4-27-1990

Letter to Laura Gasaway regarding law library research needs, April 27, 1990

Rita Millican

Click here to let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Follow this and additional works at: https://uknowledge.uky.edu/seaall_cor

Part of the Law Librarianship Commons

Repository Citation

https://uknowledge.uky.edu/seaall_cor/1951

This Correspondence is brought to you for free and open access by the SEAALL Archive at UKnowledge. It has been accepted for inclusion in Correspondence by an authorized administrator of UKnowledge. For more information, please contact UKnowledge@lsv.uky.edu.
Laura N. Gasaway
Director of Law Library and Professor
of Law
University of North Carolina Law
Library
CB #3385 Van Hecke-Wettach Bldg.
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Dear Ms. Gasaway:

As librarians, we are, or should be, acutely aware of the need for research. However, there appears to be a need for more research conducted on the subject of law libraries. Dick Danner laments the lack of a research agenda in the latest AALL Newsletter and issues a call to action for the AALL.

In a separate endeavor, you are invited to participate in a study to determine research needs in law libraries. A small group of academic law library directors has been selected to be in the initial study group.

We are asking you as a member of this select group to use the attached page (or append as many pages as you like) and list for us topics which you think are worthy of research in law libraries. Your responses will be tabulated and grouped, then presented to all of the academic law library directors in the U.S. for their further input. Confidentiality will be observed, of course.

Results of this study will be either published or circulated as appropriate. Please help us with this study by contributing your ideas.

Please respond by May 24, 1990 in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rita Millican
Head of Technical Services
Law Library
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Dr. Danny P. Wallace
Associate Dean
Graduate School of Library and Information Science
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70803
Law Librarianship Research Needs Study

Please list up to five questions about law libraries and law librarianship that need to be addressed by suitable research:

Possible topics:

1. How to evaluate directors and mid-level managers - There are few guidelines for deans on how to evaluate directors. In fact, there apparently are none for public library directors either. This would be an excellent research topic resulting in guidelines, forms, etc.

2. Librarians recognize the need to move away from volume count as a quality measure for libraries. How can access to legal information or other relevant issues be measured and substituted for volume count? How can we get deans and accrediting agencies to recognize the validity of the new measures?

3. Employee training and management - How to get employees to think more creatively, be more open to alternative ways of providing services and performing responsibilities, and get away from the "we've always done it that way" idea?

4. Library users studies - Are law libraries at the stage where paper copies of materials can be dropped in favor of CD-ROM, Westlaw, Lexis and the various related subjects. What is the impact on obligation to the public if materials are only in Westlaw or Lexis?

5. How to incorporate librarians' skills and knowledge into the research mission of the law school, i.e., advantages, disadvantages, etc., of the collaboration on research between librarians and faculty.

Contributed by:

Laura N. Gasaway
Director of Law Library and Professor
of Law
University of North Carolina Law
Library
CB #3385 Van Hecke-Wettach Bldg.
Chapel Hill, NC 27599

Please return this form, postmarked by May 24, 1990, to

Rita Millican
Rm. 116 C-8
Law Library
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-1010