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## **COURT FILINGS**

### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ANNOUNCING SWALL GRANT RECIPIENTS**

The SWALL Grant Committee is pleased to announce the four recipients of travel grants awarded to attend this year's annual SWALL Conference in Kansas City. Congratulations are in order for all four of the grantees.

Joan Stringfellow  
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Library  
-- awarded a \$750 Coco-Miller Travel Grant

Anna Teller  
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Library  
-- awarded a \$750 Coco-Miller Travel Grant

Beth Youngdale  
University of Texas at Austin -- Jamail Center for Legal Research  
Tarlton Law Library  
-- awarded the \$750 Marian Boner Travel Grant

Laura Teske  
Oklahoma City University School of Law Library  
-- awarded the \$750 Kate Mara Travel Grant

In a few weeks on the SWALL and AALL listservs, the SWALL Grant Committee will announce travel grants to attend the

annual Conference in Seattle, Washington. Please monitor these lists if you are interested in applying for a travel grant to attend this meeting.

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE**

The Research Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries is accepting applications through **May 5** for grants from the AALL Research Fund. The committee will award one or more grants totaling up to \$5,000 to library professionals who want to conduct research that affects librarianship.

Established with an endowment from LexisNexis™ in July 2000, the annual grants fund projects that create, disseminate or use legal and law-related information. The Association's Research Agenda offers suggestions for research projects that cover the profession of law librarianship, law library patrons, law library services, legal research and bibliography, legal information resources and law library facilities. However, projects are not limited to those described in the agenda; the committee will consider all applications and research projects. To review AALL's complete Research Agenda, please go to:  
[http://www.aallnet.org/about/research\\_fund.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp).

To apply for the grants, all applicants must provide resumes and statements of their qualifications for carrying out their projects. The applications must demonstrate experience with research projects and an understanding of the dissemination and use of legal and law-related information. Priority will be given to practicing law librarians and AALL members, working individually or in partnership with other information professionals. The grant application and complete guidelines are available at  
[http://www.aallnet.org/about/research\\_fund.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp).

The submission deadline for applications is **May 5**. Grants will be awarded and announced by July 1. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee.

**For more information** contact SWALL member Kumar Percy, Chair of the AALL Research Committee, by email at [kpercy@mail.law.utexas.edu](mailto:kpercy@mail.law.utexas.edu) or by phone at 512-232-1568.

## **VOLUNTEER IN SEATTLE FOR THE AALL ANNUAL MEETING**

We need you! Join the group of interesting and dedicated people volunteering their time to help make the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting a great success!

How can you help? There are a variety of activities available -- pick the ones that interest you most! For example:

- meet new people and see old friends while working at the Registration Desk
- write articles for the daily newspaper, "Coffee Talk"
- help "stuff" conference tote bags (Friday July 11)
- take tickets and seat individuals at the Association luncheon and closing banquet
- work with children at the Family Social Hour (Saturday July 12)

Volunteers really help the conference run smoothly, and it's a lot of fun! Thanks in advance!

Please complete the Volunteer Opportunities Form available on the AALL website (<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/local03/>) and in the Preliminary Program by June 1, 2003, and fax/send/email it to:

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[hemmens@u.washington.edu](mailto:hemmens@u.washington.edu)

## **SEATTLE LIBRARY TOURS**

The Preliminary Program for AALL provides your only opportunity to sign up for library tours in Seattle. Take a moment to register for tours of private, public, and academic law libraries. See the public research opportunities at King County Law Library; be dazzled by the glass roof of the library at Davis Wright Tremaine; check out the new and nearly new libraries at Seattle University and the University of Washington; and more!

## **AUTHORS IN SWALL**

Melissa M. Serfass, Reference/Electronic Services Librarian, and Jessie Cranford, Circulation Librarian at the UALR/Pulaski County Law Library, are the authors of the new *Loislaw User's Guide*, recently published by Aspen Publishers.

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT**

The UALR/Pulaski County Law Library announces an exhibit "A Suit for Freedom Daniel v. Guy" in recognition of Black History Month and Women's History Month. Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 121 (1857), the leading emancipation case, involves Abby Guy and her four minor children who sued William Daniel, a settler of Ashley County, Arkansas, a postmaster, justice of the peace, wealthy slaveholder, and former owner of Abby.

Two juries were allowed to decide the race of the plaintiffs and gave verdicts for liberation. On exhibit are several pages from the original transcript showing Abby Guy's petition, the testimony of selected witnesses, James Daniel's will bequeathing Abby, the Arkansas Supreme Court's judgment record book, and a selected bibliography.

Kathryn C. Fitzhugh serves as the curator of the exhibit. The exhibit will be on display through April 30, 2003.

## **NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO LAW LIBRARY**

Michelle Rigual is the newest reference librarian at the University of New Mexico Law Library in Albuquerque. Michelle was most recently a reference librarian at Arizona State University.

The UNM Law Library has undergone four months of construction and relocation of service desks for the installation of a new elevator. While the Law Library will not look very different, access

will be much improved. The Law Library staff has survived four relocations of the circulation desk, including a move outside the library over the winter break to set up a very small "satellite" library in a moot court room.

Marsha Baum, formerly known as the Director of the Law Library, is now Associate Dean for Library Affairs at the UNM Law School.

### **DIVORCE FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY**

Travis County Law Library would like to announce that it now has divorce forms and name change forms available from its Web site at [www.TravisCountyLawLibrary.org](http://www.TravisCountyLawLibrary.org). The forms were approved by the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

If any county law library in Texas would like to encourage its district judges to adopt the Travis County forms, contact Lisa Rush, Manager of Travis County Law Libraries.

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