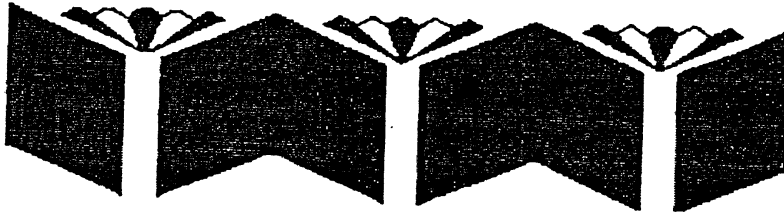
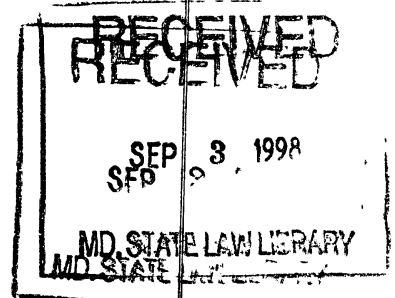


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## President's Message

I have a confession to make. One of the most interesting experiences I had at the AALL Annual Meeting actually happened at CBS studios in Hollywood. While waiting online to see a dress rehearsal of Roseanne Barr's new talk show (did you miss this program in annual meeting schedule?), I struck up a conversation with the woman sitting next me. After the usual pleasantries (how are you, nice weather, did you get on "The Price is Right"), she asked me where I was from and what I did. Okay, the easy one first, "Baltimore" (everyone knows Baltimore-the O's, crabs, Homicide) next, the tough one "Law Librarian" (Whoopee, I'll have to explain it for the millionth time). Much to my surprise, she said "Law Librarian, I'm a second year law student at the University of Kansas, the Law Librarians there are so helpful and knowledgeable..." We went on to talk about how the AALL meeting is organized, law librarians' salaries, and her perception of Law Librarians as being underrated professionals. The conversation many me feel proud to be part of the profession of law librarianship and inspired me to dedicate my tenure as LLAM President to strengthening our profession by promoting its value to others.

One way to promote law librarianship is to increase our numbers. A great place to do this is to attract students from local library science schools. In an effort to do this, the Board has determined that LLAM should offer reduced dues for student members, specifically 1/2 of regular dues (this is common practice for most library associations). However, we need your support to amend the bylaws and a vote will be taken at the

first Educational Program meeting on September 22nd at Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll.

While you have your calendar open, please mark it for all of LLAM's fall programs (see program schedule on page 2). There is probably no better way to improve our professional value and promote ourselves to our respective organizations than by improving our skills via continuing education. This year's programs are being developed in response to the results of the LLAM Programming Survey that was completed by you, the membership, this past Spring. In addition to providing you with programs that are focused on your particular needs, the LLAM Program Committee, headed by Steve Anderson, is compiling more detailed flyers with maps and parking information to make attending programs even easier, especially for our members outside of Baltimore City.

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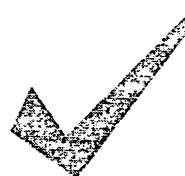
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## Mark Your Calendars !

### September Meeting

"Reference Interview Techniques & Sources"  
Presented by Susan Paznekas, Public Library Consultant, MD State Department of Education  
And Mike Miller, State Law Librarian  
Tuesday, September 22, 1998 at  
Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM  
Contact Carol Mundorf @ 410-528-5640

### October Meeting

"An Overview of the Year 2000 Computer Crises"  
featuring  
Carla Stone Witzel, Esq. (a former law librarian)  
who is a Partner with Gordon Feinblatt Rothman  
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October 21, 1998 at  
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### November Meeting

Watch your mail for Details!

### December Meeting

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### President's Message, continued

To promote our expertise to the greater legal community and the public, LLAM is assisting the MSBA with updating their web site by annotating and critiquing the links on the site in an effort to make it more user friendly and research oriented. The MSBA benefits from our expertise and we benefit from the publicity, the reviewing library is listed on each review. Anne Garrett has been doing an excellent job of coordinating this project and deserves LLAM's thanks. If you are interested in working on this project please email Anne at:

AGarrett@wtp.law.com.

After contacting Anne, why not contact a LLAM Committee chair or chairs and volunteer your time and expertise. As you can see from the committee chair articles in this issue there are a lot of exciting projects in the works and many opportunities for you to contribute, no matter how much (or how little) time you have available!

Through the plans described earlier, upcoming projects, and most importantly, your involvement, LLAM will continue to be a vital force in promoting and supporting Law Librarian ship in Maryland. I look forward to serving as your President for a year long run. Unfortunately, I doubt that Roseanne will be as lucky with her talk show...but that's another story. See you at the first meeting.

Best Regards,  
Betsy Sandison

### *A Note of Thanks!*

*Many thanks to the generous people at Lexis and Bernan for their support of the Spring Fling at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum in May.*

*Harvey Morrell  
University of Baltimore Law Library*

### Correction

In the March, 1998 issue of the **LLAM Newsletter**, an article describing the January, 1998 meeting featuring the editors of the new **Maryland Law Encyclopedia** from West failed to give credit to its author, **Elizabeth Rhodes** of the University of Baltimore.

### Editor's Corner

This is the first issue of the **LLAM Newsletter** for its new editor, Anne Morrison. I hope that you will join me in thanking Maxine Grosshans for her many years of hard work on this publication.

I encourage all LLAM members to send me their news and article submissions. This is **your** newsletter, LLAMers - let me know what you would like to see in future issues! I'll do my best to bring you a quality publication!

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