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New From the [^]Director

It is a truthful announcement to state that the Minnesota State Law Library (MSLL) has moved from the *Anderson Years (1980-2002)* to the *Golden Age*. Whether or not this is just an appellation or a worthy description is yet to be determined. Right now, it is hard to imagine a more golden age than the Anderson Years.

When [Marvin R. Anderson](#) came to the State Law Library in 1980, it was, in retrospect, an old-fashioned 20th century library. The library and collection were certainly adequate and provided the essentials for legal research at that time, but there was something sleepy about it. Marvin brought his passion for making a difference, his genuine love of people, a sense of humor, and

innovative spirit to transform the library, with the able assistance of the staff, into a dynamic 21st century legal resource center.

Besides transforming the library physically by planning for and moving into the Judicial Center, some of the major programs and activities begun under his watch are: the *County Law Library Program* providing expert assistance to 85 county law libraries representing all 87 Minnesota counties; the *Law Library Service to Prisoners Program* providing circuit-riding librarian services to inmates in Minnesota correctional institutions; the *Shared Government Documents Program* using the law library's status as a selective federal government depository to obtain vital government documents for

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other state agencies; the *Cooperative Cataloging Program* offering cataloging expertise to other state agencies and libraries; *Loquitur* (this newsletter) spreading the word about the library; the library's *website* archiving Minnesota appellate court opinions and extending our services into cyberspace; and the *Everybody Wins* community outreach reading program pairing volunteer legal

practitioners with second-graders in an inner-city school.

Along with looking to the future, Marvin honored the past with programs such as: the *Minnesota Justices Series* encapsulating the careers of former supreme court justices; *Minnesota Appellate Court Briefs Microfiche Program* preserving a unique legal resource; and the establishment of a special collections room now named the *Marvin R. Anderson Special Collections Room*.

I feel lucky to have shared the vision and goals of Marvin Anderson for nineteen years (since 1983) and am proud to follow in his footsteps. Marvin's vision inspired the library's logo and motto "*First Rung on the Ladder of Justice*." My goal is to keep that vision alive and ensure that MSLL remains an efficient, responsible and vital public law library whose services are available to every Minnesota citizen, wherever they may be.

Barbara L. Golden
State Law Librarian

New State Law Librarian Named

On October 31, 2002, Barbara Golden was named the 26th Minnesota State Law Librarian. Golden has held several titles at the Minnesota State Law Library (MSLL) since joining the staff in 1983 as County

Law Library Coordinator. For twelve years Golden was Head of Outreach Services, directing the County Law Library Program and Law Library Service to Prisoners. In 1997 she assumed the duties of Electronic Services Librarian where she developed and maintained the library website and coordinated technology applications for the library. Barb received her M.A. in Library Science from the University of Minnesota and her J.D. degree from William Mitchell College of Law.

Loquitur co-editor Karen Westwood talked with the new director to learn more about her and her plans for the Law Library.

KW: What, exactly, is the role of the State Law Librarian?

BLG: I believe the role has been different for every librarian that has held this position. The environment and the particular person's strengths shape the role. The job of course has a position description and there is one sentence that is a pretty good summary. It says that the State Law Librarian "provide[s] leadership and accountability to professional and non-professional staff in the development of policies, rules, procedures and programs that result in the efficient and effective management of the [state's] major public law library." I'm still defining my role, but for me the key words are "efficient, effective leadership."

KW: How did you prepare for this challenging new position?

BLG: I feel fortunate to have had Marvin Anderson as a role model. He is a mentor and very generous in sharing his techniques. One of my personal challenges has been refocusing on the library as a whole rather than one department and envisioning five to ten years in the future. I continue to learn by observing and talking to leaders in all professions and reading more books by Drucker and other management gurus.

KW: What are the traditional strengths of the Minnesota State Law Library?

BLG: The staff, always. You cannot underestimate the importance of hardworking, creative people. But you're probably asking about our basic library programs. We have a strong Public Services Department that provides traditional reference services as well as web-based assistance. This department also advises and assists Minnesota county law libraries and administers Law Library Service to Prisoners. Our Technical Services Department is equally strong. They acquire, describe, classify and get our materials, both print and electronic, to the public in record time. They ensure that our archival collection of briefs is complete and accessible. They administer an award-winning shared government depository program.

KW: In what new directions do you want to take MSLL?

BLG: I want to continue to build on our existing programs. We should assist county law libraries to establish programs

that have proven their worth in other counties—for example, the 5th Judicial District program of providing computer assisted research in public libraries as well as county law libraries. And we need to expand our web-based services to Minnesota citizens, adding more substantive information.

In 2003, the library will have its first fully integrated library system. Although we made great strides in computerization during the last decade, we are still requiring people to write down their contact information every time they check out a book. And, every time we receive a reporter volume or law journal, we have to write down information to track it. By this time next year, these and other administrative activities should be computerized. This is a huge event for our library; switching from manual to automated circulation and serials systems. We have worked hard internally and in cooperation with MnLINK, who helped select and fund the new system, to make this happen.

KW: Just what is MnLINK?

BLG: The acronym stands for the [Minnesota Library Information Network](#). It is a statewide virtual library that electronically links major Minnesota libraries. I currently serve on the MnLINK Policy Advisory Council and it is very exciting to be a partner with all kinds of libraries around the state in bringing this network into reality. The citizens of Minnesota can be proud of the amount of cooperation

and breadth of library resources available to them.

I am also very pleased that the Law Library was selected as a “beta site” for our consortium. We will be the first to “go live” on a shared system selected by the University of Minnesota, State Colleges and Universities, state government libraries, and other participating libraries. We will then assist other government libraries with their implementation process. It truly is an exciting time to be a government librarian.



Barbara L. Golden, State Law Librarian

KW: And challenging too. The state of Minnesota is facing a record budget shortfall. How do you anticipate this shortfall affecting MSLL's programs and services?

BLG: One of the benefits of cooperation is spreading out the funds. MnLINK funding is secure and this is a huge benefit for our Library.

For the Law Library itself, we must continue to be frugal, a trait that librarians are

good at. Already, as people have retired, we have redistributed duties rather than replaced positions. We may not be able to implement as many new initiatives as I would like, but, as I stated in my column for this newsletter, my first goal is to ensure that MSLL remains an efficient, responsible and vital public law library whose services are available to every Minnesota citizen, wherever they may be. We will continue to enhance our programs and services to meet the needs of the 21st century.

KW: What's the most exciting change in librarianship you've seen in the past 20 years?

BLG: No question in my mind, the use of the Internet in bringing resources to the citizens. And we've only just begun.

KW: So, in this Internet age, is there really a need for an archival collection like the one at MSLL?

BLG: Definitely, it's part of our business continuity plan. In our world, where terrorism is a real possibility, you have to be prepared to operate even when your computers fail. Also, with the rapid pace of change in society, it's essential that we preserve and protect a record of our history. The truth is that there is still a lot of historical information housed in our library that is not available electronically and may never be. The link to our past is a guidebook for the future. As George Santayana said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

I also believe that a library collection fulfills a human need. No question that electronic databases are good at quickly locating information when the objectives are clear. But when you are searching for wider concepts before focusing in, there is nothing like a walk through the books to get your mind muscles working. Am I revealing my age here?

KW: Since there is still a role for books, what's the best book you've read this past year?

BLG: Well, it's not a law book. The one I enjoyed the most was *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn. It's about a fictional country off the coast of the United States where the people appreciate the written word to the extent that they write letters to each other even when they live in the same house. And they appreciate every letter of the alphabet. The "patron saint" is the man who discovered the phrase "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" and a statue of him and his phrase graces the capitol town square. One day a letter falls from the statue and what comes next is hilarious and thought provoking. I highly recommend it.

KW: So, to close our interview, what little known fact about Barbara Golden can you share with us?

BLG: I don't know if travel qualifies as a "little-known fact" since it is mentioned in my bio on the library's website but many people are surprised to find out that my world travels have included such countries as Russia, China, Australia, and

Papua New Guinea. Recently I was asked how many countries I have been to and I realized that I have never counted them up before; when I did it came to 46. I briefly thought that made me a true world traveler until I realized that the [CIA World Factbook](#) lists 262 independent states and territories. I have a long way to go.

Welcome to the Law Library Family!

We are pleased to announce that Anna Cherry has begun work at the Minnesota State Law Library as the new Reference and Publications Librarian. Anna comes to us with a great deal of experience from her sixteen years at William Mitchell College of Law's Warren E. Burger Library. Anna will be splitting her time between the reference desk and working on various publications of the library. She has most recently worked on the final touches to *The Legal and Judicial Career of John J. Todd* and will be working on other books in the Minnesota Justice Series. Some of you may have already met Anna at the reference desk—if not, be sure to say hello the next time you're in.

We are also happy that Robin Horowitz has accepted the position of Cataloger here at the Law Library. Robin was born and raised in New York and moved here with her native-Minnesotan husband, Charles. She received her MLIS in August 2002 from the College of Saint Catherine/Dominican University and has a lot of experience working as a paralegal, im-

aging litigation database coordinator, and legal recruiter for large law firms in New York City and Minneapolis. Robin started in the Law Library as an intern for the Law Library Service to Prisoners Project before becoming the Cataloger. In her new role, she will be cataloging for MSLL and several county law libraries, and will be instrumental in implementing our new online catalog.

New Book in Justices Series

The latest publication in the Minnesota Justices Series is now available. *The Legal and Judicial Career of John J. Todd* was presented to the Minnesota Supreme Court and to retired Justice Todd at a special session of the court on December 17, 2002. State Law Librarian Barb Golden introduced retired State Law Librarian Marvin Anderson to make the presentation.



Marvin Anderson (right) presents the book to Justice Todd.

The Legal and Judicial Career of John J. Todd is

the 13th in the Minnesota Justices Series. It contains biographical information, significant news articles and photographs, collected writings, and an index and analysis of all Justice Todd's opinions. Other books in the series are:

- *The Social Justice, Legal and Judicial Career of Rosalie Erwin Wahl.* (2000)
- *The Judicial Career of John E. Simonett.* (1998)
- *The Judicial Career of Peter S. Popovich.* (1998)
- *The Political, Professional and Judicial Career of Lawrence R. Yetka.* (1996)
- *The Judicial Career of Glenn E. Kelley.* (1993)
- *Stepping Stones and the Judicial Career of Douglas K. Amdahl.* (1992)
- *The Civic and Judicial Career of George M. Scott.* (1989)
- *The Judicial Career of James C. Otis.* (1987)
- *The Professional, Public and Judicial Career of C. Donald Peterson.* (1987)
- *The Professional Career of Walter F. Rogosheske.* (1984)
- *The Professional Career of Robert J. Sheran.* (1982)
- *The Professional Career of Fallon Kelly: 1933-1980.* (1981)



Law Library Services to Prisoners Hosts Two Interns

The Outreach Services Department at the Minnesota State Law Library recently sponsored an internship in its Law Library Service to Prisoners division. Created by an interagency agreement between the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the State Law Library, Law Library Service to Prisoners (LLSP) provides inmates in Minnesota's eight state prisons with access to legal information. Circuit-riding Law Librarians visit each state prison on a regular basis, meet with inmates in person, help them to find and use the legal resources in their prison law library, and research questions that cannot be answered at the prison back at the State Law Library.

Working as the LLSP Intern provides valuable hands-on experience in researching practical legal problems in a fast-paced environment. Although the internship is unpaid, two very qualified individuals applied for the position. After meeting with both applicants, LLSP welcomed Lisa Marohn and Robin Horowitz to the Minnesota State Law Library.

Lisa Marohn is finishing up her second semester at the School of Library and Information Science at the College of Saint Catherine. Under the supervision of LLSP Librarians, Lisa answers requests for law-related information from inmates and is currently working on LLSP's bibliography

on inmate access to the courts. Recently, Lisa updated a list of jobs that persons with a felony conviction cannot hold and researched publication and pricing information for items in LLSP's core collection. Lisa is a very dedicated intern and a valuable asset to Law Library Service to Prisoners. Thank you, Lisa, for all of your hard work!

Robin Horowitz recently graduated from the School of Information and Library Science at the College of Saint Catherine.

Robin brought a lot of energy, enthusiasm, and a pronounced New York accent to LLSP. In addition to answering requests for law-related information from inmates, Robin worked on several library archival projects. After interning for several weeks, Robin accepted the position of Cataloger at the Minnesota State Law Library. Congratulations and welcome, Robin!

Recent Acquisitions

The following list highlights selected titles added to the MSLL collection during the past year. Highlighted authors' names are linked to other titles by those authors in the MSLL collection.

37th Annual [Criminal Justice Institute](#) / Minnesota State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education.

St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, c2002.
KFM5962.Z9 C75 2002

2002 [Business Law Institute](#) / Minnesota State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education.

St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, c2002.
KF1414.3 .B47 2002

2002 Probate & Trust Law Conference / Minnesota State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education.

St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, c2002.
KFM5544.Z9 P76 2002

Affordable housing / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
HD7303.M6 A43 2002

AICPA professional standards.

Chicago, Ill.: Published for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants by
Commerce Clearing House.
HF5667 .A55

Business litigation in the high tech age / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Educa-
tion.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF390.5.C6 B87 2002

Charter schools as tax exempt organizations / Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
LB2806.36 C52 2002

Chronic pain in serious injury cases / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KFM5742.Z9 C46 2002

[*Corporate Practice Institute* \(2002\)](#) / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF1414.A2 C67 2002

Drunk driving 2002 / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KFM5697.8.Z9 D57 2002

DWI / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KFM5697.8.Z9 D84 2002

DWI 2002: emerging issues / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KFM5697.8.Z9 D847 2002

e-Commerce Institute / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF889.3 .E365 2002

Economic damages / Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF446.Z9 E26 2002

Eminent domain / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF5599.Z9 E4 2002

Evidence / Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF8935.Z9 E83 2002

The family wins when IRD is used for charitable bequests and the most tax-advantageous lifetime giving strategies / prepared by [Hoyt, Christopher R.](#); Minnesota State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education.
St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, c2002.
KF6758 .H68 2002

Fraud, misrepresentation & deceptive trade practices / Minnesota State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education.
St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, c2002.
KF9369.Z9 F73 2002

Higher education law / prepared by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF4119.3 .H53 2002

Human anatomy / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF8964.Z9 H85 2002

Integrating criminal and civil matters in family courts: performance areas and recommendations / by [Uekert, Brenda K.](#) with Ann Keith and Ted Rubin.
Williamsburg, VA: National Center for State Courts, c2002.
KF505.5 .U35 2002

International fire code. Falls Church, Va.: International Code Council, 2002.
MN RULES K3674 .I58

Landmark Indian law cases.

Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein & Co., 2002.

KF8204.5 .L36 2002

The law of modern payment systems and notes / by [Miller, Frederick H.](#), Alvin C. Harrell.

St. Paul, MN: West Group, c2002.

KF957 .M55 2002

The law of securities regulation / by [Hazen, Thomas Lee](#), 4th ed.

St. Paul, MN: West Group, 2002.

KF1439 .H39 2002

Long term care and the law / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.

Minneapolis, MN: MILE, c2002.

KF3821.Z9 L66 2002

Minnesota family assistance: a guide to public programs providing assistance to Minnesota families / [prepared by Randall Chun ... et al.].

St. Paul, MN: Research Dept., Minnesota House of Representatives, [2002].

HV699.3.M6 M564 2002

Minnesota probate deskbook / by [Helland, Mark D.](#); 2002 edition by Monique Leahy

St. Paul, MN: West Group, c2002.

KFM5480 .M53 2002 vol. 24

Order in the courts: a history of the federal court clerk's office / by [Messinger, I. Scott](#).

Washington, DC: Federal Judicial Center, 2002.

KF8771 .M47 2002

Past, present and future of LLCs and LLPs / prepared by [Hamill, Susan Pace](#); Minnesota State Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education.

St. Paul, MN: Minnesota Continuing Legal Education, c2002.

KFM5607 .H35 2002

Principles of the law of family dissolution: analysis and recommendations / American Law Institute.

Newark, N.J.: LexisNexis, 2002.

KF535.A2 P74 2002

Securities law issues / produced by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KF1440 .S359 2002

Sex offenders and predatory offenders: Minnesota criminal and civil regulatory laws / by [Zollar, Judith](#).
[St. Paul, Minn.] : Research Dept., Minnesota House of Representatives, [2002].
KFM5967.S3 Z651 2002

Solid waste management update / Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
TD793.26.M6 S64 2002

Spousal maintenance: amount and duration / prepared by Minnesota Institute of Legal Education.
Minneapolis, MN: Minnesota Institute of Legal Education, c2002.
KFM5500.Z9 S65 2002

A summary of 2002 Criminal Justice Legislation / by [Zollar, Judith](#).
[St. Paul, Minn.] : Research Dept., Minnesota House of Representatives, [2002]
KFM5962 .Z65 2002

Telephonic certified court interpreter regional consortium project: a final report and independent evaluation: submitted to the Supreme Court of New Mexico and its Administrative Office of the Court / report prepared by [Clark, Donald J.](#); evaluation prepared by Karen Gottlieb.
Santa Fe, NM: Supreme Court of New Mexico, 2002.
KF8725 .C52 2002

