

CURRICULUM VITAE

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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

AWARDS

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2025
Hall of Fame Inductee, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), 2023
AALL Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, 2022
The Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship, Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), 2021
Cook County Board of Commissioners, Presidential Resolution of Congratulations, 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

Chicago-Kent College of Law Library, Chicago, IL 2018 - present
Director of the Law Library/Teaching Professor

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.

Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL 2015-2018
Deputy Law Librarian

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 the 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

Foreign & International Law Librarian &

1993 - 1995

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 the Reference Division.

Cook County Law Library, Chicago, IL

Reference Assistant

1985 & 1986

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

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Graduate Assistant, Academic Year

1986 - 1987

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

Deak-Perera, Chicago, IL

Head Foreign Currency Trader

1981 - 1984

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)

AALL Representative, Saratoga Meeting, 2026

Speaker, Beyond the Stacks: Reinventing the Law Library Tour, Annual Meeting, 2025

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)

Panelist, Virtual Career Panel, International and Immigration Law Section Council, 2026

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chicago-Kent Senior Leadership, 2025-present

Chicago-Kent Faculty – Admissions Committee, 2023-2026

Search Committee, Assistant Dean for Admissions, 2024

Alma/Primo Library Working Group, 2024-present

Assistant Deans Meetings, 2023-2025

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

Chicago-Kent Faculty – International Students Committee, 2022-2023

Chicago Kent Faculty – Technology Committee, 2021-2022

Chicago-Kent Faculty – First Code of Conduct Tribunal, 2021-2022

Chicago-Kent COVID Task Force, 2020-2023

Chicago-Kent Technology Group (formerly CV Working Group), 2020-2024

Chicago-Kent Clinic Director Appointment Review, 2020
IIT Strategic Planning – Financial Resources Task Force, 2019
Chicago-Kent Faculty – Library Committee 2018-2021
Chicago-Kent Commencement, 2018-present
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, 2021-2026
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
Nominations Committee, Chair, 2015-2016
CLE and Practice-Oriented Education & Publication Task Force, 2014-2015
Past-President, 2013-2014
President, 2012-2013
Promoting Legal Research Principles, Competencies and Standards, Board Liaison, 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, Chair, 2005-2006
Annual Meeting Program Committee 2003-2004
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 Bar Foundation (ABF) 2025-present

Life Fellow

American Library Association (ALA) 1991-present

Member

American Society of International Law (ASIL), 2024-2025

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

Vice President/President-elect, 2003-2004
Director, 2000-2002
CALL Bulletin, Co-editor, 1996-2000

Chicago Bar Association (CBA) 1988-present
Member

Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) 1987-present
Vice Chair, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Standing Committee, 2025-2027
Secretary, Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Standing Committee, 2023-2025
Faculty Development Subcommittee
CLE Awards Subcommittee
International and Immigration Law Section, CLE Comm. Liaison
Criminal Justice Section, CLE Comm. Liaison
Legal Education, Admission and Competence Standing Committee, CLE Comm. Liaison
Legal Technology Standing Committee, CLE Comm. 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, 2022-2028
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
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

PUBLICATIONS – Selected

Blog Post, International Observances – Sharing Awareness Worldwide, International Association of Law Libraries (IALL), 2025

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)

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

AALL Executive Leadership Institute, 2019

AALL Management Institute, 2009