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## Chapter History

The development of local chapters within the American Association of Law Libraries traces its origin to a group of ten law librarians from Duke University, Wake Forest College, the North Carolina Supreme Court Library, and the University of North Carolina. In October 1937 this group met in Chapel Hill to organize a group to meet several times per year in the "interest of fellowship, common exchange of ideas, and cooperative projects."<sup>1</sup> The group adopted the name North Carolina Law Librarians. They established the positions of President and Secretary-Treasurer. With a desire to maintain informality, no fees nor standing committees were established. The organization's formal projects were of particular interest to North Carolinians including a list of bibliographies and checklists for locating North Carolina publications.<sup>2</sup>

One of the major interests of this fledgling organization was the expansion of membership. Initially, this interest was directed at bar librarians throughout North Carolina. These attempts, however, were not particularly successful. In October 1938, the law librarian of the University of South Carolina was invited to join the group. The addition of Ophelia Strickland required renaming the organization the Carolinas Law Librarians.<sup>3</sup> In October 1939, the Carolinas Law Librarians decided to apply to the American Association of Law Librarians for status as a chapter. The organization's request was accepted on the condition that a constitution be submitted to the national Association and that the name of the local chapter be altered to reflect its relationship to the national Association. The constitution was drafted by William R. Roalfe and the name was changed to the Carolinas Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. The funding of the chapter was based upon a receipt of a certain percentage of dues paid by members who belonged to both the chapter and the national organization.<sup>4</sup>

A major effort by the organization in February 1940 was the inclusion in the North Carolina Law Review of a three-part list showing the contents of a model library of North Carolina legal materials. The chapter also offered assistance to local bar librarians in methods of establishing and maintaining these libraries. The Chapter was instrumental in encouraging both state bar associations to establish a committee on law libraries.

By spring 1943, the continuation of World War II caused the Carolinas Chapter to agree to discontinue meetings for the remainder of the war. In fall 1948, the group was reactivated. Post-war activities included revitalization of law schools throughout the region as veterans returned to enroll in law schools. Primary among these activities was the completion of a number of new law school buildings.

On September 9 through 11, 1953, a Chapter meeting was held in Durham and Chapel Hill with the Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers. Seventeen librarians from seven states came to this conference and agreed to organize and request chapter status as a larger regional group. The decision was also made to retain a loose affiliation with the Law Teachers.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Leverette & Elliott, *History of the Carolina-South Eastern Chapter, 1937-1955*, 49 Law. Libr. J. 180, 181 (1956).

<sup>2</sup>*Id.*

<sup>3</sup>*Id.* at 182.

<sup>4</sup>*Id.*

<sup>5</sup>*Id.* at 184.

At the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Miami, Florida, in 1954, the establishment of Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries was approved. The new organization drafted and adopted a constitution and bylaws and launched a newssheet. At the business meeting in which this new organization was formed, Mary Oliver was elected president and Sarah Leverette was elected Secretary/Treasurer. The group also agreed to hold meetings at the Annual Meetings of the American Association of Law Libraries and that future meetings would take place in conjunction with the meetings of the Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers.<sup>6</sup>

In October 1964, the Chapter created a scholarship honoring Lucille Elliott for her many contributions to the Chapter, the American Association of Law Libraries, and law librarianship. The purpose of the scholarship was to advance the professional knowledge and the careers of law librarians in the southeastern region. Lucille Elliott was president of the American Association of Law Librarians in 1953 and a founding member of the North Carolina Law Librarians.<sup>7</sup> The first recipient of this scholarship was Kathleen Langan.<sup>8</sup>

A major effort of the Chapter in the late 1960's and early 1970's was to check holdings of member libraries against the Association of American Law Schools List of Books Recommended for Libraries. A committee was formed to encourage cooperative use of resources and to establish areas of expertise in collection development.<sup>9</sup> This cooperative attempt, however, was never successfully completed.

In spring 1975, the Southeastern Law Librarian was initiated. During its formative years it was edited by Gene Teitelbaum. The quarterly publication highlighted a state legislative information series and a list of key court personnel.

After the 1981 summer meeting in Williamsburg, the organization agreed to spring meetings and the relationship with the Southeastern Conference of Law Teachers was severed. In 1982, the organization held their spring conference in Atlanta.

In recent years the members of the Chapter have helped create new chapters in Atlanta, South Florida, New Orleans, and Virginia.

In April 1989 under the direction of President Mary Smith Forman, the Chapter was incorporated in Florida. Shortly thereafter the Chapter held its first meeting outside of the continental United States during a cruise from Miami to Nassau.

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<sup>6</sup>*Id.* at 185. *See also, Current Comments*, 47 *Law Libr. J.* 37 (1954).

<sup>7</sup>*Current Comments*, 58 *Law Libr. J.* 170-71 (1965).

<sup>8</sup>*Annual Reports*, 59 *Law Libr. J.* 256 (1966).

<sup>9</sup>*AALL Reports*, 65 *Law Libr. J.* 306 (1972).

### Meetings/Conventions Location

Year	Event	Location	Date
1937	Meeting		October 16
1938	Meeting	Durham, NC	February 4
	Meeting	Wake Forest, NC	June
	Meeting	Chapel Hill, NC	October
1939	Meeting	Durham	April 7
	Meeting	Raleigh, NC	October 27
1940	Meeting	Chapel Hill, NC	May
	Meeting	Durham, NC	October 18
1941	Meeting	Wake Forest, NC	Spring
	Meeting	Raleigh, NC	October
1942	Meeting	Durham, NC	April 8
	Meeting	Raleigh, NC	October 23
1943	Meeting	Chapel Hill, NC	May
1944- 1947		No Meetings Due to World War II	
1948	Meeting	Greensboro, NC	May or Fall
1949	Meeting		October
1950	Meeting		March
	Meeting	South Carolina	
	Meeting	Chapel Hill/Durham, NC	October 20
1951	Meeting	Durham, NC	Fall
1953	Meeting	Chapel Hill/Durham, NC	September 9-11
1954	Meeting	Columbia, SC	August 26-28
1955	Meeting	Chapel Hill/Durham, NC	April 28-30
1956	Meeting	Lexington, KY	August 23-25
1957	Meeting	Atlanta, GA	August 22-24

<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
1959	Meeting	Chapel Hill, NC	November 12-13
1960	Meeting	Nashville, TN	November
1961	Meeting	Williamsburg, VA	October 26-27
1962	Meeting	Gainesville, FL	canceled due to fire
1964	Meeting	Chapel Hill/Durham, NC	August 29-31
1965	Meeting		
1966	Meeting	Lexington, Ky	August 25-26
1967	Meeting	Charleston, SC	August 23-25
1968	Meeting	Oxford, MS	August 20
1969	Meeting	New Orleans, LA	August 26
1970	Meeting	Nashville, TN	August
1971	Meeting	Charlottesville, VA	August 22-24
1972	Meeting	St. Simon's Island, GA	August 22
1973	Institute -- <i>Law Cataloging Classification for Library Administrators / Users of Library of Congress Class K</i>	Atlanta, GA	April 5-7
	Meeting	Marco Island, FL	August 18-20
1974	Institute: <i>Law Library Administration</i>	Atlanta, GA	April 5-6
	Meeting	Hilton Head Island, SC	August 19-21
	Joint Program with ASIS	Atlanta, GA	October 17-19
1975	Institute: <i>Microforms Mini-Institute / Private Law Librarians</i>	Atlanta, GA	May 22-24
	Meeting	New Orleans, LA	August 24-26
1976	Private Law Libraries Workshop Joint Seminar/Meeting with SWALL	New Orleans, LA	April 14-17
	Meeting	Gulf Shores, AL	August 19-21
1977	Meeting	Asheville, NC	August 18
1978	Meeting	Lexington, KY	August 17-19
1979	Meeting	Biloxi, MS	August 12-14

<b>Year</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
1980	Meeting	Gatlinburg, TN	August 11-13
1981	Meeting	Williamsburg, VA	August 13-15
1982	Joint Meeting with Atlanta Chapter	Atlanta, GA	March 19-21
1983	Meeting	Lake Buena Vista, FL	February 10-12
1984	Meeting	Nashville, TN	April 12-14
1985	Meeting	New Orleans, LA	March 7-9
1986	Meeting	Charlottesville, VA	April 17-20
1987	Meeting	Charleston, SC	April 2-4
1988	Meeting	Lexington, KY	April 14-16
1989	Meeting	Miami, FL / Nassau, The Bahamas	April 14-17
1990	Meeting -- <i>An Anthology of Issues Facing Libraries</i>	Oxford, MS	April 5-7
	Post Conference Institute -- <i>Organizational Development: Library Power and Performance</i>	Oxford, MS	April 7-8
1991	Pre-Conference Institute -- <i>Copyright Law</i>	Tuscaloosa, AL	March 13
	Meeting -- <i>Issues in the 90's</i>	Tuscaloosa, AL	March 13-16
1992	Pre-Conference Institute -- <i>Negotiating the Management Maze</i>	Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA	April 9
	Meeting -- <i>Discovering New Worlds: The State of Law Librarianship in 1992</i>	Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA	April 9-11
1993	Pre-Conference Institute -- <i>Computer Networking in Law Libraries</i>	Charleston, WV	April 15
	Meeting -- <i>West Virginia Patchwork: Piecing it Together</i>	Charleston, WV	April 15-17
1994	Pre-Conference Institute -- <i>CD Rom Technology: The Future is Here</i>	Asheville, NC	March 24
	Meeting -- <i>North Carolina Inspirations</i>	Asheville, NC	March 24-26
1995	Pre-Conference Institute -- <i>Life in Your Organization: From Hiring to Retiring</i>	Richmond, VA	April 6





























































































