



FALL LLNE 2004  
at Old Sturbridge Village  
Biographies of Speakers

JEFF DOWD

Jeff Dowd has been a law librarian for the Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries since 1996. Besides working in a one-person library, Jeff is responsible for coordinating the interlibrary loans for the system's 15 branches. For the past four years, he has been the chairperson of the law libraries' web page committee. He is part of NELLCO's virtual reference task force and serves on the collaborative web site subcommittee – Organization & Structure. His current AALL assignment is serving on the program selection committee for 2005. Before joining the Judicial Branch library staff Jeff worked for 6 years as an attorney for Legal Assistance to Prisoners, representing inmates in a wide variety of civil matters.

MARTHA ELKINS

Martha Elkins has wanted to be a law librarian since she was in the 3rd grade. A graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, Martha was head of the Regional Documents Depository at the Library of Michigan in the 1970's. She has worked as a business librarian for the Michigan Department of Commerce and as a trainer with the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Martha has been living her dream on Cape Cod since 1982 as the Head Law Librarian at the Barnstable Law Library.

JUDGE MEL GREENBERG

Hon. Mel L. Greenberg is an associate justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Prior to his appointment in 1990, he served in the Appellate Division of the District Court, the Massachusetts Superior Court and the Gardner Division of the District Court. He earned his B.A. from Clark University in 1958 and his J.D. from Boston University Law School in 1961. He served in the Judge Advocate General's Corp. of the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1967 and has previously been employed as general counsel at the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and as a partner at the firm of Teshoian, Greenberg & Drapos.

He has been a Visiting Lecturer at Boston University School of Law, an adjunct professor at Clark University and a Visiting Instructor at the National Judicial College. In

addition, Judge Greenberg taught at MCLE's "Trial Advocacy Workshops" from 1980 to 1990. Currently he serves as chairperson of the Appellate Court education committee and recently edited a bench book for the appellate justices of the Appeals Court.

He has published many works including "Double Jeopardy and Trial de Novo," Mass. Bar review (1987); "Sanctions: A Dilemma for the Trial Court," Mass. Bar Review (1990) "Atlas Shrugged: How Much Weight Can the System Bear?" Boston Bar Journal (1992); "Beyond Confrontation, A Holistic Approach to the Practice of Law," New England Law Review (1996); and "Just Deserts in an Unjust Society: Limitations on Law as a Method of Social Control."

In his spare time, Judge Greenberg promotes and attends jazz concerts, swims and tools around in his antique 1966 Morgan Plus 4.

### **GINNY LEMMERMAN**

Ginny Lemmerman is back walking the streets as a new account executive for BNA. Prior to moving to BNA, Ginny spent nine years as sales rep for Matthew Bender and two years with West Group. More recently, Ginny worked as a regional sales manager with West.

### **DEBORAH NAVAS**

Deborah Navas is a professional writer, editor, and independent scholar who obtained her A.B. at Brown University in 1971, and an M.A. in writing from the University of New Hampshire in 1987. Two of her short stories won PEN Syndicated fiction awards in 1988 and 1990, and were recorded for National Public Radio's "The Sound of Writing." Publications include a short story collection, *Things We Lost, Gave Away, Bought High, and Sold Low* (SMU Press), and *Murdered by His Wife*, (U. Mass. Press), an historical account of the Joshua Spooner murder case, and trial and execution of his wife, Bathsheba.

Deborah has published over 200 business/technical, and general interest articles in U.S. and international magazines, as well as a scholarly article entitled "New Light on the Bathsheba Spooner Execution," Massachusetts Historical Society *Proceedings*, number 108. She was a MacDowell Colony fellow in 2002, 1992, 1983, and 1982.

### **PAT NEWCOMBE**

Pat Newcombe has worked at Western New England School of Law Library since 1995 as the Collection Services Librarian, Reference Librarian and Head of Research Services. This year, Pat was promoted to Associate Director. Prior to 1995, Pat was Assistant Director at Bay Path College and spent many years working in the law firm setting.

Pat earned her law degree from Western New England School of Law, where she was a member of the school's law review. She also holds degrees from Pratt Institute, George Washington University and the University of Massachusetts.

Pat has published more than a dozen articles for both library and government publications. In her spare time, she is an adjunct faculty member at Bay Path College teaching Legal Research and Writing as well as Computer-Assisted Legal Research.

### **CAROLYN NOAH**

Carolyn Noah, M.L.S., is the Administrator of the Central Massachusetts Regional Library System in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. CMRLS serves 255+ academic, public, school and special libraries, and its vision is to create synergy among libraries to improve the quality of life in central Massachusetts.

One of the most exciting recent developments in CMRLS was the formation of the Academic and Research Collaborative, composed primarily of libraries previously working together in the Worcester Area Cooperating Libraries (WACL).

Carolyn has written extensively on distance learning and the Internet. She is passionate about libraries and people's right to information. She's the co-author of "Capacity Building for Libraries" published in the winter issue of Public Libraries. She's been involved in the American Library Association in many capacities, currently serves on the Board of the Central and Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing System (C/W MARS), and is President of the Massachusetts Library Association.

### **MARK SCHWARTZ**

Mark Schwartz serves as a West key customer contact for law librarians. He plays an important role in connecting librarians in the Northeast to Librarian Relations' programs and as a consultant who assists librarians in getting the most out of their relationship with West. He also represents West in library schools and as a liaison with professional librarian associations.

Mark has more than seven years experience directing reference library activities and managing technology issues at such organizations as White & Case LLP; Allied Signal Corp.; Saiber, Schlesinger, Satz & Goldstein, LLC; and Pro Libra Associates. Mark earned his law degree from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York in 1981 and received his M.L.S from Rutgers University in 1997.

### **LEIGH SEMPELES**

Leigh A. Sempeles is the Vice President of Market Programs for National and Large Law firm markets and is based at the LexisNexis headquarters in Dayton, Ohio.

Ms. Sempeles in her 20+ years at LexisNexis has served in organizational positions within product development, marketing and strategy. She has been a major contributor in developing our strong case law collection and editorial processes, new citation offerings, analytical content additions and key technology/knowledge management initiatives. As a Publisher, she created and led the company's online content strategies and has played a critical role in licensing and company joint ventures/acquisitions

targeted at legal practice areas such as litigation, tax, corporate/securities, M&A, bankruptcy, environment, labor/employment, intellectual property, insurance, health, trade, international, energy, telecommunications and other legal disciplines.

Ms. Sempeles holds a Juris Doctorate, a Masters of Arts in Management and an undergraduate degree in history. She is licensed to practice law in the state of Ohio and is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, American Bar Association and the Information Industry Association. Prior to joining LexisNexis, she was a staff attorney serving the needs of general practice clients.

### **KENDALL SVENGALIS**

Ken Svengalis is the former Rhode Island State Law Librarian and currently President of Rhode Island LawPress, the company he created in 1996 to publish his Legal Information Buyer's Guide & Reference Manual. Now in its 8th edition, the Legal Information Buyer's Guide has won several national awards including AALL's Joseph Andrews Bibliographical Award and the Connie Bolden Significant Publications Award from the State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS. Ken is a past president of LLNE, NELLCO, and, for six years, was editor of The CRIV Sheet. He has taught Law Librarianship at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate Library School since 1986. He has also served on numerous committees related to legal information pricing, including the organizational committee to establish a new AALL Price Index.

### **TRACY THOMPSON**

Tracy L. Thompson is the executive director of the New England Law Library Consortium (NELLCO). She is a graduate of Yale Law School and the University of South Florida, and currently does more with less in Keene, New Hampshire.