

CJCL News

DIRECTOR'S CUT

Summer is in full swing and we have several projects underway in the library. We also very excited because we are expecting a new addition to our staff! Okay, not really a new addition, but a new baby! Erin is expecting and due in August. While we are thrilled for her, we will miss her while she is on maternity leave from now until January 2020.

Currently, the largest project we are working on is reviewing each title in the classified material section of the library, well over tens of thousands of titles. This is called 'shelf reading' as we are literally checking every shelf for every title we own. We are donating and/or recycling most 2nd, 3rd and yes, sometime 4th and 5th. copies of material. We are evaluating older, out-of-date material and deciding whether if it falls into our mission, keeping in mind we are a research library. We factor in several criteria: if the material is available online, and if so, how easily accessible it is online; and whether or not it has ever been used. Next, we are making sure everything is in call number order and marking titles "missing" in the [catalog](#) if it is not checked out or not on the shelf. Figuring out the missing titles will be our next project!

As we are working through the collection, we are signifying California (KFC) material on the end panels in [blue lettering](#) while the American Law (KF) and all other classification codes are noted in black lettering. We are also making use of the entire range of shelving, from top to bottom. This will allow us to remove several shelving ranges on the West side of the library to make a new comfortable reading/break area in front of the doors to the West Atrium. This should be done by October. If you haven't seen it, please come and stop by! Finally, if you have any trouble finding a title, please ask any staff member.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT – JAN GROSS, LAW LIBRARIAN

Jan joined our staff in 2010 and is focused on research and reference. She holds a Masters in Library Science and a JD from the University of Illinois. She was born and raised in Chicago where she practiced law for eight years—4 years in private practice, 4 years as in-house counsel.

In 1988 Jan and her husband, also an attorney, moved to California. They are proud Navy parents to Jacob, who is a Chief Petty Officer in the US Navy, currently serving on a destroyer stationed in Japan. Jan enjoys tai chi, hiking, mysteries, and Giants baseball (though not really *enjoying* this season).



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- Deanna Mason, Law Library Technician, CMS

Research & Reference Services



National Library Week Six Word Stories

Thank you to all who contributed stories. Here are some examples of your brilliant brevity:

- ◇Books bring ideas. Ideas bring brilliance.
- ◇Books, mental nourishment for one's soul.
- ◇She read. She learned. She soared.
- ◇Historical justice stored; future justice made.
- ◇The library helps us dispense justice.
- ◇So much research, so little time.
- ◇I asked Reference and got answers.
- ◇A library brings justice to all.
- ◇My heroes work in the library.
- ◇And the hands-down favorite (or at least 2 hands): Jan is my personal favorite librarian.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY UPDATE: BROWN GOVERNOR CHAPTERED BILL FILES NOW AVAILABLE

An important piece of any legislative history that we compile is the Governor's Chaptered Bill File ("GCBF"). The GCBF is a file maintained by the Governor's Office for each legislative bill signed into law (i.e., chaptered) or vetoed. These files typically contain analyses prepared by the Legislative Counsel, Attorney General, other constitutional officers, state agencies or the Governor's staff. They may also include correspondence from the bill's author as well as affected organizations and individuals.

Because GCBFs are not available for a sitting governor, for the past several years we have only been able to access them for bills signed into law through 2010. Recently, however, we learned from the State Archives that GCBFs from the last Brown administration are now available on an individual bill basis. Because each bill file must be reviewed and redacted for state agency employee information, we are not able to purchase the entire set at this time, but State Archives staff will do this on a case by case basis as they receive our requests.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

In short, there is much more information available for 2011-2018 bills! In terms of process, when you request a new legislative history for one of these bills, we will ask if you would like us to request State Archives materials, which will now include a GCBF. Additionally, if you request a legislative history that we have previously compiled, we will ask if you would like us to update it with a State Archives request. As always, these requests typically take about three weeks, although we have seen quicker turnaround times lately.

For recent bills there is, of course, legislative history information readily available on Westlaw/Lexis and [LegInfo](#). But when you need to dig deeper, remember that there may be more information out there, and your Reference Librarians can help you find it!

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WESTLAW™



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Although you can access resources such as Witkin on Westlaw and Lexis, here are some compelling reasons why you should use *both*:

Westlaw	Lexis
Rutter Practice Guides	Matthew Bender Guides
Sutherland's Statutes and Statutory Construction	Seiser and Kumli on California Juvenile Courts Practice and Procedure
CA Civil Practice Series	CA Criminal Defense Practice
Bench Books: Civil Proceedings	CA Compensation Cases
Simons on California Evidence	Nimmer on Copyright
Williston on Contracts	Corbin on Contracts

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES:

EARLY MINUTE BOOKS AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE ARCHIVES
AND THE CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL CENTER LIBRARY

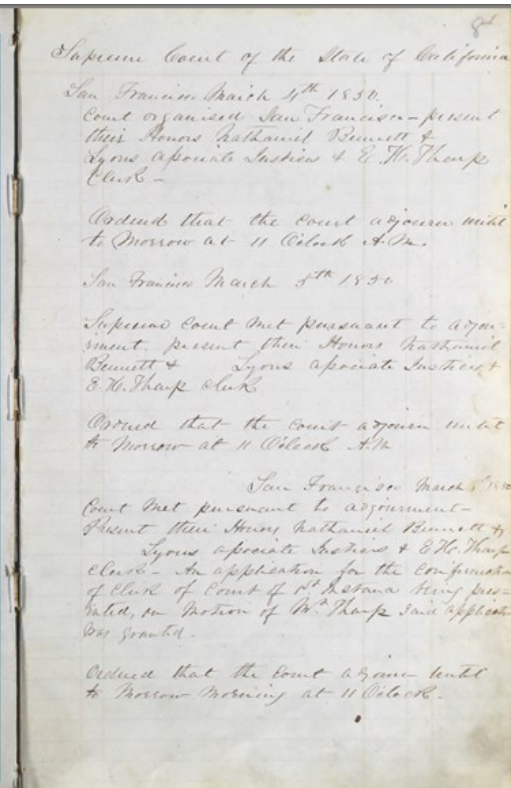
California's highest court convened for the first time on Monday, March 4, 1850 in San Francisco. On that day, two of the court's three justices, Associate Justice Nathaniel Bennett and Associate Justice Henry Lyons, met to begin the work of organizing the court. Justice Bennett and Justice Lyons were joined by Chief Justice Serranus Clinton Hastings on Thursday, March 7, 1850.



Hon. Nathaniel Bennett
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of
California



Hon. Henry A. Lyons
Associate Justice
Supreme Court of
California
2nd Chief Justice of
California



Minutes of the Supreme Court of California, 1850-1851

Bound in oversized volumes, the earliest minutes of the Supreme Court are housed at the California State Archives in Sacramento. Volumes A-G, as described in the [Inventory of the Supreme Court of California Records](#), contain minutes from the organization of the court in 1850 through 1863. Volume A, which includes an entry for the court's first proceeding on March 4, 1850, was digitized by the State Archives in 2016.

Prior to 1911, records of the Supreme Court's orders and proceedings were maintained in handwritten minute books. Frequently kept by office or department, overlapping entries and duplication of dates between the volumes at each of the Supreme Court's three offices were common. Even after 1911 when the practice of keeping typewritten minutes, bound in consecutively numbered volumes, began, some handwritten volumes continued to be created. Early minutes of both the Supreme Court of California and the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, can be found here at the California Judicial Center Library. These records typically duplicate the holdings of the California State Archives. The earliest example housed in Special Collections & Archives contains the [minutes of the Supreme Court of California](#) for the period 1878-1880.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

VITA ISYANOVA ON AASLH'S
BASICS OF ARCHIVES
COURSE

The newest member of CJCL's Special Collections & Archives team, Vita Isyanova, is currently enrolled in an online course designed to provide an introduction to the core aspects of managing and protecting archival collections. Vita says:

As I take the 'Basics of Archives' [online course](#) from the American Association for State and Local History, I understand, more and more, how unique the collections we have in our Special Collections and Archives Department are. Also, the more I learn from this course the more I see what an amazing and dedicated staff we have who is willing to teach and share knowledge.

The course I am taking is designed for people who might have some experience or very little, like me. A lot of the participants are working in museums or university archives and none of them have collections as wonderful as we do.

Now that I have almost finished the course, I realize that the most interesting part of it has been the topic "Acquiring Your Collections". In this topic we focused on how vital a collection policy is--it provides the boundaries for the kinds of material you will collect. Also, learning how to appraise material is very important.

I hope that by the end of the course I will have learned enough to be able to apply the knowledge to processing and taking care of our unique collection of papers and memorabilia from past and present California Supreme Court Justices.

A Tip on Viewing Catalog Records

We share our catalog with the other libraries of the Court of Appeals in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. This means that we also share our records!

Our holdings (individual copies or volumes) display in numerical order by district, from 2nd to 6th. The CJCL copies appear *after* all of the other districts' copies.

If you've ever viewed a catalog record and had trouble identifying where our copies are located on the page, see the example below from [California Practice Guide: Family Law](#) :

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
2d District (LA) Main	KFC115.A6 H6 1985 v. 1-3	CHECK SHELF
2d Dist. Div.6 (Ventura) Main	KFC115.A6 H6 1985 v. 1-3	CHECK SHELF
3rd District (Sac) Annex	KF 505 .C3 H6 1985 v.1-3	CHECK SHELF
3rd District (Sac) RKP	KF 505 .C3 H6 1985 v.1-3	CHECK SHELF
4th Dist., Div 1 (SD) Main	KFC126.A6 H6	CHECK SHELF
4th District Div.3 (SA) Main	KFC115.A6 H6 1985	CHECK SHELF
5th District (Fresno) Main	KFC115 .P36 V. 1, 2 & 3	CHECK SHELF
6th District (SJ) Main	KFC115.A6 H6 1985	CHECK SHELF
CJCL California treatises	KFC115.A6 H6 1985 v.1	DUE 02-28-20
CJCL California treatises	KFC115.A6 H6 1985 v.1 c.2	DUE 07-10-20

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In the above view, it *LOOKS* like the CJCL doesn't have copies of volumes 2 and 3. However, by clicking "**View additional copies or search for a specific volume/copy,**" a new screen will appear, displaying a full list of our holdings.

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Volumes 2-3 can only be seen after clicking "View additional copies"

Regular Display

Only upon clicking "View additional copies..." can you see that the CJCL has 2 copies of this title -- Volumes 1-3.