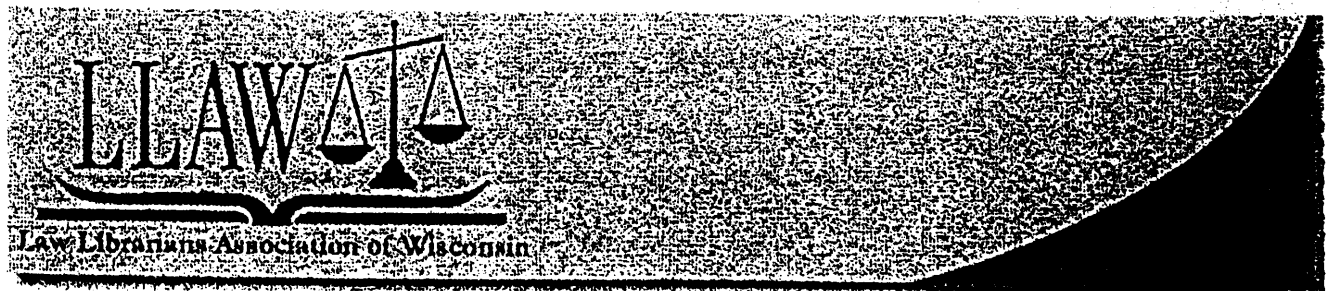


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Celebrating  
Twenty Years of  
Law  
Librarianship



Twenty years! On this milestone anniversary of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, let's take a look at the many achievements and accomplishments in the chapter's first two decades.

Since its founding in June 1982, LLAW has grown from 59 members to over 100. We've published nearly 80 issues of the LLAW Newsletter. We've planned and held at least that many chapter meetings, most of which have included substantive programs on topics relevant to our work. We've helped organize regional law library conferences and have participated in national ones. We've provided grants for members to attend those conferences and other continuing education opportunities.

We've added to the body of law library literature by writing or compiling articles, bibliographies, indexes, union lists and research handbooks. We've promoted LLAW and law librarianship by teaching award-winning courses at the State Bar, presenting programs at Wisconsin Library Association conferences, and staffing technology centers at State Bar conventions and legal technology shows. We've recruited people to the profession through our liaison programs with the library schools at UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee. And most recently, we've produced a first rate web site, and improved chapter-wide communications through our electronic discussion lists. (Some of us have played some pretty darn good ping pong lately, too!)

But perhaps most importantly, by being involved in LLAW we have provided each other opportunities to get to know one another, share information and ideas, teach and learn, seek and offer advice, develop leadership skills, and even commiserate when necessary!, all of which help us become better law librarians.

These achievements and accomplishments have happened because of the commitment and contributions of all LLAW members. Thank you to those who served on the 1982 organizing committee and to our charter members, for your vision and your dedication to getting LLAW started. And thank you to those who have served as officers, chaired committees, served on committees, contributed to, proofread, and edited newsletter issues, written or compiled articles or books, organized or presented programs, taught classes, managed discussion lists or the web site, coordinated tech center volunteers, served as library school liaisons, played ping pong!, and participated in chapter activities (each of us has done one or more of these things), for your contributions of time and expertise which have kept LLAW going and growing.

Here's to a great twenty years, with hopes for many more great years to come!

Connie Von Der Heide  
President, 2002-2003

In 1982:

- John Hinckley is found not guilty by reason of insanity in the shooting of President Ronald Reagan.
- A first class postage stamp costs 20 cents.
- The Milwaukee Brewers are in the World Series (but lose 4-3 to the St. Louis Cardinals).
- *Chariots of Fire* wins the Oscar for best picture.
- Lee Sherman Dreyfus is Governor of Wisconsin.
- Bruce F. Beilfuss is Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.
- Westlaw, introduced in 1975, adds the CFR to its list of databases.
- Neither MS-DOS nor the computer mouse had yet been developed.

This booklet started out as a "where are they now quest" I thought it might be interesting to see the paths our founding "fathers" have taken since 1981 when LLAW started the process of becoming a chapter of AALL.

Looking though the archives for a list of the members of the organizing committee I came across a few documents that I thought the current membership might find interesting.

This is not an attempt to chronicle the past 20 years. Just a glimpse of how LLAW got its start.

In this booklet you will find:

Petition for Chapter Status

Minutes of the first meeting of the Steering Committee

Roster of Organizing Committee (including a where are they now chart)

First Membership List (including a where are they now chart)

Articles of Incorporation

Includes Initial Board of Director

(including a where are they now chart)

First Meeting Notice

First Ballot for Officers

Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin Annual Report 1983.

First Newsletter

List of LLAW Presidents.

Pat Ellingson

LAW LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN  
ANNUAL REPORT - 1983

The Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin (LLAW) is a relatively new chapter approved by AALL in June 1982. It operates on a calendar year. We had sixty-one active members and two associates in 1983, mostly from the Madison and Milwaukee areas. Officers during our first full year of operation were Christine Peterson, President; William Ebbott, Vice-President/President-Elect; Susan O'Toole, Secretary; Sara Paul, Treasurer; and Eileen Cohen, Past President.

LLAW has quarterly business meetings each featuring a speaker selected by our Program Committee. Tapes of speakers' presentations are available to members unable to attend. Pete Cannon of the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau spoke at our February meeting about LRB resources and using documents in determining legislative intent; Edward Dudek, President of the State Bar, was featured at our May meeting and his topic was the State Bar's computer-assisted legal research project; Judge Gartzke of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals showed slides of courtrooms and law offices from the past and pleaded for the preservation of iconographic records at our August meeting; and Professor J. Willard Hurst spoke on reality and fiction in the uses of legislative history at our November meeting.

The LLAW Newsletter is published quarterly and features articles, book reviews, recommended readings, reports from conferences, and exchange offers in addition to association news. Subscriptions are available to non-members.

The Public Access to Legal Information Committee was formed primarily to educate non-law librarians in Wisconsin about legal resources. It has made a survey to determine currently available resources and the need to develop educational materials. A directory of legal information for non-law librarians is in progress.

Other LLAW committees included Membership, Nominating, Placement, and Program Dissemination. A Public Relations Committee will be added in 1984.

Respectfully submitted,

*William J. Ebbott*

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May 25, 1984



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LLAW's first year as a chapter of AALL has gotten off to an energetic start. It promises to be a vital, professional organization for Wisconsin Law Librarians.

So far we've had three very informative programs. Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court spoke at our first meeting in September in Madison. Her topic was the Interrelationship Between Justice and Access to Legal Information. At the November meeting in Milwaukee, Michael Bemis introduced the LLAW officers for 1983. Anita Morse, UW Law Library's new Director, spoke about her experiences with Pro Bono, or Outreach, Law Librarianship, and suggested directions we could take as Wisconsin Law Librarians. Pete Cannon of the Legislative Reference Bureau spoke at our February 21st meeting in Madison on the Law Librarian and the LRB. He outlined the ways in which the LRB can help librarians and attorneys in determining the legislative intent of Wisconsin laws, and the steps we should take before we call the LRB.

LLAW's officers met December 13 to prepare a slate of committee chairs for 1983, and the Executive Board met on January 12 to develop goals for our committees. The committees are listed in this issue of the Newsletter. You will also find a list of LLAW's membership.

Your contributions to the newsletter are encouraged, especially book reviews and questions on legal research. Please send them to Nancy Paul, Newsletter Committee Chair.

I look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

Christine Engelbert Peterson  
President

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LLAW Officers and Committees 1983

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Minutes of  
February Quarterly Meeting  
Monday, February 21, 1983  
Quality Inn - Madison

President Chris Peterson called the business portion of the meeting to order shortly after 8:00 P.M. and read brief minutes of the previous meetings. She introduced the new committee chairpersons: Cheryl Adamski, Placement Committee; Dennis Austin, Membership Committee; Heidi Endres, Archivist; Jane Marshall, Program Committee; Anita Morse, Pro Bono Committee\*; Nancy Paul, Newsletter Committee. Chairmanship of the Nominating Committee is open. Chris made the following announcements:

1. The position of Head Librarian is open at Michael, Best & Friedrich, a Milwaukee law firm with 75 attorneys. The qualifications for the job are MLS from an ALA accredited school and prior relevant law library experience in administration, reference and research. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience; the position is available immediately, and the contact person is Attorney Jerome H. Kringel.
2. A two-day seminar and workshop, "Selected Issues in International Law as Applied to International Trade: Substance, Sources, Access, Retrieval," sponsored by the American Society of International Law in conjunction with New York University School of Law and the Oceana Group, will be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13, 1983.
3. Judge Dorothy Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will speak in Milwaukee on March 24 at 7:30 P.M. at the Marquette University Law School, Room 200. Judge Nelson will examine the growing trend toward mediation and settlement of disputes by groups outside of the judicial system. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Chris introduced Pete Cannon of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Mr. Cannon described the LRB as an agency established in 1901 to professionalize the legislative process. The Bureau has thirteen staff attorneys for bill drafting as well as personnel for reference and research services. Along with the State Historical Society, it is supposed to have a copy of all reports issued by State agencies in Wisconsin. A valuable resource at the LRB is a topically-organized newspaper-clipping collection to which 20,000 clippings are added per year. Unlike research on the federal level where committee hearings and reports, as well as floor debate, are well documented, it is difficult to determine legislative intent in Wisconsin, and the newspapers can be a good source. The clippings collection is not available on microfilm and cannot be sent out like other historical documents at the LRB; however, the staff will look at the collection on a specific issue, time permitting. Other services of the LRB include publication of a list of new legislators with profiles every two years and distribution of free issue-oriented publications-- a list is available from the LRB.

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\* The Pro Bono Committee wishes to be called the Public Access to Legal Information Committee.