

## NewRoles

This, the second in a series of articles highlighting 2001 AALL Annual Meeting programs, focuses on "Globalization" offerings.

### Perspectives

"On January 2000, Clifford Chance Rogers & Wells LLP and Pünder Volhard Weber & Axster merged to create Clifford Chance LLP. Our aim is to be judged by our clients as the premier global law firm."—[www.cliffordchance.com/uk/home/index.shtml](http://www.cliffordchance.com/uk/home/index.shtml)

"Pillsbury Madison & Sutro LLP of San Francisco and New York's Winthrop Stimson Putnam & Roberts announced the completion of their previously announced merger, creating Pillsbury Winthrop LLP, one of the world's largest international strategic law firms."—[www.pillsburywinthrop.com/News](http://www.pillsburywinthrop.com/News)

"It is no longer appropriate, if it ever was, for any nation, including the United States, to view its legal system in isolation. And if law has become international and cross-cultural, tomorrow's lawyers must be trained to function in this new world competently and confidently."—*New York University School of Law Global Law School Program: Five Year Report, Fall Semester 1994–Spring Semester 1999* ([www.law.nyu.edu/globalaw/school/5yr\\_report.html](http://www.law.nyu.edu/globalaw/school/5yr_report.html))

"At the 1995 American Bar Association annual meeting, the Section of Legal Education and the Section of International Law and Practice co-sponsored a program on 'The Globalization of the American Law School.' Panel members noted that globalization is opening up new legal markets. Lawyers trained in foreign, comparative, and international law will come to dominate these markets.... The Association of American Law Schools (AALS) continued this emphasis by making globalism the topic of its 1998 Annual Meeting, 'Thinking and Teaching about Law in a Global Context as an Exercise in Common Enterprise.'"—David S. Clark ("Transnational Legal Practice: The Need for Global Law Schools," *American Journal of Comparative Law*, 1998)

### Programs

#### Monday, July 16

##### "Global Citizens: The Immigration Law Research Challenge."

Burgeoning global migration has spurred U.S. law firms to expand immigration practices and law schools to add immigration law courses. Law.com articles in June and December 2000 (see "It's Not Your Father's Immigration Practice" and "Practice Areas: Everything New Is Hot Again") featured immigration law as an exciting practice area. Many librarians now confront the challenges of acquiring the best immigration law sources and providing immigration law research training. During this program, lead-off batter Victor Essien (Foreign and International Law Librarian, Leo T. Kissam Memorial Library, Fordham University School of Law) will discuss research issues frequently raised by immigration law clients and procedures commonly initiated by immigration law attorneys. Set-up man Jack McNeill (Head of Reference, Pace University School of Law Library), the author of an excellent immigration law bibliography, will recommend key sources. Clean-up hitter Irene Good (Legal Reference Librarian, Boston College Law School) will demonstrate effective techniques used in her Immigration Law Practicum, a research course offered in conjunction with an immigration law class. I hope to see in this audience all of those who petitioned the AMPC for more programs on teaching!

##### "New Realities in Data Protection: The Transatlantic Debate."

On November 1, 2000, the highly publicized "safe harbor" framework, devised by the U.S. Department of Commerce in cooperation with the European Commission, became effective (<http://web.ita.doc.gov/safeharbor/shlist.nsf/webPages/safe+harbor+list>). The safe harbor "provides guidance for U.S. organizations on how to provide 'adequate protection' for personal data from Europe as required by the European Union's Directive on Data Protection."



Will other major U.S. companies join The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation in accepting the safe harbor principles? Are additional U.S. laws needed to protect consumers from misuse of information? Participants are Marc Rotenberg (Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center) and Samuel Trosow (Boalt Express Librarian, University of California School of Law Library, Boalt Hall Law Library, a member of AALL's Government Relations Committee).

#### Tuesday, July 17

##### "New Realities for Developing Global Collections: New Approaches and Cooperative Projects."

As law firms aggressively develop multi-jurisdictional practices and law schools increase foreign and international law course offerings, librarians confront many challenges. One challenge is to satisfy our patrons' heightened demand for foreign legal materials. Panelists will help librarians adopt strategies for cooperative collection development of foreign legal materials and assess free and low-cost electronic sources of foreign law. Dr. Peter Clinch will discuss the Foreign Law Guide (FLAG) project, for which he is Project Manager. To aid collaborative collection development, FLAG participants are constructing a Web guide to foreign, comparative, and international law collections in United Kingdom libraries.

# Meeting the Challenges of Globalization

(For an overview of FLAG, consult <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/rslp/forlegal.htm#staff>.) Steve Whittle (Resource Discovery Network Officer, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London) will highlight the Social Science Information Gateway's Law Gateway, part of a United Kingdom national project to provide guidance and access to global legal resources on the Internet (see: [www.sosig.ac.uk/law](http://www.sosig.ac.uk/law).) In addition, Dr. Rubens Medina (Law Librarian, Library of Congress of the United States of America) will describe the Global Legal Information Network (for GLIN, see: [lcweb2.loc.gov/law/GLINv1/GLIN.html](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/law/GLINv1/GLIN.html)), a multinational cooperative legal information system. Medina is Project Director.

## **“Global Trade: Key WTO Issues and GATT/WTO Research.”**

The World Trade Organization (WTO) focuses on global rules of trade. As world merchandise trade increases, WTO membership expands (encompassing 140 governments on 11/30/00), and the WTO dispute settlement body establishes more panels, librarians face the challenge of mastering GATT/WTO research. For this program, Education Committee members of multiple AALL Special Interest Sections recruited noted international trade attorney James Southwick (Of Counsel to Dorsey & Whitney LLP and formerly Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Japan) and experienced librarian/entertaining teacher Jeanne Rehberg

(Special Assistant to the Director and Reference Librarian for International and Foreign Law at New York University School of Law Library and a frequent lecturer on GATT/WTO research to library students, law students, and librarians). Ask Southwick about his experiences leading the team that presented the Kodak Fuji case before the WTO! Quiz Rehberg, supervisor of a GATT/WTO depository collection, on her favorite sources for WTO research!

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