Libraries Without Borders:
Report on the Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting

by Betsy Vipperman, Appellate Division 4th Department Law Library, Rochester; with photographs by Ted Holynski, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law

I was the lucky recipient of this year’s Ernest H. Breuer Memorial Grant to attend the Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting: Libraries Without Borders II on October 17th-20th in Toronto. Since joining ALLUNY ten years ago I’ve heard tales of how wonderful the NE conferences have been. Now I’ve experienced one for myself, and it was fabulous in every way—educationally, socially, gastronomically, you name it.

The opening reception at the historic Ontario Legislative Assembly building set the social tone for the conference—good food and sparkling conversation. During the Dutch Treat dinners Thursday night the trend continued. I shared one of the most delicious meals I’ve ever eaten with five new friends. I highly recommend La Bodega bistro to any of you making a Toronto run.

The educational programming was consistently of very high quality with interesting, timely topics and excellent speakers. The biggest problem was deciding which of several great choices in a time slot to attend. I’ve highlighted some of my favorites below.

In “Researching Canadian Law: Part I: The Judicial Process, Courts and Case Law,” Beatrice Tice of the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto reassured the Yanks in the crowd that Canadian law is “familiar, yet somehow

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Message from the President

By Jim Milles, Vice Dean and Director of the Law Library, Professor of Law, University at Buffalo Law School.

As I write this, I can’t believe that it’s already a month and a half since Libraries Without Borders II — time flies when you’re on sabbatical! By the time you read this, however, I’ll be back in the Law Library and starting work, both at the Law School and for ALLUNY, with renewed energy and enthusiasm. My time away has given me an opportunity to pursue research interests, as well as to recharge and refresh. I look forward to devoting much of that energy to helping ALLUNY move forward.

This issue of the newsletter is testimony to the diversity of talents and interests that make ALLUNY a strong chapter. Court librarian Betsy Vipperman and library student Jessica de Perio Wittman share their separate perspectives on a successful regional meeting. Wendy Scott reports on her scholarly contributions at the Law and Society Association conference in Berlin. Elaine Knecht and Jean Callihan write about wide-ranging thoughts and observations on the daily practice of law librarianship. Joan Hoolihan’s cataloging notes and Ruth Balkin’s comments on market research demonstrate the variety of types of work that fall under the umbrella of law librarianship.

But this diversity carries with it law librarianship’s weakness — the difficulty in identifying the common goals, ideals, or principles that might unite us as a profession. How can we as a regional association, with all our differences, work together to strengthen law librarianship, to communicate our value to the organizations that employ us and the public that (we believe) needs us? How do you respond to the glazed looks you receive when you first introduce yourself to someone as a law librarian?

I hope during the coming year to work with all of the members of ALLUNY to raise our profile to a significant degree. We should all be thinking of innovative ways to spread the word about what we do and what we can contribute. Public relations is going to be a chief priority during my term as President of ALLUNY, and I look forward to working with all members of the association to do what we can to increase awareness of law librarianship and the value we provide to our organizations. Let me hear your suggestions!

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Editor's Corner

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The Newsletter issue that almost wasn’t!

Cue the shrieking violins — did I scare you with the above headline? I scared myself. Allow me first to reassure — the Newsletter was never really in jeopardy. But now I shall share a cautionary tale, as chilling as a December day in Buffalo, or even more so, climate change considered.

I tend, as a general rule, toward backing up data, redundantly even. On flash drives, on CD’s, on floppies; any physical form will do. While working on the Newsletter, I typically have three copies of everything: one in my directory on the Library’s network, one on a portable device, and one on my home pc. And I don’t archive any e-mail until after the Newsletter release, so those initial electronic submissions make a fourth. I mention these habits because they are my standard practice: save everything, and back it up.

So if the Windows operating system were to urp all over my home pc (“Tonstant Bwowser Fwowed Up,” indeed!), it shouldn’t have been a problem. Inconvenient, to be sure. Time consuming to fix, no doubt. But no cause for real alarm, right? Because I am a savvy computer user of the paranoid type who knows to always, always, always back up data all the time, always — especially data of hugely sentimental value, like digital photographs. I am that person, yes? Alas, alack. I had lapsed. From my digital camera to my home pc’s hard drive, not all the images had made the leap to online storage or another device. And I knew it...

I’ll spare you the recounting of the hours—which-felt-like-days—which-felt-like-weeks of recrimination and kicking myself and jump right to the good news. (I’ll share the link should I discover any videos of “Nancy kicking herself” on YouTube.)

Here’s the good news, and what I’ve learned:

- I am not a computer-addict, and can happily survive the loss of leisure Internet. However, it is tougher to adjust a (Newsletter) schedule!
- There are professionals who can recover a great deal of data for you, but they are very expensive, and it will be better if you don’t need them. Still it’s good to know that they exist!
- It is surprisingly easy — although very, very scary — to remove a hard drive and install it into a (not terribly expensive) portable USB enclosure, enabling browse and recovery of files from said drive from another computer. An errant-albeit-recoverable hard drive can thus become permanent storage device.
- I was, in fact, able to recover all my files and I was relieved to find far fewer orphans than I’d feared.
- Sometimes, if you are very lucky — we were — you can perform a repair re-install of Windows rather than a full re-install without losing any data.
- In addition to physical media, there are lots of online storage options, including some — such as Flickr—specifically for digital photos.
- System utilities, backup practices, and recovery plans are good. Knocking wood exist!
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And the best news of all: I’ve shared this cautionary tale in hopes that you won’t learn these lessons first hand. Go now! Back up all your data, especially your digital photographs! Right now! I’ll wait...

Now, with all that frightful business done, on to the Newsletter. Happy reading, all, and happy leap year.

—Nancy

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reporters, online services) even if the titles and terminology are different. Here’s a fun fact for you: even though Canada has many fewer cases than the U.S., they have a lot more reporters. (A regular rash of reporters, if you will.)

“Researching Canadian Law: Part II: The Legislative Process, Statutes and Regulations” featured Sooin Kim from Bora Laskin and Jeannette Bosschart of the Great Library of the Law Society of Upper Canada. They detailed some of the tricky, sticky bits of Canadian statutory and regulatory law, including how to determine whether a statute has come into force and how to find revisions for statutes that aren’t codified by subject. There is no equivalent to the USCA in Canada, although you can find annotated versions of selected acts. Neither the statutory nor the agonizingly lengthy (and apparently secret) regulatory process in Canada would make catchy song material for Schoolhouse Rock, but I did learn a lot.

One very different program was “Libraries of Hope: When Professional Competencies and Social Responsibility Connect,” which gave inspiring examples of the power of small, simple acts to change the world. Jane Kinney Meyers began what was to become the Lubuto Library Project by reading to street kids in Zambia in a makeshift library created out of a shipping container. In September 2007 she opened the first permanent library of at least 100 they plan to build as havens for the 43 million orphans and other vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa. She’s making a difference, a handful of kids at a time.

Joanie Olivier of Inconitel, Inc., gave pointers in “Negotiating Contracts: Tips, Tricks and Tools.” She outlined six steps to take before renewing any contract that will take the emotion out of what should be fact-based negotiation. Needs assessment, usage analysis, and competitive review will ensure knowing what to ask for based on facts (not just because you want it). Joanie warned of specific clauses to watch for in contracts and suggested ways to change the wording to your advantage. Armed with all this information, you’re ready to create and implement your negotiation strategy.

I also got to hear Martha McCarthy, the attorney who handled the case that led to recognition of same-sex marriage rights in Canada. Her experiences during the process were fascinating and, as you might expect, full of the range of human drama. She made an interesting observation: the American model of equality is to treat likes alike whereas the Canadian model is to attempt to treat everyone alike. The conference keynote speaker (Michael Ignatieff, Canadian scholar, writer, journalist, and Member of Parliament) made a similar point in his remarks, that treating different people with equality is the goal of justice. One of the most valuable side benefits of the conference was the difference in perspective gained from association with another culture.

The conference was tightly scheduled with things to do, almost nonstop. By the time a free period rolled around on Saturday afternoon, my brain was so stuffed with information I didn’t feel up to properly appreciating the Royal Ontario Museum. Not to worry, though. The walk wasn’t wasted. I browsed in the gift shop and found some lovely things begging to be brought home.

To cap it all off, the closing banquet Saturday night was a ton of fun. After a delicious meal we experimented in cross-cultural harmony and understanding by dancing like maniacs and belting out song lyrics en masse. (Please, if you took photos do us all a favor and bury them!!)

All in all, it was a fabulous experience. The conference organizers are to be congratulated for creating a premier conference event. Thank you, ALLUNY, for this wonderful opportunity.
ALLUNY's Without Borders: A Student Perspective
by Jessica de Perio Wittman, University at Buffalo

From October 17-20, 2007, the city of Toronto, Ontario welcomed librarians, staff and students alike to the 4th Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting. It has been twenty years since ALLUNY first hosted the meeting in Albany, New York. Last October, the conference drew in attendees from across the northeastern United States (and even Australia!) to catch up with colleagues and friends, to discuss recent trends, and to pave the way for the future of law libraries. This year, we were in for a double treat — the ALLUNY conference took place at the same time as the Northeast Regional Meeting.

Honestly, I didn’t know what to expect at this conference. After all, this was not only my first ALLUNY conference, but the first law library conference I had ever attended! I’m happy to report that my stay in Toronto was a rewarding experience. It was a chance to travel, to meet new people, and to learn new concepts. Having listed three (out of many) good reasons to attend the ALLUNY conference, you could imagine my surprise when I didn’t see many students. With all that the ALLUNY conference had to offer — why shouldn’t students attend? In case we have forgotten, here are some other reasons why we should continue to encourage students to join in on the fun.

Cost

Our website states, "If you’re not a member, why wait?" Between juggling coursework and finances, it is often difficult for students to attend conferences. But student membership costs ($10) and this year’s registration fees ($100) were hard to pass up. Still concerned about travel or accommodations? Don’t have the money for membership or registration? Never fear — some schools and student associations set aside funding for students interested in attending conferences. Also ALLUNY offers a grant opportunity for just this purpose! There is always some funding available — all you have to do is ask.

Real-World Experience

While attending a conference may not provide the same hands-on experience as the coveted special project or practicum opportunity, conferences do provide students another valuable learning experience outside of the classroom. This year’s three-day Regional Meeting featured seventeen different workshops, ranging from contract negotiation to international legal research to recruitment. Inside the classroom, a student can learn about various issues affecting the law library community. He or she can read about the results of a particular study or project in a journal article. At a conference, a student has the opportunity to learn how these issues have been tackled, approach the presenter with questions or comments, or even debate with the presenter!

The information I learned at the conference has been especially useful for my own projects. For example, one of my final projects this semester is to write a grant requesting funding for a digitization project. One of the workshops I attended, "The Long and the Short on Briefs," gave a detailed explanation of how a law library was able to create a free online database for state appellate briefs. This workshop provided insight on budgetary issues, the possibilities of maximizing the student workforce, and an idea of what kind of scanner my group can use for this kind of project. Another workshop, "Education Without Borders: Distance Education for Librarians and the Law," offered advice on how to start up a distance education curriculum.

Networking

The most common reason one attends a conference is the networking opportunity. Needless to say, the opportunity to meet other colleagues in the law library community is always valuable. The conference drew in attendees from all different types of libraries — court, law firm, government, public and academic law libraries, just to name a few. Having only worked in academic law libraries, it was interesting to compare my experiences with those who worked in law firm libraries or public law libraries. How is a law firm library different from a public law library, and vice versa? As a student just entering the field, it’s important to know what each type of law library demands and requires. It is also important to know what one could do both at school and at the job to meet a particular library’s needs.

Not only can a student learn how to make the most of their library school experience, but he or she can learn about upcoming job opportunities. One can come across job opportunities through a job bank or by word-
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of-mouth. For example, one of my classmates found out about a potential job opening at a Central New York law firm before it was even posted on the listserv.

Building camaraderie, building ALLUNY

Although this is the first law library conference I have ever attended, I have participated in other conferences in the past. Workshops were always a time when everyone could come together to learn about the organization and what it had to offer. But, meetings were typically off-limits. How could one be a part of a group, but have no input? I was happy to learn that ALLUNY meetings were different: students were welcome and their feedback was highly encouraged. I was also excited to find out that I could write this article based on my experiences in Toronto!

If there is one thing that I can take away from living in and attending school in Buffalo, it is that you must be proud of where you came from. Sure, I was born and raised in New York City, but my library education and the affiliations I have made over the past year stem from Buffalo, from upstate New York. It's important to build ties and create paths. Students should be aware that there are others who have been through the same experiences and are willing to share them. It's important to know that there is an association that represents the law libraries of upstate New York.

And, it's important to know that without borders, the possibilities are endless.

DID YOU KNOW ...
Proceedings from the Conference — including MP3 streaming audio recordings and PDF documents from PowerPoint presentations — are now available at the Conference website at:
http://www.librarieswithoutborders.net/Proceedings.html

NE2007 in Photos

Photos by Ted Holynski, Reference Librarian, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law

Keynote speaker Michael Ignatieff chats with conference attendees and organizers

In the lobby (above) and at Registration Desk (right)

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**The Opening Reception**

*Reception at the Legislative Building at Queen's Park*

*Flags in Downtown Toronto, University area*

*Tom Baker, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law, at the Legislative Building*

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The Vendor Area —
refreshment for mind and body alike
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MEMBER ROUNDUP

We asked: If you could share just one thing from the NE 2007 regional meeting in Toronto with a member who couldn’t attend, what would it be?

“Don’t wear new shoes!”
— Jean-Paul Vivian

Toronto Nightlife —

Dance fever at the Closing Banquet
(right and below left)

Yonge Street after dark
(below right)

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Around and About the City —

the Eaton Centre & Trinity Square
near Conference headquarters

Dueling cameras:
Tom Baker, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University
College of Law, photographed while photographing Ted Holynski

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Local musicians perform Downtown

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Closing shots & final thoughts

Autumn touches the University of Toronto

Full size conference photos are available online to ALLUNY members at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/protected/ne2007/index.htm

(Thanks, Ted!)
An (annotated) librarian’s miscellany

Although I know he’s been out of favor for a while, I remember Andy Rooney’s appearances on 60 Minutes. He would wrap up with bits and pieces of things that he’d collected over the course of the previous week. Thomas Sowell occasionally does a similar thing in his column, which can be accessed through the Jewish World Review at [http://www.jewishworldreview.com/cols/sowell1.asp](http://www.jewishworldreview.com/cols/sowell1.asp). Podcaster John Darbyshire regularly includes a miscellany (although being a British-born American, he pronounces it mi-sel’-a-ni) in his weekly narrowcast. Since the last issue of the ALLUNY newsletter, I have attended a great conference and several valuable presentations, presented a CLE session for my firm, and became the vice-president/president-elect of our chapter. Today I was reviewing both the random notes I took at these events and the RSS feeds that I’ve saved and thought I might try my hand.

✓ Use your imagination to turn that data into information.

✓ Our firm will be looking for a new librarian soon, and according to my notes, we’ll be looking for someone with good analytical and communication skills. Someone flexible, motivated, and stimulated and energized by the variety of reference questions.

✓ GK Chesterton has clerical detective Father Brown say “One can sometimes do good by being the right person in the wrong place.” Hmm.

✓ To achieve superb client service, we need appropriate resources. When financial constraints are foremost, we need to adapt the resources we have, as putting “superb client service” on the back burner is not an option.

✓ Captain Kirk and I share the same Meyer-Briggs profile.

✓ How can I alert you to the things you care about? If no one mentions the weekly email clipping service provided by the library, that doesn’t mean the service is not valuable. It’s a regular reminder that there are people in the library who are up-to-date and knowledgeable. I’ll bet you a coffee at the Tim Horton’s across the street that sooner or later someone who gets that email will have a question that they will send, or bring, to the library.

✓ On the other hand, think about what you can deliver to your attorneys’ desktops that will be immediately useful and for which they will thank you. Find the perfect balance between continuous contact with the library and being annoying.

✓ Use your imagination to turn that data into information.

✓ Share what you know in one-on-one sessions. But don’t assume “session” means something formal. Be ready to make an interesting point in an “elevator speech,” “hallway banter” or “reference desk interchange.” (I make this happen with chocolate on the desk. I think I’ve mentioned that before.)

✓ It took me far longer to figure this out than it should have. When meeting with new attorneys for library orientation, have a checklist. It works wonders (but you probably knew that already).

✓ Overcome inertia by regularly reminding the higher-ups that there are alternatives. Ask questions like “Who is using Product X?” Create brief user surveys to be sure the firm’s resources are being used wisely. Present comparisons between metered and non-metered online reference sources. Be confident of your recommendations. Don’t give up. Pace yourself.

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✓ Make the “products” of your library recognizable. A cover sheet, a post-it note, an email logo, a hand delivery, where that’s possible, will be a tangible reminder of what the library can do for your patrons.

✓ The cost of unsuccessful searching can run into the hundreds of dollars for someone billing by the hour. Remind your patrons that "Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it." — Samuel Johnson (Boswell’s Life of Johnson) THIS is where the librarian can be the most valuable resource

✓ Use your imagination to turn that data into information.

✓ As more research is done online, with keywords and direct links to sites, accidental discovery of new material is less likely. Librarians can travel the road to Serendip and disseminate a travelogue to interested parties. Or even uninterested parties. Isn’t that what serendipity is all about? And there’s always the delete key… (be sure to make your subject line clear so that those who don’t care can take advantage of that key.)

✓ Keep this one to yourself. William Patry (counsel for Google, author of Patry on Copyright) said that many law professors think of themselves as “European post-graduate scholars, instead of what they are, which is teachers in a trade school.”


✓ Several department heads in our firm are talking about RFID tags for asset management. After seeing a library book in a redweld in a locked file room, I told them to count me in. We have a tidy sum invested in these paper assets, so let’s split the cost among the departments.

✓ You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink. (I’ll bet you can think of MANY situations that can be described by this old chestnut.)

✓ To paraphrase Mark Twain, “Reports of the death of the loose-leaf are greatly exaggerated.” When the speaker said, “The loose-leaf is dead!” we all cheered. However, I’ll bet most of us returned to our offices and a stack of updates that needed to be filed.

✓ Read this New York Times1 article. Relax.

✓ We don’t get easy reference questions anymore because we are the victims of our own success. When you can find the organization that’s sponsoring the conference that someone told the attorney he really must attend, and he tells you it’s in New York City sometime in December of this year, and it’s about real estate…

✓ Create a Personal Folder in your email archive. Save all the positive comments from patrons. Read one or two of them every now and then. On an especially stressful day, one on which patrons keep giving you bad citations, for example, read a whole bunch of them. Let yourself be reminded. You are very good at what you do, and people know it.

✓ And finally, use your imagination to turn that data into information.

Technical Tips: A Newsy Bite

by Joan Hoolihan, Cataloging Librarian, AD 4th Law Library, Rochester

OCLC Connexion has been updated to version 2.0 though the end of life for client versions 1.70, 1.70 update and 1.72 (collectively referred to as 1.7X) has not been set. To check out what’s new click on Help on the Connexion menu bar; click Client Help; scroll to the bottom of the page; click What’s new in this version.

A sampling of the changes include: the option to export bibliographic records in Dublin Core Qualified (XML); new toolbar options and revised menu layout (so that’s what happened to the Edit menu); Z39.50 access to records created in your local system; and the addition of institution records (IRS). These IRS are bibliographic records resulting from the inclusion of bibliographic cluster records from the RLG Union Catalog into WorldCat during the integration of RLG into OCLC. The IRS holdings are grouped in the bibliographic record along with the other holdings information to the right of the OCLC record number.

The Working Group on the Future of Bibliographic Control (http://www.loc.gov/bibliographic-future) presented its findings in a draft report to LC management and staff on Tuesday, November 13, 2007. Unfortunately many librarians, including myself, were unable to log on to the live webcast. That day a message from the AALL Technical Services SIS listserv stated that there were lots of messages on Autocat (the cataloging listserv) from all over the country and it seemed that nobody was able to log on.

Richard Amelung, Associate Director at Saint Louis University Law Library, and the AALL representative to the Working Group, emailed the Technical Services listserv on November 14 with further information about Tuesday’s problems. He stated that though many could not log on to the webcast, 372 web sessions viewed the proceedings. This number represented the highest attendance of any LC webcast. Richard’s email included comments from LC’s Anthony Franks, Team Leader, Cooperative Cataloging Team, who stated that the event generated the greatest demand for any LC webcast; the system was overwhelmed.

The webcast was archived and will probably be available before this newsy bite appears in December. A comment period on the draft report began immediately following the presentation and will continue until December 15, 2007. Questions/comments can be sent to Richard Amelung and to Jean Pajerek, Head of Technical Services, Cornell Law Library, and Chair, Technical Services SIS Cataloging and Classification Committee, and also to the Technical Services listserv.

The webcast is now available online, both in full and in individual sections. RealPlayer software is needed to view the webcasts. PowerPoint slides are also posted. See:
Top Ten Things: a series of columns  

by Ruth G. Balkin, CEO and Founder, Balkin Information Services.

Due Diligence

Last time we wrote about setting up a market research program to help your firm get more business. Part of the process may be due diligence research. Here are some tools to help you get started.


Visit www.backgroundinvestigationsblog.com for the author’s latest information and updates on business intelligence.

Forms are available for free on the Internet. We found “Buying a Business: Due Diligence Checklist” on Findlaw at http://smallbusiness.findlaw.com/business-forms-contracts/be3_8_1.html. Also “Due Diligence Checklist — Being Acquired” was at http://smallbusiness.findlaw.com/business-forms-contracts/business-forms-contracts-a-to-z/be26_7_1.html.

Another site for forms is www.docstoc.com, a new Internet company. Docstoc is a resource to find and share unlimited professional documents for free. They have thousands of legal and business forms and templates that can all be downloaded for free. Just type in “due diligence” in the search bar and it will bring up several examples. These forms will give you lists of the types of information you may need to find about prospective clients, their clients and competition, the law firms they are already using.

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NYLS Introduces New Website

by Laird Ehlert, Executive Director, New York Legislative Service, Inc.

New York Legislative Service, Inc. (a New York not-for-profit corporation) has a new informational website which tells all about the work that they do researching legislative intent, and about their various publications and services.

● Learn about legislative intent for New York State and New York City.
● See handy citation instructions for legislative histories, and for rules and regulations.
● And there are a few videos made by, and starring, the staff!

Visit http://www.nyls.org to view the new site. Comments and suggestions are welcome!


**RESOURCES**


**REVIEWS**


Technical Services Law Librarian, with the able assistance of Ellen McGrath and Beth Geesey Holmes, has launched a blog version of its TSLL TechScans column. This allows the authors of the TSLL TechScans column to post new technological innovations as they happen. The column will continue to be published in *TSLL* as well. The blog is available at [http://www.tslltechscans.blogspot.com/](http://www.tslltechscans.blogspot.com/), or the TSLL website, and offers an RSS feed for those who wish to have the information sent to them directly.

Copies of articles from print publications cited herein should be obtained through regular interlibrary loan procedures or by contacting the publisher(s) directly.

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**The Call for Papers has Begun!**

Have you been thinking about writing an article of interest to law librarians? The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories for active and retired members (Open Division), recent graduates (New Member Division), and students in library, information management, or law school (Student Division).

The winner in each division receives $750 generously donated by LexisNexis plus the opportunity to make a presentation about his or her research and writing process at a program during the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland. Winning papers are also considered for publication in *Law Library Journal*.

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ALLUNY’s own Joe Gerken (right) is current chair of the Call for Paper Committee. Joe would like to encourage all ALLUNY members to respond to the Call!
View from the Ivory Tower:
Random Musings as the Semester Draws to a Close

by Jean Callihan,
Head of Research Services and Lecturer in Law, Cornell Law Library

The opinions expressed below are those of the author and do not represent the views of Cornell Law Library, Cornell Law School or Cornell University.

It is winter in Upstate NY yet many very intelligent undergraduate students continue to wear shorts and flip flops. I cannot fathom this fashion statement and an appropriate adage always comes to mind: You gotta’ be tough if you’re going to be stupid.

The students’ laptops are getting more sophisticated, but I can’t read the screens unless the content is enlarged. I used to squint, peer at the screen and ask what I was looking at. Now students simply adjust the settings when they see me at the reference desk. Is this aging gracefully?

The law school provides “therapeutic massages” around finals. Several masseuses come in and give shoulder and upper back treatments to stressed-out students. Staff can also take advantage of this perk and a lot of library staff show up. When I went for the first time last year, the massager couldn’t make any headway on me—too tense for treatment! The whole episode generated even more tension whenever I thought about my stressful condition. This perk was wasted on me.

In October the law library hosted a program for seven foreign law librarians from Nigeria, Zambia, Tanzania, China, Brazil, and South Africa. They attended workshops about online legal resources and presented papers about online research in their home countries—research which was greatly hampered by lack of infrastructure and country-specific online resources. I was impressed by how they made do with so little. Nonetheless, all were enthusiastic, dedicated law librarians. I decided to stop whining about my embarrassment of riches.

One thing struck us as we entertained our foreign guests. The library staff celebrated quite a bit and it seemed as if the law library revolved around food. During the two weeks visitors from Brazil were here, we averaged a cake/snacks/etc. every other day. This isn’t our usual schedule but we sounded sheepish trying to explain away the calorie excesses.

On Halloween we all look forward to seeing J. in her costume at the circ desk. She dresses in amazing, award winning costumes that clash with her pleasant, quiet personality. I have really enjoyed seeing her as a biker chick, stereotypical librarian, nerd, belly dancer, and this year a hippie. Her groovy costume included, inter alia long blond hair, tie-died shirt, peace symbol necklace, and a 60’s record album (how quaint), pulled together by her spaced out peace, love, and no hassle routine. It was a little too realistic. Were the late 60’s and early 70’s really that weird?

I cannot believe that planning is underway for the June Alumni Reunion!! And the July AALL annual meeting!! And Fall 2008 semester!! I dwell in the present and future (and frequently the past) at the same time, which can get somewhat confusing.

Finally, with great anticipation, I can see the week between Christmas and New Year’s on the horizon. This break is my time to relax and catch up on life outside of the law library. Until then we push on, boats against the current, as F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote.

Wishing all of you enjoy a relaxing, wonderful holiday season!
Interview with Wendy Scott —
about her recent trip to Berlin

Interview Questionnaire: Laurence Seidenberg, Reference Librarian, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law

Interview Responses: Wendy Scott, Assistant Director for Faculty & Outreach Services, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law

Wendy Scott, Assistant Director for Faculty and Outreach Services, recently participated in the 2007 Law and Society Association annual meeting, held July 23-28 in Berlin, Germany. Wendy describes her participation in the conference experience elsewhere in this issue. In this interview, she tells us more about her experiences in Berlin.

I understand the conference was in or near the former Eastern Bloc. Did you see remnants of the Berlin Wall or any cultural remnants of East Germany?

The Law and Society Association that I attended this summer was held at Humboldt University, a venerable institution of higher education originally built as a palace for Prince Heinrich of Prussia in the 18th Century and located in the former East Berlin on Unter der Linden, (one of the most famous and beautiful streets in central Berlin). Like most government and educational structure, the University has undergone significant renovations since the days of the divided city. Impressive modern structures, such I.M. Pei’s extension to the German Historical Museum, now rise among the reconstructed historical sites. However, grim reminders and remnants of the Cold War are still in evidence. For example, near the Friedrichstrasse subway station (the station on the former border between East and West Berlin) I was shocked to see facades still pockmarked from machine gun fire. Further east, I saw endless rows of monolithic concrete apartment blocks that provided me with a glimpse of what life must have been like in East Germany under communist rule.

I was impressed with the phoenix-like spirit of the people of Berlin. From my hotel window I could see the fragmented tower of the Kaiser- Gedächtnis (Memorial) Church. Left in ruins as a symbol of the destruction of war, the tower is now joined to a magnificent modern concrete and glass octagonal church. The juxtaposition between the solemnity of the church and the Times Square chaos of the surrounding streets struck me as being representative of the new Berlin. Similarly, the largest remaining section of the Berlin Wall is now an open air museum. The Wall has been decorated with paintings on political and social themes by prominent local artists.

Travel: How was the international travel at this time in terms of expense, security, convenience and airports? Any points that people considering travel may find useful?

I hadn’t traveled through JFK airport for several years, so was dismayed by the prospect of flight delays and cancellations. My domestic flights were, in fact, quite late. Fortunately, the international part of the trip went smoothly, although I was a bit worried when I discovered the section of the Delta Airlines web site devoted to “Exit EU Delayed & Canceled Flights.” Fellow travelers might be interested in a useful web resource called flightstats.com. On this site, you can check real-time delays and cancellations and review past performance by airline, time of day, or specific flight number.

Language: I’m aware you speak German, but I’m curious how much English has blanketed formerly Eastern Bloc areas of the EU, or the EU generally. Is there any indication English is even more lingua franca of the world than in the past?

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Dialogue & Discovery

The Dialogue & Discovery column, edited by Larry Seidenberg, features interviews with ALLUNY members and others relevant to the library community. Please contact Larry if you would like to be interviewed, suggest an individual for interview, or submit an interview. A sample interview form and photo release are available. Contact: Laurence Seidenberg, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law, E.I. White Hall, Syracuse, NY13244-1030, (315) 443-6351 (voice), (315) 443-9567 (fax), lseidenb@law.syr.edu

Interview with Wendy Scott

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English is widely spoken in the Berlin Mitte ("City Center"), in the popular tourist areas, and in major hotels and restaurants. However, I did encounter Berliners in outlying districts and residential neighborhoods who were not conversant in English or who were reluctant to speak English. This was particularly true of older people, some of whom may have learned Russian in school as their second language rather than English. Young, “cool” Berliners pepper their German with words from American popular culture.

When I visited the Starbucks Internet Café, I heard one teenager say to another, “bro, waz up?” amidst a barrage of rapid fire German. The trend seems to have infiltrated the media, as well. On a morning talk-show, a perky blond hostess raved about a local ‘superstar’ whose outfit was ‘red carpet gültig’ (red carpet worthy).

When I lived in Vienna (many years ago) I loved the elegance and leisure pace of the cafes and was looking forward to experiencing that ambience again in Berlin. Sadly, only a few of the traditional cafes remain. In their place are Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts and American fast food restaurants. Fortunately, Berlin also boasts a variety of excellent and authentic ethnic restaurants, with Turkish, Thai and Italian fare predominating. Traditional dishes are still available, particularly in the outlying villages. In Grunewald, a village on the edge of the woods, I visited an outdoor Biergarten, where I tried a stew made with local wild Pfifferlinge (Chanterelle mushrooms) that was quite tasty. My adventurous spirit didn’t extend to the wild boar sausages, however. Of course the local beers were wunderbar.

Did you see Knut (the polar bear) or any interesting historical sites, museums or places?

I didn’t have time to visit the Knut at the Berlin Zoo, but I did visit a number of outstanding museums. Since my days as graduate art history student, I’ve wanted to see the famous Pergamon Altar (from Pergamon in ancient Asia Minor) and the glazed tile gates of Ishtar, both housed in the Pergamon Museum in former East Berlin. I was awestruck by the size and grandeur of the reconstructions, but somewhat disappointed by the general shabbiness of parts of the building, and the dearth of creative instructional material to accompany the exhibits. The museums in the former East Berlin are only now being revitalized. Fortunately, Berlin’s exquisite collection of Western European painting has been restored and is on display in the modern Kulturforum near the Tiergarten Park. I also recommend the quiet Brohan Museum near Charlottenburg to those of you who appreciate art deco, art nouveau and jugendstil decorative arts. My penultimate museum experience was a day trip to the Sanssouci Palace, a whipped cream confection of Rococo opulence built for Frederick the Great as his summer place in Potsdam. I was fortunate to visit the site with a group from the Law & Society Conference led by an expert on the period.

Culture: any trends you noticed in your travels in terms of technology, style, books, restaurants etc.? Were there Starbucks all over or beergardens/ ‘Hofbrau’s’ or ‘schnitzel’ stands as I would imagine? What are some things that made it a regional culture?

Berliners love their cell phones and laptops. To make it easier to stay connected, it is possible to recharge your cell phone at subway and train stations. Wireless connectivity on the public transportation system allows passengers to access the Internet in transit.
Book Review : Selling and Communications Skills for Lawyers: A Fresh Approach to Marketing Your Practice by Joey Asher
reviewed by Susan Rubinstein, Balkin Information Services.


Former lawyer Joey Asher has written a how-to guide to marketing your law practice. Although it is geared towards attorneys, many of these ideas can be incorporated into your own marketing plan.

Asher starts out by assuming that the reader (the attorney) is a competent specialist in his field. Clients will also assume this. They are more interested in what you can do for them. How can you help their business grow? Do you understand their business? In his world, word of mouth is no longer enough to guarantee growth. You must actively search out new clients and contacts. Networking is a must.

Different strategies are outlined by section. Asher uses his own experience as well as other attorneys to explain how to strike up conversations, how to talk to other business owners, what to do with business cards (collect them more than hand yours out), what to say on an airplane and an elevator. “And here’s a simple rule of thumb, the Five-Foot Rule: ‘Thou shalt say hello to anyone who is within five feet of you.’”

He explores the fear of sounding like a salesman or as he dubs it, “call reluctance,” and how to cold-call. What some business people feel are tried and true methods for selling — writing articles and giving seminars — are also examined.

One of the more interesting and useful chapters describes how to break down a presentation by limiting the amount of facts and ideas and how to put yourself into the listener’s place. He repeatedly emphasizes that clients are interested in how much you understand their business and how you can help them grow.

The book is nicely laid out in sections that are highlighted in bold and a larger font. These make for easier reading. Although this book is really geared to attorneys in medium to large law firms, some of the marketing tips may be useful for other consultants.

Who Do You Want to Be Today? exploring online avatars
by Nancy Babb, University at Buffalo Law Library

One of the first steps toward entering Second Life, I’m told, is to create a virtual self — an avatar — who will reside there. I’ve not quite yet plunged into this virtual world but am working my hesitant way toward it, as our University’s library system has an island. On the path toward plunging, I have been exploring online avatars and their creation.

In Web 2.0 social networks, one often uses something like an avatar, with username and a selected image building self-iconography. These icons represent a sort of online shorthand, the visual equivalent of an email signature block. Varying one’s icon is typical and frequent; myself, I am fond of cute dog clipart and similar snippets. A laughing dog with a book beneath his paw not only amuses me but also communicates about as much about myself as I care to casually share in the open agora.

An avatar, on the other hand, may represent a different and potentially deeper sharing. Rather than swift shorthand it is the persona you inhabit within the virtual communities you enter, your skin of residence. 3D virtual communities (like Second Life and other multi-user interactive environments) in which the avatar is animated make this representation and identification even stronger. Thus is raised the question — in creating your avatar, who do you want to be? Are you yourself, or some recognizable variation? Or are you a loosed inhibition, finally flying free of mundane restraints? Is the virtual community an extension of your work life or more of play, virtual video-conferencing or D&D? Are you, then, a drollly human law librarian or a warrior-princess-bat-winged-sprite?

Abandoning fantasy figures for another day’s

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I asked an acquaintance what she’s read lately, in particular something funny. In her list, she included The Liars’ Club: A Memoir by Mary Karr. Karr sprinkles humor into her sour childhood with witty similes here and there. She applies dark humor to her reminiscences: “Lecia had me convinced that Mother…was hauling Grandma’s body in the backseat of the Impala… it wasn’t til I read William Faulkner’s As I Lay Dying…stink gets so bad and the flies and maggots get at her, that I began to figure that some ambulance had probably carted the body back. Mother had a small tolerance for odors,” (p. 102).

Contrary to what I expected, this memoir is very tragic. The meat of the story is a journey through instability and dysfunction into an implied, more peaceful adulthood for Karr, an award-winning poet, teacher and mother.

Karr throws us into a family evening together with police and an ambulance. “Mother had been taken Away…for being Nervous,” (p.6). In Leechfield, Texas, a small town where oil and Agent Orange are cultivated in 1961, Karr lived in tension with her older sister Lecia, her depressed, alcoholic mother, and her imperfect, but fun, hard-working and loving father.

We learn that the title refers to her veteran father’s group of friends that meets at the Legion Post. Karr’s father was a very entertaining storyteller, through his admiring daughter’s eyes anyway. “I’ll tell you just exactly how my daddy died,’ Daddy says. ‘He hung himself.’ This is easily the biggest lie Daddy ever told – that I heard anyway… I gawk at Daddy’s audacity, while the men in the room shift around at his seriousness. They take this death as gospel,” (p.119).

Moments with her mother are less cherishable. On Mary’s birthday, “I see Mother’s white hands rising…reaching over for the steering wheel…trying to take us over the edge. There’s no doubt this time,” (p. 138). Even when her mother isn’t directly trying to harm her family, she shares the blame for compromising the girls’ happiness by moving them away from their father. She loses awareness about what predators keep company with her daughter (Mary’s sexually violated more than once). She moves in a puritanical grandmother.

The book is divided into three parts: Texas, 1961, Colorado, 1963, and Texas Again, 1980. In the first hundred pages, so much drama occurs, one wouldn’t imagine more could happen in one girl’s lifetime. The disappointingly few photographs of these real people do little to enhance Karr’s memoir, both in quantity – there’s only three – and in effect – how happy everyone looks in separate portraits. If we can’t see how devoted Daddy was to Mary, we can understand it by reading about what was found in his wallet, “one college report card where I pulled down straight A’s, and a Xerox of my first published poem,” (p. 293).

Probably inspired by her therapist, Karr concludes the book with an attempt at explaining why her mother failed in some regards. This quality of motivation, along with her creativity, clever wit and loyalty from her father gave her the foundation to be a survivor.

If you want to revitalize the appreciation for your stable life, read The Liars’ Club. You can also experience a unique, heartwarming father-daughter relationship. This gives Karr’s work its lasting, positive impression. You can find it at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library or Amazon.com.
consideration, suppose you wish to create an avatar that as closely as possible virtually recreates your established physical self. A simple photograph may do, or a simple photograph enhanced via the graphics program of your choice. There are tons of Photoshop technique tutorials online, and there are many companies who create avatars (even animated) from photographs.

But virtual representations suggest possibilities not only for enhancements but tantalizing transformations. How much is your virtual image pixellated, and how much pixilated? Plasq’s Comic Life software, for example, enables the imposition of terrific comic book filters onto photos (once Mac-only; now just released for Windows in beta). There are also several sites that allow you to upload a photo for funny and free transformation. Some of my favorites include:

- Simpsonize Me [http://simpsonizeme.com/](http://simpsonizeme.com/) Upload a photo and see it turned into a Simpsons character
- Elf Yourself [http://elfyourself.com](http://elfyourself.com) Not so much avatar generation as a place to paste any face onto a dancing elf. Hours of fun, and ‘tis the season.
- The Perception Laboratory, School of Psychology, University of St Andrews, Scotland [http://www.perceptionlab.com/](http://www.perceptionlab.com/) Technically, a place for work as much as play: an online research site. As part of ongoing research in the psychology of facial perception, the Perception Group makes its morphing software available to all; upload your photo and see your face transformed by different ages, gender, ethnicity, artistic, and other styles. It is unsettling, but interesting, and after you save your suitable-as-avatar images you can otherwise contribute to research by donating your face and participating in online surveys. The Face Research Laboratory of the University of Aberdeen is similar [http://faceresearch.org/](http://faceresearch.org/)

The challenge of photos, however, is that they don’t necessarily integrate neatly into a given virtual world. More commonly used are generated avatars, personas built via online programs like dressing up a doll. Many avatar generators are designed to suit particular environments. There’s quite a difference between the large and pseudo-realistic avatars of Second Life and the thumbnail-sized anime avatars of Gaia Online. What’s nice for the virtual tourist is that many of the generators allow you to play and create avatars even if you aren’t registered and never actually use the sites. So you can try a little realism and test a little fantasy, too. Some sites do require registration but are still effectively free of cost, as long as you don’t acquire excessive avatar accessories. And as you begin to select pieces and parts for your persona, dressing your own doppel-doll, the question persists: who do you want to be?

Attempting to re-build virtually some shade of your everyday self requires investigation into the way you see yourself. After selecting avatar options — body type, hairstyle, facial features, clothing — do you recognize yourself in the results? Do you hate or love the image you’ve created? Can you do yourself justice?

One major flaw of avatar generators in general is limited variation of body type; we’re all sylphs and stick-figures online. This isn’t really surprising considering the programming involved in such doll-dressing, with an item of clothing from Column B attached to the head from Column A, and so on. I always wondered why virtual world avatars tended to be so much buffer than average; now I know that it’s not necessarily by choice. Alternatives aren’t easy to come by (nor buy), requiring advanced programming knowledge and skill. Age ranges are also somewhat narrow.

Keeping such caveats in mind, you might enjoy creating yourself at one of the following popular sites.

**General sites:**


**Anime-oriented:**


**Pop Culture:**

- South Park avatar creator: [http://www.sp-studio.de/](http://www.sp-studio.de/)

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**Who Do You Want to Be...**

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- Meet Your Daemon at the Golden Compass movie site [http://www.goldencompassmovie.com/](http://www.goldencompassmovie.com/)
  
  *(Granted, a daemon is not an avatar, and these are canned — but it’s too interesting not to pass along.)*

*Product-specific:*


Some of these sites are designed for just-for-fun and open sharing; others require registration or are largely designed for use within a specific virtual community. In some cases, you won’t be able to use the “save” tool within the generator program unless you’re a registered member. (Alt-PrintScreen can thus be handy, if you just want to capture a screen shot of your avatar for future personal perusal.)

Who did I want to be? As I explored the avatar generators, I wanted to find if I could be myself. In some cases, I just couldn’t get it right — the results, no matter how I varied my choices, just looked very wrong. With Portrait Illustration Maker, which seemed designed to produce rather more realistic-looking facial avatars, I continually produced someone looking more like my Grandpa! And I was surprised by the difference between the Simpson avatar generated from photo and that which I created by selecting component parts. The photo-version was much kinder, but that may be because I only ever use an incredibly flattering and not-altogether-accurate photo for such purposes. *(It’s the one I use in the ALLUNY Directory, and why not? And where is yours, by the way?)* And oddly the avatar which seems to me the most accurate representation was generated for Skype, which features a sort of South-Park-esque cartoony style. Huh. I’m not sure I should ask-nor-tell what that says about me!

My favorite of all the generators (aside from St Andrews Perception Lab, which is truly fascinating, and fun-with-a-higher-purpose) is Meez, because while several of the generators allow you to add a pet to your avatar Meez is the only one that incorporates interactivity with the pet. Once I added a German Shepherd dog, my avatar immediately hugged and petted the dog, and still does so. With the other generators, the pet is just an accessory. Registration on Meez is required, but it is otherwise free *(with the caveat that you can indeed spend money if you choose).*

After all and in the final analysis, I must admit — I still identify more strongly and am contented with my simple old iconography, that tired old dog-and-book. Ultimately, although I don’t have many concerns about my actual image being online, there’s only so much of myself that I wish to drag along on my online travels. And if I am going to talk to strangers — sure, we’re all strangers out there — then dogs and books are my comfortable topics. Too bad that I’m a little afraid to inhabit an animal avatar within the realm of Second Life! *(And that would be a different story, indeed.)*

Meanwhile, I would absolutely recommend similar experimenting with avatars to all ALLUNY members. First of all, it is interesting and worthwhile to consider your concept of online identity, how you present and represent yourself and how and where you zone your comfort. The process of avatar creation, both in transforming photos and in selecting like/not-like parts is very eye-opening, revealing much about how you perceive yourself. *(I am my own grandpa, apparently.)* It’s also an educational step toward understanding an environment that may not yet be — and indeed may never be — entirely home to you; it’s always good to master new tools, even if you have no immediate use for them. And, finally, if you create an avatar image that you like you can subsequently attempt to use it wherever photos are otherwise required. It likely won’t get you very far as a passport id, but it would doubtless be acceptable for use in resources such as the ALLUNY Online Directory at [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/protected/directory.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/protected/directory.asp)

The results would also make a nifty feature for a future issue of the Newsletter: who do we all want to be?
Dow Moves to New Position in University at Buffalo Libraries

Susan Dow, long-time ALLUNY member and formerly Head of Access Services at the University at Buffalo Law Library, has accepted a new position with the University at Buffalo Libraries as Associate Director of Access Services. Although Susan will no longer be working directly in the Law Library, her contributions to the University and the library community overall will continue to inspire her colleagues throughout the library world. Congratulations, Susan!

Welcome New Members!

ALLUNY is delighted to welcome three new student members:

Michelle Balsan (Buffalo)
Jessica de Perio Wittman (Buffalo)
Rosanna Lindquist (Ballston Lake)

We also proudly welcome a new life member, nominated to resounding applause at the Regional Meeting:

Alice Askew

Calling All ALLUNY Artists!

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Presentation of the third annual Katie M. Deveau Volunteer Spirit Award
by Jay Deveau, Goldberg Segalla LLP, on behalf of the Grants Committee
The following speech was presented at the Regional Meeting by Grants Committee Chair Laura Suttell, and is reprinted in the Newsletter through the kind permission of Jay Deveau.

I apologize for being unable to personally present the third annual Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award and I am so grateful to Laura Suttell, our outstanding Grants & Scholarship Chair as well as Board Member, for her willingness to make this presentation in my absence.

As this award is being presented I am attending my son Clay’s Family Weekend event at S.U.N.Y. Cortland. Clay is in his sophomore year working on a degree in Special Education. I was disappointed when I learned I had this calendar conflict but I knew my son’s school was the proper place for me to be.

It gives me and my children the greatest pleasure in seeing Katie honored in this way. She would be so pleased to know that her eager willingness to assist our chapter continues to be recognized. This award also furthers my selfish goal of keeping her memory alive. I am extremely appreciative that my ALLUNY friends provide this opportunity. I think back longingly on the lengthy list of ALLUNY functions that Katie and I attended together including annual meetings in Albany, Geneva, Rochester, Fayetteville along with the previous regional meeting in Toronto. I will never forget the able assistance she provided in the planning and staging of annual meetings in Binghamton, Niagara Falls and Buffalo. No matter what the task, Katie was willing and able to get the job done. Even though her profession was that of Registered Nurse, she was proud to include a cadre of ALLUNY members as friends and she found great delight in her annual visits with those friends.

As I recently passed the third anniversary of her death, I continue to miss her terribly. I also recognize how especially blessed I was to have this remarkable woman as my wife for 17 years. I take great pride and comfort in our two children and I see many signs of her in them.

Many of you know that my daughter Victoria was also a regular attendee at ALLUNY annual meetings. She very much enjoyed working with her mother and other ALLUNY members on all the varied tasks involved in handling an annual meeting. I remain hopeful that she will return to make some future appearances with our association. Victoria continues to be a socially active high school sophomore who was more interested in attending her school’s homecoming dance instead of accompanying her Dad to her brother’s college event. I suppose that’s not a surprising choice for a 15 year old girl.

Laura and I enjoyed reviewing the nominations for this year’s Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award. It’s always invigorating to read about such dedication to volunteer causes. This year’s honoree certainly belongs amongst the high ranks of our two previous winners, Shannon Hein on behalf of William S. Hein & Company and Nancy Babb. Our honoree has a long and illustrious history of active involvement in our chapter. It is appropriate to recognize his years of service during this particular year since he is largely responsible for making this regional meeting a reality. The third annual Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award is being presented to Stephen Weiter.

As one of the nomination letters stated, “Over the past three years, Steve has tirelessly tried to organize a ten chapter joint meeting which will culminate in the Libraries Without Borders II: Fourth Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting. The idea from the beginning was his… Through tireless meetings and infamous conference calls Steve has pushed and pulled and planned until this meeting has resulted in a very successful conference.”

Anyone familiar with the amount of work involved in planning an annual meeting must recognize the endless dedication required and in regards to planning a regional meeting that level of dedication and stress must only be further multiplied. Steve has served our chapter in many different capacities, including President. Throughout the years he has voluntarily taken on an endless array of tasks. I know when I served as Education Chair it was always comforting to have Steve in attendance because he was ready and willing to assist with any need especially dealing with the endless challenges presented by technology. Any volunteer run association would be overwhelmingly thankful to have a person like Steve amongst their ranks.

For his years of dedicated volunteer service to the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York the third annual Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award is presented to Stephen Weiter. Congratulations on this well deserved recognition.
Thursday, October 11, 2007, was another a memorable
day for the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library at Syracuse
University. Students, faculty and staff gathered at the Law
Library’s Atrium in order to celebrate the launching of
Impunity Watch, a new online law review and service web
site. The event was sponsored by the College of Law, the
H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, and the Impunity Watch
Center. Impunity Watch was founded by Syracuse
University law professor, David M. Crane, class of 1980.
Professor Crane was the former Chief Prosecutor for
the International War Crimes Tribunal in Sierra
Leone. The mission of Impunity Watch is to provide:

“a means of casting a light on perceived injustices and
providing a voice for the voiceless. This is achieved by
providing an open forum, real-time unbiased objective
reporting, and reflection on impunity issues throughout the
world. We further endeavor to foster awareness and build
readership by publishing timely, scholarly articles written by
academic, professional, and student authors on impunity
issues. Our true hope is to inspire awareness and to
immediately alert the world to impunity issues as they arise. It
is our goal to give the modern day Anne Frank a medium to
instantaneously share her story while there is still time to
make a difference.”

See the Impunity Watch web site at http://
www.impunitywatch.net

Professor Crane spoke briefly about his experience as
Chief Prosecutor for the International War Crimes
Tribunal in Sierra Leone.

Dr. Henry King, a former Nuremberg Prosecutor,
officially launched the Impunity Watch web site. Now 88
years old, Mr. King spoke at length about the historical
significance of the Nuremberg trials and why the spirit of
Nuremberg would continue with Impunity Watch. Mr.
King stated that Nuremberg was the greatest trials in
history and a great triumph for Chief Prosecutor Robert
H. Jackson. However, he worried that the achievement
of Nuremberg has grown dim in the memory of the
American public and the world at large. King felt that
the world needs the spirit of Nuremberg in order to deal
with today’s problems.

Mr. King also discussed the First Chautauqua Declaration
signed by current and past chief prosecutors of
International criminal tribunals. The Declaration asked
the world to turn over those who have committed great
crimes. A copy of the Declaration was received by Dean
Gonzalez of the College of Law.

Readers are encouraged to visit http://
www.impunitywatch.net/ for the latest developments
with Impunity Watch. The site is active and offers
reports, briefs, message boards and other information.

Some of the attendees at the Impunity Watch launch event
congregated at the Library’s Atrium area

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International, Comparative and Foreign Disability Law Research Poster Presentation

International Conference on Law and Society in the 21st Century, July 25-28, 2007, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

by Wendy Scott, Assistant Director for Faculty & Outreach Services, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law

I was privileged to be selected to present a poster paper at the Joint Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law held in Berlin, July 23 – 28, 2007. The sponsors’ reputations, the international scope of the conference, and its emphasis on the legal implications of rapid changes and transformations in society made it the perfect venue to share my work and exchange ideas with a diverse group of scholars from around the world.

Each year, the Law and Society Association sponsors an annual meeting on socio-legal issues. This year, the conference, held at Humboldt University in Berlin, was co-sponsored by five prestigious academic societies. The theme of the conference was *Law and Society in the 21st Century: Transformations, Resistances, Futures.* Over six-hundred sessions were presented by scholars and researchers from around the globe. Although the subject matter of programs was far ranging, the following topics received special emphasis: human rights; gender and violence; transnational legal orders; racism in the 21st century; transitional justice - memory and reconciliation; torture and the security state; and, counter-hegemonic globalization.

My poster presentation, *International, Comparative and Foreign Disability Law Research,* addressed major documents and research resources in international, regional, and national disability law. Since most of the audience members were not experts in the field, I began the session by summarizing the history and evolution of disability rights initiatives in international and national law. Using my poster for illustration, I described the major categories of research sources in this burgeoning field and introduced participants to governmental and non-governmental entities involved in disability law and policymaking. Most of the participants were familiar with the major United Nations human rights instruments, the reports and recommendations of the human rights treaty committees, and the new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. However, audience members were less aware of the diverse disability programs throughout the United Nations system, the growing disability rights initiatives of intergovernmental organizations (e.g., the Organization of American States) and the critical role of non-governmental organizations in the development of national disability rights legislation. During the question and answer period, we discussed such varied topics as the potential impact of the new United Nations Convention, the challenges of researching national disability law, and the interface between sources in disability rights and human rights. The poster was on display throughout the conference, and I was delighted to receive a number of emails from those who had seen the poster after the presentation and had questions and comments.

Fortunately, my program was scheduled for the first day of the conference, so I was able to relax and take part in panel discussions, roundtables and lectures. The conference was somewhat different from library conferences that I have attended. Most of the sessions involved participants from more than one country, lending a truly international focus to the discussions. Some of the programs by sociologists were highly theoretical and frankly “over my head” (e.g., Weber’s Legitimacy (I): Formal Rationality as a Basis of Institutional Coherence). However, the presenters’ papers were posted to the conference web site well in advance, so I was able to familiarize myself with the content of presentations beforehand. Because

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there were so many sessions, groups were small and highly interactive, and even in the more abstruse sessions, I was able to learn about the topics by listening to the lively conversations that followed the more formal presentations.

In addition to the smaller panels and roundtables, a special plenary session on the *Globalization of Constitutional Law* (organized by Judge Brun Otto Bryde of the German Constitutional Court) addressed the full conference on the economic, political and social processes influencing the internationalization of constitutional law. A unique feature of the conference were the ‘author meets reader’ sessions in which authors discussed their works with panels of experts. One of these sessions featured Jonathan Simon’s controversial *Governing Through Crime*, in which the author asserts that America’s obsession with — and fear of — crime has undermined the building blocks of democracy. Participants from Canada and Scotland offered their perspectives on the differences in the area of crime governance between the United States and their countries.

In summary, I was honored to present at the Law and Society Association conference and delighted to have the opportunity to participate in this important global event. Readers interested in the Law and Society Association can learn more on the Association’s web site. Those interested in international and comparative disability law may wish to consult several recent publications. In addition to my above-cited article, online sources in international and national disability law may be accessed on the International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resources database, housed on the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library web site.

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**REFERENCES**

1 The paper was based on my recently published article, *Guide to Sources in International and Comparative Disability Law*, 34 SYRACUSE J. INT’L. L. & COMM. 621 (2007).
2 Research Committee on the Sociology of Law, the Socio-Legal Studies Association (United Kingdom), the Japanese Association of Sociology of Law, the Vereinigung für Rechtssoziologie, and the Sociology of Law Section of the German Sociological Association.
3 A conference calendar of events is available on the Law and Society Association web site at [http://64.112.226.77/one/lsa/lsa07/index.php?click_key=2&cmd=Multi+Search+View+Program+Schedule&PHPSESSID=78ea0770dbb9a7fd50284c1aba1f6db7](http://64.112.226.77/one/lsa/lsa07/index.php?click_key=2&cmd=Multi+Search+View+Program+Schedule&PHPSESSID=78ea0770dbb9a7fd50284c1aba1f6db7).

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Additional information about the International Conference on Law and Society in the 21st Century is available on the conference website at: [http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am07/call.htm](http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am07/call.htm)

Information about future meetings of the Law and Society Association is at [http://www.lawandsociety.org/](http://www.lawandsociety.org/)

To view Wendy Scott’s poster, turn to p. 29
The recently adopted Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reflects a worldwide movement towards improving the human rights of persons with disabilities. Social scientists, legal scholars, health care practitioners, human rights advocates and governments are seeking an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach to international and comparative research in this new area.

The paper summarizes bibliographic data compiled in the author’s article, Guide to Sources in International and Comparative Disability Law, 48 SYRACUSE J. INT’L L. & COM. (forthcoming Fall 2007). It illustrates the major categories of research sources in this burgeoning field and introduces researchers to governmental and non-governmental entities involved in disability law and policymaking.

United Nations Disability System

United Nations Human Rights Treaties

Documents of Treaty Monitoring Bodies

Disability Related Activities and Documents of UN Bodies and Organizations, (e.g., ILO)


UN Disability Program

- Disability Convention
- World Programme of Action
- Standard Rules of Equalization

Disability Related Instruments and Documents

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Adopted 13 December 2006

Prior to the adoption of the new disability Convention, provisions in the core human rights treaties constituted international legal protection of the rights of persons with disabilities. Treaty monitoring (under the auspices of the Commission on Human Rights) monitored activities relating to the rights of the disabled. The Division for Social Policy and Development of the United Nations Secretariat in New York is the focal point within the United Nations system on matters relating to disability. The UN Enable website is an invaluable resource for gaining an understanding of the history and development of U.N. disability rights activities and for locating disability related instruments and documents. Documents and reports of United Nations organizations such as the International Labour Organization are also important sources of international law and policy.

Regional Disability Law

National Disability Law

Challenges of National Disability Law Research

- No universal definition of disability
- No universal model of disability
- Laws are highly diverse
- Enforcement mechanisms are varied
- Scarcey of research sources and collections

Supporting Resources

Commentary and analysis may be increasingly found in traditional scholarship. In addition, the reports and studies conducted by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and educational institutes and centers are essential sources available on the Internet. The Syracuse University College of Law’s International and Comparative Disability Law Web Resource is a web portal to international, regional and national law and to disability organizations.

Berman's life work culminates in a new UN Declaration

Adapted from webpage written by Karen L. Spencer, Archives and Special Collections Librarian, University at Buffalo Law Library; reprinted with permission.

On September 13, 2007 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The creation of this document establishing rights under international law for the world's indigenous peoples was the life work of the late Professor Howard R. Berman. Berman's collection of books and personal papers which focus on Indian Nations within New York State and the rights of indigenous peoples worldwide are held in the UB Law Library's Berman Collection, with info online at http://law.lib.buffalo.edu/departments/info-services/collections/berman/index.asp

Berman was a 1973 graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Law. He taught American Indian Law at the University at Buffalo in the late 1970's and early 80's. He taught at Harvard Law School from 1983 to 1987 and California Western Law School from 1987 until his death in 1997.

In addition to teaching, Berman maintained a private practice in American Indian law and served as an attorney for the Indian Law Resource Center in Washington D.C. from 1978-81. He was an early leader in the development of law on the rights of indigenous peoples. His interests also included comparative law, international environmental law, international law, international trade and property.

He chaired the Interest Group on Indigenous Rights for the American Society of International Law and served on the Board of Advisors for the International Working Group for Indigenous Affairs for the United Nations from 1993 until his death. He worked closely with the traditional Haudenosaunee [Six Nations, Iroquois Confederacy] and was an avid collector of rare books on New York history and Indian affairs, and international law.

Prof. Berman attended the initial gathering in 1977 of the Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Peoples: The Americas, The United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. From this conference, a recommendation was sent to the UN Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, which in turn recommended to the UN that it form the Working Group on Indigenous Populations. In the 1980's and '90's Prof. Berman participated in the UN Working Group which in 1993 issued a Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In 2000 the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was established by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It was this body that negotiated the final Declaration adopted by the General Assembly.


Prof. Berman served on the Board of Advisors for the IWGIA which remains actively involved in these issues.

The text of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is accessible online at http://www.ohchr.org/english/issues/indigenous/declaration.htm
Chief Justice Roberts Visits Syracuse University
by Ted Holynski, Reference Librarian, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law

September 19, 2007 was a memorable day for the Barclay Law library, for the College of Law and for Syracuse University. A large number of people gathered on the 3rd floor of the law library to watch a webcast of the keynote speech given by Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. The Chief Justice spoke at Hendrick’s Chapel in honor of the official opening of the third and newest building (Newhouse III) in the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications complex of buildings. Because of overflow crowds at the Chapel, the webcast of the Chief Justice’s speech was shown on two large TV screens at the law library.

The Chief Justice spoke about the need for an independent judiciary in order to ensure that our basic freedoms, such as speech and press, granted by the Constitution were not threatened by politics or special interests. He stated that the first amendment would be the first victim of a restrained or crippled judiciary. Thankfully, the speech was spiced with delightful humor and a light-heartedness that cheerfully celebrated the latest achievement of the School of Public Communications. The Chief Justice also talked about the building renovations going on at the Supreme Court, the first since 1935. It gave him an opportunity to offer an amusing joke at the expense of contractors, to wit: “we’re not happy until you’re not.”

It was not intended to be a substantive policy speech that addressed the various tumultuous issues facing the current Supreme Court and the nation. For those listeners who expected something more substantive or controversial, the speech was in stark contrast to the dedication of the first Newhouse building in 1964 where President Johnson delivered the Gulf of Tonkin speech.

Despite the cheerful and upbeat tone of the address, it was apparent to all who watched the webcast that the dedication ceremonies represented a major historical event in the school’s history.

After the conclusion of the address, the Chief Justice and other dignitaries marched from Hendrick’s Chapel to the entrance of Newhouse III. They were escorted by the Syracuse University drum corps. The route to Newhouse III was dotted with secret service agents, news and media people and many, many well wishers. The entrance to Newhouse III was teeming with many well wishers who had waited in the hot sun to greet the Chief Justice and other dignitaries. At the ribbon cutting ceremony the Chief Justice used a pair of golden scissors to cut through a long band of newsprint in order to formally open the new building. A public reception followed the ribbon cutting ceremony.

On a historical note, Chief Justice Roberts’ keynote address was not the first for the School of Public Communications. In 1964 former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson delivered the keynote address for the dedication of Newhouse I. In 1974 William S. Paley, founder of CBS, spoke at the dedication of Newhouse II.
Roberts Visits Syracuse University

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Students, faculty and staff congregated at the Law Library to watch the webcast

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ALLUNY Website News
by Nancy Babb, University at Buffalo Law Library

It gives me great pleasure and no small relief to announce that some long anticipated updates to the ALLUNY website are finally well underway. Visit http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/ to see the new look.

The look isn't radically different from the recent past. The focus of redesign has been to improve functionality through CSS stylesheets. The site is now designed to be accessible on various browsers and platforms, including handheld devices. It's also designed to easily accommodate future redesigns, upgraded additional graphics, and other such changes. I'm hoping that other ALLUNY members will be interested in participating in these website activities.

The new site design incorporates a rotating banner image — just reload the page to view another. Currently, I've loaded three images. More images would be very welcome! If you have photos, graphics, or simply ideas, please let me know. We can also try out different color schemes or other enhancements.

Other member contributions might include photographs for the online Directory, citations for the Bibliography of Member Publications, and event listings.

The ALLUNY homepage also features an embedded RSS feed. So far, this feed has aggregated the two existing ALLUNY feeds (Updates & Announcements and Events) and the NE2007 feed. Please let me know of any other feeds you would suggest including.

Some pages (including members only resources) are still under the old style at present; these will be updated as soon as time permits.
ALLUNY General Business Meeting Minutes

ALLUNY GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
Marriott Eaton Centre, Toronto, CA
Friday, 19 October 2007

Officers and Board Members Present: President Charles Finger, Vice-President James Milles, Treasurer Matt Morrison, Secretary Judy Lauer, Board Members Cindy Kesler, Laura Suttell, and Newsletter Editor Nancy Babb.

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

The minutes of the previous general business meeting were approved as they appeared in the ALLUNY Newsletter. (Steve Weiter, Milles)

Reports:

Treasurer:
Morrison provided a written report (see p. 35) of the Association’s accounts which indicated net profits from both the 2006 Annual Meeting and the 2007 Spring Institute. The members present voted to accept the report. (Weiter, Elaine Knecht)

Constitution and Bylaws: No report.

Membership: Lynn Fullshire sent a written report (see p. 36) announcing the continued growth in membership.

Nominations:
Betsy Vipperman reported for Alice Askew. The incoming officers and board members are: Elaine Knecht (Vice-President/President-Elect), Cindy Kesler (re-elected to the Board), and Jean-Paul Vivian (Board). Unfortunately, only a third of the membership took the opportunity to vote and, of the votes cast, five votes were voided due to irregularities in following the procedure. The board will be reconsidering the possibility of utilizing AALL’s electronic voting system. The ballots were approved to be destroyed (Lauer, Dave Voisinet).

Grants:
Suttell provided a written report (see p. 36) announcing Betsy Vipperman as the winner of the 2007 Breuer Award. Due the higher than normal expenses involved in attending this year’s annual meeting at the 4th Northeast Regional in Toronto, the Board had approved a proposal to add to our traditional $250 Breuer allocation to this year’s grant. In addition, Ernest Breuer’s daughter, Elizabeth Breuer Stacey, contributed to the award, thus increasing the 2007 grant to $750.

Newsletter:
Babb announced the formation of a Newsletter Committee consisting of herself, Judy Lauer, and Larry Seidenberg. She also thanked all of the regular contributors to the Newsletter. The next deadline is 12 November 07. The publication dates will be adjusted slightly to accommodate four issues (most likely March, June, September, December).

Website:
Babb reported that all ALLUNY forms are now capable of being filled in and submitted online with the exception of the membership form because it needs to be returned with a check. The Board is looking into the possibility of paying dues via PayPal. She also indicated that photos can be added to the online Directory, RSS feeds are available, the Member Publications section is now searchable, and she is working on overall site redesign, changing from tables to cascading stylesheets to enhance accessibility.

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Archives: No report.

Public Relations: Sally Legendre provided a written report (see p. 34). Finger brought in the last of the ALLUNY t-shirts and gave them away to any members who wanted them. The Association still has canned Loons for speaker presents.

New Business:

Finger announced that the 2008 Annual Meeting will take place September 26-28 at the Strathallen Hotel in Rochester. Voisinet reported that he has already begun lining up activities for the attendees.

Suggestions for the 2009 Annual Meeting were invited. One possibility is Saratoga Springs. Tom French indicated that Syracuse University has a Conference Center in the Adirondacks which might accommodate the group; he will inquire and report back to the Board.

The Board was also directed to investigate using PayPal for registration payments as well as dues payment.

Past President Alice Askew was awarded Life Membership (Vipperman, Lauer).

The Katie M. Deveau Volunteer Spirit Award was awarded to Steve Weiter. Suttell read Jay Deveau’s letter to the members (see p. 25).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

submitted by Judy A. Lauer

ALLUNY Public Relations Committee Report 2007

by Sally Legendre, Public Relations Chair

During the past year (Oct. 2006 to Oct. 2007) the ALLUNY Public Relations Committee, comprised of Jean Callihan and Sally Legendre, engaged in the following activities:

1. Purchased some inexpensive “clearance” items and solicited donations of items to be offered at a raffle that was held at the 2006 annual meeting. Proceeds went to the general fund. Members enjoyed the raffle and would like to see it continue. However, since the 2007 meeting is a regional meeting and it would be too hard to conduct a raffle with such a large diverse group, no raffle will be held at the 2007 annual meeting.

2. Since it is perceived to be the will of the majority of ALLUNY members to not purchase any items for sale to members, the Committee did not pursue identifying any items for fundraising.

What’s going on at your Library?
Inspire your colleagues — share your news and views in the ALLUNY Newsletter.
## ALLUNY Annual Treasurer’s Report

**ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES OF UPSTATE NEW YORK**

**ANNUAL TREASURER’S REPORT**

**PRESENTED AT THE 2007 NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING**

Toronto, ON

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**Account Balance, Sept. 15, 2006**

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**CURRENT BALANCE, Oct. 15, 2007**

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*Return of over-payment to J. Deveau
**Stale check #151, dated July 18, 2006

*prepared by M. Morrison, October 15, 2007*
Grants Committee Report

submitted by Laura Suttell, Chair, Grants Committee
October 19, 2007-11-27

There were three applicants for this year’s Ernest H. Breuer Award to attend the annual ALLUNY meeting, held this year in conjunction with NE2007: Libraries Without Borders II: 4th Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting in Toronto. The award amount is $750, due to the generosity of Elizabeth Breuer.

Betsy Vipperman, Senior Librarian for Public Services with the Appellate Division Law Library in Rochester, is the 2007 recipient. Grants Committee member Judith Brown assisted in the selection process. Betsy was chosen for her contributions as an officer, committee member and educational provider for ALLUNY.

There were no applicants for the Library Studies Student grant to attend the annual meeting.

The third annual Katie M. Deveau Volunteer Spirit Award will be awarded today.
Last word (this picture is worth a thousand or more)

Photo of ALLUNY’s founding father Ernest Henry Breuer and daughter Elizabeth. Printed in the Newsletter through kind permission of Elizabeth Breuer Stacey.
2008 Membership Application

Membership is open to all individuals employed within a law library or law section of a general library (active membership), as well as those expressing interest in law libraries (associate membership). Students enrolled in a Graduate School of Library Science are most welcome to join (student membership). Membership includes the newsletter subscription and access to members-only online resources. Questions about membership may be addressed to Lynn C. Fullshire, Membership Chair, e-mail: lfullshi@courts.state.ny.us

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