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Michelle M. Wu is currently Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law at the Deane Law Library, Hofstra University. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California at San Diego, her Juris Doctor from California Western School of Law, and her Masters in Librarianship from the University of Washington. Prior to her arrival at Hofstra, she worked in various professional capacities at The George Washington University Law Library and the University of Houston Law Library.

Within AALL, Ms. Wu has served on the ALL-SIS' Marketing Toolkit Task Force and the Fair Business Practices Committee. She also spent five years on the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV), during which time she served for a year as Chair of the New Products Award Subcommittee and for three years as editor/co-editor of the CRIVSheet. She has also been a speaker, moderator or panelist on several programs at past AALL annual conventions. This year, she will be a speaker on "Beyond Legal Research on the Teaching Frontier" and a panelist at "Diversity Symposium : Pioneering Law Librarians : Echoes of the Past, Directions for the Future." On a local level, Michelle has served for LLSDC (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.) in two capacities, one year as Publications Committee co-chair and another as Vice President.

Ms. Wu teaches Licensing and Copyright at Hofstra University School of Law, and has contributed to the development of library literature relating to copyright, electronic resources and personnel management. Her publications, authored singly or jointly, include "Why Print and Electronic Resources are Essential to the Academic Law Library," "Practitioner's Research Guide to Researching Government Documents on the Internet," "Personnel Management in Access Services: A General Overview of the Literature, 1990-2002," "Do Librarians Dream of Electronic Serials?," and "District of Columbia Legal Research."

STATEMENT: Since its inception, the ALL-SIS has been instrumental in providing librarians with the resources and continuing education they need to respond to the growing demands of the academic law library community. As information continues to explode and patrons' expectations expand, we will all look to ALL-SIS' leadership for guidance in service and public relations challenges.

The ALL-SIS should revisit its strategic plan and actively pursue avenues to increase awareness of academic law library issues and possible solutions. Active communication, creativity, and exploration in the coming years will ensure that libraries continue to develop in ways consistent with legal education needs, both present and future. In reaching these goals, I feel that my past library experience will serve ALL-SIS members well. As I have held responsibilities in public services, technical services, and information technology, I know that the strength of a library builds from its members' collaborative abilities. Similarly, ALL-SIS' excellence is based on our collective skills, and I would be honored to serve the SIS by coordinating and directing those talents.