

# Biographies and Statements of Executive Board Candidates



**Janis L. Johnston**

Candidate for  
Vice President/  
President-Elect

Director, Associate  
Professor of Law,  
Associate Professor of  
Library Administration  
University of Illinois  
Champaign, Illinois  
1999–present

**Education:** J.D., 1987, Indiana University-Bloomington; M.S.L.S., 1976, University of Illinois; B.A., 1972, Purdue University

**Positions Held:** Associate Director, Kresge Library, Notre Dame Law School, 1987–1999; Acting Assistant Dean, Notre Dame Law School, 1994; Assistant Head of Indiana University Law Library-Bloomington, 1982–1987; Technical Services Librarian, Marion County Law Library (Indianapolis), 1977–1980

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1982; Treasurer and AALL Executive Board Member, 1998–2001; Executive Board Finance and Budget Committee Chair, 1998–2001; Executive Board Strategic Planning Committee Member, 1998–2001; Professional Development Committee Member, 1996–1998; Special Committee to Promote the Development of Resources for the Legal Information Community Chair, 1994–1996; Financial Long-Range Planning Committee Member, 1993–1995; Financial Advisory Committee Member, 1993–1994; Technical Services Special Interest Section Chair, 1991–1992, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, 1990–1991, TS SIS Executive Board Member, 1988–1990, TS SIS Serials Standing Committee Chair, 1988–1990, Member, 1989–1990; AALL-Sponsored Publications Committee Chair, 1990–1991; Publications Committee Member, 1987–1988.

Chapters — **Chicago Association of Law Libraries:** Member since 1988; Continuing Education Committee Member, 1997–1998; Candidate for Vice President/President-Elect, 1994.

**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries:** Member since 1983; Education Committee Member, 1997–1999; Newsletter Committee Member, 1995–1996, Secretary, 1988–90; Constitution & Bylaws Committee Member, 1987–88; Model Bibliography Committee Member, 1984–85; **Mid-America Association of Law Libraries:** Member since 2000.

Other — Recipient, *Law Library Journal* Article of the Year Award, 1998, for “Managing the Boss.” Co-Director, AALL Basic Cataloging Institute, 1996. Workshop Director, “Law Serials Management,” presented at AALL Annual Meeting, 1990, ORALL Spring Meeting, 1991, Northeast Regional Meeting, 1991. American Bar Association. Association of American Law Schools. American Library Association.

**Publications:** “Managing the Boss,” 89 *Law Library Journal* 21 (1997) ... “Outsourcing: New Name for an Old Practice,” 88 *Law Library Journal* 128 (1996) ... “Training New Law Library Personnel: the Neglected, Essential Activity,” 83 *Law Library Journal* 61 (1991) ... “NOTIS Users’ Survey: An Initial Reaction,” 82 *Law Library Journal* 531 (1990).

**Subjects Taught:** Legal Research, Introduction to the American Legal System

**Statement:** The importance of law librarians to an open, democratic society has never been more apparent than it is today. Recent tragic events have altered profoundly our society and economy. As our nation struggles with this new reality, AALL, our profession’s voice, has critical challenges before it:

- For our own members, AALL must redouble its efforts to increase recognition of law librarians as critical to an open society and essential to the efficient operation of law firms, courts, agencies and academic institutions.
- For our nation, AALL must work to ensure that rights to confidentiality and affordable access to legal information are maintained.

AALL’s most important responsibility is to build public recognition of law librarianship as a vital profession. Our Association must strengthen ties with the ABA and other organizations to promote our value to the legal profession. Through AALL, we must recruit more vigorously at library schools, law schools and even at undergraduate institutions to attract new librarians. AALL must focus on increasing member salaries and document the savings law librarians bring their employers. Association members must have the training they need to lead the information age.

Additionally, AALL must increase its advocacy efforts. Without sound information policies, law libraries cannot provide access to affordable legal information. The Association must broaden its advocacy efforts nationally and internationally. Many of the information policies that impact our libraries are developed through international agreements. Our Association must be at the table whenever and wherever information policy is shaped.

Having served as treasurer, I’ve learned a great deal about AALL and its members. Most importantly, I’ve learned our greatest strength is the character and intelligence law librarians possess. Today we face new pressures that will shape the future of our profession. It would be an honor to work with you to demonstrate that our profession and our Association are up to the challenges that lie ahead.



## Kathie J. Sullivan

Candidate for  
Vice President/  
President-Elect

Branch Librarian  
Downs Rachlin &  
Martin PLLC  
Burlington, Vermont  
1999–present

**Education:** M.L.S., 1986, State University of New York at Albany; B.S., Secondary Education, 1977, University of Vermont

**Positions Held:** Library Director, McNamee Lochner Titus & Williams, PC, 1986–1999

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1986; Professional Development Committee Member, 2001–2003; Ex-Officio, Professional Development Committee, 2000–2001; Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair, 2001; Coordinator and Moderator, “Our Realities, Our Roles, and Our Responses to *Double Fold: Libraries and the Assault on Paper*,” Annual Meeting, 2001; Ex-Officio, Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee, Annual Meeting, 2000; Moderator, “Support Staff at the Crossroads: Creating Tools and Rules for the Reference Desk,” Annual Meeting, 1999; Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section, Member since 1986, Chair, 1999–2000, Marketing Manager, *PLL Perspectives*, 1996–1997; Council of SIS Chairs Member, 1999–2000; AALLNET Task Force Member, 1999; Annual Meeting Program Committee Member, 1998–1999; *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board, 1997–1998; Co-Chair, Third Northeast Regional Conference, 1996; Relations with Information Vendors Committee Chair, 1995–1996; Council of Chapter Presidents Chair, 1994–1995; *AALL Newsletter*, “Chapter News” Column Editor, 1993–1996; Recycling Committee Member (Ad Hoc), 1991–1992; Social Responsibilities and Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Sections Member since 1993.

Chapters — **Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York:** Member since 1986; Chair, Constitution and By-Laws Committee, 1998–1999; President, 1993–1994; Chair, 1993 Annual Meeting Arrangements; Newsletter Editor, 1991–1992; Newsletter Co-Editor, 1990–1991; Secretary, 1988–1990. **Law Librarians of New England:** Member since 1986.

Other — Keynote Speaker, ALLUNY Annual Meeting, 2001, “Regional Planning for Professional Development”; Participant, West Group’s Fourth Annual Information Innovator’s Institute, 1999; Speaker, Canadian Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, 1998, “Training

Paraprofessionals for Reference Service,” “Issues in Legal Publishing”; Coordinator, lunch seminar for local chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators, “CD-ROMs and Electronic Libraries,” February 1998; Participant, Lexis-Nexis Advanced Management for Private Law Librarians Conference, April 1997; Panelist, New York State Unified Court Law Libraries and the Association of Clerks of the Family Courts Annual Seminar, “The Impact of Technology on Court Libraries,” September 6, 1996; Coordinator, lunch seminar for local chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators, “Uses of the Internet in a Private Law Office,” May 1996; Special Libraries Association, 1986–present; Vermont Library Association, 1999–present.

**Publications:** Contributor, *AALL Resource Guide No. 4*, “Collection Rebalancing for Law Libraries.” Winter 1998 ... “Budget and Acquisition Selection Tools for the Private Law Library: CAPLL Recommendations for PLL Vital Reading,” 9(3) *PLL Perspectives* (Spring 1998): 1 ... “Modern Law Librarian Must Be Technology-Savvy,” *National Law Journal*, May 13, 1996: C9 ... Contributing author, “Best Legal Reference Books 1995,” 88(2) *Law Library Journal* 178 (Spring 1996) ... Contributing author, “Best Legal Reference Books 1994,” 87(2) *Law Library Journal* 310 (Spring 1995) ... Contributing author, “Best Legal Reference Books 1993,” 86(2) *Law Library Journal* 219 (Spring 1994) ... “The Librarian’s Summer Intern Survival Kit,” *Lawtalk* (A quarterly magazine from Lawyers Cooperative Publishing), Summer 1993:1 ... “Law Firm Must Look at Practicalities of Starting Library,” *Capital District Business Review*, April 26–May 2, 1993: 30.

**Subjects Taught:** Legal Research

**Statement:** My professional activities have centered on sharing information, teaching skills, mentoring younger colleagues and helping these colleagues to make connections with each other and with other professionals. As we cope with the shifting landscape of information and technology, and as our employers and our jobs change, lack of time and increased pressures make these connections more difficult to create and maintain. I’ve been very fortunate to meet librarians from a wide geographic area, at all stages of their careers, and I’ve learned something from each of them. I’d like to help others forge the same kinds of relationships through their involvement in AALL activities by encouraging contributions from all members, from all levels of expertise, from all types of libraries.

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Contributing to the work of the Association is one way of ensuring that our visions become reality, whether we are looking to influence public policy, legislation, or developing trends in librarianship. Our Annual Meeting and Professional Development programs and our publications are further examples of how we learn from each other and realize our visions.

As Vice President/President-Elect, I will continue our partnerships with other organizations, writing programs, lobbying efforts and member mentoring efforts.

We need to continue exploring the most effective manner of using our own resources, whether they are people, knowledge or money. We also need to continue to bring the ideas of business,

management and other partner groups to our members as part of our teaching and mentoring efforts. It's no accident our recent annual meeting themes have dealt with new roles, leadership and creating connections. These are themes I believe in strongly and will make the cornerstones of my term in office.

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**Bridget E. Dacres**

Candidate for Secretary

Director, Library & Research Services  
Preston Gates & Ellis LLP  
Seattle, Washington  
1999–present

**Education:** Master of Librarianship, 1976, University of Washington; B.A. (Magna Cum Laude), 1974, University of West Florida

**Positions Held:** Manager, Library & Research Services, Bogle & Gates PLLC, 1979–1999; Librarian, Bogle & Gates, 1976–1979

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1978; Private Law Librarians' SIS Member since 1978; Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, 1994 Annual Meeting.

## Chapters — **Law Librarians of Puget Sound:**

Member since 1990; Chair, Membership Committee, 2000–present; Member, Program Committee, 1998–1999; Member, Professional Development Committee, 1997–1998; Facilitator, "The Changing World of Legal Publishing: Developing Successful Management Strategies," LLOPS Professional Development Workshop, 1996; Speaker, "Documents on Demand: How to Get What You Need When You Need It," LLOPS Professional Development Workshop, 1992.

## **Western Pacific Association of Law Librarians:**

Member, 1978–1999; Member, Placement Committee, 1983–1986; Speaker, "Professional Ethics — Taking Sides: Reference Quandaries or Mama Said There'd Be Days Like This," WestPac and NOCALL Chapters Joint Meeting, 1990.

Other — Special Libraries Association, Pacific Northwest Chapter Member, 1976–present; SLA Legal Division, 1999–present; SLA/PNW Chair/Co-Chair, Student Relations Committee, 1994–1996; Chair, Education Committee, 1982–1983; Secretary/Treasurer, 1978–1979; Speaker, "Special Libraries: Profiles," SLA/PNW Meeting, 1990; "Advanced Searching: Trends and Techniques," Joint Meeting of SLA/PNW Chapter and Washington Library Association, 1988. Member, Planning Committee, West Group's Information Innovator's Institute (III) 1997–1999; Speaker (with Linda Will), "Cyberspace Planning: Rumors and Realities," III, 1998.

**Publications:** "Oh, Canada! A Potpourri of Legal and Business Research Resources," *Washington Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 38, Sept. 28, 1998 ... Co-editor, with Austin Doherty, *Information Innovators: A Resource for Legal Information Professionals*, 1996–1999.

**Subjects Taught:** Beginning Legal Reference

**Statement:** When I was named to the slate for the 2002 election as a candidate for secretary, I heard immediately from a colleague in the Midwest. Along with her congratulations was a question: How did THAT happen? Many of you will have that same question. Mine is not exactly a household name, at least outside the households of librarians in the greater Puget Sound area. As I write this statement, though, I am celebrating my 25th year as a law librarian. Law librarianship has to a very significant extent shaped my life. It has given me, always, challenging work, remarkable colleagues and enduring friendships. To be nominated for the office of AALL secretary is indeed an honor.

We lead busy lives. Just when we think we cannot handle one more thing or assume one more responsibility, the opportunity to do just that presents itself. The opportunity to serve as AALL secretary will not particularly make my life easier. But it will make it richer. After 25 years, I continue to reap the rewards that come from working with talented, dedicated people on issues of importance to all members of the law library community.

Two decades of professional experience inform my current conduct and help prepare me for future challenges. Nearly 100 years have shaped AALL, making it the relevant and responsive Association which President Bintliff's September 2001 *AALL Spectrum* column profiles. We look to AALL to be responsive to our needs as individual professionals and to be a guiding force in the larger legal world. I would like to serve AALL by keeping members informed of the issues before the Executive Board and especially of the actions the board takes on our behalf. Those actions will further the mission of support and service AALL promises its members — what better message to convey.

## Ballot Schedule

Friday, March 1, 2002  
Deadline for receipt of petition candidates at AALL.

Monday, March 4, 2002  
Ballots mailed to all voting members.

Friday, April 5, 2002  
Deadline for receipt of ballots at AALL.

Monday, April 8, 2002  
Ballots tabulated at AALL, and results of elections announced immediately.



**Catherine  
Lemann**

Candidate for Secretary

Associate Director  
Law Library of  
Louisiana  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
2000–present

**Education:** M.L.I.S., 1991, Louisiana State University; J.D., 1980, Tulane University; General Practice Certificate, 1974, Institute for Paralegal Training; B.A., 1974, Carleton College

**Positions Held:**

Electronic Resources/Reference Librarian, Law Library of Louisiana, 1996–2000; Reference Librarian, Law Library of Louisiana, 1991–1995; Attorney, Polack Rosenberg Rittenberg & Endom, 1981–1991; Law Clerk, Montgomery Barnett Brown & Read, 1979–1981; Law Clerk, Garon Brener & McNeely, 1978–1979; Paralegal, Polack Rosenberg Rittenberg & Endom, 1975–1977

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1990; State, Court & County Law Libraries SIS Member since 1991, SCCLL Program Committee, 1999 and 2000; Board Member & Strategic Planning Committee, 2001–2004; Member, Professional Development Committee, 2001–present; Coordinator and Moderator, “Unpublished Judicial Opinions, Secret Settlements and the Judicial System,” Annual Meeting, 2001; Coordinator and Moderator, “Nobody Does It Better: Leading Government Web Sites,” Annual Meeting, 2001; Member, Government Relations Committee, 1999–2001; “Greeting Our Lay Patrons at the Gateway: Who Are They and How Can We Help Them?” Annual Meeting, 2000; Chair, Membership Development and Retention Task Force, 1999; Coordinator, Court Technology Trilogy, Annual Meeting, 1999; Member, Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee, 1998–1999; Member, Information Technology and Implementation Working Group, 1996–1998; Member, Special Committee to Advance the Electronic Interchange of Legal Information, 1994–1995; Member, Research Agenda Committee (Standing), 1995–1996; Member, Research Agenda Committee (Special), 1993–1994.

Chapters — **New Orleans Association of Law Libraries:** Member since 1990; Nominating Committee Chair, 1998; Special Projects Committee Chair, 1997–1998; President, 1996–1997; Vice President/President-Elect, 1995–1996; Public Relations Chair, 1994–1995; Newsletter Co-Editor, 1992–1994.

**Southeastern Chapter, American**

**Association of Law Libraries:** Member since 1991; Past President & Bylaws Committee Chair, 2001–2002; President, 2000–2001; Vice President/President-Elect & Program Committee Chair, 1999–2000; Government Relations Committee, 1998–1999; Local Arrangements Chair, 1998 Regional Meeting, New Orleans; Program Committee, 1997 Regional Meeting.

Other — Louisiana State Bar Association. Special Libraries Association. American Libraries Association.

**Subjects Taught:** Electronic Legal Resources and Legal Research

**Publications:** *Covenants against Competition in Franchise Agreements*, Alabama Chapter, Peter J. Klarfeld, editor, (ABA Forum on Franchising, 1992) ... “The Other Side of the Table: Important Lessons Learned When the ITIWG Exhibited at Recent Conferences” 2 *AALL Spectrum* 10 (November 1997) ... “Purchasing and Maintaining the Paperless Law Library,” 43 *Louisiana Bar Journal* 364 (1995) ... “Library Q & A” column, *Bar Briefs*, New Orleans Bar Association, quarterly newsletter April 1993–present ... “Reading on the Job” column, *NOALL Newsletter*, 1992–1996 ... “AIDS in Public Libraries: A Look Back and A Look Forward,” *RQ*, Summer 1993.

**Statement:** I took my first library school class in 1989. When one of my classmates discovered I was a practicing attorney making a career change, she was incredulous. How could I consider the huge salary cut, the diminished status of being a law librarian? As you know, not all attorneys make the big bucks, so the financial situation was not a huge change. More importantly, I’d realized that it is essential that I take personal satisfaction in my profession, rather than feeling somewhat apologetic. Law librarianship has been tremendously rewarding. I have never regretted changing careers.

Participation in association work is an important part of law librarianship for me. It has given me the opportunity to learn more, to challenge myself, to make friends. I’ve also had the chance to appreciate the skills and enthusiasm we have that make us experts.

As the candidates write these statements, this country is taking a look at itself, our sense of security and our relationships with other nations and groups in the world. But the daily concerns addressed by law librarians have not changed.

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You can still find law librarians helping a pro se litigant locate the information and forms he needs, tracking down an obscure government document needed for multimillion-dollar litigation, processing material, or wondering how we will cope

with changing technologies. We make a difference and a positive contribution to sometimes difficult situations.

One of the best things about law librarians is that we help each other. We're not

adversaries. I hope that I can help others by serving as secretary of AALL. I thank the Nominations Committee for giving me this opportunity. And, by the way, I was secretary of my senior high school class, so I have experience!

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## Ann T. Fessenden

Candidate for Executive Board

Circuit Librarian U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit St. Louis, Missouri 1984–present

**Education:** J.D. (Magna Cum Laude), 1984, University of Mississippi; M.L.S., 1977, University of Oklahoma; B.A. (Journalism), 1974, University of Oklahoma

**Positions Held:** Technical Services Librarian, University of Mississippi Law Library, 1978–84; Co-Acting Law Librarian, University of Mississippi Law Library, 1982; Acquisitions Assistant, University of Oklahoma Law Library, 1974–77

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1978; Legal History and Rare Books SIS Member since 2001; State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS Member since 1985, SCCLL Nominations Committee Chair, 1991–1992, SCCLL Executive Board Member, 1988–1991, SCCLL Program Committee Member, 1986–1987, SCCLL Nominations Committee Member, 1986–1987; Membership Development and Retention Task Force Member, 1999; Recruitment Committee Chair, 1998–1999, Member, 1996–1998; Special Committee to Advance the Electronic Interchange of Legal Information Member, 1994–1996; Council of Chapter Presidents Member, 1993–1994; Panelist, “Serving the Needs of the Bench and Bar,” Mid-Winter Institute, 1991; Placement Committee Chair 1989–1990, Member, 1988–1989; Special Committee on Citation Standards Member, 1987–1989; Speaker, “Coordinating Local Law Library Services: The Federal Court Model,” Annual Meeting, 1987; Scholarships and Grants Committee Member, 1986–1988; Membership Committee Member, 1984–1986; Committee on Relations with Publishers and Dealers Member, 1981–1984; Committee on Duplicate Exchange



## Sandy Marz

Candidate for Executive Board

Law Library Director Washoe County Law Library Reno, Nevada 1981–present

**Education:** M.B.A., 1988, University of Nevada, Reno; M.L.S., 1979, Brigham Young University; B.A., 1969, Brigham Young University

**Positions Held:** Public Services Librarian, Washoe County Law Library, 1979–1981

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1981;

AALLNET Committee Member 2001–2003; Special Elections Committee Member, 2001; Awards Committee Chair, 1999; Awards Committee Member, 1997–98, 1994–96; National Legal Resources Committee Member, 1992–94; Education Committee Member, 1990–92; Local Arrangements Committee Chair, Annual Meeting, 1989; State, Court and County Law Libraries SIS, Trustees Development Committee Member since 2000, Sourcebook Committee Member, 1994–96, Standards Committee Chair, 1991–93; Speaker, “How to Keep Your Library Afloat: Developing a Workable Budget in Treacherous Waters,” AALL Annual Meeting, 1997; Program Moderator, “Effective Public Speaking,” AALL Annual Meeting, 1991.

Chapters — **Western Pacific Association of Law Libraries:** President, 1993–94; Education Committee, 1992–94; Placement Committee, 1981. **Northern California Association of Law Libraries:** Member. **Nevada Law Libraries,** Organized first meeting of Nevada Law Librarians in spring 2001.

Other — Beta Phi Mu

**Publications:** Monthly contributor to the following newsletters: *WRIT*, Washoe County Bar Association; *Legal Eagle*, Washoe County Legal Secretaries Association; *Northern Nevada Women Lawyers Association Newsletter*; *SNAP Shot*, Sierra Nevada Association Of Paralegals.

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Member, 1979–1982; Technical Services SIS Member, 1978–1985.

Chapters — **Mid-America Association of Law Libraries:** Member since 1985; Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair, 1999–2001; Speaker, “Sexual Harassment in Library Employment,” Annual Meeting, 1997; Grants Committee Member, 1996–1997; Nominations Committee Member, 1996–1997; Speaker, “Shelving Decisions,” Annual Meeting, 1996; Past President, President, Vice President/President-Elect, 1992–1995; Speaker, “Space Planning in Existing Buildings,” Annual Meeting, 1991; Membership Committee Chair, 1988–1990; Member, 1986–1988.

**Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries:** Member, 1978–1985; Speaker, “Technical Services Problems Associated with Serial Cancellations,” Annual Meeting, 1981; Newsletter Committee Member and “SEAALL Briefs” Columnist, 1979–1984. **Southwestern Association of Law Libraries:** Member, 1975–1977.

Other — U.S. Courts Appellate Advisory Committee Member since 2000. U.S. Courts Electronic Public Access Working Group Member, 1999–2000. Historical Society of the United States Courts in the Eighth Circuit Secretary/Treasurer, 1998–present. U.S. Courts Circuit Librarians Advisory Committee Chair, 1997–1998. Federal Judicial Center Joint Court Education and Training Advisory Committee Member, 1995–1996. American Bar Association: Appellate Judges Conference, Judicial Opinion

Writing Committee Member, Citation Subcommittee Chair, 1988–1991. Mississippi Library Association: Member 1981–1984; Automation and Networking Roundtable Member, 1982–1984; Intellectual Freedom Committee Member, 1981. Beta Phi Mu: Member since 1978; University of Southern Mississippi Chapter, President/Vice-President/Charter Member, 1981–1984.

**Publications:** Contributor, *Judicial Opinion Writing Manual* (American Bar Association, 1991) ... “Cancellation of Serials in a Budget Crisis: The Technical Problems,” *75 Law Library Journal* 157 (1982) ... “Changes in the New ‘Harvard Blue Book’ (A Uniform System of Citation, 14th edition),” *MAALL Newsletter*, vol. 7, no. 2 (April, 1987) ... “Coordinating Local Law Library Services: The Federal Court Model,” *SCCLL Newsletter*, vol. 14, no. 2 (January, 1988) ... “Recessionary Practices in Law Libraries,” *Technical Services Quarterly*, vol. 2, no. 3/4 (Spring/Summer, 1985) ... “U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit Library,” *Show Me Libraries*, Vol. 8, no. 12 (September, 1987).

**Subjects Taught:** Law Library Administration

**Statement:** Why run for the AALL Executive Board? Why spend even more time in meetings, travel, and committee work? The answer is because I believe in AALL. The Association, its chapters, and most importantly, its members, have played a major role in half my life! While I was still a paraprofessional and library student, my first director encouraged me to get involved. And although I have worked in

academic and court libraries, technical services and administration, AALL has always provided me with a network of professional friendships, excellent educational programs, and the support I’ve needed to do my job.

Much has been said about the changing role of law librarians. Though our roles may change, our need for each other and for the support of a strong professional association will not. I have heard some law librarians say that they no longer find AALL relevant. We need to listen both to our members and to nonmember legal information professionals, and seek ways to serve their needs. We should continue to search for creative ways to bring educational programming to every law librarian — not just to those who can attend the Annual Meeting.

Many law librarians are concerned about compensation and about finding ways to demonstrate the value of library services to their organizations. AALL can help by providing salary surveys, fact sheets for administrators, and education. The current shortage of law librarians is expected to get worse as members of my “baby boomer” generation retire. Therefore, it is important that AALL acquaint potential law librarians with opportunities in our profession and provide support for education in law librarianship.

I would like to help AALL continue to play a vital role in the professional lives of all law librarians, and therefore, I would be honored to serve on the Executive Board.

**Statement:** I would be honored to serve on the Executive Board of AALL. I want to help AALL do more for you!

If elected to the board, I will work hard to meet three main goals.

### **1. Improving law librarians' salaries**

*It is difficult to hire experienced law librarians these days at current salary levels.*

### **2. Expand law librarian education efforts**

*Respond more quickly to the changing educational needs of law librarians by providing training opportunities on cutting-edge, rather than just traditional reference and technical services issues.*

*Give training opportunities to law librarians at a local level without the need for expensive and often impractical long-distance travel.*

### **3. Work to protect the civil liberties of patrons**

*In the wake of the September 11 tragedy, AALL must assist in anti-terrorism efforts, but also assure that government actions impacting law libraries do not infringe upon patrons' privacy and First Amendment rights.*

In addition to striving toward meeting these goals, if elected, I promise to be a sympathetic ear during these difficult times of change in our law libraries. I will do all I can to involve AALL in helping you meet the challenges of your workplace.



**Nina Platt**

Candidate for Executive Board

Director of Library Services  
Faegre & Benson LLP  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
1998–present

**Education:**

M.S.L.I.S., 1997,  
Dominican  
University  
(Rosary  
College);  
B.S., 1980,  
University of  
North Dakota

**Positions Held:**

Systems Librarian,  
Minnesota Office of Attorney General,  
1995–1997;  
Manager of Technical Services,  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP,  
1987–1995; Information Specialist,  
Dorsey & Whitney LLP,  
1986–1987; Library Director,  
Carnegie Library, Devils Lake, N.D.,  
1982–1985

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1986; Private Law Libraries SIS Member since 1998; Technical Services SIS, 1986–1997; Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age (Special Committee) Member since 2001; Chair, Main Events, Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee, 2000–2001; Access to Electronic Information Committee Member, 1999–2001; Speaker, “Maximizing the Firm’s Technology Investment: Creative Intranet Applications” and “Cutting Edge KM: Law Firm and Librarian Experiences on the Edge,” AALL Annual Meeting, 2001; Moderator, “Enhancing the Intranet through Collaboration,” Annual Meeting, 2000; Workshop Co-Presenter, “All Systems Are Not Created Equal: How to Navigate the World of Integrated Online Library Systems,” Annual Meeting, 1999; Speaker, “Developing Attorney Work-Product Systems,” Annual Meeting, 1990; Special Committee on Preservation Needs of Law Libraries Member, 1991–1993.

Chapters — **Minnesota Association of Law Libraries:** Member since 1986; Education Committee Member since 1999, 1989–1990; Chair, Internet Applications Committee,

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**Leonette Williams**

Candidate for Executive Board

Associate Director for Collections and Technical Services  
Gabriel and Matilda Barnett Information Technology Center and The Asa V. Call Law Library, University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California  
1996–present

**Education:**

Certificate, Summer Institute for Women in Management, 1997,  
Bryn Mawr College;  
M.S.L.S., 1978,  
University of Southern California;  
B.A., 1974,  
Upsala College

**Positions Held:**

Assistant Director for Technical Services, Asa V. Call Law Library, University of Southern California, 1985–1996; Acquisitions Librarian, Asa V. Call Law Library, University of Southern California, 1978–1985

**Activities:** AALL — Member since 1979; Grants Committee Member, 2000–2002; *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* (Advisory) Committee Member, 1996–1999, Chair, 1997–1998; Technical Services SIS Member since 1980, Past Chair, 1998–1999, Chair, 1997–1998, Vice Chair, 1996–1997; Heads of Technical Services Roundtable Member since 1986; Acquisitions Subcommittee Member, 1979–1987, Chair, 1985–1987; Annual Meeting, Program Coordinator, “Introduction to the Law Library of Congress’ National Digital Library and Automation Initiatives,” 1997; Academic Law Libraries SIS Member since 1980, Coordinator, Middle Managers’ Breakfast, 2001, Nominations Committee, Chair, 1982–1983, ALL Newsletter, Co-Editor, 1981–1982; Government Documents SIS Member since 1986; Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee Member, 1992–1993; RLG Member, Task Force on Index to Legal Essays, 1991–1992; Workshop, Annual Meeting, Faculty, “Basic Acquisitions: Building Effective Law Library Collections,” 1987, Illinois; Workshop, Annual Meeting, Co-Director, “More than Just Buying a

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1996–1999; Publications Member, 1995–1996, 1988–1989; Technical Services SIS, 1987–1997; Organizer & Speaker, "Managing Electronic Resources," MALL Annual Meeting, 2001; Speaker, "Getting the Most from Your Intranet," MALL-sponsored Minnesota Law & Technology Show, 2000; Speaker, "Working with Information Services," MALL Annual Meeting, 1998; Organizer & Speaker, MALL Internet Workshop, 1997.

Other — West Group's Information Innovator's Institute (III): Committee Member since 1999; Chair, United States Law Firm Group Library Committee, 2000–2001; Speaker, "The Perfect Intranet," III, 2001; Speaker, "Knowledge Management Intranets," III, 2000. Co-presenter, "Library Management Systems: Making Smart Choices for the Small & Medium-Sized Law Library," LLAGNY Workshop, 1999. Speaker, "Intranet Search Engines," National Online, 1998. Speaker, "Using Database Management Systems to Implement an IOLS," Integrated Online Library Systems Meeting, 1998. Speaker, "Cost-Effective Legal Research (Using the Internet, Online Services, CD-ROM and Print Effectively)," National Association of Attorneys General Conference, 1997.

**Publications:** Chapter 24, "Knowledge Management for the Information Professional," Edited by T. Kanti Srikantaiah and Michael E.D. Koenig, ASIS Monograph Series, *Information Today*, 2000 ... "AALL Winter Institute: Managing Emerging Technologies," *PLL Perspectives*, June/July 1992 ... "Courtlink," *Law Office Computing*,

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**Statement:** We have all become painfully aware that the cliché is true — the only thing constant in life is change. Change has dramatically swooped down

upon us during the last five years. We all knew it was coming, but it has been a shock in many ways. The question for us now is "How do we deal with the changes that we are presently facing and what does the future hold for us?"

I am pleased to acknowledge that AALL has already been working on these issues. Examples include the AALL Resource Guides (I've used them several times to sell my firm on change) and the Members' Briefing section that dealt with trends and change in legal publishing, legal education and the practice of law, published in the last several issues of *AALL Spectrum*.

The work of AALL is evident in the Association's 2000–2005 Strategic Plan and the special committees that have been appointed as a result of that plan. Committees such as Authentication & Preservation of Digital Law Special Committee and the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age Special Committee are working on issues that are affecting all of us.

As a member of the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age Committee, I have participated in discussions that have helped me focus my thoughts on what lies ahead for legal information professionals. We have an exciting future depending on our actions now. I believe AALL will continue to play an important role in planning for that future and taking the right actions to get there. As a member of the Executive Board, my goal would be to keep AALL focused on the future and looking for strategies that take us there without too much pain.

Book," 1986; Awards Committee Member, 1985–1988; Education Committee Vice Chair, 1983–1985; Committee on the Exchange of Duplicates Member, 1980–1982.

Chapters — **Southern California Association of Law Libraries:**

Member since 1979: Awards Committee Member, 2000–2001; Member of the Year, William Rohan Chapter Service Award in recognition of outstanding service, 1994–1995; Grants Committee Member, 1992–1995, Chair, 1993–1994; Nominations Committee Chair, 1992–1993; Past President, 1991–1992, President, 1990–1991, Vice President/President-Elect, 1989–1990; Annual Institute Chair, "Looking East and West from California Shores," 1990, California; Executive Board Member, 1984–1988; Annual Institute Member, 1985–1989; Treasurer, 1981–1982; *SCALL Newsletter*, Assistant Editor, 1980–1981.

Other — Southern California Faculty Center Board of Directors: Member since 1998; Past President, 2001–2002; President, 2000–2001; Vice President/President-Elect, 1999–2000. USC Women in Management: Member since 1994; Executive Board, 1994–1996; Scholarship Committee, Chair, 1994–1995; Speaker, "The Bryn Mawr Experience," Sept. 1997–Feb. 1998 monthly meetings. USC Law School: Speaker, "The Current Law School Experiences of Female Students," Faculty Workshop on Gender Issues, 1996. USC Center for Feminist Research: Member since 1994. USC Center for Feminist Research and UCLA Center for the Study of Women: Moderator, "Bodies, Space and the Representation of Gender," 1998 Conference. USC Automation Cooperative Systems Group: Member since 1998. USC Law School: Librarian, Street Law Program, 1995–1999, Woodrow Wilson High School. USC: Law Library Representative, Library Staff Performance Evaluations Committee, 1992–1994. USC Law School: Member, Committee on Promotion and Tenure, 1998–2000 and 1989–1990. USC: Senator, Faculty Senate Assembly, 1986–1990. San Jose State University: Speaker, "Automating Law Library Operations," Library and Information Science Program, 1991–1992, Fullerton Campus. California Library Networking Task Force: Member, Network Steering Group, Appointed 1990 by California State Librarian Gary Strong. California

Library Association: Speaker, "Legal Resources for Non-Law Librarians," 1986 Annual Conference, Long Beach, California. American Society for Information Science: Member, 1977–1985; Committee Member, Chapter-of-the-Year Award Jury, 1983–1984; Assembly Representative, Los Angeles Chapter, 1982. Los Angeles Chapter of the American Society for Information Science: Member, 1977–1985; President, 1982; Past President, 1983; Master of Ceremonies, "Small Computers in Libraries," 1982 Conference, California State University, Long Beach; Secretary, 1981; Chair, 1980 Membership Committee; Member of the Year, 1979. USC: Law Library Representative, Negotiations between USC and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, 1986, 1989, 1994–1995, 1998–1999, 2001.

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*Law Bibliography: Sources from the Pacific Basin and the Middle East* not in the Collection of the USC Law Library. Compiled for the Academic Affairs Committee. (Asa V. Call Law Library Bibliography series no. 104, 1981). 18 p.

**Subjects Taught:** Legal Bibliography

**Statement:** It is a great honor to be nominated to run for the AALL Executive Board. I recognize the good work of current and past board members, and if I am fortunate enough to be elected, I shall try to continue the commendable actions of my predecessors.

I've talked with several colleagues about their expectations of the board. Two concerns clearly emerged: (1) communication between the board and individual members and (2) the importance of AALL as the unified voice for law librarianship.

Individuals are genuinely interested in personal contact between the Association and board members. Published minutes from board meetings serve their function, but members still desire a personal connection with board members. It is important for board members to continue visits to regional chapters. Eleven board members cannot personally get to know the entire membership. However, they can take every opportunity to make themselves visible, available and open to members. I have put this belief into practice as the chair of the Technical Services SIS, as a committee chair, as president of my regional chapter and president of my university's Faculty Center Board of Directors.

AALL faces many issues, including: the effect of the current economic situation on law libraries, recruitment of new librarians, digital versus print information, regional educational programs, and employers who remain uneducated about the work of law librarianship. I am proud of the work AALL has done for the profession. AALL is the voice of law librarianship, for leading us valiantly into the future. Yet I also view AALL as a representative democracy, an association for ALL members. The government of any association is better served by listening to the voices of the many constituencies and not shying from open dissent before determining the group's position. If elected to the board, I will do my best to fulfill the mission and bylaws of the Association and faithfully serve all of its members.