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Dear Ms. Cross:

Thank you very much for your nice letter of October 9. We have a growing number of alumni in law libraries. We have looked several times at the possibility of developing a broader specialization for our students in law librarianship. It is a natural thing to consider given that we have a law school here. However, it appears to us that to do it right we would need to add 2-3 specific law librarianship courses which we haven't felt feasible for the limited, albeit steady, number of students anticipated.

We do assist students interested in law librarianship in several ways. Many take our special librarianship concentration and then work out an independent study or internship project in the law library. We also have a growing number of professionally staffed law libraries in the Tallahassee area (staffed almost entirely with our graduates) so there are more places in which students can get practical experience.

Our student organization did put on a career opportunities program this fall and we would welcome participation from a law librarian in a similar program in the future. We look forward to receiving the publicity information you mentioned in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

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