STUDENT INTERNSHIPS OFFER PRICELESS EXPERIENCE

by Jennifer Bryan, Government Documents Librarian

Interest in law librarianship among law students has never been more prevalent. There are several students who are currently enrolled in the dual degree program (JD and MLS), while there are some students at SLIS who have already completed their law degrees. There are also a few law students who will be starting library school next fall.

In case you are unfamiliar with the profession, succinctly stated, "Law librarians are professionally trained people who work in various legal settings, including law schools, private law firms, and government libraries." Most academic law librarian positions require a graduate degree in library science and law as well. Any librarian will tell you that the experience gained working in a library as a student serves not only as an important educational experience, but will also help the student shape his or her career goals.

The Law Library is fortunate to have two student interns at the reference desk this year, Joy Hanson and Joe Boston. This article will feature Joy and next month the spotlight will be on Joe.

Before Joy Hanson completed her JD at the IU School of Law in December 2002, she knew that she wanted to be a law librarian. It was about a year ago, while working on journal and as a desk attendant at the circulation desk, that Joy realized something important about her chosen career path: she discovered that the immediacy of the patron interaction and the service of helping people find solutions to their problems appealed to her, and that she found legal research to be more enjoyable than the analysis that goes with actually practicing law.

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Working in the legal arena is important to Joy, but by being a law librarian she doesn’t have to limit herself to practicing in one state. “I think the level of thought and intricacies of the law carry over into librarianship,” says Joy, “and most importantly, the lifestyle is conducive to raising a family and enjoying other free time!”

Since beginning her internship at the reference desk in January 2003, Joy has learned many unexpected details about the work of reference librarians, and the strange types of patron interactions that can occur. “You never know what kind of obscure questions are going to come your way. Also that lots of people do not like using the library...even IUCAT is a mystery or annoyance to some.” Joy finds that many library patrons fall into two surprising categories. “Those who are tentative to approach the desk or ‘bother’ me, or those who don’t think I can help because I still have so much to learn. I’d like to think I fall somewhere in between...easy to approach, and at least worth a shot.”

As a student at the School of Library and Information Science, Joy has found that “students’ passion for their subject area, and aggressiveness in the classroom, not only matches but often exceeds that of law students.” In addition, Joy has learned many new skills from SULS courses and feels that her newly acquired skills have translated well into her internship work experience.

In the Summer of 2003 Joy worked in Washington, D.C., as a library intern at the Supreme Court of the United States. Her job at the Supreme Court Library involved conducting research for Court employees, especially law clerks working on opinions and certiorari petitions, and even working directly for the justices. Joy feels that she learned a lot about the resources important in court work, as compared to typical questions that librarians receive in an academic setting. “My favorite aspect of my library internship,” says Joy, “was the ability to analyze sources and materials, rather than the worry about giving legal advice as we do in the academic setting, especially with prose patrons.” In general, her favorite experience at the Supreme Court was having access to the courtroom when decisions were handed down each Monday, including being present for Gutter and Gratz, and Lawrence v. Texas.

In planning for her future career as a law librarian, Joy is taking advantage of every opportunity in the field of librarianship that is offered to her while she is still a student. “There are many avenues within the profession,” says Joy. “I thought it was specific enough to create one field, but I now think the differences in academic and government libraries, and probably firm as well, are great. So there seem to be lots of different directions to go with these degrees.” She is currently trying to arrange a library internship with a law firm. After receiving her Master of Library Science degree in May 2004, Joy would like to find a position as a reference librarian, with the future goal of becoming a law library director.

For another perspective on law librarianship, see Peter Hook’s article from the March 2003 issue of this newsletter, found at http://www.law.indiana.edu/library/publications/res_jps.shtml. For information on education and careers in law librarianship visit the website of the American Association of Law Libraries at http://www.aallnet.org.

Watch for next month’s article featuring current 3L Joe Boston!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY: INDIANA JUDICIAL HISTORY

I have often pointed out in this column that the Law Library receives many important titles that don’t necessarily fall into the category of “legal materials.” For instance we receive several scholarly history journals including the American Historical Review, the Journal of American History, and the Indiana Magazine of History. In almost every issue of these titles, readers will find articles pertaining to the American legal system, written by prominent scholars.

As a result of our subscription to the Indiana Magazine of History we also receive a subscription to Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History, a glossy illustrated historical magazine offering more general articles about Indiana and Midwestern history. The Summer 2003 issue of Traces is a theme issue, focusing on Indiana’s judicial history and it includes several authors with an IU Law School connection. Here is a list of all the articles in the summer issue:

“The Rule of Law,” by Sarah Evans Baker (Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, and member of the IU Law School’s Board of Visitors)


“A Century of Change: Indiana’s Women Lawyers,” by Sharon Hannum Seager,

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"Traveling Justice: Judges Riding the Circuit," by Suzanne Buchko, IU JD '92


"For Human Rights: Slave Cases and the Indiana Supreme Court," by Randall T. Shepard (Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court and member of the IU Law School's Board of Visitors)

"An Echo of the War: The Aftermath of the Ex parte Milligan Case," by Allen Sharp (IU JD '57, Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.)

In addition to the Library's copy that can be found in the Current Periodicals collection (behind the Reserve Desk), we purchased a second copy that has been added to the collection as a monograph under the title, Indiana's Judicial History (KFI 3078 .I52 2003).

Dick Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

JURY DUTY

Having worked in a law library for a number of years, it is interesting to me to interact with the legal profession outside of work. This summer I received a summons from the Monroe County Clerk of Courts for county jury duty sometime this fall. Several years ago I received a summons for federal jury duty service in Indianapolis, but I was never called. I have served as a juror before and found the process fascinating. In Robert Shapiro's book on the O.J. Simpson trial (The Search for Justice: A Defense Attorney's Brief on the O.J. Simpson Case), he talks about an encounter with a doctor who was extremely critical of the jury in the case. Shapiro asked him if he had ever served on a jury, and the doctor said that he did not have time and had too many responsibilities. Shapiro responded to the doctor by saying "Are you suggesting that some citizens are too important to serve on juries? If you are, then I think you completely forfeit the right to criticize verdicts you don't like." Shapiro then goes on to say "I've always felt that jury service is a duty and privilege of American citizenship. It's right up there with voting. Unfortunately, many Americans don't do that, either." [p. 351-352] I believe that Robert Shapiro is absolutely correct—jury duty is our duty and privilege. In a future column I will discuss my jury duty experience.

Michael Maben,
Cataloging Librarian

FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

As the leaves begin to turn and the nights become cooler, we recall the importance of the season. Ah yes, it's time for another Supreme Court term to begin. To commemorate the event, we've put together a little quiz to test your knowledge of the current Supreme Court Justices. Just match the names of the justices with the corresponding facts about them.

1. Stephen Breyer
2. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
3. Anthony Kennedy
4. Sandra Day O'Connor
5. William Rehnquist
6. Antonin Scalia
7. David Souter
8. John Paul Stevens
9. Clarence Thomas

a. Served as ACLU's General Counsel
b. Only justice appointed by Gerald Ford
c. Served as Attorney General of Arizona
d. Son recently stepped down as Solicitor of the Dept. of Labor
e. Chaired the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
f. Most recently appointed to the Court
g. Appointed to the Court after Robert Bork's confirmation fell through
h. Presided over the IU Law School's trial of Richard III
i. Only justice to have been a Rhodes Scholar (Answers on page 4)

THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: We need a "current" version of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual. We update the book we have.

Response: I'm not sure that I understand your question. We have the most recent edition (2002). It is updated with a 2003 supplement which we received in August. If you know of a more recent source, please let me know. Thanks.
For example, one could in a single search obtain a reasonably complete and relatively up-to-date list of all the extradition treaties signed by France since 1947.

However, the researcher should always bear in mind that the U.N.T.S. is not absolutely comprehensive, despite its huge size. Although art. 102 of the U.N. Charter requires all member nations to register their treaties with the Secretary General, there are many practical limitations to this requirement. First and foremost is the fact that art. 102 does not define ‘treaty,’ and leaves it to the individual nations to determine which agreements must be registered with the secretariat. Also of importance is the fact that all treaties must be published both in their authentic languages and in both French and English. This requirement leads to large delays in publication. As a result, both the printed and web-based versions of the U.N.T.S. are five years behind in publication. Finally, the volume of treaties has led the U.N. to exempt certain large categories of treaties from publication altogether.

There is no “silver bullet” when it comes to treaty research. Nevertheless, the U.N.T.S. has made a huge number of treaties available that would otherwise be extremely difficult to obtain. The web-based version of U.N.T.S. should make these treaties more widely available and easier to use than ever before. And that should be good news for anyone contemplating international legal research.

**Edward Gaebler, International Librarian**

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**LAW LIBRARY FALL BREAK HOURS**

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**WORKING THE HALLS**

Welcome to the Law School:
Nristy Frye, the new Admissions Assistant

Congratulations to the Library’s Liz Larson on her marriage to Josh Goldberg, we wish Mr. & Mrs. Goldberg the best!!

Happy October Birthday to:
Professor Earl Singleton on the 5th
Professor Bill Oliver on the 6th
Tim Hightower, Director of Development, on the 9th
Professor Bob Heidt on the 10th
Randy Sparks, Systems Coordinator, on the 11th
Professor Ken Dau-Schmidt on the 12th
Professor Kevin Brown on the 13th
Dave Lankford, Library Media Center Supervisor, on the 13th
Assistant Dean Rachel Keeney on the 22nd
Professor Bill Hick on the 26th
Professor Bill Popkin on the 28th