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## **Wise Women and Men of CoALL**

In Native American cultures the elders of the tribe are respected keepers of the collective knowledge of the tribe. In addition to other means of passing cultural knowledge, they share this wisdom with story telling.

We are so very fortunate to have in CoALL a large number of members that have years of experience as law librarians and as members of CoALL. But, what we don't have is a conscious effort to share that wisdom, although the future of our "tribe" may depend on that sharing.

It saddens me to continue to hear the same complaints over the years from our profession; for example, that we are misunderstood by our administrators or that we are underpaid. Future law librarians need to be able to take the collective wisdom of what had worked for us as individuals, or what hasn't worked, and use it to build the future.

I challenge all of the wise women and men of CoALL to start today sharing your history of law librarianship with a newer member. Tell them stories of the best CoALL programs you've attended, the successes you've had in your career, the challenges you've encountered and how you conquered them. Talk to them about challenging projects, interesting administrators and valuable colleagues. Share your wisdom to equip our "tribe" to meet the future.

**From the president,  
Kaye Waelde**

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Mark your December calendars today for the CoALL holiday party to be held on December 8, 2005 at Holme, Roberts, & Owen Boulder office. Details will follow but the party should end early enough so that those who wish to stroll down Pearl Street mall to enjoy the sounds and sights of the season will have time to do so.

Mariann Storck on behalf of the CoALL Holiday Party - 2005 committee

## AALL Visit in April

by Mary Killoran



CoALL is looking forward to a visit this coming April from AALL President Claire M. Germain, Edward Cornell Law Librarian & Professor of Law, Director, Dual Degree Programs, Paris & Berlin

Cornell Law School.

I wanted to include a photograph, and thought it best to call first before using this picture from the AALL website. Professor Germain answered the telephone herself, and said, "Oh, yes, I am going to use that picture forever!" She then spent a few minutes telling me in her very charming way that she is looking forward to her visit to

Colorado, back to an area where she has roots. Claire Germain received an M.L.L. from the University of Denver Library School in 1977. If it is possible to coordinate the dates, the AALL President's visit will coincide with Colleague Connection at D.U. She also interned in the Supreme Court of Colorado.

If you would like to read more about Professor Germain, here is a link to Cornell Law School faculty profiles: (<http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/faculty/profiles.asp>).

## The Legal Research Corner

by Mary Killoran

Mariann Storck has passed her leadership role on the "The Legal Research Corner" project to Andrea Hamilton. Patty Wellinger wrote on the CoALL Listserv: "Mariann's time, energy and liaison efforts with the Colorado Lawyer have truly helped

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make this a great resource for the CO legal profession as well as a CoALL public relations success!"

Andrea Hamilton's committee is currently composed of Wanda McDavid, Don Ford and Tracy Leming. David Selden, also on the CoALL listserv wrote, "Having just published a couple of articles through the research corner, I would like to thank the committee for their great work and support. The committee is easy to work with and they have great ideas for authors. I encourage everyone to consider contributing an article. It is a fun and rewarding experience."

Andrea's article, "*Sample Document and Form Resources*" has been published in the November 2005 issue of *The Colorado Lawyer*. She begins by saying that "[M]any law librarians can attest that a strong demand exists for good sample document and form resources." The article does not attempt to cover all available resources, but provides an introduction to many of the resources attorneys can use for help with drafting documents and conducting research.

If you have an idea for an article or would like to be a guest author, please contact Andrea at [ahamilton@faegre.com](mailto:ahamilton@faegre.com).

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### Prestatehood Legal Materials Professor Barbara Bintliff

I asked Barbara Bintliff if I could include some information about this new publication. She sent the following summary, and mentioned, by the way, that she will not be receiving royalties on any of this.

#### Prestatehood Legal Materials A Fifty-State Research Guide, Including New York City

and the District of Columbia (Volumes 1 & 2) will be available from Haworth Press this fall. It is a combination of text and bibliographies on every state, and includes the information needed to conduct legal research for each state during its years before statehood. Most chapters include brief overviews of state histories, from colonization to acceptance into the United States, in addition to listing bibliographic materials. Coverage generally includes information on which foreign countries controlled the laws of the various territories. This guide focuses on materials that are readily available to researchers.

The chapter on Colorado (chapter 6) starts with the many foreign jurisdictions that claimed parts of the state, beginning in the sixteenth century. It moves into the pre-Colorado Territory period, when extra-legal governments were common. Mining districts, claims clubs, peoples' courts, the People's Government of the City of Denver, and the Jefferson Territory (based in Denver) and the Idaho Territory (based in Central City) are described briefly. The actions of many of these extra-legal governments formed the basis for some of the Colorado Territory's laws, and found their way into the laws of the new state; some are still on the books today. Sources for drafts of the Colorado Constitution are identified, as are the earliest territorial laws and court reports.

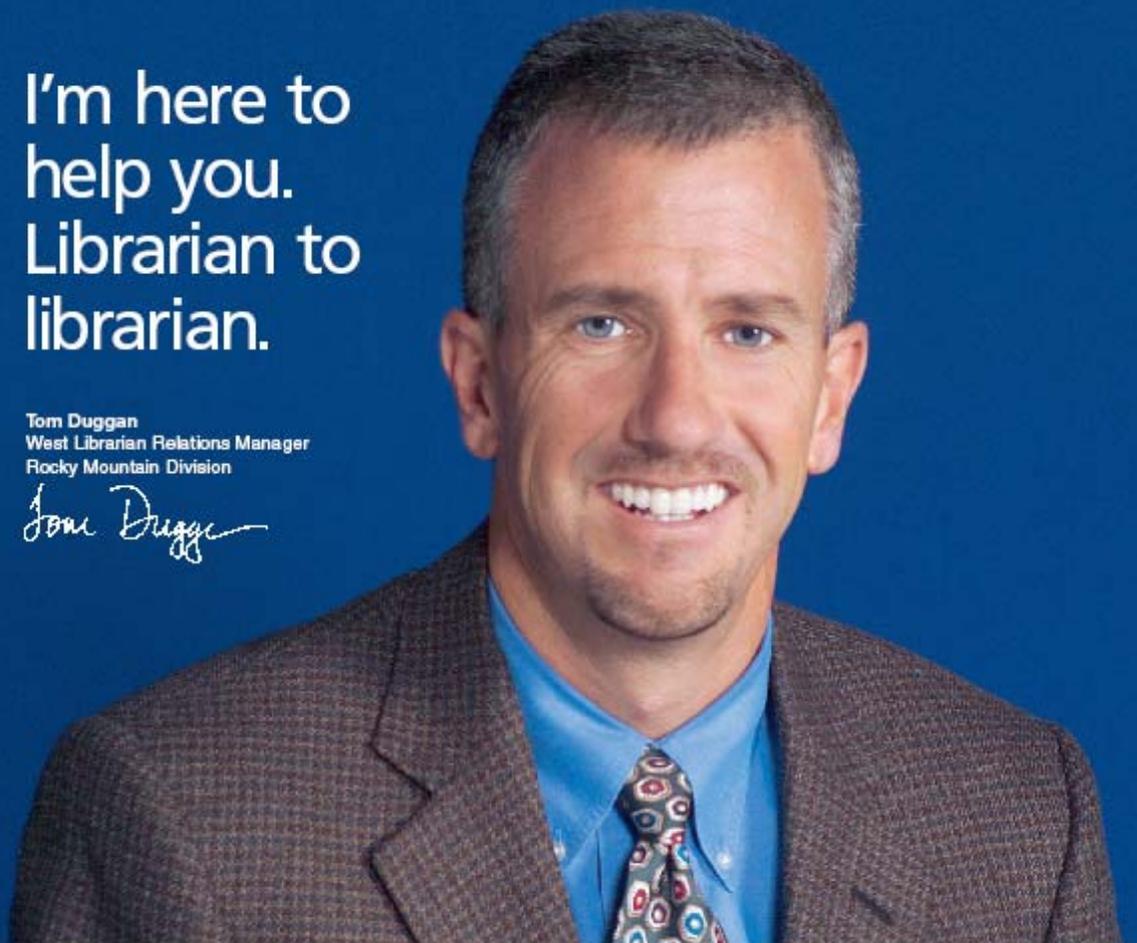
If any of CoALL's members was a bibliography of current state legal materials, they could consider the following: Colorado Legal Resources: An Annotated Bibliography, by Robert C. Richards and Barbara Bintliff (2004). It is available through AALL's Government Documents SIS, at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/gd/stateb.html>.

Barbara

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Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- **Open Division** for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience.
- **New Members Division** for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years.
- **Student Division** for students in library, information management or law school. (Students need not be members of AALL)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Winning papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application,

visit the AALL website at [http://www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_call\\_for\\_papers.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp). Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Chair, Patty Wellinger, [pwelling@law.du.edu](mailto:pwelling@law.du.edu); Renee Rastorfer, [rrastorf@law.usc.edu](mailto:rrastorf@law.usc.edu) or Ed Greenlee, [egreenle@law.upenn.edu](mailto:egreenle@law.upenn.edu)

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## Public Access To Government Information Award

### Description:

A principal tenet of the American Association of Law Libraries is the right of equal access to information for all to ensure an informed citizenry and to promote a just and democratic society. Established in 1998, the Public Access to Government Information Award recognizes persons or organizations that have made significant contributions to protect and promote greater public access to government information.

### Application Information

Public Access To Government Information Award

### ELIGIBILITY

Recipients of the award may be any individual or organization. Members of the Washington Affairs Office of AALL are not eligible. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF THE AWARD**

The Public Access to Government Information Award shall be jointly administered by the AALL Government Relations Committee and the AALL Awards Committee. The Government Relations Committee shall: advertise the award; solicit nominations for the award; review the nominations; and recommend from two to four nominees to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee shall make the final decision from the nominees presented and notify the winner. The Government Relations Committee will handle subsequent publicity activities and any miscellaneous tasks that arise in the administration of the award.

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

\* A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government. The award is given in accordance with AALL's mission to provide leadership in the field of legal information and to promote equal access to government information. The award will reflect this by honoring the achievements of those who have championed public access.

\* The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.

\* The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

### **AWARD PROCESS**

Nominations for this award are to be sent to Timothy L. Coggins, University of Richmond Law School, Richmond, Va., 23172, tcoggins@richmond.edu. It is preferred that the nominations be in

electronic format. A subcommittee of the Government Relations Committee will screen the nominations and recommend from two to four nominees to the Awards Committee, which will make the final selection. All selection materials will be forwarded to the Chair of the Awards Committee.

A subcommittee of the Awards Committee, including the Awards Committee chair, will review the nominations and make a final decision on who will receive the award. Each nominee shall be considered individually and confidentially and will be judged according to the criteria listed above. Sources of information for the subcommittee about a candidate include the nominating letter(s) and recommendation(s) from the Government Relations Committee. To ensure confidentiality, contact with members of AALL other than the person(s) nominating, other Awards Committee members and Government Relations Committee members should be avoided.

Frequency and number of awards: The Award may be presented annually, but there is no requirement that the award be given each year.

Deadline for nomination: Nominations must be submitted to Timothy Coggins no later than February 1, 2006, to allow the two committees ample time to complete their deliberations and the administrative aspects of the award by April 15.

### **AWARD PRESENTATION**

The award shall be presented during the AALL Annual Meeting, and it will be given in the name of the Association. It will consist of an appropriate memorial to honor the achievements of the individual or organization.

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**Colorado Association of Law Libraries  
Board Meeting  
August 16, 2005, 5:00 p.m.  
Colorado Bar Association**

Board members in attendance: Kaye Waelde (President), Martha Campbell (Immediate Past President), Tom Seward (Vice-President/President-Elect), Shannon Vicic (Secretary), Jennifer Hammond (Treasurer), Ann-Marie Wills (Member at Large)

President Kaye Waelde called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Treasurer Jennifer Hammond provided a report on the chapter's finances (see the full treasurer's report attached to the end of the minutes).

In addition, Jennifer proposed that each year the treasurer change the lock on the chapter's post office box when he or she takes office. When the lock is changed, two new keys are issued, which would ensure that the treasurer and another board member have a key to the box.

The only drawbacks to changing the lock would be the cost (\$11 per year) and the additional paperwork required of the new treasurer. The board members agreed that those drawbacks were minor and asked Jennifer to change the lock on the post office box this year, with the practice to be continued by future treasurers.

After the treasurer's report, Kaye asked the board about the types of professional development programs that should be offered during the coming term. In particular, she inquired about the status of the CoALL Institute. In a recent membership survey, several members expressed interest in having the Institute revived.

Vice President Tom Seward reported that he sent an e-mail to members soliciting volunteers for the Institute and five members have expressed their willingness to help plan the institute.

He will begin working with those five members on the preliminary planning for the event. He said that he expected the Institute to be smaller in scale than it has been in past years. Several board members offered ideas for potential seminar topics for the Institute.

Kaye reported that the CoALL board has the opportunity to request a visit from AALL president Claire Germain in 2006, and she asked board members whether they were in favor of inviting the president of AALL for a visit.

Kaye and Past-President Martha Campbell discussed the cost of the visit and whether the cost would be financially burdensome on the chapter, since chapters usually are expected to shoulder the cost of meals and accommodations for the president.

The board members also discussed whether planning the BRAG program, the CoALL Institute, and a visit from the AALL president in the same year would tax the volunteer resources of CoALL.

However, Jennifer mentioned that a couple of student members of CoALL had expressed particular interest in helping coordinate a visit from Claire Germain; Claire is an alumna of the University of Denver.

Kaye suggested the possibility of combining Claire Germain's visit with the Colleague Connection. She reported that she had spoken with the presidents of the Colorado Library Association, the Rocky Mountain Special Libraries Association, and the Colorado chapter of the Medical Library Association, and they told her that they would be willing to provide financial assistance for Claire Germain's visit if she could be engaged to speak at the Colleague Connection.

Martha noted that if the president of AALL is unable to visit Denver due to a scheduling conflict, another executive officer may be sent in her place, and the other library associations might not be willing to provide financial support for anyone other than the president.

However, the board felt that it would be worthwhile to invite the president of AALL regardless of whether the chapter could count on financial assistance from the other library associations.

Tom Seward moved that the board invite the president of AALL to visit Denver, and Martha Campbell seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Kaye said that she would request that the president visit in April 2006 with the hope of being able to coordinate her visit with the Colleague Connection.

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## Colorado Association of Law Libraries

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Hammond  
Meeting August 16, 2005

### 06/01/05 – 07/31/05

Beginning Balance: 06/01/2005 \$4022.83

Funds Received:

BRAG Program Proceeds	\$2,710.00
Membership Dues	270.00
Scuttle Ad	60.00
Bank Account Interest	.45
	\$3,040.45

Funds Paid out:

Analysis Service Charge	\$ 2.00
BRAG	313.34
CO Secretary of State annual fee	25.00
First general meeting snacks	30.70
Total	\$ 371.04

Ending Balance: 07/31/05 \$6,692.24

**\*Not yet cleared\***

08/03/05 - \$665 deposit of membership dues

08/12/05 - \$19.35 Office Depot purchase

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**Colorado Association of Law Libraries**

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Hammond

Meeting October 11, 2005

**08/01/05-08/31/05**Beginning Balance: 08/01/2005 \$6,692.24Funds Received:

Membership Dues	665.00
Scuttle Ad	60.00
Bank Reimbursement	2.40
Bank Account Interest	.28
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	\$7,419.92

Funds Paid out:

Analysis Service Charge	\$ .40
Supplies (ledger, bank bags)	19.35
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Total	\$ 19.75

Ending Balance: 08/31/05 \$7,400.17**\*Not yet cleared\***

9/16 - \$105 deposit

9/30 \$60 deposit

To be deposited: \$120 dues

9/16 \$16.40 check to U.S.P.S. for re-key of PO Box and additional key