



CJCL News

DIRECTOR'S CUT: MULTIPLE COPIES OF LIBRARY MATERIAL

I hope you all read my detailed email from September 6 regarding the Course of Action Plan reviewing multiple copies throughout both courts. It is important for all of us to review each piece of distributed library material and look at everything with fresh eyes. Just because you've been receiving material doesn't mean you must keep it if you don't use it.

The planning for this is extremely detailed. We are working on providing lists of titles, costs, maps, and space issues for each person and group. Please allow us time to get to your area. Our timeline is on track to finish in April. We are working simultaneously through the 1st DCA Divisions, each Supreme Court Chambers, and then all the central staffs.

To reiterate the goals of this plan: 1.) reduce spending; 2.) free up bookshelf space and plan for growth; 3.) make better use of the library's staff time; 4.) be more environmentally friendly (think sustainability); and 5.) work collaboratively with everyone. It is important that the CJCL understands the needs and concerns of library patrons so I do ask that when I schedule meetings with your group, everyone please attend.

Our first meeting with the 1st DCA, Div. 1 on Oct. 4 resulted in a savings of almost \$8,000 per year and we shifted and/or weeded 3,050 books. Please know the CJCL has copies of material that is being, or will be, weeded so you will ALWAYS have access to this material. Thank you Div. 1 for being the first group to move ahead with this project!

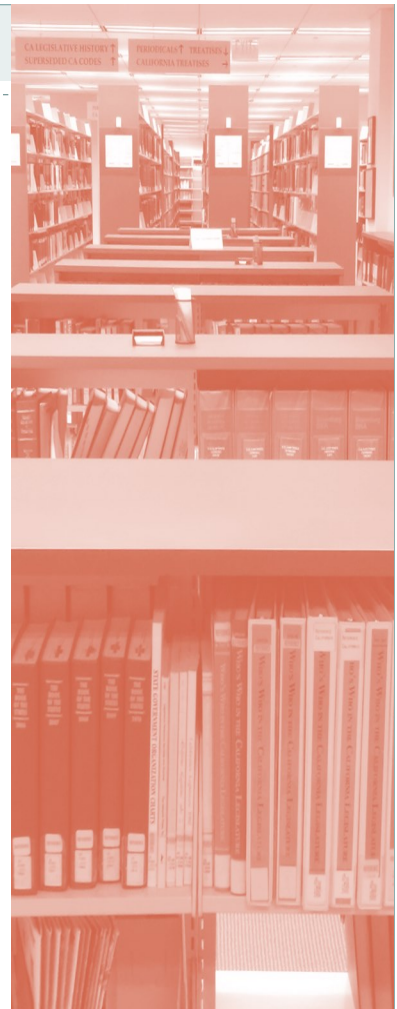
If you have any questions, please contact me, I am happy to review the process with you. I appreciate everyone's cooperation.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT: ERIN LYBRAND-WENZ

Erin is the newest staff member at the CJCL. Erin came to us after spending 10 years at USF's Gleeson Library in the cataloging department. She graduates with her Masters Degree in Library and Information Science this December and we are very fortunate to have her on our team!

While her main duties are cataloging, to make sure we can all find the information we need, and working with the other Court of Appeal Law Librarians to add their collections to our joint [catalog](#), she also backs up Patrick and Vita with some of their responsibilities.

Erin lives in San Bruno with her husband, Brandon, and her cats, Archie and Gus. She enjoys playing trivia games with friends, reading novels, and trying out new crafts. Once she graduates, she's looking forward to picking up new hobbies and having more opportunities to travel. She is located in room 4315 if you would like to stop by and say hello.



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TRAINING: OPTIONS

- ◆ General sessions:
 - ◇ Wed. 11/1 at 1pm
 - ◇ Thurs. 11/9 at 1pm
 - ◇ Tues. 11/14 at 10am
 - ◇ Tues. 11/28 at 1pm
- ◆ Other training options available:
 - ◇ One-on-one training
 - ◇ Chamber-wide training
 - ◇ Online real-time training using Clear Slide

If you are interested in any of these alternatives, please email us at reference@jud.ca.gov

LEXIS ADVANCE TRAINING

November 30 is fast approaching, and that means Lexis.com will no longer exist.



"...ceased to be...expired and gone to meet its maker...bereft of life... pushing up the daisies...metabolic processes are now history...kicked the bucket...shuffled off its mortal coil..." Monty Python

Trainings on Lexis Advance, the replace-

ment platform, are underway and proving to be quite popular. So popular, in fact, that we have moved the trainings to the Bodega B computer training room located in the JCC Conference Center on the 3rd Floor to accommodate more attendees. In October we tried something new by offering separate training sessions for Judges, Attorneys, and Judicial Assistants to facilitate common workflow issues and questions, and we would greatly appreciate your feedback.

Lexis Advance also includes a variety of tutorials and help topics you can access once you set up your account. If you use Lexis.com, you will need to set up any alerts in your Lexis Advance account.

You don't have to wait until December 1 to start using Lexis Advance. If you do not have a Lexis Advance account and want one, please contact us at reference@jud.ca.gov

CONTACT FROM VENDORS

One of the roles of the Library is to serve as a go-between for court staff and the many publishers and online research vendors utilized by the courts. The Library negotiates and manages subscriptions with, among others, Westlaw, LexisNexis, HeinOnline, multiple newspapers, and other legal information providers.

It has been a long-standing policy that vendors are not allowed to contact our users directly. Despite our efforts, there have been incidents in the past where users have received unsolicited surveys or advertisements for new products from our vendors. Usually these go ignored – we're all used to junk mail, right? – but if

you receive multiple emails from a vendor and are having trouble unsubscribing on your own, please let know so we can address this on an account-level.

Recently it came to our attention that the LA Times was sending overdue billing notices (for bills that had been paid!) to individual subscribers. This is not okay. We believe the issue has been resolved and apologize for the inconvenience to anyone who received these notices. While we hope this was an isolated event, if you are contacted by the LA Times or any other vendor regarding billing issues, please let us know at reference@jud.ca.gov. Thank you.

If you are contacted by a vendor regarding billing, surveys, or other advertisements, please contact the Reference office at reference@jud.ca.gov



ARCHIVES MONTH

OCTOBER 2017

On September 29, 2017, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. issued a [proclamation](#) making October 2017 “Archives Month” in California. Part of the greater American Archives Month, [California Archives Month](#) provides repositories throughout the state with an opportunity to celebrate the unique and valuable historical collections in our archives, special collections, and historical societies.

During Archives Month this year a new exhibit featuring selections from the Kathryn M. Werdegar Papers will be installed on the first floor of the Earl Warren Building at 350 McAllister Street.

Awarded in 1990, nearly three decades after she became the first woman elected editor-in-chief of the California Law Review at Boalt Hall, the diploma above has a story to tell. It is one of many recently acquired records documenting the remarkable life and career of retired California Supreme Court justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES: THE KATHRYN M. WERDEGAR PAPERS

Prior to her retirement at the end of August, California Supreme Court justice Kathryn M. Werdegar was the current court’s longest-serving justice. She was also an active member of the California Supreme Court Historical Society’s Board of Directors, a lecturer, a writer, and a trailblazer. Her interest in preserving California’s rich legal history has been evident since Special Collections & Archives was established as a unit following the acquisition of the Stanley Mosk Papers in 2001.

Beginning in 2002, Justice Werdegar’s gifts to the library included photographs, publications and audiovisual materials. Subsequent gifts were recently joined by a comprehensive set of speeches delivered during her tenure on the state’s highest court, significant correspondence, inscribed volumes, newspaper clippings, ephemera, awards, diplomas, certificates, and memorabilia. Justice Werdegar graciously provided Special Collections & Archives staff with information about the history of each new gift as she prepared for her departure. On August 29, 2017, the library was honored to accept the formal donation of her professional papers.

In celebration of California Archives Month and in recognition of Justice Werdegar’s lifelong contributions to the cause of justice, selections from the Kathryn M. Werdegar Papers will be on display in the Archive Room on the first floor of the Earl Warren State Building. Watch for the new exhibit beginning the week of October 23, 2017 here in the Ronald M. George State Office Complex.

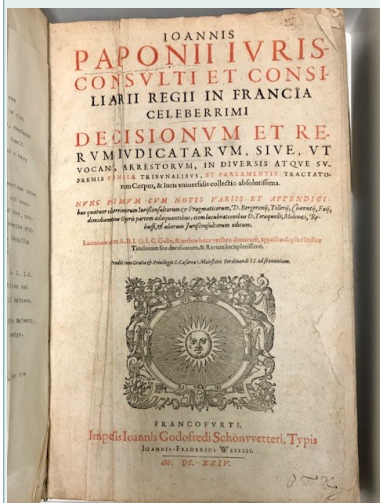


A token of appreciation from students and faculty at Mills College, this golden eucalyptus leaf was once displayed prominently in Justice Werdegar’s chambers. In 2009, students in the Women and Law class at Mills College requested Justice Werdegar’s participation in presentations honoring her contributions to the law. The gift she received from them is now part of the Kathryn M. Werdegar Papers in Special Collections & Archives.

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the oldest titles in the CJCL collection is from 1624.

[Ioannis Paponii ... Decisionum et regum iudicatarum, sive, ut vocant ...](#)



Included with the volume is a typewritten English translation of the Latin title page. It begins: “The body of decisions and adjudications, or res adjudicate, so to speak, of John Paponius, the most noted royal counsellor and advisor in France, rendered in the various highest courts of France, and dealt with in the various parliamentary bodies, and a very complete collection of general laws.”

Donated in 1929 by [Henry B. Lister](#), the tome includes a copy of the acknowledgement letter sent to Mr. Lister by Chief Justice William H. Waste, thanking him for his gift.

NOTES FROM COLLECTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1ST DCA, DIV. 1 MULTIPLE COPY MEETING

It was a very nice experience to meet with the people I work for in person. It made a big difference and it was easy to understand what was needed. I enjoy working for Divisions, making sure everything is up to date and in order, and how all of you want to see the books you are using.

Meeting face to face and making those decisions with you made it easier for all of us. Thank you Division One for attending, suggesting changes, and being cooperative.

Thank you, Vita

CMS & CATALOG UPDATES

Learning the ropes

At the time of writing this, I have just begun my 7th full week at CJCL. Patrick and Vita have been a wonderful source of knowledge, support, and training as I learn the ins and outs of our daily operations. I have taken on newspaper and mail processing duties on Fridays and look forward to assisting my CMS colleagues with any projects that may come up.

Hein Online

It has been about a year since our [catalog records for Hein Online titles](#) were fully updated! Having just started in this position at the beginning of September, I wanted to tackle the Hein Online updates as my first priority.

The update was a large one, featuring a combined record count of 1,684 revised and new titles. To put this into perspective, for the month of October, I received a total of 9 records to update.

To perform this very large update, I had to “purge” (our vendor’s word, not mine!) our catalog of any existing Hein Online titles—a little intimidating to undertake as one of my first projects at CJCL!

One of the useful features of Sierra, our library platform, is that it allows me to create complex searches for batches of records and I can export those results into a backup file in case something were to go haywire during the file deletion process.

I successfully deleted our existing records, replaced them with the 1,684 new and updated titles, and further modified them to reflect our current local practices.

It was a great way for me to hit the ground running!

Catching up on backlogs

My cataloging experience comes from about a decade working in an academic library environment where I worked with bibliographic records in a broad variety of subject areas. Catching up on the to-be-cataloged material at CJCL has been an excellent introduction to cataloging legal materials and I look forward to working on records for materials at the other district libraries!

-Erin