

# From the Reference Desk to River City: A Bibliography of the Writings of Robert C. Berring\*

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*Professor Houdek documents the prolific and eclectic body of work of Robert C. Berring, including the books, chapters, articles, and assorted other materials he has written to date on subjects ranging from law libraries and legal information to legal research instruction and Chinese law and history.*

¶1 In his long career of scholarly pursuits, Robert C. Berring has taken enthralled readers from the reference desk<sup>1</sup> to Meredith Willson's River City<sup>2</sup>—and to many places in between. Given his long-time connection to Berkeley, California, as student, library director, dean, and now law professor,<sup>3</sup> it's not inappropriate for the harried bibliographer trying to somehow corral Berring's prolific and eclectic body of work to be reminded of that most famous lyric by the Bay Area's Grateful Dead, "what a long, strange trip it's been."<sup>4</sup>

¶2 Documenting the written work of Berring—Bob to his friends and Uncle Zeb<sup>5</sup> to his Boalt Hall students—is a challenge. To say he has been a "productive"

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1. Robert Berring, *How to Be a Great Reference Librarian*, LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q., Spring 1984, at 17.
2. Robert C. Berring, *Deconstructing the Law Library: The Wisdom of Meredith Willson*, 89 MINN. L. REV. 1381 (2005).
3. A graduate of Harvard College in 1971, Berring earned JD and MLS degrees, both in 1974, from the University of California, Berkeley. After stints as assistant law librarian at the University of Illinois Law Library (1975–76), associate law librarian at the University of Texas Tarlton Law Library (1976–78), deputy law librarian and acting director at Harvard Law School Library (1978–81), and professor and law librarian at the University of Washington (1981–82), he returned in 1982 to his alma mater as professor of law and director of the law library at Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley. During his tenure as director, he held a joint appointment in 1986–89 as dean of Berkeley's School of Library and Information Studies. Berring also served as interim dean of the law school from January 2003 to June 2004. Named to the Walter Perry Johnson Professor of Law Chair in 1997, he stepped down as director of the law library in 2005. He continues as a full-time Boalt Hall faculty member, teaching contracts, advanced legal research, and Chinese law. He also regularly teaches an undergraduate course about China for Berkeley's Legal Studies Department, and offers freshmen seminars about law and cognitive studies.
4. GRATEFUL DEAD, *Truckin'*, on AMERICAN BEAUTY (Warner Bros. 1970).
5. See Tung Yin, *Really, Who Is Uncle Zeb?* 3 GREEN BAG 2D 115 (1999); Best of Zeb '98 (Craig Broscow ed., 1998), <http://www.boalt.org/zeb/1998/bestofzeb/zebsbest.html>, reprinted in THE BEST OF ZEB 1995–1998 (Craig Broscow ed., Green Bag Special Edition, 1999), available at <http://www.greenbag.org/Zeb.pdf>.

scholar throughout his professional career is to shortchange not only his amazing output but also the wide range of subjects, styles, and publication formats this work has encompassed. A law librarian for most of his professional career, Berring began by writing on traditional library subjects—collection development<sup>6</sup> and reference work,<sup>7</sup> for instance—and has continued to contribute to that literature to the present day with articles and essays on the future of libraries and librarians.<sup>8</sup> Over the same time, he not only authored or coauthored important tools of legal research instruction in various formats,<sup>9</sup> but also wrote about the theory and pedagogy of teaching in this field.<sup>10</sup> Of course, as amply demonstrated in each of the articles in this symposium focused on Berring's work,<sup>11</sup> but especially in the review of that work and its progeny by Richard A. Danner,<sup>12</sup> the publication of legal information and its impact on the law has been a major and overriding concern for this perceptive and original thinker.

¶3 But Berring did not stop there. In 1981, he was the founding editor of what has since become a well-respected journal in the field of law librarianship and legal information, *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. He continued in this position through volume seventeen, published in 1999. Throughout this long tenure, Berring frequently contributed an “editorial” to the quarterly issues. Some of these merely introduced the contents of the issue, but beginning with volume six (1986), Berring used them as a forum from which to offer his latest thoughts on one or more of his favorite issues. And in yet another twist, this man of eclectic interests<sup>13</sup> is, in addition to everything else, a well-respected teacher and scholar of Chinese law. Not surprisingly, this interest added a number of China-related pieces to the Berring canon that are probably unknown to many of his professional law library colleagues.<sup>14</sup>

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6. Roy M. Mersky, Robert C. Berring & Michael Richmond, *Acquisitions and Selection of Primary and Secondary Legal Materials for Social Science Collections*, BEHAVIORAL & SOC. SCI. LIBR., Winter 1979, at 127.

7. Berring, *supra* note 1.

8. *E.g.*, Robert C. Berring, *The Electronic Law Library: The Electronic Future of Law Libraries*, 24 LAW LIBR. 168 (1993).

9. *E.g.*, MORRIS L. COHEN, ROBERT C. BERRING & KENT C. OLSON, HOW TO FIND THE LAW (9th ed. 1989); ROBERT C. BERRING & ELIZABETH A. EDINGER, FINDING THE LAW (12th ed. 2005); BOB BERRING'S COMMANDO LEGAL RESEARCH (Legal Star Communications 1989); Berring's Legal Research Podcast, <http://www.berringlegalresearch.com/podcast.asp> (last visited Jan. 14, 2007).

10. *E.g.*, Robert C. Berring & Kathleen Vanden Heuvel, *Legal Research: Should Students Learn It or Wing It?* 81 LAW LIBR. J. 81 431 (1989); Robert C. Berring, *A Sort of Response: Brutal Non-Choices*, 4 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RES. & WRITING 81 (1996) (arguing that librarians should teach legal research in stand-alone courses).

11. Symposium, *Legal Information and the Development of American Law: Further Thinking about the Thoughts of Robert C. Berring*, 99 LAW LIBR. J. 191 (2007).

12. Richard A. Danner, *Legal Information and the Development of American Law: Writings on the Form and Structure of the Published Law*, 99 LAW LIBR. J. 193, 2007 LAW LIBR. J. 13.

13. For information about just one of Berring's passions—collecting books in an “eclectic array”—see Frank G. Houdek, *What Law Librarians Collect*, 91 LAW LIBR. J. 577, 586 (1999) (essay by Berring).

14. *E.g.*, Robert C. Berring, *Rule of Law: The Chinese Perspective*, 35 J. SOC. PHIL. 449 (2004).

¶4 This combination of long productivity and diverse interests makes it difficult, if not impossible, to produce a definitive list of everything that Berring has written to date in his professional career. While I am confident that this bibliography does include all of the major works, and many of the “minor” ones as well (if such a descriptor can be used in conjunction with anything Berring writes), I am equally sure that I have missed pieces that rank as someone’s favorite, maybe even Bob’s! For that I apologize and plead limitations of time, energy, and space.

¶5 The bibliography is arranged by publication format: books, chapters, articles, columns, editorials, book reviews, memorials and remembrances, and oral history and personal reminiscences. Within each category, the materials are listed in reverse chronological order.

### Books

- Winning Research Skills*. 2006–07 ed. Eagan, Minn.: West, 2006. 204p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Finding the Law*. 12th ed. American Casebook Series. St. Paul, Minn.: Thomson/West, 2005. 443p. (With Elizabeth A. Edinger.)
- Winning Research Skills: 2005–2006*. Eagan, Minn.: West, 2005. 198p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Discovering Winning Research Skills: 2004–2005*. Eagan, Minn.: West, 2004. 198p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Discovering Winning Research Skills: 2003–2004*. 6th ed. Eagan, Minn.: West, 2003. 200p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Legal Research Survival Manual*. St. Paul, Minn.: West Group, 2002. 93p. (With Elizabeth A. Edinger.)
- Winning Research Skills*. 5th ed. Eagan, Minn.: West Group, 2002. 142p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Winning Research Skills*. Rev. 4th ed. Eagan, Minn.: West Group, 2000. 170p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Winning Research Skills*. 4th ed. Eagan, Minn.: West Group, 1999. 173p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Finding the Law*. 11th ed. American Casebook Series. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1999. 393p. (With Elizabeth A. Edinger.)
- Winning Research Skills*. 3rd ed. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1996. 182p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Finding the Law*. 10th ed. American Case Book Series. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1995. 331p.

- Winning Research Skills*. 2nd ed. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1993. 153p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Winning Research Skills*. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1991. 147p. (With Nancy P. Johnson & Thomas A. Woxland.)
- Great American Law Reviews*, edited with commentary by Robert C. Berring & Sally Gunderson. Special ed. Birmingham, Ala.: Legal Classics Library, 1984–90. 3v.<sup>15</sup>
- Finding the Law: An Abridged Edition of "How to Find the Law, 9th ed."* American Casebook Series. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1989. 570p. (With Morris Cohen & Kent C. Olson.)
- How to Find the Law*. 9th ed. American Casebook Series. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1989. 716p. (With Morris Cohen & Kent C. Olson.)
- Practical Approaches to Legal Research*. New York: Haworth Press, 1988. 150p. (With Kent C. Olson.)
- Finding the Law: An Abridged Edition of "How to Find the Law, 8th Ed."* American Casebook Series. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1984. 556p. (With Morris L. Cohen.)
- How to Find the Law*. 8th ed. American Casebook Series. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1983. 790p. (With Morris L. Cohen.)
- Author's Guide to Journals in Law, Criminal Justice, & Criminology*, edited by Roy M. Mersky, Robert C. Berring & James K. McCue. Author's Guide to Journals Series. New York: Haworth Press, 1979. 243p.

## Chapters

- "A Brief History of Law Librarianship." In *Law Librarianship in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Roy Balleste, Sonia Luna-Lamas & Lisa Smith-Butler, 1–13. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 2007.
- "*Defending Your Life* (1991): Due Process in the Afterlife." In *Screening Justice—The Cinema of Law: Significant Films of Law, Order and Social Justice*, edited by Rennard Strickland, Teree E. Foster & Taunya Lovell Banks, 575–80. Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein & Co., 2006.<sup>16</sup>

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15. Contains a collection of articles reprinted from various American law reviews from 1890 to 1979.

16. Berring's contribution to a collection of essays about law-related films considers *DEFENDING YOUR LIFE* (Geffen Pictures 1991), a film about the trial which the protagonist, recently killed by a city bus, must undergo to determine his fate. According to Berring, "[p]rocedural fairness and the public's perception of the judicial process anchor the movie." Robert C. Berring, *Defending Your Life* (1991): Due Process in the Afterlife, in *SCREENING JUSTICE—THE CINEMA OF LAW: SIGNIFICANT FILMS OF LAW, ORDER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE* 575, 575 (Rennard Strickland et al. eds., 2006). He also notes that there is a "touch of Kafka" to the film: "the whole process is hurried along, and [the protagonist] never really knows what the standards are." *Id.* at 579. Berring compares this to the perception of the judicial system by ordinary citizens: "For most people in our culture, legal proceedings have this same sense of bizarre incomprehensibility." *Id.*

- “Introduction.” In *The Bluebook: A Sixty-Five Year Retrospective*, vol. 1, v–vii. Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein & Co., 1998.
- [Speech.] In *Opportunities and Challenges for Lawyers and Legal Educators in a World Without Borders*, 10–16. Occasional Papers, No. 9. Chicago: American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, 1997.
- “Plenary Session: The Shifting Universe of Legal Information.” In *The National Conference on Legal Information Issues: Selected Essays*, edited by Timothy L. Coggins, 21–32. AALL Publication Series, No. 51. Littleton, Colo.: Fred B. Rothman & Co., 1996.
- “Future Librarians.” In *Future Libraries*, edited by R. Howard Bloch & Carla Hesse, 94–115. Berkeley, Calif.: University of California Press, 1995.
- “Practicing Law in 2013.” In *LEXIS 20th Anniversary*, edited by Judi Schultz, 19–23. Dayton, Ohio: Mead Data Central, 1993.
- “Power and Paradigm.” In *Highlights: Selection of Presentations 1991–1993 from Conference on Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries*, 73–79. Dayton, Ohio: Mead Data Central, 1993.
- “Law for the Library.” In *Collection Development*, edited by Karl Nyren, 58–65. Library Journal Special Report, No. 6. New York: Library Journal, 1978. (With Roy M. Mersky.)

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- “Deconstructing the Law Library: The Wisdom of Meredith Willson.” *Minnesota Law Review* 89 (2005): 1381–1406.
- “Challenges for Law Libraries—and Librarians—of Tomorrow.” *Practice Innovations* 6 (Oct. 2005): 7–8.
- “Less is More. Really.” *Green Bag (2d Series)* 8 (2005): 231–34.
- “Rule of Law: The Chinese Perspective.” *Journal of Social Philosophy* 35 (2004): 449–56.
- “Unprecedented Precedent: Ruminations on the Meaning of it All.” *Green Bag (2d Series)* 5 (2002): 245–47.
- “Legal Information and the Search for Cognitive Authority.” *California Law Review* 88 (2000): 1673–708.
- “Legal Research and the World of Thinkable Thoughts.” *Journal of Appellate Practice and Process* 2 (2000): 305–18.
- “Salary Inflation & the Deal with the Devil.” *Green Bag (2d Series)* 3 (2000): 247–49.
- “The Paperless Chase: Don’t Throw out the Librarian with the Library.” *California Lawyer* 20 (June 2000): 50–51.

- “Chinese Law, Trade and the New Century.” *Northwestern Journal of International Law & Business* 20 (2000): 425–45.
- “Is Berkeley Off Course? *California Monthly* 109 (February 1999): 18–20. (Available at [http://alumni.berkeley.edu/Alumni/Cal\\_Monthly/February\\_1999/Is\\_Berkeley\\_off\\_course.asp](http://alumni.berkeley.edu/Alumni/Cal_Monthly/February_1999/Is_Berkeley_off_course.asp).)
- “A Few Parting Words: Proposed Draft Submitted to Censors Dec. 31, 2027.” *Green Bag (2d Series)* 1 (1998): 227–30.<sup>17</sup>
- “Partners and Alliances in Digital Information.” *Collection Management* 22, no. 3–4 (1998): 9–20.
- “Ring Dang Do.” *Green Bag (2d Series)* 1 (1997): 3–6.<sup>18</sup>
- “Farewell to All That.” *Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Journal* 19 (1997): 431–47.
- “Chaos, Cyberspace and Tradition: Legal Information Transmogrified.” *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* 12 (1997): 189–212.
- “The Ties That Do Not Bind: *Flambeau V. Honeywell*.” *Texas Law Review* 74 (1996): 1205–09.
- “Thoughts on the Future: A Steroid-Enhanced Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 15, no. 3/4 (1996): 1–14.
- “A Sort of Response: Brutal Non-Choices.” *Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing* 4 (1996): 81–82.
- “Universal Citation Systems: Will Tinkering with the Future Be the End of Reliable, Standardized Opinions.” *ABA Journal* 82 (July 1996): 74.
- “California’s Rush to Be in the Vanguard of Uniform Citation Might Be Jumping the Gun.” *Recorder* (May 15, 1996): 4.
- “On Not Throwing out the Baby: Planning the Future of Legal Information.” *California Law Review* 83 (1995): 615–35.
- “The Current State of Networked Information in the United States and Why You Should Care about It.” *Law Librarian* 26 (1995): 246–48.
- “Collapse of the Structure of the Legal Research Universe: The Imperative of Digital Information.” *Washington Law Review* 69 (1994): 9–34.

17. Writing in the guise of the retiring custodian of the Boalt Hall Law Book Depository and Archive and the “last human faculty member of what was once the Boalt Hall Law School,” Berring delivers an account both humorous and chilling of the intervening years since his arrival in 1981 to his impending retirement in 2027. He notes the development in 2005 of software that allowed “all cases ever decided, all statutes ever passed, and all rules and regulations ever made to be digitally stored and sorted by subject,” soon followed by a program that replicated “the thinking processes of wise judges, respected figures and moral paragons.” Robert C. Berring, *A Few Parting Words: Proposed Draft Submitted to Censors Dec. 31, 2027*, 1 GREEN BAG 2D 227, 228 (1998). The combination of the two led to the “perfect judge”; adding a system that provided “access to a person’s actual internally stored sense projections” made “perfect justice” possible. *Id.* It was soon apparent that lawyers and judges were no longer needed; when the ABA fought back, the Anti-Lawyer riots resulted. When the smoke cleared, the “Law Library at Boalt Hall was the largest such facility left undamaged”; declared a national landmark, “the ranges of books and periodicals . . . are a favorite stop for virtual tourists who wish to have an adventure and perhaps scare the children.” *Id.* at 230.

18. Reflecting on the ultimate meaning of the 1996 sale of the West Publishing Company to Thomson, Berring speculates on the future of legal information in a world where “[p]ublishing cases is . . . easy” and the “value of editing . . . has been set aside in the rush of enthusiasm for homemade delivery systems and snazzy search engines.” Robert C. Berring, *Ring Dang Do*, 1 GREEN BAG 2D 3, 5 (1997).

- "The Electronic Law Library: The Electronic Future of Law Libraries." *Law Librarian* 24 (1993): 168–73.
- "Tips for Efficient Computer-Aided Legal Research." *Legal Malpractice Report* 3, no. 4 (1992): 25.
- "Technology and the Standard of Care for Legal Research." *Legal Malpractice Report* 3, no. 4 (1992): 21–22.
- "Legal Research: A Final Response." *Law Library Journal* 82 (1990): 495–96. (With Kathleen Vanden Heuvel.)<sup>19</sup>
- "Full Text Legal Research: Implications for the Future." *Canadian Association of Law Libraries Newsletter/Bulletin* 18 (1989): 186–89.
- "Legal Research: Should Students Learn It or Wing It?" *Law Library Journal* 81 (1989): 431–49. (With Kathleen Vanden Heuvel.)<sup>20</sup>
- "Dyspeptic Ramblings of a Retiring Past President." *Law Library Journal* 79 (1987): 345–50.
- "Legal Research and Legal Concepts: Where Form Molds Substance." *California Law Review* 75 (1987): 15–27.
- "Full-Text Databases and Legal Research: Backing Into the Future." *High Technology Law Journal* 1 (1986): 27–60.
- "How to Be a Great Reference Librarian." *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 4 (Spring 1984): 17–37. Reprinted in *The Spirit of Law Librarianship: A Reader*, edited by Roy M. Mersky and Richard A. Leiter, 159–79. Littleton, Colo.: Fred B. Rothman & Co., 1991.
- "Looseleaf Services: A Subject Bibliography." *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 1, no. 4 (1981): 51–71. (With Valerie Wedin.)
- "Corpus Juris Secundum." *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 1, no. 1 (1981): 67–82. (With Valerie Wedin.)
- "Acquisitions and Selection of Primary and Secondary Legal Materials for Social Science Collections." *Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian* 1 (Winter 1979): 127–35. (With Roy M. Mersky & Michael Richmond.)

### LLNM Columns<sup>21</sup>

- "Riding Off Proudly." *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 5 (Sept.–Oct. 2003): 3.
- "Selling the Cause." *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 5 (May–June 2003): 3.

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19. This article was written in reply to Christopher G. Wren & Jill R. Wren, *Reviving Legal Research: A Reply to Berring and Vanden Heuvel*, 82 *LAW LIBR. J.* 463 (1990).

20. This article was written in reply to Christopher G. Wren & Jill R. Wren, *The Teaching of Legal Research*, 80 *LAW LIBR. J.* 7 (1988).

21. From 2000 to 2003, Berring contributed a column to *Law Librarians in the New Millennium*, a free newsletter for law librarians published five times a year by the Librarian Relations Group of Thomson-West. As usual, while Berring's short pieces mainly focused on librarians and libraries, they covered a wide range of subjects. A highlight was the leisure reading book recommendation Berring offered at the end of most columns.

- “Librarians at the Helm.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 5 (Mar.–Apr. 2003): 3.
- “Questioning Authority.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 5 (Jan.–Feb. 2003): 3.
- “A Stunning Rebuke.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 4 (Nov.–Dec. 2002): 3.
- “Getting Our Facts Straight.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 4 (Sept.–Oct. 2002): 3.
- “A Beautiful Mind.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 4 (May–June 2002): 3.
- “Research Guides, R.I.P.?” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 4 (Mar.–Apr. 2002): 3.
- “Making It Up As We Go.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 4 (Jan.–Feb. 2002): 3.
- “Cynicism Takes a Hit.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 3 (Nov.–Dec. 2001): 3.
- “And a Librarian Shall Lead Them.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 3 (Sept.–Oct. 2001): 4.
- “Spring Comes Crashing.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 3 (May–June 2001): 4.
- “A Moment for Thanks.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 3 (Mar.–Apr. 2001): 5.
- “An Unprecedented Decision.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 3 (Jan.–Feb. 2001): 3.
- “Show Us the Money!” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 2 (Fall 2000): 2.
- “A Conference-Eye View.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 2 (Summer 2000): 2.
- “Shrinking Libraries Magnify Librarians’ Role.” *Law Librarians in the New Millennium* 2 (Spring 2000): 2.

### LRSQ Editorials<sup>22</sup>

- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 17, no. 4 (1999): 1–2.<sup>23</sup>

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22. In 1981, Berring served as founding editor of *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, a publication of Haworth Press. He continued as editor through volume seventeen, published in 1999. Berring frequently contributed an editorial to the quarterly issues. Initially he primarily introduced the contents of the issue, but beginning with volume six (1986), Berring used the editorial as a forum from which to offer his latest thoughts on one or more of his favorite issues.

23. In ending his tenure as editor, Berring writes that “[h]aving started *LRSQ* eighteen years ago on a Selectric typewriter as a one man band, I feel great affection for it.” Robert C. Berring, *Editorial*, *LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q.*, 1999, no. 4, at 1, 1. He goes on to thank those who helped him produce the journal, especially Managing Editor Kathleen Vanden Heuvel, and those who contributed to it, including Nancy Carol Carter, Barbara Bintliff, Scott Pagel, Tom Woxland, and Kent Olson (“the author of my all time favorite book review,” *Id.* at 2 (referring to Kent C. Olson, *Federal Reporter*, 2nd Series, Vol. 750, *LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q.*, Fall–Winter 1986, at 199)).

- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 16, no. 4 (1998): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 16, no. 3 (1998): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 15, no. 1 (1995): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 14, no. 4 (1994): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 14, no. 1/2 (1994): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 13, no. 3 (1993): 1–4.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 13, no. 1 (1993): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 12, no. 2/3 (1992): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 11, no. 1/2 (1991): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 10, no. 3 (1990): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 10, no. 1/2 (1990): 3–5.  
(With Kathleen Vanden Heuvel.)
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 8, no. 3/4 (1988): 3–6.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 7, no. 2/3/4 (1987): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 7, no. 1 (1987): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 6, no. 3/4 (1986): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 6, no. 1/2 (1986): 1–3
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 5, no. 4 (1985): 1–3.
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- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 5, no. 1 (1985): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 4, no. 4 (1984): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 4, no. 3 (1984): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 4, no. 2 (1984): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 4, no. 1 (1984): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 3, no. 4 (1983): 1–2.<sup>25</sup>
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 3, no. 3 (1983): 1–2.

24. Responding to readers' queries concerning the "direction of LRSQ," Berring notes that "[r]eaders have noticed that we publish articles on new topics while continuing to explore old reference tools, and that our article mix includes long, detailed analyses and short, thought pieces. Such a lack of focus may in some respects be a drawback, but in all honesty it is exactly where I want LRSQ to be. By presenting a broad spectrum of articles we hope to provide information in each issue that will be of some immediate use to almost every reader." Robert C. Berring, *Editorial*, *LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q.*, 1985, no. 2–3, at 1, 1.

25. After the usual description of the contents of the issue, Berring summarizes his feelings about LRSQ at the end of its third volume: "My original plan had been to edit the *Quarterly* for two volumes, but at the end of volume two things were just getting settled. Now I find myself about to end volume three. To be honest, this is getting to be fun. The enjoyment comes from getting so many interesting articles, from interacting with authors and members of the Board of Advisors and, most of all dealing with readers." Robert C. Berring, *Editorial*, *LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES Q.*, 1983, no. 4, at 1, 2.

- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 3, no. 2 (1983): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 3, no. 1 (1983): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 2, no. 4 (1982): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 2, no. 3 (1982): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 2, no. 2 (1982): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 2, no. 1 (1982): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 1, no. 4 (1981): 1–3.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 1, no. 2/3 (1981): 1–2.
- “Editorial.” *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 1, no. 1 (1981): 1–3.<sup>26</sup>

### Book Reviews

- Review of *Crime, Punishment and the Prison in Modern China*, by Frank Dikötter. *Punishment & Society* 7, no. 1 (2005): 114–15.
- “Affirmative Action in Perspective.” Review of *Silence at Boalt Hall: The Dismantling of Affirmative Action*, by Andrea Guerrero. *California Law Review* 91 (2003): 1125–37.
- Review of *Copyright Essentials for Librarians and Educators*, edited by Kenneth D. Crews. *Library Quarterly* 71 (2001): 432.
- Review of *Technology and Copyright Law: A Guidebook for the Library, Research and Teaching Professions*, by Arlene Bielefield & Lawrence Cheeseman. *Library Quarterly* 68 (1998): 242–44.
- Review of *Cyberspace and the Law: Your Rights and Duties in the On-Line World*, by Edward A. Cavazos & Gavino Morin; *Rights and Responsibilities of Participants in Networked Communities*, edited by Dorothy S. Denning & Herbert S. Lin. *Library Quarterly* 66 (1996): 232–34.
- Review of *In Search of Equality: The Chinese Struggle Against Discrimination in Nineteenth-Century America*, by Charles J. McClain. *Asian Law Review* 2 (1995): 87–103.
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27. Berring contributes to a collection of remembrances of Roger F. Noreen (1922–97), longtime employee of the West Publishing Company (1948–50, 1961–92) and vice-president of its Law School Division from 1967 to his retirement.

28. Berring contributes a short remembrance of Antonette “Babe” Russo, AALL’s administrative secretary from 1969 to 1989, who passed away on March 28, 1994. He recalls that Russo “held AALL together through days when she was the entire Headquarters staff, when budgets were hand-to-mouth and everyone had to improvise.” Robert C. Berring, *Tribute to Babe Russo*, 25 AM. ASS’N LAW LIBR. NEWSL. 366, 366 (1994). But most importantly, “Babe was a wonderful, funny lady. She knew how to laugh and how to find humor in the tar pit of organizational bureaucracy. . . . For a stretch of years she was AALL. For many of us, she always will be.” *Id.*

29. Berring admits to collecting “books in an eclectic array,” including first editions of his favorite books (e.g., *Farewell My Lovely* by Raymond Chandler) and favorite authors (e.g., Don DeLillo, John Gardner), “fine printing from the past one hundred years, and some oddities.” He says about his books: “They make me smile.” Houdek, *supra* note 13, at 586.

30. Contributing to a collection of short essays on “My First [AALL] Annual Meeting,” Berring describes his experiences at the 1974 convention in St. Paul. He recounts his four interviews, including ones with Frances Farmer of the University of Virginia and Roy Mersky of the University of Texas, as well as his general impression of AALL as “loud, exciting, and very much a place where you had to get to know people fast.” Robert C. Berring, *Conventional Wisdom*, 88 LAW LIBR. J. 14, 15 (1996).