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President's Message

Janet Reinke, University of Miami Law Library

The holiday party was great, and it was wonderful to see so many people there. It was a really fun party! Thanks to Diane Altimari and Monica Wilson for planning the event.

Terry Seale and Lisa Smith-Butler are working on promoting law librarianship at local library schools. I applaud this effort to raise the visibility of our profession among library school students.

We will have a program on legislative history in April. Our annual luncheon will take place June 7 at the UM Faculty Club. I hope we'll do something to commemorate our chapter's birthday at this luncheon.

We're a relatively small chapter, and I'm impressed by the great participation of our members. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the February meeting.

Best wishes,

Janet

February Program

Roger Walker, Accurint Account Representative, will offer a presentation on Accurint's new "people finder" database.

In addition, **Kerri-Ann Philp**, Librarian/Research Analyst at Hunton & Williams will give us a peek at the firm's state-of-the-art intranet portal.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 21, 2002

Time: Noon

Location: Hunton & Williams
1111 Brickell Ave., Suite 2500
Miami, FL 33131

R.S.V.P. by Feb. 18: Monica Wilson
305-577-2958
mwilson@steelhector.com

Lunch will be provided.

See page 2 for directions to Hunton & Williams.





SFALL Calendar

Thurs., Feb. 21	SFALL general meeting, noon Presentation by Roger Walker of Accurint Hunton & Williams, Miami
Wed., March 27	Association of Legal Administrators Vendor Expo JW Marriott Hotel, Miami
April	SFALL general meeting, program on legislative history Date, time, and location to be announced
April 11-13	SEAALL annual meeting Doubletree Hotel, Fort Lauderdale
April 14-20	National Library Week
June 7	SFALL annual luncheon, noon-2:30 p.m. University of Miami Faculty Club, Coral Gables
July 20-24, 2002	AALL annual conference Orange County Convention Center, Orlando
July 12-16, 2003	AALL annual conference Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle, WA

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Directions to:

Hunton & Williams
Barclays Financial Center
1111 Brickell Ave., 25th floor
Miami, Florida

From the north:

Exit I-95 South at Biscayne Boulevard (exit on left side of I-95).

At bottom of exit is S.E. 2nd Avenue (Hyatt Regency is on the right). Turn right and cross the Brickell Avenue Bridge.

Hunton & Williams is located in Barclays Financial Center Building, which will be on your left.

From the south:

Take U.S. 1 north to Brickell Avenue.

Hunton & Williams is located in Barclays Financial Center, which will be on the right side of the street.

Parking:

Parking is available in the building parking lot, which is located on 12th Street between Brickell and Brickell Bay Avenue.

Unfortunately, the firm cannot validate parking. Cost for parking is approximately \$5.00 for 2 hours.

People Mover:

Nearest People Mover station is 10th Street on the Brickell Loop.

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2001 - February 6, 2002

Beginning balance	\$4,673.79
Expenses	
Holiday party 12/00	960.61
Spring lunch 6/01	872.99
Dept. of State filings 2/01	61.25
Transfer to scholarship acct. 4/01	1,246.00
Holiday party 12/01	2,045.01
Newsletter 2/01	<u>119.49</u>
Total expenses	\$5,305.35
Income	
Holiday party 12/00	1,325.00
Spring lunch 6/01	575.00
Amazon.com	49.50
Holiday party 12/01	1,620.00
Dues	1,805.00
Interest	<u>18.63</u>
Total income	\$5,393.13
Ending balance	\$4,761.57

World News on the Worldwide Web

By Rhonda Gold

International and United Nations Librarian
Nova Southeastern University

September 11 profoundly altered our perception of the world in which we live. Americans were confronted with the recognition that, even within the context of a renewed patriotism, we need to develop a better understanding of how different cultural, political, and economic ideologies impact on world events and domestic affairs. The instantaneous transmission of distant events has eliminated physical frontiers, but it is clear that cultural boundaries still exist. Although there exists a wide spectrum of political opinions among journalists, news analysts, and the multitude of spinmeisters on network television, most of the news that Americans rely on to form their knowledge base and to shape their opinions has been filtered through the prism of mainstream U.S. media.

As the international librarian at Nova Southeastern University Law School, I participate in orientation for students enrolled in summer abroad programs. I encourage students to prepare for their travels by reading foreign news sources and foreign popular magazines and by watching programs such as the *Prime Minister's Question Time* on C-SPAN, where Great Britain's Prime Minister appears before the House of Commons to answer questions posed by members of Parliament on government policies and plans. What a great opportunity for Cambridge-bound students to learn about issues confronting their soon-to-be host country. The objectives of this pre-trip cultural immersion are to further an understanding of the political and social climate of the country they are visiting, to encourage exposure to overseas reaction to U.S. policies, and to expand their perspective on international events.

The internet, as well as our familiar online services, Lexis and Westlaw, provides access to foreign news sources in English, and for those of us who are multilingual, other languages as well. Lexis users can access foreign news sources by selecting News; Country and Region. When using Westlaw, click on Westnews, News: U.S. and International, then newspapers World. The online news sources listed below include wire services, foreign newspapers, privately published resources, and state-run news

agencies. Some of the internet sites below may offer limited access to non-subscribers.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

<http://www.abc.gov.au/>

Website for Australia's national broadcasting network, including full text of selected news stories with audio and video clips.

Agence France-Presse

<http://www.afp.com/english/home>

AFP provides extensive reporting of world news with 110 bureaus covering 165 countries.

Athens News Agency

<http://www.ana.gr>

Athens News Agency (ANA) is the national news agency of Greece with an extensive network of correspondents reporting on world news. ANA also publishes the Electronic Daily News Bulletin containing all the Greek news.

British Broadcasting Corporation – BBC News Online

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

British and world news from a highly respected news source. The world news service is available in 43 languages and contains major stories from around the world. The site contains links to news from world regions. An audio link is available for live reports on world news.

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

<http://www.cbc.ca/>

CBC reports news from Canada and the world in English and in French. Broadcast links are available.

Dawn

<http://www.dawn.com>

Online edition of the largest circulation English-language newspaper in Pakistan.

Ha'Aretz

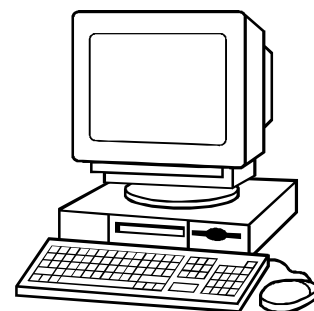
<http://www.haaretzdaily.com>

English-language edition of the Israeli daily, published jointly with the *International Herald Tribune*.

The Information Telegraph Agency of Russia

<http://www.itar-tass.com>

One of the world's largest information agencies, with a wide network of correspondents, ITAR-TASS is Russia's state central information agency.



The Japan Times Online <http://www.japantimes.co.jp>
The online version of the daily English-language newspaper provides news, analysis, and features from Japan and around the world.

KCNA-Korean Central News Agency
<http://www.kcna.co.jp/>

North Korea's state-run news agency.

Reuters <http://www.reuters.com/news.jhtml>
Reuters is one of the world's leading sources of news and financial information with a worldwide network of journalists and photographers.

Sinopolis.com <http://www.sinopolis.com>
Reports from the China press, covering business, education, the environment, and technology.

The Tico Times <http://www.ticotimes.net/>
The Tico Times is Central American's largest English-language newspaper.

The websites listed above represent a limited sample of foreign newspapers and news services online. Several search engines are also available to assist in locating foreign news sources.

Abyz News Links <http://www.abyznewslinks.com/>
Links to thousands of newspapers and other news sources from around the world.

AILEENA <http://www.aileena.ch/about1.htm>
Worldwide newspaper index with thousands of links to newspapers and radio and television stations in more than 50 countries.

Global Archive from the *Financial Times*
<http://globalarchive.ft.com/globalarchive/>
Provides access to news articles from thousands of periodicals online. Can target-search to specific regions of the world and date ranges.

NewDirectory.com <http://www.newdirectory.com/>
A guide to worldwide English-language media online.

News Link <http://newslink.org/>
Links to newspapers, magazines, radio and TV stations, and news services from around the world.

Newspaper Links
<http://www.newspaperlinks.com/home.cfm>
A comprehensive gateway to newspaper websites around the world. The site is a service of the Newspaper Association of America.

Newspapers Online <http://www.newspapers.com/>
Worldwide listings and links by media type and country.

NewsTrawler <http://totalnews.com/>
A directory of news sites plus links to newspapers worldwide.

Online Newspapers <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com>
Comprehensive listing of newspapers with links to more than 5,000 online newspapers from around the world.

Paperboy
<http://www.thepaperboy.com.au/welcome.html>
Thousands of links online.

World News Network <http://wnnetwork.com/>
Directory of links to major online news sources, mainly in English, by region, country, and topic.

Yahoo! <http://yahoo.com>
Provides world coverage of major events by region with related links, plus international news on regional version of Yahoo.

If you are doing international research, or if you are traveling abroad either for business or pleasure, look to these websites as your political and cultural *Frommer's Guides*. Just as we consume products from around the world, it is vital that we consume information from around the world. The sites listed above will provide a different slant on world news than that provided by most U.S. media sources.

CLE Tapes Available at Broward County Law Library

The Broward County Law Library has some amazing services they would like SFALL members to know about. First, the library has a collection of CLE tapes available for check out by members of the Florida Bar. Tapes may be borrowed for three days at a cost of \$15. For a list of current tapes, please call Reference Librarian Arlene Muenz at 954-831-6226.

In addition, members of the Florida Bar may use the Broward Law Library 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This 24/7 access costs \$60 per year. (The year runs from July 1 to June 30.) In addition to the library's print collection, there are computers available, offering Loislaw, Premise, Shepard's Online, and general internet access.

The Broward County Law Library is located at 201 SE 6th Street in Fort Lauderdale.

Member News

Welcome to our newest SFALL members

Scarlet Davenport, Executive Account Manager, Global Securities Information.

Sharon Manassa, Account Representative, LexisNexis.

José Manuel Sanchez, Legal Research Specialist, St. Thomas University Law Library.

Ann Nez, Head of Serials, Gallagher Law Library, University of Washington, Seattle.

Kenneth Nunamaker, Account Manager, West Group.

Kerri-Ann Philp, Librarian and Research Analyst, Hunton & Williams, Miami.

Dalia Salazar, Freedom Forum IP Library, Miami. The Freedom Forum Library is a special library geared to freedom of the press issues. The library is housed in the headquarters of the Inter American Press Association.

Craig Thompson, Citrix Applications Support, Greenberg Traurig, Miami.

Brian Williams, Faculty Services Coordinator, St. Thomas University Law Library

Susana Vazquez, Reference Librarian. John F. Kennedy Public Library, Hialeah.

Susan Yany, Acquisitions, Greenberg Traurig, Miami.

Job changes

Leanne Hillery is the new Technical Services Librarian at FIU College of Law Library. Leanne comes to FIU from the University of Miami Law Library, where she was a Serials Librarian.

Calvin Mackenzie has transferred from the Fort Lauderdale office of Akerman Senterfitt to their Miami office.

Katherine Rosin recently became the Reference Librarian at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Miami.

Sailaja Tumrukota has joined the staff at FIU College of Law as Acquisitions/Serials Librarian. Sailaja worked previously as Access Services Coordinator at St. Thomas University Law Library.

Member announcements

Clare Membiela and **Monica Wilson** taught a seminar on “Florida Legal Research on the Internet” for the National Business Institute in November.

Liz Chifari was invited to serve on a panel discussing “The Nuts and Bolts of Legal Research” at the Florida Reporters’ Workshop presented by The Florida Bar in December.

Congratulations to **Maria Loftus** on the birth of her baby girl, Jessica, on Oct. 29.

Congratulations also to **Wanda Godzd** on the birth of her second grandchild, Maximillian Alexander Wortman, who was born in Denver on Sept. 27. (We’re betting Wanda celebrated the occasion by buying a new hat!)

Library Student Outreach Program

Terry Seale recently spoke to the University of South Florida’s Collection Development class as part of SFALL’s initiative to recruit new student members and to extol the benefits of a career in law librarianship. The class, taught by Ed Erazo, Head of Reference at FIU, was held at FIU’s new executive conference room. During his talk, Terry discussed many of the collection policies, methods, and considerations applicable to law libraries. Terry extended an invitation to the students to join SFALL as student members for purposes of

fellowship and networking and to explore opportunities for field work, employment, and further education.

Mr. Erazo has invited SFALL’s recruiting committee to speak again next semester, when his class will be held in the north side of our area (perhaps at FAU). Terry hopes to make a continuing outreach to USF and FSU students. If you would like to join the recruiting committee and volunteer to speak to a class, please contact Terry at 305-579-0689 or email sealet@gtlaw.com.

Law Library Takes Shape at FIU

By Liz Chifari, Holland & Knight LLP

If you ever feel overwhelmed by the number of decisions you are asked to make on the job every day, consider the current situation of Sarah Hooke Lee, Associate Professor and founding Director of the Law Library at Florida International University's new College of Law in Miami. With FIU's first class of law students scheduled to begin their program in the fall, Sarah and her staff are making hundreds of decisions about the new law library, many of which will impact the law school for years to come.

Sarah is not a stranger to start-up law libraries. After working at Golden Gate University Law Library in San Francisco and then as associate director of the law library at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, Sarah undertook the start up of the library for the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover. That law library was on a much smaller scale than FIU's, but it clearly gave her the courage and foresight needed for her current project at FIU.

When asked about the progress of the new library, Sarah laughingly acknowledges that "there is a lot going on right now." Two librarians have already been hired – Leanne Hillery, Technical Services Librarian, and Sailaja Tumrukota, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian. A cataloging assistant position has recently been approved, and the library will soon be seeking an assistant director and a head of public services. The law library will be located on the 3rd floor of FIU's library, and the staff is busy emptying the space and moving the law materials in. Sarah mentions the challenge of creating a functioning law library within the context of the larger, already existing library. Fortunately, the FIU library already had a basic collection of law resources, with an emphasis on tax law, business law, and legal reference. Sarah has been faced in recent months with enormous purchasing responsibilities in order to put into place a full law collection, large enough to meet the needs of the first class of law students. She cites the excitement but heavy responsibility of making vast, all-at-once purchases. To give us an idea of the scale of the undertaking, Sarah mentioned that she had spent \$900,000 in the latter part of 2001 and expects to do similar bulk purchasing early this year.

Initially, the entire law school will operate out of FIU's library. In addition to the law library on the 3rd floor, the law school's administrative offices will be housed on the 4th floor. Classes will be held in computer centers and classrooms on the 1st floor. In four or five years, the law school will move into its own new building. The first law school class this fall will include 60 day students and 60 part-time evening students.

When asked what she considers her greatest hurdle, Sarah responded that it is the sheer number of decisions that have to be made. She acknowledges the difficulty of doing justice to all the varied aspects of the development of the library, and she says that someone in her position must hope that she is not shortchanging one area of responsibility while focusing on another. In addition, she points out that while she is making innumerable decisions about the law library's practices, FIU's library already had many procedures in place, some of which are not the ones she would have chosen. She is then faced with the quandary of whether to leave bad practices in place and focus on the new decisions or to change things while she can.

FIU Law Library is accepting donations of law resources. Sarah points out that she has the basic materials and does not need offers of general reporters, statutes, or *Fla Jur*. She is interested in donations of more esoteric materials and older journals. If you are down-sizing your library and have materials that might be of interest to the new law school, please email your list to Sarah at shlee@fiu.edu and she will let you know if they can use them. Best of luck to Sarah and her staff on a mind-boggling undertaking!

Law Lib Interrogatory

What is the weirdest, funniest, or most outrageous reference question you've handled working in a law library?

An attorney in our Buenos Aires office emailed me, asking if I could provide a copy of the Grand Leachability Act. Thinking it might have something to do with the leaching of toxic chemicals into the soil, I began searching environmental law. As I kept muttering "grand leachability" over and over to myself, it suddenly struck me that what he wanted was the recent Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act! – *Liz Chifari, Holland & Knight*

There was the lawyer who asked me where U.S. District Court opinions were published. I figure he had spent too much time over at state court. – *Linda Datko, Federal Courts Library*

An attorney leaned over the desk and said in a conspiratorial tone, "I would like to make a reservation for a very private study room and a video camera." You can imagine what I was thinking! – *Stephanie Dooley, Holland & Knight*

My all-time favorite was the request for documentation on the average size range of an adult penis. I was able to locate acceptable medical sources with the help of colleagues on several librarian listservs. Good laugh that day. – *Karen Mahnk, Florida Public Defender's Office*

I was scheduled to train a federal judge in his chambers. When I arrived, he asked me, "So how does this Westlaw thing work?" This did not seem like an odd question, as I was there to train him on Westlaw. I answered, "OK, Your Honor, let's take your mouse and click on the Westlaw icon on your screen." I then watched him literally grab the mouse into his hand and begin to physically tap it on the computer screen where the icon was located! Obviously, this was going to be a beginner class. We spent the hour of "Westlaw training" playing solitaire. By the end of the session, he was a "clicking and dragging" expert. We never even signed onto Westlaw that day, but I didn't think he would be using it any time soon anyway! – *Will Miller, West Group*

It's tough to choose because I've gotten so many strange questions, especially working in public law libraries. Once when I was working at the San Diego County Law Library, a patron came to the reference desk and asked me to name the characters in the movie *Animal House*. At the UM Law Library a patron actually lay down on the reference desk, as if he were lounging on a piano in a nightclub! When I worked at the Alleghany County Law Library, we had a patron who came in almost every day. He built a big fort around himself on a table, piling hundreds of law books around him. Finally, at the San Diego County Law Library, a man who was a member of a cult came in one day and tried to persuade me to join his cult. – *Janet Reinke, University of Miami Law Library*

An attorney needed a copy of *The Devil and Miss Jones* rented from a video store in New York City and delivered to him before he boarded the Concorde that day. At the time, I was in Florida, and he was in L.A. (I miss those days of working in law firm library.) – *Cheryl Rovinelli, Office of General Counsel, School District of Palm Beach County*

An attorney once asked if I could find information on how to roast chestnuts. I believe I told him to consult a cookbook. Also, I had a *pro se* patron ask if we had anointed statutes. The library staff thought perhaps we should run out and get some holy water for the Massachusetts General Laws Annotated and for the Annotated Laws of Massachusetts. – *Katherine Rosin, Shook, Hardy & Bacon*

Here is an outrageous incident I would just as soon forget. I remember having to reach into my ethics as a law librarian and public servant when I was approached at my previous job at a county law library by a member of the Bar who had been caught with child pornography in his home and on his home computer. He openly admitted that he had this material and defended his right to have it in his private possession. It was as if he were trying to salvage some relationship with me. The closest I got to breaking my duty was when I told him that I really didn't need to know any more facts but that I would do my job and help him find material on privacy and similar cases. This incident illustrates the variety of citizens we deal with at public law libraries. Now that I am in a law firm environment, I sometimes forget just how difficult the public setting can be. We never know when we can be face to face with a dangerous individual. There were times when I was very glad to have a nice wide counter between myself and the patron I was assisting. – *Bill Stafford, Greenberg Traurig*

I had this stumper recently: What was the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and the British pound sterling in 1787? It turns out you could write a doctoral dissertation on this question alone, since there have been so many variables over the years. It used to be convertible to specie (silver, not gold), and the U.S. mint didn't even start until 1791. Anyway, the best I could do was produce articles about Revolutionary War currency relationships and the history of the U.S. dollar. This question was from the college student offspring of an attorney, so we could dodge the real answer and turn it into a how-to-develop-your-research-strategy answer.

Another one I had was after the Bush-Gore election: How many votes were discarded in Dade County in the last two presidential elections for underpunching or overpunching the ballot cards? I discovered that there was no record. The answer from David Leahy's office was, "We get a very large number of ballots with no holes punched at all and many, many ballots with every candidate's hole punched. We don't know why, but we think some people like to show that they voted, but they do not really vote for anyone." – *Terry Seale, Greenberg Traurig*

The weirdest and funniest question I have ever been asked is "My husband just divorced me. What do I do now?" – *Susana Vazquez, John F. Kennedy Public Library*

SEAALL Annual Meeting News

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL) will hold its annual meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fort Lauderdale April 10-14. The Executive Board and Program Committee of SEAALL, along with the Local Arrangements Committee, invite you to attend.

The opening reception on Thursday, April 11 will be held aboard the yacht *Caprice*, which will cruise Fort Lauderdale's Intracoastal Waterway. Friday evening will include dinner and a show at the Polynesian Mai-Kai.

SEAALL's Program Committee has scheduled a variety of interesting and informative classes and seminars. The pre-conference institute on "The Invisible Web" features Diana Botluk, who will address the issues of effective legal research on the internet and demonstrate the vital role of technology in today's libraries. Other conference offerings include programs on the Everglades, immigration, training student employees, OPAC migration issues, copyright, technical services workflow, and foreign and international legal research.

SEAALL conference packets have already been mailed to SFALL members. For the most current information, check the conference website <http://www.aallnet.org/seaall/index.shtml>.

Showcase Your Library During SEAALL

One of the features of the SEAALL conference will be tours of local law libraries. Because of the distances involved, it will not be possible to offer an official bus tour of the law libraries in Dade County. Conference participants will, however, be given a brochure listing Dade law libraries that have offered to give tours on an individual basis. If you wish to open your Dade library to visitors during the SEAALL annual meeting, please contact **Sally Wise**, Director of the University of Miami Law Library, at 305-284-2755, email swise@law.miami.edu. Please provide Sally with the name of your library, a contact person, directions to the library, times that tours will be available, and any other information you feel is pertinent.

Tales from the Vampire Shift

By Stephanie Dooley, Holland & Knight LLP

Note: Stephanie Dooley wrote the following article in 1993, when she worked as the nighttime Circulation Supervisor at the University of Miami Law Library. The article has never been previously published.

There's no place like home. Especially when you're working in the law library at 11:30 p.m. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to work the "vampire shift" are privy to sights that boggle the mind. From Broomhilda to the Other Pen Guy to Yogurt Man, the library attracts a vast array of colorful patrons after the sun goes down. To share the parade of characters that frequents the library, I'd like to take you on a tour of the library during the last hour of operation. Hang on; you're in for a wild ride.

11:30 p.m. Final rounds before closing. Not many law students left at this time, so I go around the library and confiscate food from various medical students. These individuals are always repeat offenders sipping their mocha java grandés or nibbling on delectables from Velvet Creme. Why are they always so surprised when I throw out the food? It wasn't theirs anyway (it never is). So they say.

11:45 p.m. Charging through the front door every night at this time is my all-time favorite character, Other Pen Guy. This gentleman comes in the library every night and expects to do 96 hours worth of research in 45 minutes. Yes, he knows when the library closes. And no, I am not going to tell you why we call him that; you do not have enough time.

Right behind him is the Tag Team, a married couple who insist on beginning their research when most normal people are in bed or hanging out with Letterman. Of course, neither the Tag Team nor Other Pen Guy ever finishes before closing, and they constantly beg for "one more copy."

12:00 midnight Time to go on closing rounds. But wait, I can't leave the desk because here comes Yogurt Man and I know he wants the *Miami Review*. I have explained to him that the name has changed, but he doesn't listen. He is convinced that the *Miami Review* and the *Miami Daily Business Review* are different publications. Okay, whatever. Just please do not start talking to me about the latest movie you saw and how I have to see it tomorrow or my life will be incomplete or that your dog needs oral surgery because she was born with a rare dog disease that causes her teeth to fall out because she grinds them when she sleeps – gross, did I ask? – or that you have lost twelve pounds by eating nothing but yogurt and I should do the same. Arghhhhh! Just read your *Miami Review* and stop talking to me because at midnight I do not care about you or your toothless dog, and I just want to go home and get away from all you people who should be home too.

Broomhilda just came in and made a mad dash for the photocopier. It's going to be a long night.

12:15 p.m. It is time to lock the front door, close up the reference desk, and go on the closing rounds that I should have done fifteen minutes ago. But I can't be rude to Yogurt Man and walk away from his sparkling conversation. Okay, now it's time for serious business. Up to the fourth floor to give the various student organizations their fifteen-minute warning (like they don't already know). Oh no, there are still three students in the Law Review office. "We'll be closing in fifteen minutes," I say. "We're allowed to stay after the library closes," says one student, intent on fooling me. Armed with my list of students allowed to stay, I respond, "No problem, what's your name?" He stammers, "Uh . . ." For law students, some are not very bright.

12:20 a.m. "The library will be closing in ten minutes," I announce to the patrons remaining on the first floor, all of whom look at me like I have lobsters crawling out of my ears. I know I am not interrupting their studying or research, because they are all socializing.

Yogurt Man is still at the desk talking to some poor fool who was kind enough to listen. Geez, read the *Miami Review* and leave already. Suddenly I hear bellowing from the stacks, "The copier is out of paper or jammed or something! Fix it!" Of course, it's

Broomhilda, I mutter to myself, she's been making copies for the last twenty minutes.

The Sleeper, who is camped out on the first floor, ignores the closing announcement and pulls ten more volumes off the shelf, seemingly to heighten the walls of the fort he has built around himself. "May I take some of these?" offers one of our student assistants. "No, I'm using them," he answers frantically. So we hover around, hoping he gets the clue to finish up and leave, but like the rest, he does not.

12:25 a.m. "There's a guy on the fourth floor who's being weird," says one of the male medical students. "I think he's flirting with me." I proceed to tell the student that I cannot kick someone out of the library for being friendly. Actually, I know exactly who he is talking about, the kid with the big ankles. He's harmless, so I don't worry about it.

At this point, it's not uncommon for an alum – I'll call him Troy – to be banging on the glass to get in. "I have only one case to copy," he says, pushing his way inside. "You have five minutes, Troy. No longer." He pulls this stunt at least twice a week, and that's just since he graduated.

12:30 p.m. "THE LIBRARY IS NOW CLOSED," I announce to the remaining few, always the same group of people who always ignore me. I march over to the light switches and one by one turn off the lights. I figure this would be a dead giveaway that we are closed because the previous three warnings have had no effect on anyone. "I'm still heeeeeere" echoes out of the stacks. It must be Broomhilda. Help me, Lord. "The library is now closed," I say in case she didn't hear the other four announcements. Then I hear that dreaded line, the words that make my skin crawl. "I have only one more copy!" Yeah, right. One more copy of the entire Southern 2d.

12:35 a.m. The Sleeper seems to have cleaned up and gathered his belongings. That's a good sign; maybe he won't give me a hard time tonight. But wait, what is doing? Sleeping? It can't be true, but I know it is because I see it with my own eyes. His head is down, and he is expertly ignoring the student assistant, who is making as much noise as possible in an attempt to speed up his departure.

No more Ms. Nice Gal. Off go the lights. "I'm still heeeeeerrrrre!" echoes once more from the darkness. Kill me now. Broomhilda has stealthily moved to another collection, and yikes, the Other Pen Guy is with her. I guess there weren't enough Southern Reporters on the first floor. "Hey, I can't see up here with the light off!" That's the point, I mutter to myself and return to the fourth floor to make sure no one is hiding. I feel like a babysitter.

"Hey, tell that woman to stop vacuuming. I can't concentrate," shouts Yogurt Man, yelling over the din of the vacuum. It is time for some serious sarcasm. "No, I will not tell her to stop because we are officially closed. You must not have heard me when I announced it three times already this evening." He replies, "You close at 12:30?" "Yes, we close at 12:30, like we've been doing every weekday since the dawn of man." No, I did not actually say it, but boy, I wanted to. Instead, I simply said, "Yes, we close at 12:30."

12:45 a.m. Excellent. No one on the upper floors. Exuberant because of the prospect that I might be able to make an early escape, I burst through the stairwell on the first floor, hoping that all will be quiet. But arghhhhhh, the regulars are all still here. At this point, I am just plain annoyed. I make a final plea to the remaining group, consisting of Broomhilda, the Other Pen Guy, Troy, Gregg (how did Gregg get in? Let me guess, Troy let him in), the Sleeper, and the Tag Team. "The library is closed and has been closed for the past fifteen minutes. Please leave or I'll be forced to call security." This they respond to, very slowly, but at least they are moving. Except, of course, the Sleeper, because this looks like a nice place for a nap. But not for long. Anyone who has worked late nights knows exactly how I feel when I say that I seriously considered whacking this guy over the head with a volume of Moore's to wake him.

12:50 a.m. Bliss, sheer bliss! I can go home. They are all gone, and the vampire shift has ended. At least until tomorrow.

Book Review

Elements of Florida Civil Causes of Action and Defenses, 2nd edition, by Arthur L. Berger (Octagon Press, 2001) \$89.00

In the course of drafting complaints, Florida attorney Arthur L. Berger found himself researching the elements of various causes of action and saving the research results in a file marked "Elements." He noticed that he kept referring to the file over and over, making him wonder if the material ought to be compiled into a book and made available to other Florida litigators. The result of that compilation is *Elements of Florida Civil Causes of Action and Defenses*, now in its second edition.

The book lists, in alphabetical order, well over 100 causes of action recognized in Florida. Under each cause of action, the elements are enumerated for each DCA with citations to case law from that DCA. Also listed are all the possible defenses to the cause of action, related issues, and references. The book is the result of over 3,000 hours of research and the pay-off is enormous.

The author claims that he uses the book himself in preparing complaints and in considering what alternative causes of action can be asserted in a complaint. "The various causes of action are the arsenal of the litigator," Berger claims. "With a list of the elements of the causes of action, a skilled attorney can

efficiently prepare a complaint that will withstand a motion to dismiss." From a librarian's perspective, the book provides the perfect answer to so many types of reference questions we hear from litigators: "What are the elements of fraudulent misrepresentation?" "What are the defenses to an action for tortious interference with a contractual relationship?" "Are the elements for negligent hiring the same in all DCA's?" "When can laches be used as an affirmative defense? What is laches anyway?" The answers are all here, in a format so convenient and so organized that it warms a librarian's heart.

The book is published by the author and is an excellent investment. If your library does not have a copy, run, don't walk and buy one. If you already have it, buy another — one to circulate and one to keep in your office under lock and key.

Elements of Florida Civil Causes of Action and Defenses is available from Octagon Press, P.O. Box 5994, Tallahassee, FL 32314-5994. It is also available at Book Horizons, across U.S. 1 from the University of Miami in Coral Gables.

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News from AALL

AALL Annual Meeting and Workshop Grants

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2002 AALL annual meeting. The AALL grants program provides financial assistance to law librarians or library school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, by AALL, and by AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the annual meeting or the workshops. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or of its chapters. For additional information and an application form, see http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp. **The deadline for applications is April 1, 2002.**

The National Legal Research Teach-In Celebrates 10 Years of Success

It's reassuring to know in our fast-paced world of legal research that something has remained steadfast. The National Legal Research Teach-In is returning in 2002 for its *tenth* consecutive year. The 2002 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS, offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the patterns of the past nine years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2002 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week, April 14-20, 2002. As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with West Group and LexisNexis to prepare unique instructional and promotional *materials which will again be available at no charge.*

Spiral bound kits from West Group are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. The kits may include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, and other instructional materials developed by law librarians for law librarians. One kit per institution is available free from West Group Marketing Support. Fax (800) 854-1597 or email mkgssupport@westgroup.com.

Colorful notepads produced by LexisNexis will help you promote your 2002 Teach-In activities. The notepads can be used by library staff or given to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. An online order form is available at www.lexisnexis.com/infopro.

If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/.

Call for Papers

Have you been thinking about writing an article about law librarianship? Or are you already writing an article and just need a little incentive to finish? The AALL/Lexis Publishing Call for Papers Committee eagerly solicits your article for its annual competition. The objectives of the contest are 1) to promote scholarship among practicing law librarians and in areas of interest to the profession; 2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and 3) to recognize the scholarly efforts of established members, new members, and potential members of AALL.

Up to three winning authors will receive a prize of \$750, generously donated by Lexis Publishing. The recipients will be recognized during award ceremonies at the Association Luncheon of the AALL Annual Meeting. Winners will present their papers in a program at the Annual Meeting, and the papers will be considered for publication in *Law Library Journal*.

For further information, including substantive and form requirements, application procedures, and judgment criteria, visit AALLNET at http://aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp. **Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2002.**