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## **CJCL News**

#### **DIRECTOR'S CUT**

Happy fall! This will be the last newsletter that I'm a part of as I'm retiring from the Judicial Branch after 26 wonderful years! I wish everyone the very best!

Our latest project of reviewing every title we own (shelf reading) has been a success. We were able to remove several units of shelving to create a common area for study, relaxation, or taking a break on the west side of the library in front of the Atrium. Come and check it out!



Also, please feel free to peruse the aisles, we have some very interesting material. We kept a lot of the older material since it was not online. We really do have a wonderfully unique collection!

### STAFF HIGHLIGHT - MARIE SILVA, ARCHIVIST

Our amazing current Archivist, Martha Noble, is retiring at the end of this year. I want to thank Martha for her years of service and wish her all the best in retirement!

We've hired a new Archivist to work with Martha before she leaves. Please welcome Marie Silva. Her experience includes almost a decade at the California Historical Society as an Archivist & Manuscripts Librarian, and Acting Director there in 2016-17. Prior to the CHS, she worked at the Berkeley Public Library and the Oakland Tribune. She brings a wealth of experience with her and we are all excited to have her join the CJCL staff!



### LIBRARIES LEAD



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#### **CJCL STAFF**

- Donna Williams, Director
- Jan Gross, Law Librarian, RRS
- Jessica Brasch, Law Librarian, RRS
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# Research & Reference Services



#### LEXIS OR WESTLAW?

It has come up several times whether new employees and externs should get passwords for both Lexis and Westlaw. The answer is YES! Reasons:

- Lexis & Westlaw are different publishers and have different treatises/titles on their platforms.
- Lexis is the official California publisher, Westlaw is not.
- We, and others, are finding that putting the same search into both Lexis and Westlaw can bring up different results. It is always a good idea to check both systems.
- Externs should learn both systems while they are in law school because chances are, wherever they end up, they may only have the choice of one platform.

# What Have We Done For You Lately?

Are you not quite sure what you can ask your librarian? Are you not clear about what resources are available to you as a CJCL patron? Then hopefully this sampling of research requests we received over the past few months will give you an idea of what your reference librarians can help with:

- 1. Compiling statistics on juvenile recidivism rates.
- 2. PACER docket search for E.D. Cal. case, downloading dozens of underlying documents.
- 3. Locating a copy of an unpublished 6DCA case.
- 4. "Legislative" history of a ballot proposition.
- 5. Locating copies of various county juvenile probation forms.
- 6. Political science journal article from 1926.
- 7. Legislative History with State Archives materials (4-5 weeks)
- 8. Legislative History with in-house materials only (2-3 weeks)
- 9. Previously-compiled Legislative History (link to digital compilation can be sent immediately!)
- 10. Specific legislative history documents (e.g., Analyses)
- 11. Assistance with deciphering enactment dates for historical codes.
- 12. Interlibrary loans for multiple titles about, e.g., Sanctions, Federal Indian Law, Racism in America and Constitutional Construction.
- 13. Copy of a 1979 Secretary of State study, located in the personal papers of Herman Baca at the UC San Diego Archives.
- 14. Identifying California regulatory and agency publications about meal periods.
- 15. Compiling secondary sources on the 1933 Securities Act.

## When it comes to your Reference Librarians, there is no such thing as a dumb question!

#### NOW AVAILABLE ON HEINONLINE: ALI LIBRARY

CJCL now subscribes to HeinOnline's American Law Institute Library, which includes both current and archival Restatements of the Law, Uniform Commercial Code, Model Penal Code, ALI-ABA Periodicals, and the Statement of Essential Human Rights (a pioneering ALI project of the mid-1940s). It also contains full runs of the Institute's Annual Reports, Proceedings, Annual Meeting Speeches, and the Institute's newsletter, The ALI Reporter.

To access the ALI Library, go the <u>Library's website</u> and click on the HeinOnline link at the top of the page (access is IP-verified from any court computer).



As the top of our Newsletter reads, we are *Always Moving Forward*.

This time, however, it is with a heavy heart as we recently said good bye to our beloved Director Donna Williams, and we prepare to say goodbye to our invaluable Archivist Martha Noble.

But we have a lot to celebrate as well! On August 21, our Cataloger Erin welcomed a baby boy, Harrison Elliot Wenz; we recently welcomed Marie Silva to the CJCL team; and we look forward to welcoming our new Director soon.

As always, but especially as we are in this state of transition, please feel free to email us at <a href="mailto:reference@jud.ca.gov">reference@jud.ca.gov</a>, and we will be sure that your question gets to the right place!

Thank you, Your Library Staff (pictured below on Donna's last day)

