

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **JEAN M. WENGER**

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### **EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

Dominican University, M.L.I.S., 1994  
Graduate School of Library & Information Science  
Honors: Beta Phi Mu

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., 1987  
Fellow, U.S. Dept. of Education, Program for Western European Language & Area Studies, 1985-1986

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, B.A., 1981  
Honors: Graduated *egregia cum laude*  
Major: Public Administration; Minor: Economics  
Loyola University of Chicago Rome Center, Fall 1979

### **AWARDS**

Hall of Fame Inductee, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2023  
AALL Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, 2022  
The Agnes and Harvey Reid Award, Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), 2020-2021  
Cook County Board of Commissioners, Presidential Resolution, 2013  
AALL FCIL-SIS Spirit of Law Librarianship, 2011  
AALL Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, 2010  
Cook County Superior Public Service Award, 2000

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (General Bar) 1987  
State Bar of Illinois 1987

### **PROFESSIONAL LAW LIBRARY EXPERIENCE**

<b>Chicago-Kent College of Law Library, Chicago, IL</b>	2018 - present
<b>Director of the Law Library/Senior Lecturer</b>	
Responsible for managing and overseeing all aspects of the Law Library's operations, including budgeting, collection development, policy and planning, space, and personnel. Leads projects and analyzes metrics to improve library services and resource allocation. Consults with the Dean, faculty, and students to determine policies and priorities of the Law Library. Teaches legal research in multiple settings. Serves as faculty advisor.	
<b>Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL</b>	2015-2018
<b>Deputy Law Librarian</b>	
Provided leadership in strategic planning, assessment, communication, and resource allocation. Assumed overall responsibility for the Law Library in the absence of the Executive Law Librarian. Established and implemented library policies, procedures, and programs aligned with institutional goals. Liaised with other county departments, bureaus, and affiliated agencies to advance library operations. Reviewed and planned	

for expenditures and revenues. Managed the Law Library's website using the Drupal platform. Drafted library ordinances and resolutions for approval by Cook County Board of Commissioners.

**Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL** 2013 - 2015  
**Head of Public Services**

Supervised daily operations of Reference and Access Services Divisions. Established and implemented library policies, procedures, and programs. Managed legal research services, evaluated electronic content, and negotiated legal database subscriptions. Facilitated library renovation and space planning. Planned and coordinated CLE programs and training for staff, county attorneys, and library users.

**Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL** 1997 – 2013  
**Government Documents/Foreign & International Law Librarian**

Provided American, foreign, and international legal reference and research services to attorneys, judges, and self-represented litigants. Participated in developing and implementing public services, personnel, and information technology policies. Member of collection development committee with primary responsibility for foreign and international legal materials. Created research guides and displays and conducted tours for lawyers, judges, students, and the public.

**Cornell University Law Library, Ithaca, NY** 1995-1997  
**Reference Librarian**

Represented Law Library at university budget hearings and social science selectors meetings. Appointed Interim Administrator for Acquisitions, managing workflow, and assisting the director with budget analysis. Taught Practice Training I, the graded legal research course, for first-year students. Provided training in international and foreign law research. Presented advanced legal research training for substantive seminar courses. Provided instruction in American legal research to foreign LL.M. students. Conducted legal reference services for faculty and students.

**Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL** 1993 - 1995  
**Foreign & International Law Librarian &**  
**Reference Librarian** 1987 - 1995

Managed staff and services in the Foreign & International Law Division. Produced and designed a series of research guides for foreign and international law. Conducted reference services and bibliographic instruction in federal, state, and municipal law for attorneys, judges, and self-represented litigants. Co-coordinated computer-assisted legal research unit of Reference Division.

**Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL** 1985 & 1986  
**Reference Assistant**

Provided federal, state, and municipal research assistance in print and electronic formats.

**University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL** 1986 - 1987  
**Graduate Assistant, Academic Year**

Evening legal reference services to faculty and students. Subject-cataloged foreign language legal materials.

**Deak-Perera, Chicago, IL** 1981 - 1984  
**Head Foreign Currency Trader**

Directed wholesale foreign currency operations and established foreign currency rates. Initiated and managed currency trading arrangements with banks and corporations.

## **AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION**

Advanced Legal Research  
Foreign and International Legal Research  
Administrative Law Research

## **PRESENTATIONS - Selected**

### **American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)**

(Forthcoming) Coordinator/Moderator, "Discover Foreign and International Law in the Second City" Workshop, Annual Meeting, 2024

Panelist, AALL Leadership Academy, April 2024

Panelist, AALL Leadership Academy, March 2022

Speaker, "Strategic Planning" Chapter Leadership Training, July 2017

Speaker, "Global Legal Research: Foreign Law" Webinar, December 2012

Speaker, "Global Legal Research: Routes to Success" Webinar, November 2009

Speaker, "We Are the World: Dealing with Foreign Issues in a U.S. Law Library" SCCLL-SIS Program, Annual Meeting, 2008

Coordinator and Speaker, "Globalization Moved My Cheese: Or, How Do I Find International Law?" Annual Meeting, 2007

Speaker, "Shopping in the Global Marketplace: Information Sources for International Trade" Workshop, Annual Meeting, 2004

Speaker, "Globalization Moved My Cheese: Or, How Do I Find Foreign Law?" Annual Meeting, 2004

Speaker, "Legal Reference Services" Professional Development Workshop, 2001

Coordinator and Speaker, "Building New Gateways: Research Instruction for Foreign-Trained Lawyers and Law Students" Annual Meeting, 2000

### **American Society of International Law (ASIL)**

Speaker, "Global Animal Law Research" Webinar, 2023

Speaker, "International Legal Research Strategies-Private International Law" Midyear Meeting and Research Forum, 2014

### **Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL)**

Panelist, "A Day in the Life of a Law Librarian" Mentorship Roundtable, 2020

Panelist, "Bridging the Gap between Law School and Practice: Skills Necessary for Producing Practice-Ready Attorneys," Institute Day, 2014

Panelist, "Managing Budgets in the Age of Austerity" CALL Relations with Information Vendors and the Continuing Education Committees, 2011

Speaker, "Jumpstarting Your International Law Research" Continuing Education Program, 2008  
Speaker, "Local Government on the Web: Chicago, Cook County, Collar Counties, Illinois and Beyond" Continuing Education Program, 2001

Speaker, "Current Internet Issues" Continuing Education Program, 1998

**Chicago Bar Association (CBA)**

Speaker, "Find the Best, Forget the Rest: Cutting Edge Internet Case Preparation" Midwest Law and Technology Conference and Expo, 2004

**Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs**

Speaker, "Legal Resources for Veterans" Legal Affairs Forum, February 2014

**Global Legal Skills Conference**

Speaker, "Foreign, Comparative & International Law Research (FCIL) Toolbox" 2015

**Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA)**

Speaker, "Effective Legal Research" Basic Skills for Newly Admitted Attorneys, 2015

Speaker, "Effective Legal Research" Basic Skills for Newly Admitted Attorneys, 2013

Speaker, "Providing Value – Effective Legal Research" ISBA New Admittee Virtual Coffeehouse Webinar, 2011

Speaker, "Administrative Adjudications: State and Municipal Issues" CLE, 2010

Speaker, "Eminent Domain" Midyear Meeting, 2006

Speaker, "Free Sites That Will Help You Manage, Expedite, Secure and Maintain Your Practice: Electronic Resources on Administrative Law Issues" CLE, 2004

Speaker, "Administrative Agencies and Discrimination Claims: Causes of Action, Labor and Employment Law for the General Practitioner" CLE, 2003

Speaker, "An Overview of Administrative Law Practice in Illinois" CLE, 2001

**Chicago Legal Academic System (CLAS)**

Speaker, "Changing Collecting Policies" Innovating Our Way Forward: CLAS Cooperative Collection Development Workshop, 2010

**University of Illinois College of Law**

Guest Lecturer, Chicago Litigation Practice - Boot Camp, 2000-2005, 2007, 2010-2011

**Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science**

Guest Lecturer, Law Librarianship, 2009-2012

Guest Lecturer, Effective Use of Legal Resources, 2000-2001

Guest Lecturer, Legal Information Sources, 2006, 2009

**DePaul University School of Law**

Guest Lecturer, Litigation Strategies: Pre-Trial Civil, 2013-2017

**John Marshall Law School**

Guest Lecturer, Advanced Legal Research: International Law, 2011

**Loyola University Chicago School of Law**

Guest Lecturer, Advanced Legal Research: Foreign and International, 2016

**Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)**

Speaker, “Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL)” Conference for Law School Computing, 2005

**Cornell University Libraries (CUL)**

Coordinator, “Managing CUL Search Committees” 1997

**Regional Conferences**

Speaker, “Trade Winds Across the Plains: International Trade Resources in the Information Age” Midwest Regional Law Library Conference, Milwaukee, WI, 1998

Coordinator and Moderator, “The Impact of Technology on Law Library Consortia and Other Cooperative Endeavors,” Third Northeast Regional Law Library Conference, Toronto, 1996

**PUBLICATIONS – Selected**

Blog Post, Getting to “Yes” for Annual Course Attendance, International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), 2024.

Chapter, Researching the Legal Framework for Companion Animals in a Global Context, in *Global Animal Law Research* (Carolina Academic Press, 2022).

Blog Post, Legal Aid – A Global Component of Access to Justice, International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), 2022.

Blog Post, Women’s Suffrage: A Celebration and a Global Perspective, International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), 2021.

Chapter, Illinois Legislative History, in *Finding Illinois Law: A Librarian’s Guide for Non-Lawyers*, Chicago Association of Law Libraries (2021).

*A Gavel and Our Connections to History*, CALL Bulletin, Winter 2019.

Using Metrics to Showcase Value in *Defining ROI: Law Library Best Practices* (AALL Digital White Paper, 2016) with Davenport, Hayes, and Sanborne.

*See the World from the 29th Floor: The FCIL Collection at Cook County Law Library*,

CALL Bulletin Winter 2016.

*AALL's Road Ahead: Planning for the Future*, 14 AALL Spectrum, Members' Briefing (July 2010).

Administrative Law: Resources and Strategy for the Web in *Handbook of Illinois Administrative Law*, 2d ed., William A. Price, ed. (ISBA, 2008).

*Our Century of Change: Pioneering Innovations*, 10 AALL Spectrum 14 (June 2006).

*AMPC Uncovered*, 9 AALL Spectrum, Members' Briefing (July 2005).

International Economic Law in *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law* (3rd rev. ed., Washington, D.C.: American Society of International Law, 2003).

International Economic Law in *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law* (2nd rev. and expanded ed., Washington, D.C.: American Society of International Law, 2002).

Contributor and charter author, Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL) Database, American Society of International Law, (2001-2011).

Administrative Law on the Net 2001 in *Handbook of Illinois Administrative Law*, William A. Price, ed. (ISBA, July 2001).

*Administrative Law on the Net 2000*, 30 Administrative Law 1 (ISBA, October 2000).

*Internet for Legal Information: The U.S. Experience*, 24 International Journal of Legal Information 310 (1996), with Germain, Court, and Childs.

### **BOOK REVIEWS - Selected**

*Principles of French Law*, 2d ed. 36 Int'l. J. Legal Info. 385 (2008).

*Research Handbook in International Economic Law*, 35 Int'l. J. Legal Info. 588 (2007).

*Introduction to Turkish Law*, 5th ed., 98 Law Libr. J. 717 (2006).

*Law of International Insolvencies and Debt Restructurings*, 25 Legal Info. Alert 10 (2006).

*Judicial Organisation in Europe*, 30 Int'l. J. Legal Info. 363 (2002).

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Chicago-Kent Commencement

Assistant Dean's Meetings, 2023-present

Facilitator, U.S. News Rankings Task Force, 2023-2024

Chicago-Kent Faculty - Admissions Committee, 2023-2024

Chicago-Kent Faculty - International Student Committee, 2022-2023

Chicago-Kent COVID Task Force, 2020-2023

Chicago-Kent Technology Group (formerly CV Working Group), 2020-present

Chicago Kent Technology Committee, 2019-2020

IIT Strategic Planning – Financial Resources Task Force, 2019  
Chicago-Kent Faculty Library Committee 2018-2021  
University Faculty Council Library Committee (UFCLC), 2018-present

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 1987-present**

Government Law Librarians Special Interest Section, Awards Committee, 2021-present  
AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant Jury, Chair, 2022-2023; Vice Chair, 2021-2022; Member, 2020-2021  
Subject Matter Expert, Self-paced course “Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians,” 2022  
Archives Policy Review & Digital Repository Special Committee, 2018-2019  
President, 2012-2013  
Vice President/President-Elect, 2011-2012  
Executive Board Strategic Directions Committee, Chair, 2008-2010  
Executive Board Member, 2007-2010  
Annual Meeting Program Committee 2003-2004, Chair, 2005-2006  
Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee, 2001-2003  
Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section (GLL SIS), 1994-present  
Foreign, Comparative & International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL SIS), 1993-present  
Chair, 2003-2004  
Research Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS SIS), 1998-present  
Executive Board Member, 2000-2002  
Council of Newsletter Editors, 1996-2000

### **American Association of Law Schools (AALS) 2018-present**

Member, Law Libraries and Legal Information Section

### **American Bar Association (ABA) 2011-present**

Member

### **American Library Association (ALA) 1991-present**

Member

### **Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) 1988-present**

Chair, Corporate Memory Committee, 2019-2020  
Chair, Strategic Planning Special Committee, 2017-2020  
President, 2004-2005  
Director, 2000-2002  
*CALL Bulletin*, Co-editor, 1996-2000

### **Chicago Bar Association (CBA) 1988-present**

### **Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) 1987-present**

Secretary, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Standing Committee, 2023-present  
Faculty Development Subcommittee  
CLE Awards Subcommittee, 2023-2024  
International and Immigration Law Section, CLE Committee Liaison  
Criminal Justice Section, CLE Committee Liaison  
Member, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Standing Committee, 2020-2023

Law Ed Faculty Member, 2001-present

**International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) 2013-present**

Treasurer, 2022-2025

Board Liaison, 2024 Oslo Conference Local Planning Committee

Member, Finance Committee

Member, Scholarship Committee

Member, Annual Conference Standing Committee

Member, Board of Directors, 2019-2022

Chair, Diversity Task Force

Finance Committee

Member, Membership Committee

Member, Annual Conference Standing Committee

**Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA)**

Chair, Nominations Committee, 2019

Nominations Committee, 2018

Chair, Board of Directors, 2016-2017

**LLMC Digital**

Advisory Council, 2014-2026

**Society of Academic Law Library Directors (SALLD) 2018-present**

Member

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

AALL Executive Leadership Institute, 2019

AALL Management Institute, 2009