

Editorial

The Legal Profession in a Changing World

I am grateful to Janet Noble of the Law Society for overseeing the commissioning of authors for this theme. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Law Society as the last three Guest Editors: Chris Holland, David Percik and now Janet all work there!

Current Topics

We have a mixed collection of articles in this issue. Sandra Meredith of Oxford University writes about the fourth edition of OSCOLA (Oxford Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities), which was published in November 2010. This edition includes guidance on citing new media such as blogs. OSCOLA is widely used by the legal academic world and includes a style for Endnote, a popular referencing software.

We read about the innovative development of a Law Research Service pioneered by Alissa Sputore and her colleagues in the Law Library at Melbourne Law School, which has successfully added value to the academic publishing taking place by students and staff.

Jackie Fishleigh describes trying to implement a Sharepoint application for a know how database for the firm's company and commercial documents. Rather than try to re-invent the wheel she contacted colleagues to try to build from their experiences and this article recounts the results.

David Palferman talked about stress and conflict in the workplace at the 2010 BIALL Conference and this article is an expanded version of his presentation. He is a psychologist with the Health and Safety Executive and has long experience of the deleterious effects of bullying and harassment.

We have an overseas contribution from the Legal Information Centre at the National Library of Russia in St Petersburg. Elena Shishmolina is a bibliographer at the Centre and she explains how important its role is in disseminating legal information to all sectors of the population, not just to visitors to the Library but by the provision of several legal database which are used in far flung parts of Russia.

Finally, Ufuoma Lamikanra from the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies recently visited the London Institute to gather ideas for improving services in her home library. Her description of conditions in the Nigerian Institute make salutary reading for those of us

accustomed to 24 hour access to the internet and reasonable budgets. We hope that she succeeds in implementing some new services.

Subject Resource Guides

We have a comprehensive guide to research and resources, both electronic and hard copy, for competition law written by Daniel and Lisa Bunker of Clifford Chance. They cover domestic and European Union sources and explain in some detail both the challenges and the variety of work which large City firms undertake in this area.

Practical Matters

Cathy Mattis from Berwin Leighton Paisner provides a very helpful guide, based on her own experience, of conducting a knowledge management survey in a law firm.

Product Review

I am grateful to Hester Swift of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies for writing an extremely thoroughly researched product review of the International Law Reports on Justis. She makes some interesting suggestions for improvements to the service and we trust Justis will consider these in future releases.

Editorial Board

I am delighted to report that David Wills, BIALL President and Squire Law Librarian at the University of Cambridge is taking over as Editor of LIM, with effect from 1st April 2011. I am sure he will make an excellent Editor and he has lots of ideas for future development of the journal. Responsibility for compiling and editing this issue and sending it to the typesetters has been mine and David has taken over at the publishing stage.

I would like to thank all the members of the Editorial Board who have been so supportive over the years in various ways. Katherine Read from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies has, with the help of Laura Griffiths, produced immaculate Current Awareness columns for years. Michelle Celik was always full of good ideas for articles during her long stint on the Board. Claire Groom and Wendy Lynwood have uncomplainingly

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proof read each issue and Sarah Froggatt has been a very encouraging Chair.

Finally, when I took over as Editor, Sweet & Maxwell were the publishers. We moved to Cambridge University Press in 2004 and the team there have been a pleasure to work with. Sue Perkins has acted as Production Editor

for the whole period and has offered a brilliant service. Ella Colvin was our first Publisher and both she and Rebecca O'Rourke have offered constant advice and encouragement. I will miss you all.

Christine Miskin

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In Memoriam: Janet Schofield

Many members will have been deeply saddened to hear of Janet's untimely death on the 21st February 2011. Janet was such a well known and deeply respected member of BIALL that we thought we would share some memories from colleagues and her staff at Thomas Eggar, where she worked for many years.

Janet worked with Thomas Eggar for over 20 years, starting with the firm in 1989. Originally a history graduate, Janet went on to qualify as a librarian before focussing her career on law librarianship and knowledge management. She is one of those individuals who have seen the development of law librarianship through an amazing period of transformation, both in resources and services offered and changes in technology. Janet was responsible for developing a library service from scratch. The partners at the firm remember her as moving the firm from having a pile of dusty books in an office to the development of a modern full-service KM department, employing a small and dedicated team which supported the expansion of the business during her 20 years there.

For the partners one thing that really stood out for them was her total commitment to service excellence. She was always ready to go the extra mile and is very fondly remembered by all for her commitment and care. She developed very strong friendships at work and is sorely missed by many.

Her team also remember her for her dedication and her sense of humour. Everyone remarked on the very long hours that Janet worked for the firm, but also commented on her style, grace and generosity. Janet was an excellent cook and liked to bring in a treat when her team were having a particularly hard time. She had a



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great passion for walking, for her garden, opera and for life in general.

Janet was very interested in extending and improving knowledge management within the firm. Both she and I worked together for a year on the Nottingham Law School Diploma in knowledge management. As anyone who has been on the course will know, this involved a lot of study and work at intensive weekend workshops. Throughout the year Janet worked incredibly hard but was always positive and upbeat during our workshop sessions. She became an integral part of

her team and her sense of humour and tact were invaluable in getting everyone working together. What is absolutely amazing is that at the time Janet had already been suffering with the cancer that ultimately cut short her life, but never once let it interfere with her studies. I can remember being completely in awe of her determination to continue to enjoy life to the full and to make the absolute most of the time she spent studying.

Janet also played a very active part in BIALL over the years. Loyita Worley recalls with great fondness the time that they worked together:

"I can't remember how or when I met Janet – no doubt at a British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) event. Having met, we hit it off immediately and found that we had a lot in common. We had both worked at our respective law firms for about the same length of time, I was born and raised in Worthing and Janet worked and lived in Chichester. We were both very enthusiastic about our work and shared the same sense of humour. We met from time to time at meetings and conferences and had regular phone calls regarding work issues.