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Dear Kathy:

As you may know, I have been asked to take over as Chair of the SEAALL Scholarship Committee. In that capacity, I am enclosing a copy of the 1990-1991 Scholarship Application Form and the Lucile Elliott Scholarship Guidelines for publication in the December issue of the Southeastern Law Librarian. I am also enclosing, at Alva Stone's suggestion, a brief biographical note about Lucile Elliott for publication in the newsletter, if you think it would be appropriate.

I am faxing these items to you, and will also mail you copies in case the fax quality is not adequate for publication.

As Hazel Johnson and the Committee had previously determined, we will also mail copies of the Scholarship Application Form and Guidelines to all SEAALL members.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Wes
WHO WAS LUCILE ELLIOTT AND WHY ARE THE SEAALL SCHOLARSHIPS NAMED FOR HER?

Lucile Elliott was the Law Librarian at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, from 1923 until her retirement in 1955. A graduate of the State Normal School (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro), she began as "Secretary-Librarian," replacing a graduate student who had been working only part-time. Without previous law or library training, Ms. Elliott organized the law library and provided faculty and students with services that had not previously been offered. She also taught law school classes in advanced legal research and writing. During her tenure, the collection grew from 7,000 to 75,000 volumes. (She once presented a paper to the Association of American Law Schools entitled "How to Build a Library Without an Appropriation.")

Ms. Elliott was one of ten law librarians who gathered in Chapel Hill in October 1937 to form the North Carolina Law Librarians, which in 1954 became the Southeastern Chapter of AALL. In 1964, the Chapter created a scholarship designed to advance the professional knowledge and the careers of law librarians in the Southeast. The scholarship was named for Lucile Elliott, to honor her many contributions to the Chapter, to AALL (she was its President in 1953), and to law librarianship.

(Adapted from the University of North Carolina Law Library’s Library Users’ Guide and from Ed Edmonds’ "Fifty Years of Service: The History of the First Local Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1937-1987.")