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Letter to Mary Cross and Carol Billings regarding an award for Wes Daniels, May 15, 1992

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Memo to: Mary F. Cross  
Carol Billings

From: Timothy L. Coggins

Subject: Spirit of the Law Librarianship Award

Date: 5-15-92

Wes won the Award! See the enclosed letter and press release from Roy Mersky. It would be nice for some of the Southeastern people to attend the presentation ceremony. Thanks for the recommendation, Carol.

See you in San Francisco. Thanks.
May 11, 1992

Mr. Timothy L. Coggins
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The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599

Dear Tim:

I am pleased to announce that the recipient of the 1992 Spirit of the Law Librarianship Award is Westwell R. Daniels, Professor of Law and Director of the University of Miami Law Library. The award is being presented to Wes for his contributions in the area of public interest law and his work on behalf of the homeless in the Miami area. For your information, I am attaching a news release about the presentation.

Thank you once again for your interest in the award and for your nominating Wes. I hope you and the other members of the SEALL executive committee can attend the presentation ceremony on Tuesday, July 21, 1992, at 3:30 p.m. in the Teakwood A Room of the San Francisco Hilton.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Roy M. Mersky
Hyder Centennial Professor of Law
and Director of Research
1992 MERSKY/LEITER SPIRIT OF LAW LIBRARIANSHIP AWARD WINNER

Westwell R. Daniels, Professor of Law and Director of the University of Miami Law Library, has been named the 1992 recipient of the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award.

The award, created by Roy M. Mersky and Richard A. Leiter (compilers of The Spirit of Law Librarianship), is presented annually to the AALL member who, through his or her position, makes a contribution toward the improvement of a social condition or the increased awareness of a social concern. In lieu of accepting royalties for their book, the compilers and their publisher, Fred B. Rothman & Co., are setting aside funds to annually endow the "Spirit" Award.

The award is being presented to Wes for his valuable contribution in the area of public interest law and his extensive work on behalf of the homeless in the Miami area. Wes was nominated by the Executive Board of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL and by his colleagues at the University of Miami Law Library.

Below is a partial list of Wes Daniels’ commitments and accomplishments:

- Member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of the Miami Coalition for the Homeless, volunteering many hours of research and legal assistance with various lawsuits and projects.
- Winner of the Dade County Bar Association’s Volunteer Lawyer Award for his volunteer work at homeless and other shelters.
- Member of the ACLU Legal Panel Homeless Committee.
- Contributor of many articles to Res Ipsa Loquitur, the student newspaper, that have served to heighten student awareness. Article titles include “Legal Research on the Cutting Edge” (using law and homelessness as a research example) and “Casualties of War: Eviction of Public Housing Tenants for Alleged Criminal Activity.”
- Faculty advisor for the School of Law’s Public Interest Group.
- Co-director of the School of Law’s 1990 and 1991 Summer Public Interest Seminar Programs on the subject of homelessness, which culminated in the publication of the Homeless Legal Advocate’s Manual.

As the recipient of the first Spirit of Law Librarianship Award, Wes has set a high standard for future nominees.

The presentation of the “Spirit” Award will be made to Wes Daniels during the AALL Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 1992, at 3:30 P.M. in the Teakwood A Room of the San Francisco Hilton. All registrants are invited to attend.
Francisco. She became a well-known fire buff and even an honorary fire fighter. Following her death in 1929 and with funds provided in her will, a memorial tower atop Telegraph Hill was erected in 1933. This memorial, Coit Tower, was posthumously dedicated by Mrs. Coit to “the purpose of adding beauty to the city I have always loved.” Some say the fluted column resembles a fire hose nozzle, but historians insist this was not the intent of the designer Arthur Brown, Jr.

The interior of Coit Tower is covered with murals depicting the working of 1930s California; 20 local artists were employed in a most unusual work-relief project for its time. The tower rises 210 feet from its base on Telegraph Hill. An elevator goes to a platform at the top of the tower, affording visitors a dazzling 360-degree view of San Francisco Bay, Nob and Russian Hills, downtown and Fisherman’s Wharf.

Rothman to Honor Social Activism

Fred B. Rothman & Co. recently published The Spirit of Law Librarianship: A Reader, compiled by AALL members Roy M. Mersky and Richard A. Leiter. In lieu of paying royalties to the compilers, the publisher has agreed to fund an annual award beginning in June of 1992 to a member of the American Association of Law Libraries who, through his or her position, makes a contribution toward the improvement of a social condition or to the increased awareness of a social concern. This award will not be monetary, but will be in the form of a memento.

Nominations with a statement of justification should be submitted to:

Professor Roy M. Mersky  
Hyder Centennial Professor of Law and  
Director of Research  
University of Texas at Austin  
Tarlton Law Library  
727 E. 26th Street  
Austin, TX 78705

Nominations for the 1992 award will close on May 1, 1992.

Scholarship/Grant Fund Contributors

The following individuals have made generous contributions to the AALL Scholarship and Grant Fund:  
Carolyn P. Ahearn  
Martha S. Brown  
Jack Ellenberger

(Editor's note: The Newsletter will list names of all donors to the AALL Scholarship and Grant Funds.)

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1992 AALL Souvenirs Committee
Attn: Lynn Lundstrom
U.S. District Court Library
450 Golden Gate Ave.
Box 36060
San Francisco, CA 94102

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