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From the President

David Merkin, LLAGNY President

Happy New Year 2005!

Hard to believe it's winter!

Our energetic group of Committee Chairs and Board Members have a lot planned for this year:

New Features in Law Lines.

Redesigned Website.

New Union List.

Educational Programs on Finding US , Foreign and Multi-National Treaties and How to research and compile Legislative Histories.

Bridge the Gap Program.

LLAGNY Brochure.

And together with SLA we are planning a Copyright Law Program.

So please check the LLAGNY Website frequently and watch for mailings on all the upcoming exciting programs and changes.

Lastly we are thinking of holding another **LLAGNY TALENT SHOW.**

Depending on how many volunteers it will either be in June or in the Fall. So who out there is ready to perform?

Please e mail me dmerkin@shearman.com or Janice Henderson jhenderson@cov.com

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Bite the Bullet

Victoria J. Szymczak, Brooklyn Law School

This is the first installment in an ongoing column dedicated to the eradication of bullet point lists in slide presentations. While situations exist where the use of a bulleted list is an excellent choice,¹ I often feel that there are more interesting and effective ways to grab the attention of my audience and still make my point by using other tools available in my software program. An idea might be best represented by a simple graphic, or a layout that moves away from a rigid hierarchical system. This is confirmed and reinforced often by the software trainer at my institution, Mr. Lloyd Carew-Reid.

I am sure that many of you will agree, death by bullet points is not the way you want to go. It is for this reason I created this column. I am so annoyed by the overuse of bulleted lists, I started playing a game with myself when attending conferences, meetings, etc.... If someone has a unique way to present a list I take note of it; however, if the lecture was accompanied by a seemingly endless slide presentation stuffed with bulleted lists, I start to doodle in my notepad. I try to create a representation of the targeted information that takes advantage of the graphical power inherent in slide presentation software. If I am successful, I get dessert that day! (continued on p.9)

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Please send in your suggestions for the next LLAGNY Profile (see p.5) to jim.murphy@brooklaw.edu

Submissions should be in Word or WordPerfect. Photos should be in JPG, TIF or GIF format.

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¹ For example, using a bulleted list to attack opposing counsel's arguments in court one-by-one can be devastating when presented correctly. See Chapter 7 in Deanne C. Siemer and Frank D. Rothschild, *Argument Slides*, Easy Tech Series, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2003.

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What about that Helen Lawless?

Helen Lawless of Debevoise shares her take on Ashcroft and what she admires about librarians.

Q: *Who inspires you?*

It has to be the people I meet when I volunteer. Lately I've been working at a battered women's shelter where I see people in the worst of circumstances shine. Their problems put my own in perspective. Before that I taught in a literacy program. There was one immigrant truck driver who memorized the map of Manhattan because he couldn't read the street signs!

What drives you to volunteer?

I'm a child of the 60's- Civil Rights and the Viet Nam War- raised by parents to be involved- to be responsive to the larger community.

What was your greatest challenge?

When I was very young I lost the person that I loved. I think that a severe personal tragedy hits you harder when you're young. Your emotions are closer to the edge. All that difficulty but without the network of friends who support you when you're older.

What's your favorite time of day?

Early morning, fresh and so full of possibilities. My bio clock is set for the morning too! That's one reason I chose a schedule where my office day starts at 7AM.

What do you do on your own downtime?

I'm an avid gardener. In the winter I read and plan my gardening adventures. The other three seasons finds me almost always in my garden. My other passion is travel. Touring gardens, exploring different peoples and cultures...being a citizen of the world

What did you want to be when you grew up?

A cowgirl or a professor.

Any advice for new law librarians?

Learn as much as you can about everything! Don't be reactive- just getting what a patron asks for. Be proactive- analyze what they really want. It's our orientation to service that is our strength as librarians.

What is the most exciting thing about your job?

Debevoise has an enormous commitment to pro bono cases- death penalty, amnesty, evictions. Recently we supported research for the prosecution in the trial of Milosevic at the Hague.

About the profession?

What I really admire about librarians is that despite our political differences, most librarians are First Amendment junkies. The flow of information should be free and open. Recently I read that the DOJ replied to a FOIA request for data surrounding the round-up of Muslims in the U.S. right after 9/11 by asking for over \$100,000 in fees. That

is tantamount to a denial, as most public interest groups cannot afford an amount that large. When I heard Ashcroft mocking librarians for defending privacy, I was appalled. I expect much better of my country. It's the library profession, and sometimes the judiciary that sometimes gives me hope.

Libraries and Librarians in Film Quiz

Janet Peros, Bryan Cave LLP

Look for answers on page 15.

Please send any Library trivia you would like to see in Law Lines to janet.peros@bryancave.com.

1. The character "Marian the Librarian" appears in what film?
2. Parker Posey plays a party-hopping library clerk who goes on to library school in what 1995 film?
3. In a recent film set in a small New Jersey town, a young, beautiful and blonde librarian kisses a dwarf played by Peter Dinklage at the train depot which plays an important role in this film.
4. Rachel Weisz plays a fearless librarian companion to Brandon Frasier in this film.
5. When Jimmy Stewart takes a look at what his life would be like if he'd never been born, he sees his wife would have turned out to be a lonely librarian with glasses and a bun (no stereotype there). This film is a holiday favorite.
6. Katherine Hepburn plays head of reference in this film with Spencer Tracey as an efficiency expert.
7. This film was based on a novel by Umberto Eco and stars Sean Connery as a monk investigating a murder in a 12th century monastic library in Northern Italy.
8. In what many call the worst reference interview ever, a young polish immigrant asks for books on "the American poet Emil Dickens". The librarian is enraged that someone would think that Dickens was a poet, or worse yet, an American. Not realizing she means Emily Dickenson, the librarian's tirade causes the woman to faint. The woman's name is part of the title of this film.
9. The card catalog is possessed, and the librarians are acting strange. The old maid librarian with requisite bun is actually a ghost. Name the film with Bill Murray.
10. Librarians are the only ones left in the world who can access information in 2022. In this bleak futuristic tale, they also are the only ones that know the true source of the material named in the title of this film.
11. Richard Burton plays a former spy who works as a clerk in a library. Claire Bloom is the librarian, who also happens to be a communist. Name the film.
12. Ali McGraw is pursued by a librarian played by Richard Benjamin in this 1969 film.



Thomson West Holiday Party
December 7, 2004 @Metrazur
 Photos by Marlene Gebauer & Janet Peros



Bill Mills, NY Law School; **Kathleen McLeod** & **Kit Kreilick**, Fordham University Law School



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Lexis Holiday Party, December 9, 2004
@the Yale Club
 Photos by Janet Peros



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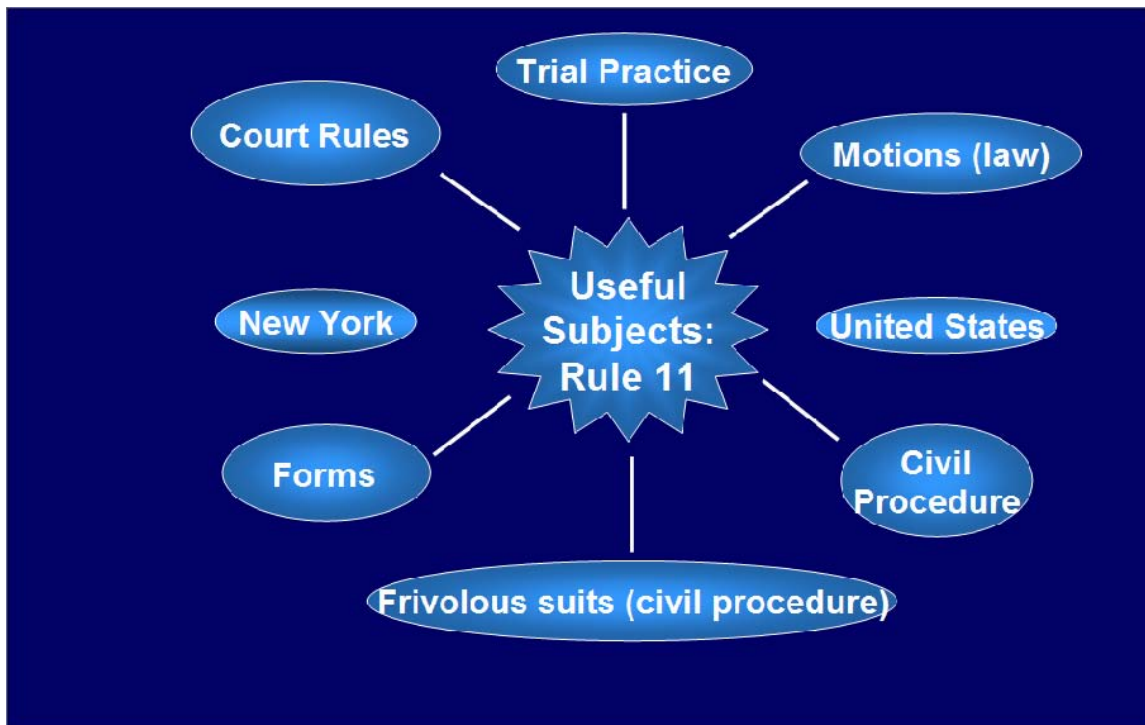
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Szymczak , continued from page 3

Each issue of *Law Lines* will highlight an alternative way to present bulleted information. If you have ideas on this topic, please feel free to email me to discuss your contribution to this vital issue. Our aim is to assist law librarians who engage in public speaking and want to engage their audience as well.

The first presentation do over represents relevant Library of Congress subject headings for researching Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. If a bulleted list was used, the main headings would appear next to the bullet, and the subdivisions (such as the geographic heading) would appear indented below the main heading. Below is a star burst graphic which presents the same information in a less linear format.

The main headings are identified by spokes leading out from the star burst, while the subheadings of New York State and United States are floating between main headings. I also suggest that the circular arrangement is better than a list since a hierarchical list might suggest to the audience that a heading appearing higher on the list will be more important to a researcher than one appearing on the bottom of the list. In this instance, I did not want to convey that idea. A graphic like this might also be used to represent the services your library provides to your patrons. Since all of our services are important, you may not want to indicate that one service, one department, or one individual is needed more than others.



This graphic is easily created using the drawing tools in your software. In PowerPoint make sure the drawing toolbar is displayed in your software by going to Tools > Toolbar and checking off Drawing.² Among the items displayed in the drawing toolbar is AutoShapes. To create the star burst, go to AutoShapes > Stars and Banners >

² In Corel Presentations, go to View > Toolbars > select Tool Palette.



Explosion 1. To make the ovals, go to Autoshapes > Basic Shapes > Oval.³ You have the option to fill the shapes with color or pattern styles, as well as having an outline of the shape appear in a different color. Color and line features are available on your drawing tool bar. In this example, I used light and medium blue fill with a gradient fill effect and thin white outlines on the shapes.

To create the spokes, go to Autoshapes > Lines > Line.⁴ You might want to increase the thickness of the lines by selecting Line Style off of the drawing toolbar and then selecting the desired thickness for your spoke. In this example, I used 2 ¼ pt white lines. Note that the line must be selected with your cursor in order to thicken the line or select the color.

The text can be inserted into the shapes by going to Insert > Text Box, and then dragging your cursor across the targeted shape to create the box. Once the box is drawn over the shape, you can type your text. Color, size, fill and font style for the shapes and the text are up to you. Your decision depends a lot upon the slide background in addition to your taste in colors. For the text here, I used a bolded white 24 pt Ariel font in the ovals and a 28 pt font in the star burst (explosion). Note that the background for this slide was a dark blue.

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³ In Corel Presentations the star shape can be drawn by going to Star Shapes > Explosion 2. The oval shapes can be created by going to Basic Shapes > Draw and ellipse.

⁴ In Corel Presentations, lines can be drawn by going to Line Shapes > Draw a line. You can control the thickness of the line by selecting Line Width which is also on the toolbar.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & MOVES

Recent Member changes:

Allison Aridas is Reference Librarian at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

Stephanie Brock is Reference Assistant at Debevoise & Plimpton.

Janeen Byron is at Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz.

Elena Carasca is an MLS student at Queens College.

Jeffrey Cohan is at McElroy, Deutch, Mulvaney & Carpenter which was formerly Carpenter, Bennett & Morrissey.

Joanne Devaney is Reference Librarian at ASRC Aerospace/ EPA Region 2 Library.

Elizabeth Gooch is Director of Operations at Quinn Emanuel.

Barrett Graham is now Systems Librarian at Dechert LLP.

Joseph McDonnell is Director of Support Services at Kasowitz Benson Torres & Friedman.

Eytan Moked is Reference Librarian at Greenberg Traurig LLP.

Sara Paul, formerly with O'Melveny & Myers LLP, is now Reference Librarian with the District Attorney's Office, NY County.

Megan Scanlon, formerly with Greenberg Traurig LLP is now Reference Librarian at Nixon Peabody LLP.

Shiela Sterling is now New York Library Manager at Greenberg Traurig LLP.

Teresa Tully formerly at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP is now Corporate Librarian at Debevoise & Plimpton.

Carol Turner is Administrator at Constantine & Partners.

Recent Law Firm Changes:

Baker & McKenzie is now Baker & McKenzie LLP.

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP is now Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Nicholson Graham LLP

Morrison Cohen LLP is now located at 909 Third Ave, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10022-4731

Piper Rudnick LLP is now DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Gray US LLP

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LLAGNY Annual Meeting & Post Holiday Party
Thursday, January 6th
@ the Manhattan Club
 Photos by Marlene Gebauer



Karen Provost, Mayer Brown & Platt,
Ben Toby, Freshfields, Bruckhaus & Deringer



Jim Roscher, independent,
Joel Solomon, Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf



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Karen Huesel, Linda Wood, **Carol Sergis**,
Jeffery Giles, Schulte Roth & Zabel

LLAGNY Board Meeting

November 17th, 2004

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

New York, NY 10038-4925

Members Present: David Merkin (presiding), Patricia Barbone, June Berger, Heidi Bliss, Anthony Cocuzzi, Karen Heusel, Patricia Kasting, Janet Peros, Andrew Tschinkel, Mark Zalek

Board Meeting Called to Order: 6:07 PM

- Approval of October 27th, 2004 minutes
- Minutes approved as corrected (Berger, Bliss)

Treasurer's Report: November 17th, 2004

- The balance of the checkbook as of November 17, 2004 is \$42,855.91
- The balance of the money market fund is \$75,539.89 as of the September 14th, 2004 statement.
- The value of our 60 month CD maturing 8/20/09 is \$10,059.39
- Our expenses from September 23rd, 2004 to November 15th, 2004 consisted of
 - \$330.99 Bank fees, and reimbursements for Leadership meeting
 - \$243.09 Postage for Tax Education program mailing
 - \$1,694.50 AALL Membership Invoices and annual maintenance fee of \$600
 - \$9,000 New Members Reception
 - \$60 NYS Charity Filing Fee
 - \$71 Stationery, miscellaneous Label expenses
- Our total expenses were \$11,399.58
- Our income from September 23rd, 2004 to November 15th, 2004
- consisted of
 - \$1,183.32 Board related income including reimbursements, Dialog check, and previously unapplied payment from West Thomson.
 - \$570 Grants & Scholarships

- \$750 Job Placement
- \$375 Law Lines Advertising
- \$5,000 Membership
- \$3,000 New Members Reception (financial support from Lexis)

- Our total income is \$10,878.32
- Our tax filings to the IRS and to the NYS Bureau of Charities have been completed and mailed. LLAGNY owed no state or federal tax.
- The end of year Treasurer's Report has been audited by our Accountant and the final version is being distributed at tonight's meeting, November 18th, 2004. A copy of the Report and complete Ledger for FYE 6/30/2004 is also being distributed to H. Bliss and D. Merkin.
- Chapter Insurance, was paid.
- Fall Soiree. Net cost was \$6000, (\$9,000 for Planet Hollywood less \$3000 of support from Lexis) The total event cost was less than the prior two years thus the Special Events Committee was successful in achieving the Board's objective of lowering event expenses.
- Advertising revenue is beginning to trickle in. A full accounting from the committee is expected shortly.

Old Business:

- Union List: Task: Contact EOS and ask them we can set up an Internet demonstration of the product.
- Stationary: Colors of logo is not yet determined.
- Task: Board is to compare Fall Soiree flyer colors to Law Lines colors.

New Business:

- Dialog Quantum Session Dates: Recommend that this program be held as a morning or lunch program in January at Westlaw headquarters.

Committee Reports:

- Corporate Sponsorship:



- Committee is still seeking corporate sponsorship support for the Holiday Party.
- Education Committee:
 - Flyers should use a proper copy of the new logo.
 - Repeat popular programs either downtown or uptown depending on the location first presented, i.e. if held downtown repeat program uptown.
- Law Lines should be out by the end of the month and will contain some new features (i.e.-member profiles).
- MCLE/Teaching Legal Research Committee:
 - The Diamond Law Library of Columbia University Law School has been secured as the host location for the Spring 2005 Bridge the Gap program. The program is scheduled for April, 2005.
 - Reviewed and recommended changes to the proposed law firm sponsorship flyer for the Bridge the Gap program. Committee is to resubmit modified flyer for the next Board meeting.
 - David Merkin offered the services of Shearman & Sterling when this committee needs to make a mass mailing.
 - Task: Email copy of previous budget to the Board.
- Membership Committee:
 - Membership Committee: The committee is working on proofing the directory. They want to know what our policy should be about refunding membership dues to people who claim they've left the profession (within a few months of renewing).
 - The forthcoming LLAGNY Directory will use the new logo on the cover. Cover will be in of an orange/gold.
 - Task: Heidi will email a copy of the welcome letter to new members to the Board.

Motion: Will not refund membership dues of members who leave the profession.

- Motion Approved (Bliss, Barbone)

- Public Relations committee:
 - Task: Post the brochure promoting LLAGNY to the LLAGNY website.
- Special Events Committee:
 - Motion: The Annual Winter Meeting & Post Holiday Party will be held Thursday, January 6th, 2005 at the Manhattan Club.
 - Motion Approved (Bliss, Barbone)
 - Task: Secure the NYC Bar Association location for the 2005 Fall Soiree.
- Volunteer Committee:
 - Revised the volunteer form that was discussed at the last Board meeting. They would like to post on the LLAGNY Web site. Revised form submitted.
 - Recommend that line for email be added.
 - Board asks if the form can be made interactive with an automatic response when form is submitted.
 - Electronic submissions may go to a Yahoo account that is regularly checked by the Volunteers committee. The committee would then route submissions to the appropriate committee chairs.
 - Other committees needing help on specific activities should contact the Volunteers committee and post their request for assistance on the LLAGNY listserve.
 - Task: Post committee descriptions from the Leadership Manual to the LLAGNY website.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Kasting

Secretary LLAGNY

Thursday, December 9, 2004

Members Present (Lexis event) Heidi Bliss, Karen Heusel, David Merkin, Mark Zaleck, Andrew Tschinkel, and Janet Peros.

It was agreed that the price of the Holiday event would be \$50. Language regarding sponsorship (flyer) should be changed to Co-Sponsored as there is more than one corporate sponsor

LLAGNY BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2004
Teleconference Call

Members Present: David Merkin (presiding), Patricia Barbone, Heidi Bliss, Anthony Cocuzzi, Patricia Kasting, Janet Peros, Andrew Tschinkel, Mark Zaleck.

Board Meeting called to order: 10:05 AM

Approval of November 2004 minutes:

- o Motion to approve with clarification
- o Minutes approved as clarified (Bliss, Barbone)

Treasurer's Report:

Old Business:

- o Stationary Colors: Selected version identified as LLAGNY 1.
- o Union List: Karen Campbell and her board liaison will coordinate Internet

demonstrations of the systems proposed by EOS and SIMA.

New Business:

- o Joint LLAGNY and SLA program scheduled for March 23, 2005. Speaker fees and other expenses are divided between LLAGNY and SLA. Speakers and 2 sponsors are secured.
- o Task: David will confirm arrangement with speaker.

Committee Reports:

- o Advertising Committee: Need to remind vendors that monies paid to LLAGNY are to identify purpose of payment and advertising rate.
- o Membership Committee: Directory is slow to proof.
 - o Task: David will ask for volunteers.
- o Technology Committee: The LLAGNY website is under revision. LLAGNY members have asked that a member search will identify member's firm.

Task: Mark will talk to Stanley about this function.

Answers to Libraries and Librarians in Film Quiz on page 6:

1. Music Man
2. Party Girl
3. Station Agent
4. Mummy
5. It's a Wonderful Life
6. Desk Set
7. Name of the Rose
8. Sophie's Choice
9. Ghostbusters
10. Soylent Green
11. The Spy Who Came in From the Cold
12. Goodbye, Columbus

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(Bring photo ID)

Continental breakfast will be provided.

There is no charge for this program but you must register by March 31, 2005. Space is limited to 75 attendees.

To register, contact:
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- Learn how to access this ever-growing stockpile of free government information using databases, portals, search engines, and other finding aids.
- Learn how to track and stay up to date with legislative and administrative agency developments.
- Hear about the federal government's ongoing digitization and preservation plans and its efforts involving document authentication.

Presenters:

Jane A. Cramer, Government and Legal Information Librarian, Brooklyn College Library

Michael H. Roffer, Government Resources and Reference Librarian, New York Law School Mendik Library

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Things are Bigger in Texas

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"Things are Bigger in Texas!" Just take a look at the giant sized boots outside North Star Mall. A tribute to just two of my not so secret vices, shopping and shoes! San Antonio has fabulous shopping, and La Villita is next to the Hilton, a complex of 27 restored buildings on the site of a Coahuiltecan Indian Village. Each building showcases various artists. There's painting, jewelry, pottery and beautiful weavings, all unique to the region.

Just a short trolley ride down Commerce St. is El Mercado, a veritable warehouse of pottery, and then there's the farmer's market. If you don't get enough to eat browsing the stalls, then head to the restaurants. La Margarita is my favorite, and I can picture it now as the colorful waiter carries the sizzling fajitas platter, the steam streaming behind and, oh, the aroma!

But, for those with a car, head north on I-35 for about 30 minutes and be prepared to visit the mecca of all shopping. The factory outlet stores of San Marcos, hundreds of them, too many to mention, but definitely worth the trip when you consider the savings.

Ah, but I digress. For those who love shopping for footwear, there are marvelous bootmakers. Try Lucchese, hand made bootmakers since 1883, or Crazy Horse custom boots, both in San Antonio.

For me, shoes are everything, and the factory outlet shoe stores are an option. But, if you want something closer to the convention center, then Dillards & the shops in RiverCenter have a wonderful assortment. When all are tried on and bought, there's nothing like relaxing at a table on the Riverwalk level, watching the tourists and the riverboats, sipping a Starbucks coffee, knowing that the bags surrounding you are full of shoes just waiting for the right occasion, like, the General Business meeting

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