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February 1, 1954

Miss Mary Oliver
Law Library
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mary:

On October 30, 1953 I sent you the draft of the petition to establish a chapter of the Association. It was my understanding that you would send this petition at the same time with your request for the dissolution of the Carolina chapter.

I have not sent any petition to Frances Farmer and I would doubt that you had done so yourself because I did not sign any petition.

You will have to send the enclosure around because you need at least ten signatures. I am leaving the choice to you as to whom you will ask to sign. You might want to have people from several states on it. Frances Farmer could sign it as the last one.

I hope that this will meet with your approval. With all good wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Kate Wallach
Law Librarian

KW:ds
Enclosure
February 10, 1954

Miss Grace Culbreth  
Law Library  
The Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association  
319 Bank of Commerce Building  
Norfolk 10, Virginia  

Dear Miss Culbreth:

Your letter of January 22 addressed to Miss Mary Oliver has been referred to the secretary of the organization for answer. A very heavy schedule delayed my immediate response for which I offer my apologies.

The formation of a Southeastern Law Libraries Association is a step which we feel will prove most beneficial to all law libraries in the southeastern area. As you note from Miss Oliver's letter and report on the Carolinas Chapter meeting in Chapel Hill and Durham, North Carolina (which if you have not received we shall be glad to send to you) organizational steps were taken and plans were made to petition the American Association of Law Libraries for chapter status at the national convention in Miami in June.

A proposed constitution and by-laws has been prepared under which it is provided that members of A.A.L.L. shall not pay any dues to the chapter. Non-members shall pay one-half of A.A.L.L. dues.

Among other things the purpose of organizing a southeastern law libraries group is to further develop the spirit of cooperation among law libraries in the area and thus increase available resources and the general usefulness of all member libraries. Following this principle and the theory that research is becoming increasingly important in the law library field, an immediate project was planned — that of developing a sort of cooperative growth and loan scheme by ascertaining the present resources of the law libraries in this area as to their strongest individual fields and thus reflecting the logical spheres for expansion for the various libraries. This would prevent the necessity for expensive duplication and would make available to all members, through inter-library loan, the holdings of other libraries in the group. This, of course, does not in any way anticipate interference with individual libraries, but would provide a more integrated system of wise buying and service from all libraries for our patrons.

If the picture given herein leaves any questions in your mind, please do not hesitate to write me for further information.

Sincerely yours,

Sarah Leverette, Secretary  
Southeastern Law Lib. Ass'n.
Miss Mary Oliver, President  
Southeastern Law Libraries Association  
University of North Carolina  
School of Law  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina  

Dear Mary:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter which I wrote to Miss Culbreth in Norfolk. Please forgive me for delaying this answer so long but I can only plead that I have been up to "here" in preparing for a survey and report to the administration on the needs of the law library, the actual survey having only just gotten under way. I hope that the answer I gave to Miss Culbreth is satisfactory and contains the proper information.

I might mention that in regard to the Southeastern meeting here this Fall, there is a tentative plan to have Jack Payne of Alabama whom you probably know to give a talk on law libraries possibly at a breakfast or luncheon. Jack is most capable and has been dedicated to library building since he taught here several years ago. He has recently been instrumental in surveying and reporting on the law library at Alabama.

I must admit that this Fall and Winter I have been somewhat negligent about accomplishing anything in connection with the Chapter. There again I can only blame it on a lack of help in the library. I assume we are to continue to apply for refund on dues from A.A.L.L. I have not written to the bank in Chapel Hill to ask for a change in secretary's signature card. I had thought it best to await our achieving chapter status officially from A.A.L.L. in which case the entire account would have to be changed. Let me know if you recommend any action in this or any other matter.

Regards to you and to Miss Elliott.

Sincerely,

Sarah Leverette, Secretary  
Southeastern Law Libraries Ass'n.
March 3, 1954

Miss Frances Farmer, Law Librarian
University of Virginia
Law School
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Frances:

I am enclosing two copies of the petition to establish a Southeastern chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. I would appreciate it if you will sign the petition, but if for any reason you prefer not to do so just return it to me. Your signature would complete the petition so if you do sign just keep the copies. If there is anything additional which must be done in regard to getting permission to establish a chapter, please let me know so that we can get in under the deadline.

Please give my regards to Hazel, Charlotte, and Mrs. Mahone. When are you coming to Chapel Hill for the weekend?

Sincerely,

Mary W. Oliver
University of Virginia
Law Library
Charlottesville

9 March 1954

Miss Mary W. Oliver
Law Library
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mary:

I have your letter of March 3 together with the petition from the Southeastern Chapter. I note that you have asked for my signature. I wish to discuss this matter to some extent with our library committee and hope to be able to do this later this week. As soon as I have spoken to these people I will let you know definitely about my signing the petition.

Very sincerely yours,

Frances Farmer
Law Librarian

FF: js
Miss Mary Oliver
Law Library
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mary:

I am pleased to notify you that I am today adding my signature to the petition submitted by the Southeastern Librarians to become an AALL chapter. This petition is being placed on the agenda for consideration by the Executive Board at its meeting in Miami in June.

Very sincerely yours,

Frances Farmer
Secretary
April 28, 1954

Miss Kate Wallach, Law Librarian
Louisiana State Law Library
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Kate:

Sarah Leverette and I have gotten together twice recently and discussed plans for Miami and Columbia. The petition for Chapter status is in and on the agenda for Miami. In talking with Miss Elliott I find that we will only have about two hours for a luncheon meeting in Miami which scarcely seems enough time to conduct any business. Sarah and I decided it might be better to just have Ruth Corry or some other member of that Committee report on the survey at that meeting and hold any discussion of Constitution and by-laws until Columbia. We felt it might be a good idea to have mimeographed copies of the proposed Constitution and by-laws sent to all the members prior to the meeting in Columbia and ask for their suggestions. This would give us an opportunity to iron out any objectional features and cut down on the amount of time necessary to adopt them. I can have them mimeographed here but would like to ask that comment be sent to you if you do not mind.

In going over the proposed Constitution and by-laws, Sarah and I had some changes we would like to suggest. I am enclosing changed copies and would appreciate your reaction. If you approve I will have them mimeographed in this form and sent out.

Thanks for your help with this.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Oliver
President

Enclosure
May 19, 1954

Miss Mary Oliver
Law Library
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Dear Mary:

Instead of returning the form which you sent out in regard to the Southeastern Association meeting, I thought that perhaps I would do better to write to you. I shall, of course, be there and unless there is something that comes up to prevent it, there should be at least 3 other members of our staff present.

I am holding open any definite commitments in regard to where the luncheon will be held until we can know approximately how many will be present. If the group is large enough, we can have the luncheon served there at the Delano in one of the private meeting rooms. If it is a rather small group, it may be that we will arrange to have it in one of the restaurants or hotels in the neighborhood.

The Delano dining room is not open for lunch during the summer and it rather complicates the situation in asking them to serve a special luncheon unless the group is large enough to make it worthwhile.

The coffee shop will be open and if the group is fairly small, it might be just as well to have lunch down there and then meet in one of the rooms later. Anyway, we will work it out after you arrive.

Looking forward to seeing you next month, I am

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Garrett L. French
Chairman, Local Arrangements Committee
We hope that you are planning to attend the annual convention of the American Association of Law Libraries in Miami Beach this June 28-July 1.

As a part of the regularly schedule program of the convention a "dutch" luncheon will be held for members of the Southeastern Law Library Association at a time and place to be specified on the convention program. At that time a report will be made on the results of the survey of library holdings which was initiated last fall. Though it was formerly thought that this meeting would allow for the handling of all business to come before the group, it is now obvious that a two-hour luncheon meeting will not be sufficient for this purpose. It is, therefore, necessary that discussion of the Constitution, By-laws and other business be postponed until the meeting of the Southeastern Association which will be held at the University of South Carolina Law School in conjunction with the regional meeting of the Association of American Law School.

In order that we may determine the number who will attend the luncheon of the Southeastern group in Miami Beach, will you please fill in the form below and return it as directed.

For a stronger association we urge your attendance at the 1954 convention and your regional meeting.

Very truly yours,

Mary W. Oliver, President

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO MISS MARY OLIVER, LAW LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL, N. C., BY MAY 19, 1954.

Name

Library

Address

I am planning to attend the luncheon meeting of the Southeastern Law Library Association in Miami Beach.

Members of my staff planning to attend are:

Name

Name

Name
Miss Kate Wallach, Librarian  
Louisiana State University  
School of Law  
Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana  

Dear Miss Wallach:  

Last weekend Mary Oliver and I met for the purpose of planning a tentative program for the August meeting of the Southeastern Law Libraries Association in Columbia. It was decided that a discussion of the treatment of ephemeral materials in law libraries would be of interest and also beneficial to the group. Would you accept this undertaking and give the organization the benefit of your experience along this line. A suggested method for handling this subject would be that followed in the program conducted by Frances Farmer at our last meeting on streamlining law library records. 

We would greatly appreciate it if you would agree to discuss this matter for us, as we both feel that you are well qualified to handle the subject.  

With kindest personal regards, I am  

Sincerely yours,  

Sarah Leverette  
Law Librarian  

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Copy to Miss Mary Oliver
June 7, 1954

Miss Sarah Leverette
Law Librarian
University of South Carolina
Columbia 1, South Carolina

Dear Miss Leverette:

After a discussion with the Dean about the prospects of attending the meeting of the Southeastern Law Libraries Association in Columbia this coming August, on the basis of your letter of June 2, I must regretfully report that it will not be possible for me to attend the meeting. It follows too closely the Miami meeting. Also it will interfere with our vacation plans in the library.

I am sorry that I have to let you down. Since I have to prepare for the meeting in Miami and I am still working on a manuscript, I cannot even offer to undertake a paper on the treatment of ephemeral materials in law libraries which could be read at your meeting.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Kate
Kate Wallach
Law Librarian

KW:ds
cc/ Miss Mary Oliver

Looking forward to seeing you in Miami.
Miss Sarah Leverette  
Law Librarian  
Campus

Dear Sarah:

We have run into a dilemma in the matter of the meeting of the Southeastern Regional Law Teachers' Conference that is scheduled here for August 26, 27, and 28.

The program for this meeting has been set up with four business sessions and about six social events. These social events, however, have not been set up on the basis of a mixture of the races. I understand from you since your trip to Miami that the Carolina Law Library Association, which heretofore has been composed entirely of members of the white group, has now been re-organized or done away with and in its stead is substituted the Southeastern Law Library Division of the National Association and that the Southeastern Division now has or will have members of the Negro race. I realize full well that in the future we are probably going to have to arrange our programs and events consistent with attendance of mixed races; and, whether or not I like the idea, it is going to be necessary for me to adjust myself to it and for our programs to be adjusted accordingly.

In the present situation, if your meeting should become a joint meeting with the Law Teachers group, we would run into one or the other of two situations: one, that the Negros attending your group meeting would either have to be told that they could not come to our luncheon, dinner, barbecue, dance, reception, and party; or, two, we would have to go back to the several individual hosts of these occasions to find out whether it is agreeable with them for Negros to attend. We know before we start that these individuals who have wanted to do something for the Law Teachers would on learning that they were about to entertain a mixed group withdraw their invitations. On the other hand, I do not think any mixed group should have an invitation extended to them and at the same time advise that certain ones of their group are not to accept the invitation.
When we discussed this matter of having the Carolina Law Library Association meeting at the same time of the Law Teachers' Conference, it was not then thought that there would be any members of the Library Association other than librarians of the law schools that are members of the Association of American Law Schools in this area.

A very happy solution of this would be if your new organization could find some other time to meet or some good excuse for not meeting here in August. If to move your date of meeting is going to be impractical, then it is going to be necessary for me to take the matter up with the Steering Committee of the Regional Conference and find out what to do. I feel sure that if we attempt to entertain a mixed crowd the invitations to private homes will be withdrawn, and we will probably have trouble getting service for the mixed group in the local hotels.

I am most interested in the development of the law libraries. I do feel that they are very important. This is in part evidenced by the fact that when, in 1948, I was Chairman of the Committee on Problems of Smaller Law Schools in America, I sold the committee on our having a law library program in Chicago. The main speaker on this program was Miles O. Price. I am frank to tell you that if it was a question of a good law faculty or a good library with a well trained librarian and that law school could not have both, I certainly would take the law library and the librarian.

The re-organization of your group in Miami is entirely all right, but for the present setup of the Law Teachers' Conference it doesn't fit.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Samuel L. Prince
Dean of Law School
Miss Sarah Leverette  
Law Librarian

Dear Sarah:

As a postscript to the letter I wrote you this morning, of course, you understand that the Regional Conference of Law Teachers here in the Southeast is always very happy when there is in attendance at this Conference the law librarians of these particular schools.

Of course, if the new organization of law librarians under the charter which was granted to you in Miami decided to meet here in Columbia incidentally at the same time that the Law Teachers' Conference is meeting, we certainly could have no objection, but the two would be entirely divorced from each other; and no general invitations to social affairs could be extended, though I am sure that individuals entertaining for the Law Teachers' Conference would be happy to have the librarians of these particular law schools as guests at the social events.

I do not know, of course, what took place in Miami and what invitation, if any, was extended to the new organization of librarians in the Southeast; nor do I know what host extended the invitation nor just what is the status of your contemplated meeting in August.

I would suggest that you hop in your car and go up to North Carolina and see your associates there in the University, Miss Elliott and Miss Oliver, and see what, if anything, is suggested as a solution to this particular dilemma.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Samuel L. Prince
Dean of Law School

SLP:ab
July 17, 1954

Miss Mary W. Oliver
Law Librarian
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

My dear Miss Oliver:

Subsequent to my return from the Miami meeting I have been continuously talking about law libraries. My urge to know more about them grows daily. It is my conviction that meetings will partially fulfill my urge.

I recall that meeting dates for the Southeastern Chapter were announced at the Chapter luncheon. I thought I made a note of them, but I'm unable to find them. Please help me and send me full information about the forthcoming Chapter meeting. If conditions are favorable I will plan to attend.

With sincere wishes for success, I remain

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Gibbs
Law Librarian.
August 9, 1954

Mr. Joseph E. Gibbs
Law Librarian
Florida Agricultural and
Mechanical University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your letter of July 17, but I have been on my vacation and am just beginning to catch up with the correspondence which piled up when I was gone. I believe that by now you will have gotten a copy of a letter sent out by the chapter telling you that the meeting planned for Columbia has had to be postponed because so many of the librarians would be unable to attend. We will certainly let you know as soon as plans are formulated for a meeting.

I was glad to have the opportunity to meet you in Miami. We hope that the Southeastern chapter will fill an important need for all the Law Librarians in the region. If we can be of any help to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

Mary W. Oliver
President, Southeastern Chapter
Program

Southeastern Regional Conference of Law Teachers

WEST PUBLISHING CO. ST. PAUL 2, MINN.
Southeastern Regional Law Teachers' Conference

School of Law, University of South Carolina — Host
August 26, 27 & 28, 1954

All meetings will be held in the Wade Hampton Hotel excepting Saturday afternoon, August 28. This last session will be held at the Law School of the University.

Those needing transportation for events away from the Hotel will kindly leave their names at the registration table.

Program

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26:

3:00 p. m.
Registration begins. Registration fee—$6.00 for single; $10.00 for man and wife (this will include Friday luncheon and Friday dinner).

9:00 p. m.
Reception and Dance as guests of the South Carolina and Richland County Bar Associations, Ballroom, Wade Hampton Hotel.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27:

9:45 a. m.
Meeting called to order; announcements; presentation of Steering Committee and guests.

Presiding — Dean F. D. G. Ribble, University of Virginia.

Welcome — President Donald Russell of the University of South Carolina.

"The Judiciary Views Legal Education" — Judge James W. Cammack of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, presented by Dean A. C. Russell, University of Louisville.

"The American Law Student Association Views Legal Education" — Director James M. Spiro, presented by Dean R. A. Rasco, University of Miami.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27:—(Continued)

"The Association of American Law Schools Views Legal Education" — President Shelden Elliott, presented by Dean R. J. Farley, University of Mississippi.

Question period. 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Donald Russell entertains visiting ladies with a morning coffee at the President's home on the University Campus. 1:00 p. m.

Luncheon attended by members and wives.

Picture "With Benefit of Counsel."

2:30 p. m.

SECOND SESSION.

Presiding — Dean John W. Wade, Vanderbilt University.

"Legal Ethics — Teaching Methods" — Dean Henry A. Fenn, University of Florida.

Commentators & Assistants:
Edgar H. Wilson, Mercer University
John S. Bradway, Duke University
Coleman Karesh, University of South Carolina
William L. Matthews, Jr., University of Kentucky
Carroll W. Weathers, Wake Forest College
John H. Fox, University of Mississippi
J. Julian Bennett, Emory University
David W. Robinson, Columbia, S. C., Bar
William A. McRae, Jr., Bartow, Fla., Bar
J. Lance Lazonby, Gainesville, Fla., Bar

Open discussion.

6:15—7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. McFall entertain at cocktail party for members and wives — 805 Kilbourne Road. 8:00 p. m.

Banquet.

Presiding — Dean Samuel L. Prince, University of South Carolina.

Addresses:


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FRIDAY, AUGUST 27:—(Continued)


SATURDAY, AUGUST 28:

8:30 a. m.

Breakfast for Steering Committee.

9:45 a. m.

THIRD SESSION.

Presiding — Dean Charles J. Hilkey, John B. Stetson University.

"Pre-Law Training and Testing Prior to Entrance into Law School" —

Dean Frank R. Strong, Ohio State University.

Commentators: Representatives of

University of North Carolina
Duke University
University of Virginia
University of Florida
Louisiana State University

Open discussion.

2:30 p. m.

FOURTH SESSION. — University of South Carolina Law Library.

Presiding — Dean Henry P. Brandis, Jr., University of North Carolina.

(a) "Law School Libraries in the South" — John C. Payne, University of Alabama.

Commentators:

Mary Oliver, University of North Carolina
William T. Muse, University of Richmond
Leonard Oppenheim, Tulane University
Sarah Leverette, University of South Carolina

Open discussion.

(b) "Law Student Dormitories" — a report by Dean J. Alton Hosch, University of Georgia.

Open discussion.

5:00 p. m.

The University of South Carolina and Mr. and Mrs. F. Carlisle Roberts entertain visiting members and their ladies at their home, "Rising Hopes" — barbecue.

"Goodbye and welcome, both at once, To those that go or tarry."