

King County Law Library E-News

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New Law Library Director Selected

The Hon. Catherine Shaffer, Superior Court Judge for King County, Washington, and President of the King County Law Library Board of Trustees, is pleased to announce the selection of Marcus L. Hochstetler as the new Law Librarian and Director of the King County Law Library.

Mr. Hochstetler holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Drexel University, plus a Masters of Arts in Religion from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He has been active in law library professional association activities on the national and local levels. His prior professional experiences as a law librarian include serving as the Director of the Mahoning Law Library Association of Youngstown, OH and as Legal Reference Librarian at the Philadelphia firm of Stradley, Ronan, Stevens, & Young, L.L.P.

Mr. Hochstetler, who begins his new position on September 1, 2005, will succeed Jean M. Holcomb, who will retire on September 30th after 13 years of service as the Library's Director.

A Legislative Success Story: Constructing Coalitions

For the 2005 Washington State Legislative session, a broad coalition of justice system entities came together under the banner of "*Justice in Jeopardy*" to present an ambitious plan. Being a part of this team effort proved to be of particular benefit to County Law Libraries. Because the *Justice in Jeopardy* proposal included filing fee increases for all county law libraries and a special additional provision for libraries like ours who operate more than one branch, the combined support of the project's proponents achieved what County Law Library supporters working alone had been unable to accomplish. For the first time since 1992, additional funding will be available to support the mission of County Law Libraries to provide access to legal information to all who live and work in our state.

Library Wins National Award

Last Spring the King County Law Library kicked off our 85th Anniversary Campaign to raise the funds for the renovation of our 6th floor Seattle Courthouse Law Library. Thanks to all of your efforts, the Campaign was a true success.

As a part of the fundraising effort, the Library staff created a movie to tell the Library's story: *Without Access to Information, There is No Justice. A Documentary Video Celebrating 85 Years of Public Law Library Service in Washington*. After the Campaign ended, we entered the Campaign DVD for consideration in the non-print category of the Law Library Publication award contest sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries.

We're thrilled to be able to tell you that our movie won this prestigious award. Reference Librarian Kim Ostitis, the producer of our movie, will attend the Association's Annual meeting this July in San Antonio to accept the award on our behalf.

2004 Annual Report Published on Library's Website

The King County Law Library's 2004 Annual Report is now available on the Library's website at <http://www.kcll.org/aboutus/publications/annualreports/2004annualreport.pdf>. Highlights of the

2004 Annual Report include the 85th Anniversary Campaign and the Library's move back to the 6th floor of the King County Courthouse.

New Data Storage and Retrieval Options Available

We are pleased to offer new data storage and retrieval options for patrons using the Legal Research and Training Center (LRTC). You can now access data stored on floppy disc, CD-ROM and CD-RW, and USB-equipped thumb drives. In addition, you can save documents from the LRTC computers to floppy disc and USB-equipped thumb drives. The Library does not have the ability to "burn" CDs from the LRTC.

We hope to be able to offer printing directly from our wireless network soon. A work-around is to first save the data from your laptop to floppy disc, CD-RW or USB-equipped thumb drive. Next, a Library staff member can assist you in transferring the data from your storage medium to a computer in the LRTC. Finally, you can print from the LRTC computers for \$.15 a page. Floppy discs and CD-RWs are available for purchase at the Information Desk for \$1.00 and \$2.00, respectively.

Conference Rooms Available

Conference rooms are available again in the Seattle Library on the 6th floor of the King County Courthouse. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis and also by reservation. Conference rooms 1-4 on the North side of the Library are first-come, first-served. Conference room 5 on the South side of the Library is available by reservation only and can seat 6-8 at the table, plus another 4-6 around the room. Subscribers pay \$10/an hour for a reservation, great for guaranteeing a neutral meeting place, or for taking depositions. Call 206-296-0940 to reserve now!

New Books in the Library

Administrative Procedure:

A Guide to Judicial and Political Review of Federal Agencies

Bankruptcy:

The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005
2005 Bankruptcy Reform Legislation with Analysis

Civil Procedure:

Class Action Fairness Act of 2005
Model Jury Instructions in Civil Antitrust Cases, 2005 Edition

Contracts:

Understanding the New SEC Asset-Backed Securities Rule

Corporations:

The PCAOB Speaks in 2005
Emerging Companies Guide: a Resource for Professionals and Entrepreneurs

Criminal Justice:

What Every Lawyer Needs to Know about Forensic Accounting

Legal Ethics:

Lawyer Law: Comparing the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct with the ALI Restatement (Third) of the Law of Governing Lawyers

Practice of Law:

Legal Malpractice

Real Property:

Advising Condominium and Homeowner Associations

Torts:

Business Torts Litigation

Trade Regulation:

Checkpoints in Cyberspace: Best Practices to Avert Liability in Cross-Border Transactions

Trial Practice:

McElhaney's Trial Notebook

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