today's legal researchers. He concludes with predictions and hopes for the future.

Bertot, John Carlo and Moen, William E. "FirstGov.gov/org/net/com: Issues and Considerations." Journal of Academic Librarianship 26:422-426 (November 2000)

FirstGov was announced by President Clinton as "a single, customer-focused Website where they [citizens] can find every online resource offered by the federal government." This article reviews the technical and design aspects of FirstGov and critically examines issues relating to FirstGov management and ownership, relationship to GILS and GPO Access, privacy considerations, and archiving.

Biehl, Kathy. "Slip Opinions Listservers - Updated." LLRX (December 18, 2000)

This list of Web sources for U.S. federal and state slip opinions includes both free and fee-based services. Links are provided when available. LEXIS-NEXIS and Loislaw.com slip opinion alert services are also mentioned.

Botluk, Diane. "Mining Deeper into the Invisible Web." LLRX (November 16, 2000)

A great deal of Web information is located in databases that search engines can't reach. When searching for information on the Web, researchers sometimes must go beyond search engines to find what they need. Often the first step is locating a database in which relevant information is stored. This article explores strategies for accessing information in the "deep Web."

Gensler, Howard. "Law and Economics: A Topical Bibliography." International Journal of Legal Information 26:184-263 (1998)

According to its compiler, this bibliography includes the major and representative works in the area of law and economics, plus a sample of current research. Citations to both monographs and journal articles are included, and are arranged under sixteen major topics.

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Gerson, Kevin. "Evaluating Legal Information Retrieval Systems: How Do the Ranked-Retrieval Methods of WESTLAW and LEXIS Measure Up?" Legal Reference Services Quarterly 17:53-67 (1999)

This article begins by discussing the special nature of legal research, and the history of evaluations of computer-assisted legal research systems. It goes on to evaluate the effectiveness of natural language searching using both WESTLAW and LEXIS.

Halvorson, T.R. "EastLaw: A View through the Southern California Online Users Group Rating Scale Lenses." LLRX (January 2, 2001)

Mr. Halvorson, who has already reviewed LOIS, VersusLaw, Jurisline, National Law Library, and Quicklaw America, now turns his attention to EastLaw, the product of a strategic alliance between VersusLaw and RegScan, a provider of current federal regulations. He finds that EastLaw's coverage, scope, accuracy/error rate, and timeliness replicate VersusLaw's. However, searching replicates RegScan, which makes it more difficult for the average user, although extremely handy for the RegScan users for whom it is intended.

Halvorson, T.R. "The Jurisline Litigation: Implications for Alternative Online Sources of Primary Legal Authority." LLRX (February 1, 2001)

Jurisline provided free access to federal and state case law and federal statutes with its own search engine and online display until it agreed to shut down in June 2000. The author reviews what Jurisline was trying to do, how they obtained their data, and who was sued and when and why. He explains the legal doctrines behind the decisions and speculates on the implications for the future for companies trying to create alternatives to Lexis and Westlaw.

Heller, James S. "Coming Soon to Your State (But Not Ready for Prime Time): UCITA." LLRX (December 1, 2000)

The author, Law Library Director at the College of William and Mary, explains his concerns with the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act, already passed by Virginia and Maryland, and how it may damage libraries.

Henckaerts, Jean-Marie. "Self-Executing Treaties and the Impact of International Law on National Legal Systems: A Research Guide." International Journal of Legal Information 26:56-159 (1998)

This bibliography includes materials on issues relating to self-executing treaties. The materials collected are in several languages. They have been listed in chronological order per language and under five main headings: General materials, Country-specific materials, International human rights law in the domestic legal order, European Union law in the domestic legal order, and Free trade agreements in the domestic legal order.

Henry, Nancy. "Federal Dockets on the Net." Law Practice Management 27:24-25 (January/February 2001)

This article reviews various ways to obtain court docket information over the Internet. It discusses PACER, CourtEXPRESS.com, CaseStream, Washington Document Service, Juristas.com, and obtaining dockets directly from the courts.

Ibusuki, Makoto. "Japanese Law via the Internet." LLRX (December 18, 2000)

Dr. Ibusuki summarizes the basic structure of the Japanese legal system, then discusses using the Internet to find Japanese legislation, case law, government documents, law-related articles, legal publishers, and legal research guides. He cautions that Web resources relating to Japanese law are still very limited, and

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few are in English.

Jansen, Oswald and Middeldorp, George. "Researching Dutch Law." LLRX (January 2, 2001)

The compilers of this research guide begin with an overview of the Dutch legal system which includes numerous links to government sites. They provide references to both print and electronic sources of legislation and case law, including English translations. They also supply links to Dutch bar associations, law faculties, and law libraries. Textbooks (by topic), legal dictionaries, an email discussion list, and links to miscellaneous legal sites are also included.

Jimenez, Michael. "Westlaw.com and Lexis.com: Meet the New Generation." Legal Information Alert 19:1-3, 16-17 (October 2000)

The author discusses the development of Web interfaces by LEXIS and Westlaw and how their "third generation" interfaces compare to earlier versions, and to their legacy software.

Kelley, Sally J. "Agricultural Law: A Selected Bibliography, 1996-1999." Arkansas Law Review 53:495-660 (2000)

This bibliography covers 27 subjects related to agricultural law in the U.S. Under each subject are citations to articles and books. The articles are from law reviews and other legal or scholarly periodicals. Books and monographs include treatises, handbooks, loose-leaves, theses, state (not federal) government documents, scholarly works, and popular materials.

Kelley, Sally J. "Legal Research on the Internet: A Primer and an Update to *The United States Code on the Web*." Arkansas Law Notes 127-140 (1999)

This article is in two parts. In the first part, basic information and gateways for those getting started on legal research on the Web are presented. In the second part, for more advanced researchers, the author explains how to update a *United States Code* section on the Web.

Kennedy, Dennis. "An Internet Took Kit for E-Commerce Law." LLRX (January 15, 2001)

After explaining the problems with finding e-commerce law using search engines, Mr. Kennedy offers tips for searching specialty law search engines and directories. He then discusses and links to Web sites devoted to e-commerce law or aspects thereof, e-mail newsletters, and discussion lists and newsgroups. He concludes with his list of "the top five tools" for researching e-commerce law on the Web.

Kilpatrick, Mary. "A Pathfinder to Information on the Endangered Species Act of 1973." LLRX (February 1, 2001)

The compiler of this pathfinder has selected and annotated resources to provide an overview of the range of legal materials available related to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. A summary of the major provisions of the act itself and its amendments is followed by links to texts, legislative history information, and citations to print guides, reference sources, treatises, articles, and court opinions. The pathfinder also includes some information specific to Maryland. It concludes with a section on related Web sites.

Levush, Ruth. "A Guide to the Israeli Legal System." LLRX (January 15, 2001)

Ms. Levush begins with an introduction to the Israeli legal system, then lists sources in Hebrew and English for both primary and secondary legal materials. She concludes with a section on legal databases and useful Internet sites.

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Luczycki, Rebecca. "How Good Is Your Library?" National Jurist 10:18-25 (November/December 2000)

This comparison of 178 U.S. law libraries used data obtained from the American Bar Association to assign percentile scores to the number of volumes, titles and serial subscriptions in each library. It also measured the square feet of space and the number of computer workstations available per student, the number of study seats as a percentage of enrollment, and the hours per week that professional staff were on duty. Harvard Law Library came out on top.

Malliet, Christoph. "Research Guide to Belgian Law." LLRX (December 1, 2000)

This extensive research guide begins with an introduction to the Belgian legal system "in a nutshell," then discusses developments in Belgian legal documentation and sources of legislation, law reports, and journal articles, with links when appropriate. The guide continues with a listing of print legal reference works and treatises arranged by topic. It concludes with a section on the Belgian legal profession, legal publishers, and legal education. An appendix lists citations to printed research guides to Belgian law, in French or Dutch.

Merritt, Deborah Jones and Brudney, James J. "Stalking Secret Law: What Predicts Publication in the United States Courts of Appeals." Vanderbilt Law Review 54:71-109 (January 2001)

The authors describe the evolution of limited publication plans in the U.S. Courts of Appeals. They then describe a database they constructed in order to discover variables that determine whether or not an opinion is reported. They discuss their findings and the implications for legal professionals, social scientists, and policymakers.

Miccioli, Gloria. "Web-Based Government Contracts Research." LLRX (November 15, 2000)

Ms. Miccioli's introduction to electronic resources for government contracts research begins with a discussion of the complexity of government contracts law, then goes on to provide annotated citations and links to relevant research guides, metasites, courts, and both governmental and private Web sites.

Mirsky, Steve. "Parental Kidnapping: A Guide to Resources." Legal Reference Services Quarterly 17:93-104 (1999)

This pathfinder on parental kidnapping includes sections on international child abduction, U.S. federal law, parental kidnapping between states of the U.S., Connecticut law, and the law in Indian jurisdictions.

Murgatroyd, Peter. "Access to Pacific Legal Materials." Australian Law Librarian 8:214-222 (2000)

This article focuses on the islands and people of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia. The author provides a little geographical and political background, then moves on to a discussion of sources of law and access to legal materials, primarily through the Internet.

Noah, Lars. "One Decade of Food and Drug Law Scholarship: A Selected Bibliography." Food and Drug Law Journal 55:641-658 (2000)

This bibliography attempts to pull together references to most of the significant food and drug law articles that have appeared in other law journals over the last decade. Entries are listed by topic: Labeling and advertising, Food safety, Medical products, Nutritional supplements, Tobacco products, Medical and pharmacy practice, Products liability, FDA practice and procedure, and International trade and regulation. Topics are further broken down into subtopics.

Okediji, Ruth. "Givers, Takers, and Other Kinds of Users: A Fair Use Doctrine for Cyberspace." Florida Law Review 53:107-182 (January 2001)

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In this article, the author argues that the fair use doctrine is an effective means of determining the rights of content providers and users in cyberspace.

O'Leary, Mick. "FirstGov Arrives on Fast Track." Information Today 18:17-19 (January 2001)

The author reviews FirstGov (<http://www.firstgov.gov>), the new portal to federal government information. Aimed at average citizens and small businessmen, this site focuses on a wide range of consumer needs. Mr. O'Leary describes FirstGov's browsing and searching capabilities as well as its drawbacks, which he attributes to its hasty development. He concludes with a wish list of improvements.

Polenberg, Richard. "On Doing Legal Research at 'America' s Library'." Green Bag 2d ser. 4:95-100 (Autumn 2000)

The author discusses legal materials that are part of the manuscript collections of the Library of Congress. He relates several interesting anecdotes regarding the collection and his experiences using it.

Rich, Charles. "Web Sites Focusing on Business Ethics." Corporate Counsel's Quarterly 16:170-179 (October 2000)

This is an annotated list of Web sites chosen, according to the compiler, in the belief that they will be helpful for companies and their counsel in developing ethics programs and corporate compliance programs. Entries are arranged under four categories: Publishers and ethics consulting firms, Academic based or sponsored Web sites, Business ethics organizations, and Ethics links and lists.

Skalbeck, Roger V. "The New Legal Browser That Could ... TheLaw.net Examined and Explained." LLRX (January 15, 2001)

TheLaw.net has produced a stand-alone Internet browser program incorporating an extensive collection of Internet links along with access to VersusLaw's primary law databases. Mr. Skalbeck reviews this product, offers insights into its genesis and intent, and suggests that it might be particularly useful for practicing lawyers.

Skalbeck, Roger V. "October 2000 Supreme Court Term: What's New on the Internet." LLRX (November 15, 2000)

Links to sources for U.S. Supreme Court calendars, order lists, briefs, oral arguments, and commentary are provided. An appendix lists and links to sixteen Web sites mentioned in the article.

Stein, Joshua. "How to Manage the E-Mail Deluge: Controlling the Chaos." Law Practice Management 26:35-41 (November/December 2000)

Mr. Stein offers numerous tips on preventing problems and getting a grip on voluminous e-mail. He offers suggestions for handling attachments, reducing the amount of incoming mail, making messages easy to understand, delegating printing and organizing to support staff, and avoiding embarrassment. Sidebars consider multiple addresses, safety measures, attachments, filtering, and flagging.

Thomas, William L. "Select Bibliography of Articles and Books in International Environmental Law (1977-Present)." Georgetown International Environmental Law Review 13:47-268 (fall 2000)

Citations are arranged under topical headings: Air and atmosphere, Fresh water, Oceans, Energy, International hazard management, International commons, Natural resource management and conservation, International economy and environment, and Security. Country / regional materials are arranged by ju-

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isdiction following the topics.

Wallace, Marie. "Objectives: What to Tell and How to Tell It." LLRX (December 1, 2000)

In this installment of her guide series for speakers, Ms. Wallace emphasizes the importance of setting objectives for a presentation and offers tips on how to go about it.

Wallace, Marie. "Speaking is from Venus, Writing is from Mars." LLRX
(January 2, 2001)

The author emphasizes the differences between speaking and writing and suggests how to design a speech rather than write one.

Walther, Fridolin T.R. "Introduction to the Swiss Legal System: A Guide for Foreign Researchers." LLRX
(November 16, 2000)

This guide to Swiss law begins with a short overview of Swiss history and of Switzerland's federal system of government. It goes on to describe sources of primary and secondary legal materials, as well as information on the legal profession, law societies, libraries, and legal publishers and book stores. A separate section describes electronic legal resources, and English language sources are emphasized. The guide concludes with a short topical bibliography of standard Swiss legal texts.

Wilson, Craig. "Stacks of Reasons to be Thankful for Librarians." USA Today (January 17, 2001)

This is a heartening popular-press article about the continuing value of librarians.

* Photocopies of articles from periodicals cited herein may be obtained through the regular photocopy services of the UW Law Library (Outlaw: 608-262-3394) or the Wisconsin State Law Library (608-266-1600).

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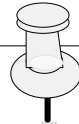
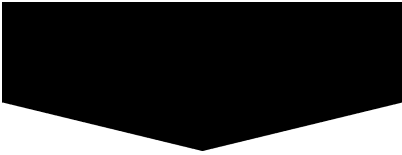
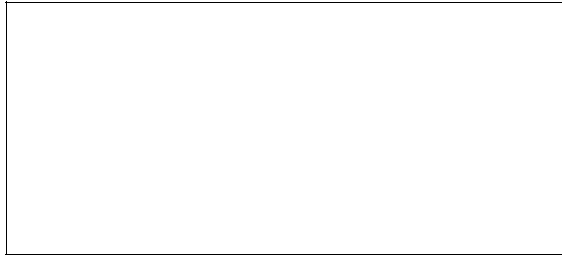
Other Membership News

Carol Bannen and Kellee Selden-Huston, along with Mike Hunsicker (Webmaster at Reinhart, Boerner) and Mike Patton (IP attorney from Nilles & Nilles) are teaching "Internet Research for Wisconsin" for the Lorman Education Services in Milwaukee on May 20th. In conjunction with the class Carol and co-authored a manual titled Strategic Use of Internet Search Engines in Wisconsin.

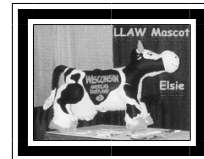


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