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Compiled by Ann Puckett, University of Georgia, Updated May 7, 2004

This list had its genesis in an online discussion of ABA standards for law libraries and law librarians. The question I posed was:

Most of the comments that address teaching have focused on teaching legal research and writing. A good many of us teach other, so-called "substantive" courses (as if research and writing were insubstantial!) I know colleagues who teach copyright and international law courses. I teach disability law. I'd like to know what other courses the rest of you teach. As for me, teaching the disability law course has been extremely rewarding these last six years, and I wouldn't give it up for anything. I'm now casting around for a second seminar topic to propose for the spring semester next year. I feel my teaching a regular course gives me an empathy for and equality with other faculty members that I never had when I taught research and writing.

I received email replies from 28 colleagues, many with lengthy and insightful comments. I have included some of those comments in the endnotes. Many of the comments reflect replies not only to my query, but to a follow-up query by James Milles:

I'd be interested in hearing about how some of you got into teaching the substantive courses you do. Did you have an interest in the area you teach before becoming a librarian, or did you develop an interest afterwards? Do you have practice experience in that area? Were you expected by the other faculty or the dean to teach substantive courses, or were they resistant to your teaching? When did you start your teaching--pre- or post-tenure? Do you publish in your substantive area? How do you handle teaching on top of your other responsibilities? Do you have an associate librarian to help carry the administrative load?

After compiling the information that arrived by email, I became intrigued enough with the question to delve further into the matter. I checked the AALS Directory entries for the library directors who had not responded by email. The directory entry lists subjects taught by each professor, with the current year's subject list in italics. Therefore, I was able to determine whether to place that director's name in the "Past" or "Present" section of the list. Of course, there is no listing for "Future" teaching plans in the Directory, so the few subjects that have a "Future" listing were entirely a result of email correspondence with directors. A second caveat is that the AALS Directory entry is not necessarily complete. My own entry lists only Disability Law, although I taught Legal Research and Writing in my prior job. I suspect, but have not confirmed, the AALS entry reflects only the duties in one's present position rather than one's entire career.

It was a challenge to decide how to distill the information in a meaningful way. I finally hit upon the idea of using the list of subjects from the AALS Directory of Law Teachers 2003-2004. The Directory lists 88 subjects; law librarians teach or have taught 48 of those subjects, plus six

additional subjects (represented in Italics in the list) that did not fit neatly into the Directory's subject list. In many cases, librarians listed subjects they had taught in the past as well as current subjects, and, in a few cases, plans for future courses. Accordingly, each subject is subdivided into Past, Present and/or Future as appropriate to that subject.

In each entry I have provided the full name of the librarian and her/his academic affiliation. If the course taught is identical to the subject (e.g., Torts), nothing else is added to the entry. However, if the course taught is titled differently from the subject (e.g., Domestic Relations instead of Family Law) I have added the title of the course after the librarian's entry. In some cases, I had to make a guess about course content. AALS doesn't provide much in the way of scope notes for the subjects listed. For instance, I put Energy Law under Oil and Gas, but it might be better placed in Natural Resources. If you find that a course you teach would fit better under another subject, please let me know. I had trouble even figuring out where my own course fits in the AALS scheme, but finally found my name listed under Social Legislation.

I welcome comments about the usefulness of the format chosen, as well as additions and corrections to the list. If there is sufficient interest, I will update this report from time to time.

Ann Puckett University of Georgia

Accounting

Present:

Edwin Schroeder, Florida State

Spencer Simons, University of Houston, Accounting & Finance for Lawyers

Administrative Law

Present:

Mary Ann Hyatt, Florida Coastal

Admiralty

Past:

Leina'ala Seeger, University of Hawaii Sally Wiant, Washington & Lee

Present:

Denny Haythorn, Whittier Bob Summers, St. Mary's University

Agency and Partnership

Present:

Denny Haythorn, Whittier

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Past:

Virginia Kelsh, University of San Francisco

Animal Law

Past:

Judith Anspach, Indiana University Indianapolis

Art Law

Past:

Jim Heller, William & Mary University, Law and Film

Present:

Harry S. Martin, Harvard

Future:

Kathie Price, University of Florida Robin Schreiber, Emory, Art & Museum Law

Aviation and Space Law

Present:

Jim Fox, Dickinson, Air & Space Law

Civil Procedure

Past:

Michael Whipple, Loyola New Orleans

Civil Rights

Past:

Michael Whipple, Loyola New Orleans, Civil Disobedience

Clinical Teaching

Present:

Jim Fox, Dickinson, Legislation clinic John Hagemann , University of South Dakota, supervise general practice course Sally Wiant, Washington & Lee, supervise judicial clerk externship program

Commercial Law

Past:

Marguerite Butler, Texas Southern University

Community Property

Past:

Michael Whipple, Loyola New Orleans

Comparative Law

Past:

Bob Berring, University of California Berkeley, Chinese Law Frank Liu, Duquesne, Comparative Law - China Harry S. Martin, Harvard

Present:

David Combe, Tulane, Introduction to Civil Law Claire M. Germain, Cornell, Introduction to French Law

Computers and the Law

Past:

John Christensen, Washburn University, Law and Computers David Combe, Tulane University, Law, Computers & Related Technology Gail Daly, Southern Methodist University, Digital Technology & the Law Steven Hinckley, University of South Carolina Faye Jones, McGeorge, Cyber Law Billie Jo Kaufman, American University, Cyber Law Roy Mersky, University of Texas

Present:

John Edwards, Drake University Laura Gasaway, University of North Carolina, Cyberspace Law Faye Jones, McGeorge, Computer & Internet Law Greg Laughlin, University of Memphis, Cyber Law Arturo Torres, Texas Tech University, Technology & the Law

Conflict of Laws

Past:

Denny Haythorn, Whittier

Constitutional Law

Past:

Bob Oakley, Georgetown

Contracts

Past:

Bob Berring, University of California Berkeley

Corporations

Past:

Mary Emery, Santa Clara University, Business Organizations

Criminal Procedure

Past:

Timothy Chinaris, Appalachian School of Law Billie Jo Kaufman, American University

Criminal Law

Past:

Kathie Price, University of Florida

Education Law

Past:

Steve Barkan, University of Wisconsin Mitchell Counts, Ave Maria School of Law

Employment Law

Past:

Laura Gasaway, University of North Carolina, Employment Discrimination

Estates and Trusts

Past:

Mary Emery, Santa Clara University, Trusts & Estates Charles Oates, Regent University, E&S, Estate Planning

Present:

Bruce Johnson, Ohio State University, Wills, Trusts & Estates Robert Nissenbaum, Loyola Los Angeles, Trusts and Wills

Evidence

Past:

Janet Tracy, Fordham

Family Law

Present:

David Ensign, University of Louisville, Domestic Relations

Insurance

Past:

Charles Oates, Regent University

Present:

Bob Summers, St. Mary's University

Intellectual Property

Past:

Gail Daly, Southern Methodist University, Copyright Laura Gasaway, University of North Carolina, Intellectual Property Survey Bob Oakley, Georgetown Rita Reusch, University of Utah, Intellectual Property Survey

Present:

David Ensign, University of Louisville, Copyright Law Laura Gasaway, University of North Carolina, Copyright Law Don Hughes, Capital, Copyright Law George Pike, University of Pittsburgh, Information Law and Policy Rita Reusch, University of Utah, Trademarks, Copyright Sally Wiant, Washington & Lee, Copyright, Trademark

International Law

Past:

Jim Fox, Dickinson Steven Hinckley, University of South Carolina, International Business Transactions

Present:

Tim Kearley, University of Wyoming Bob Summers, St. Mary's University

Introduction to Law

Past:

Tom French, Syracuse University, Introduction to American Law Gary Gott, University of North Dakota Roger Jacobs, Notre Dame Janis L. Johnston, University of Illinois

Jurisprudence

Present:

Martha Dragich Pearson, University of Missouri Columbia, Law & Literature John Hagemann, University of South Dakota Don Hughes, Capital, Law & Literature

Future:

Grace Mills, Florida A&M, Law & Literature

Juvenile Law

Present:

Lisa Smith-Butler, Nova

Land Use Planning

Present:

Constance Lundberg, BYU, Public Land Law

Law and Literature

Present:

Joyce McCrary-Pearson, University of Kansas

Law and Medicine Past:

Kathie Price, University of Florida, Biomedical Ethics

Law and Religion

Present:

John Christensen, Washburn University

Law and Science

Past:

Bob Oakley, Georgetown

Present:

David Combe, Tulane, Law and Emerging Technologies

Law Library Administration

Past:

Frank Houdek, Southern Illinois University Bill James, Villanova, Law Librarianship Deborah Jeffries, North Carolina Central University Blair Kauffman, Yale University Colleen Pauwels, Indiana University Bloomington Kathie Price, University of Florida, Law Librarianship Myra Saunders, UCLA, Law Librarianship Nickie Singleton, University of Oklahoma, Law Librarianship

Present:

Herb Cihak, Louisiana State, Law Librarianship Judith Gire, Franklin Pierce Law Center, Law Libraries Constance Lundberg, BYU James Milles, SUNY Buffalo Myra Saunders, UCLA, Law Librarianship

Law Office Management

Past:

Glen-Peter Ahlers, Barry University

Legal History

Past:

Barbara Bintliff, University of Colorado Byron Cooper, University of Detroit Peter Nycum, Lewis & Clark Rebecca Trammell, University of Kentucky

Present:

George Grossman, University of California Davis Constance Lundberg, BYU, American Legal History Jenny Parrish, University of California Hastings Charles Ten Brink, Michigan State University Detroit College of Law

Legal Method

Past:

Frank Bae, New England School of Law Timothy Chinaris, Appalachian School of Law, LM, Legal Process Deborah Jeffries, North Carolina Central University Harry S. Martin, Harvard Bob Oakley, Georgetown Joyce Saltalamachia, New York Law School

Present:

Tim Coggins, University of Richmond, Lawyering Skills Carol Roehrenbeck, Rutgers Newark, Legislative Internship Bobbie Studwell, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Lawyering Process

Legal Profession

Past:

Judith Anspach, Indiana University Indianapolis, Advocacy Steve Barkan, University of Wisconsin Robert Begg, Albany Law School, Office Practice Bob Berring, University of California Berkeley, Legal Profession Peter Nycum, Lewis & Clark

Present:

Robert Begg, Albany Law School, Legal profession Timothy Chinaris, Appalachian School of Law Charles Oates, Regent University, Professional Responsibility

Legal Research & Writing

Past:

Judith Anspach, Indiana University Indianapolis Nancy Armstrong, Ohio Northern University Frank Bae, New England School of Law Rhea Ballard-Thrower, Howard, Legal Research Ann Bateson, William Mitchell, Advanced Legal Research, Federal Tax Research Robert Begg, Albany Law School Bob Berring, University of California Berkeley Kathleen Carrick, Case Western, Advanced Legal Research Nancy Carol Carter, University of San Diego Patricia Cervenka, Marquette, Introduction to Legal Writing Kristen Cheney, Seattle University Becky Clapp, Samford University Eileen Cooper, Widener University Gail Daly, Southern Methodist University, Advanced Legal Research John Edwards, Drake Mary Emery, Santa Clara University Dan Freehling, Boston University

Legal Research & Writing, Past, cont.

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Legal Research & Writing, Past, cont.

William Wells, University of Maine Gail Winson, Roger Williams University

Legal Research & Writing

Present:

Glen-Peter Ahlers, Barry University, LR&W, Advanced Legal Research Kay Andrus, Creighton, Legal Research Judith Anspach, Indiana University Indianapolis, Advanced Legal Research Lilippa Anzalone, Boston College, Advanced Legal Research Nancy Armstrong, Ohio Northern University, Advanced Legal Research Margaret G. Arnold, Golden Gate, Legal Research John Austin, Northern Illinois University, Basic Legal Research, Advanced legal Research Brian Baker, University of the District of Columbia, Advanced Legal Research Michael Beaird, University of Arkansas Little Rock, Legal Research Philip Berwick, Washington University Barbara Bintliff, University of Colorado Albert Brecht, University of Southern California, Legal Research Marguerite Butler, Texas Southern University Paul D. Callister, University of Missouri Kansas City, Advanced Legal Research Kathleen Carrick, Case Western, Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research Suzanne Cassidy, Mercer, Introduction to Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research Karla Castetter, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Legal Writing, Reasoning & Research Martin Cerjan, Vanderbilt University Patricia Cervenka, Marquette, Advanced Legal Research Kristen Cheney, Seattle University, Advanced Legal Research Michael Chiorazzi, University of Arizona John Christensen, Washburn University, Legal Research Herb Cihak, Louisiana State, Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research Tim Coggins, University of Richmond, Legal Research, Advanced Legal Research

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Legal Research & Writing, Present, cont.

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Future:

Bruce Kennedy, University of Toledo, Advanced Legal Research James Milles, SUNY Buffalo, Social Informatics & Law

Legislation

Past:

Ann Bateson, William Mitchell John Christensen, Washburn University Martha Dragich Pearson, University of Missouri Columbia Carol Roehrenbeck, Rutgers Newark

Present:

Dick Danner, Duke

Future:

Bruce Kennedy, University of Toledo

National Security Law

Past:

Jim Fox, Dickinson

Native American Law

Past:

Nancy Carol Carter, University of San Diego Penny Hazelton, University of Washington

Oil & Gas

Present:

Constance Lundberg, BYU, Energy Law

Property

Past:

Charles Oates, Regent University, Real Estate Transactions

Present:

Byron Cooper, University of Detroit Bruce Johnson, Ohio State University Bruce Kennedy, University of Toledo

Remedies

Past:

Michael Whipple, Loyola New Orleans Greg Laughlin, University of Memphis

Social Legislation

Past:

James Leonard, University of Alabama, Law and the Disabled

Present:

Ann Puckett, University of Georgia, Law and Disability

Sports Law

Present:

Patricia Cervenka, Marquette

Torts

Past:

Marguerite Butler, Texas Southern University Kathie Price, University of Florida Sally Wiant, Washington & Lee

Present:

Steve Barkan, University of Wisconsin Michael Whipple, Loyola New Orleans

Trial & Appellate Advocacy

Past:

Jim Heller, William & Mary University Blair Kauffman, Yale University, Legal Advocacy Virginia Kelsh, University of San Francisco

Present:

Marguerite Butler, Texas Southern University, Appellate Litigation, Moot Court

Women & the Law

Past:

Laura Gasaway, University of North Carolina Rebecca Trammell, University of Kentucky, Gender and the Law