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## President's Message:

### "The Springtime of Librarianship"

LLAM, I think, is having a wonderful year! President-Elect Ginger Gerton has organized some innovative and informative programs. We have a lot to thank her for, and it's not even over yet. On March 23, 2000, guest speaker Kirby J. Fowler, Esq., will discuss "Privacy in Employment Law in the Electronic Age." On April 13, 2000, LLAM members will participate in "Books and Bytes: Balancing Format in Today's Libraries," an AALL satellite videoconference. And, of course, I'll see all of you at this year's last event, the annual "Spring Fling" banquet, this time to be held at the Evergreen House.

Other LLAM activities are also bearing fruit. Ruth Hodgson (Publications Committee Chair) has been hard at work on a new membership brochure for LLAM which will be displayed at the Maryland Library Association conference and the Maryland State Bar Association annual meeting, thanks to the hard work of Sheri Ripley, (Public Relations Committee Chair).

The LLAM website has been highly current and will soon host the County Code Checklist (thank you to Betsy Sandison, Technology Committee Chair). Harvey Morrell (Chair of the Special Committee on Government and Vendor Relations) has testified on behalf of law librarians and AALL. The LLAM Newsletter is looking great, as it always does, because of Anne Morrison's heroic efforts. Ruth Watson (Placement Committee Chair) tracks and broadcasts via the LLAM discussion list law library position openings. Note that she also keeps a current resume file! Jim Gernert produced an excellent membership directory earlier this year, and Beverly Rubenstein (Archives Committee Chair) will enlighten Newsletter readers with "blasts from the past" (see elsewhere in this issue).

Just as flowers will start to open when you receive this issue, it's now high time for YOU to make LLAM blossom! There's always an opportunity to help on a committee or offer new ideas. Just get in touch with a LLAM Board Member or Committee Chair. Together we can make this Association even more beneficial to its members!

Steve Anderson

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March 23, 2000  
Privacy in Employment Law in the Electronic Age: Kirby J. Fowler, Esq.  
Time and Location to be announced.

April 9-15, 2000  
National Library Week

April 13, 2000  
Books and Bytes: Balancing Format in Today's Libraries –  
AALL Satellite VideoConference  
at the University of Baltimore

May 12, 2000  
Annual "Spring Fling"  
Evergreen House, 4545 N. Charles St.  
Guest: Cosette Sun, AALL Board  
Watch for Details!

July 15-20, 2000  
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# Difference of opinion.

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 Rolland David BOOM, Appellant.  
 No. CA-82-1956.  
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Review Denied June 27, 1985.

Upon motion of wife, appeal by husband from a judgment entered in a marriage dissolution proceeding was dismissed. Husband petitioned for reinstatement of appeal. The Court of Appeals, Peter S. Popovich, J., denied the petition, and husband petitioned for further review. The Supreme Court, Coyne, J., 361 N.W.2d 34, reversed and remanded. Upon remand, the District Court, Traverse County, Brian N. Reuther, J., divided the parties' property. Appeal was taken. The Court of Appeals, Sedgwick, J., held that: (1) disproportionate award of marital property to husband was justified where 13 years elapsed between service of summons and complaint and marriage dissolution and property was acquired solely by husband during that period, and (2) trial court may amend its judgment any time before appeal time on judgment expires.

Affirmed.

**1. Divorce ¶-252.9(3)**

Disproportionate award of marital property to husband was justified, where 13 years elapsed between service of summons and complaint and the marriage dissolution and the property was acquired solely by husband during that period.

**2. Judgment ¶-297**

Trial court may amend its judgment any time before appeal time on judgment expires. 48 M.S.A., Rules Civ.Proc., Rules 52.02, 59.03.

**3. Divorce ¶-254(1, 2)**

Property divisions are final and are not subject to modification except when they are product of mistake or fraud; however,

this does not preclude trial court from reviewing award if the appeal period has not expired and a party timely moves for amendment pursuant to rule. 48 M.S.A., Rules Civ.Proc., Rule 52.02.

**4. Divorce ¶-254(1)**

A property distribution in a judgment and decree is not "final" until after the appeal period expires.

See publication Words and Phrases for other judicial constructions and definitions.

*Syllabus by the Court.*

1. A disproportionate award of marital property to the husband is justified where 13 years elapsed between service of the summons and complaint and the dissolution and the property was acquired solely by the husband during that period.

2. A court may amend its judgment anytime before the appeal time on the judgment expires.

Robert E. Van Nostrand, Wheaton, for respondent.

John E. Mack, New London, for appellant.

Heard, considered and decided by POPOVICH, Chief Judge, and SEDGWICK, and NIERENGARTEN, JJ.

**OPINION**

SEDGWICK, Judge.

Appellant Rolland Boom and respondent Eleanor Boom both challenge the trial court's division of property. Rolland also alleges the trial court erred: (1) in amending its judgment decree without any findings, explanation or justification; and (2) awarding Eleanor attorney fees. We affirm.

**FACTS**

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Headnotes summarize each point in case

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