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From the Executive of VALL

Carol Williams

Another successful **VALL** season draws to a close, and the 1992/93 Executive wish to thank members for their participation and support during the year. We take this opportunity to welcome the 1993/94 Executive and hope they have as much fun as we have had. The new officers are:

Gabriella Barsoum	Membership Secretary
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Thanks also to Pam Clancy and Eve Porter who worked with me on the Nominations Committee.

The monthly program continues to play an important role in **VALL**. Attendees at the May luncheon were interested to learn future directions for UBC's School of Library, Archival and Information Studies and hope for a useful partnership between the university and the library community. In this climate of change and adaptation to fewer resources, the link between academia and practitioners will become more important. There are certainly no lack of ideas for future programs, so we can look forward to another interesting year in 1993/94.

Thanks especially to my colleagues for the past two years. It has been a learning experience for me, as well as an opportunity to meet the law library community in Vancouver.

From the Editors

Teresa Gleave & Joan Honeywell

This is our final issue of the **VALL REVIEW**. We wish to thank everyone who has contributed articles and comments. We are especially grateful to Nancy Cotter and the staff at Western Legal Publications for their continued support. Best of luck to Tracey and Jane — we hope they have as much fun as we did.

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REVISED STATUTES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA: ELECTRONIC VERSION

Editors' note: Jane Taylor has kindly allowed us to publish this article with the understanding that the following description conforms to their network and therefore not all the options on the FolioViews menu are discussed. The article was originally prepared for staff at the Ministry of the Attorney General.

1. GETTING STARTED

Choose the Statutes icon on your Windows screen. Use the **Tab** key to go down to the section of the database you want to access, (e.g. Full Text), then press **<Enter>**. Use the **Shift Tab** to go up the list. You can also use the **cursor** keys to move up and down the list. The **Esc** key will get you out of the database, in effect reversing the path you took to get to where you are.

2. CONTENTS

The electronic version of the Statutes includes all public statutes and amendments in force as of November 8, 1991, the *Vancouver Charter* and all third reading bills enacted during the previous session of the Legislature. Please read the Explanation of Infobase Contents for a complete explanation. Updates will roll forward in time, incorporating any previous third reading bills into the text of the statutes and providing the text of any third reading bills from the most recent session of the Legislature.

3. SEARCH TIPS AND TRICKS

Sign on to the Full Text section of the database. (See the section called **GETTING STARTED** for an explanation of how to get to Full Text.) The first page of the first statute will appear. Hit the **space bar** to bring up the search screen and type in a search term, such as **cabinet**. You will see that you get 6 matches. You will also see the word **cabinet** highlighted in the list of words. Another way to search is to **cursor** or **page up and down** the list of words and press **Ctrl <Enter>** to search that word. If you want to redo your search (too many hits, for example), **backspace** over the word (or hit **Ctrl Home**) and type in a different one.

There are ways to combine search terms to produce quite a sophisticated search:

And	A & B	A and B
Or	A / B	A or B
Not	A ^ B	A but not B
Phrase	"A B"	A B as a phrase
Proximity	"A B"@5	A within 5 words of B
Ordered proximity	"A B"5	A 5 or fewer words in front of B
Nesting	(A & B / (C & D)) ^ E	(A & B) or (C & D) but not E

It is also possible to use "wildcards" to truncate words, e.g. **probat*** for all words beginning in **probat**. The ***** can stand for any number of characters. You can also substitute a **?** for a single character, e.g. **station?ry** to retrieve **stationery** or **stationary**. You can use as many question marks as you wish, each one representing a single character.

NOTE: Wildcards cannot be used in phrase or proximity searches.

Here is an example **how to search for a specific section of an Act**: "section 121 - municipal act" — the name of the Act must be accurate, and the spacing and quote marks must be exactly as in the example.

To limit your search to a single Act, go into the Listing of Individual Acts. Either bring up the Act directly from the listing, or do a quick word search to get to the right part of the listing (particularly useful if your Act is near the end of the alphabet). Then when you run your search, you will know that the results apply only to that Act.

4. VIEWING THE SEARCH RESULTS

Once you feel you have put together an effective search, you can look at the results by pressing **<Enter>**. The number of "hits" is noted in the top right hand corner. A "hit" is a section, also called a "Folio." The entire search result, i.e., all of the sections retrieved by your search, is called a "View." It is important to remember this distinction when using the electronic Statutes. Use the **Tab** key to go to the top of the next section, or page down through the sections, or press **Ctrl G** to go to a specific section. You can create a list of section numbers by pressing **Ctrl T**. You can then cursor down the list, and press **<Enter>** to view a particular section. Pressing the **Esc** key will

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take you back to the list. While in the list, pressing **Ctrl T** will take you back to the full text display. **Ctrl Pgdn** will take you to the last hit and **Ctrl Pgup** will take you to the first.

5. PRINTING THE SEARCH RESULTS

While viewing your search results, you can print either a single section, the list of sections, the full text of a group of sections, entire Act or a portion of text which you have **blocked** (instructions below). Here's where the distinction between Folio and View becomes important.

Press **Alt F** to pull down the File Menu, then press **P** to print. You will be presented with three options. Make sure the cursor is beside "Print" and press **<Enter>**. This will take you to a screen-full of options. Move between sets of options with the **Tab** key. **DO NOT** press **<Enter>** until you reach the bottom of this screen. Use the cursor to choose either Folio, View or Blocked Text. **Tab** through the various sets of options. Now press **<Enter>**. When the "saving to disk, please wait" message disappears, your document will print. If it does not, hit the **Esc** key once.

Before printing the full text of a group of sections, press **Ctrl R**. This will attach citation information to each section you print. Otherwise you will end up with the text of a section and no clear reference to which Act it came from.

The following describes how to print an individual statute: from the Table of Contents, **tab** down to the Listing of Individual Acts and press **<Enter>**. **Cursor** or **page** down to the Act you want and press **<Enter>**. Press **Alt F**, then **P**. **Cursor** down to View on the Options Screen, **tab** through the option blocks, and press **<Enter>**.

6. BLOCKING TEXT

You may wish to block an area of text. Think of it as extended highlighting. It can be a few words, a few lines or even a few pages. You can print or create a file with the material that you have blocked. Place the **cursor** at the beginning of the material you want to block. Press **Alt E** to pull down the Edit Menu. Press **B** for blocking. Use the **cursor** keys to extend the block as far as you wish. Then press **Alt F** to pull down the File Menu, press **P** for print, and follow the directions for printing search results (above).

7. SIGNING OFF

Keep pressing the **Esc** key until you are back at the Windows screen.

8. HELP

There is a help facility which you can access by pressing the **F1** key. There is also a small manual which comes with the system.

REPORT ON THE CALL CONFERENCE

As the recipient of the 1993 Peter Bark Memorial Fund Bursary, I would like to thank **VALL** for enabling me to attend my first **CALL** Conference which was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from May 16 — May 19, 1993. This was also my first visit to the Maritimes and I enjoyed both the Conference and the City of Halifax.

The Conference was an excellent opportunity for me to meet face-to-face with colleagues from across Canada and even a few law librarians from the United States and the United Kingdom.

The pre-conference workshop held on Sunday May 16, was "Personnel and Staffing in the Law Library" given by Elyse H. Fox. Ms. Fox is the editor of Legal Information Management Reports and I found the workshop and the time given to exchange ideas with other participants very rewarding.

The opening night reception was held at Province House and I also attended an earlier reception for First Time and Foreign Delegates in the library of this historic house.

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Among the sessions in the main program I attended were those on the Criminal Justice System, Crown Copyright, and Evolving Issues in Health Care. I was particularly interested in hearing Lorne Rozovsky speak on ethical issues in health care and consent to treatment.

The special interest groups forums were very stimulating and I specifically found very helpful the joint forum presented by the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Group and the Courthouse Libraries Special Interest Group on the topic "Challenge of the Nineties: How to Survive." Another informative forum was held on computer assisted legal research.

Halifax is a very historic and charming city and the location of the Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in the waterfront district allowed me to explore the city on foot. I got my daily exercise by walking up the hill to the Citadel and back. We were very lucky with the weather and I was able to see Peggy's Cove without fog. Monday evening a reception was held in the new Dalhousie Law Library. The last evening we were treated to a boat tour of the harbour and a lobster ceildh which I most enjoyed and rushed out the next morning to order lobster to bring home!

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank **VALL** and the donors to the Peter Bark Memorial Fund Bursary for giving me the chance to attend the Conference.

Bronwen Jamison

Bull, Housser and Tupper

LETTERS

Editors' note: See VALL REVIEW, March, 1993 for the February 26th letter.

April 5, 1993

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Attention: Gary Rodrigues

Dear Sirs:

Re: Canadian Case Citations

Thank you for your response to the concerns outlined in our February 26 letter. We have reviewed your proposal to produce paper supplements for each volume, and believe it is the best solution in the circumstances. Ideally, the set would be reissued. However, fiscal reality dictates otherwise.

We do have one more suggestion. It would reduce confusion if you could issue new labels for the consolidation eliminating the 1867-1990 reference. This will look more professional than our hand-made efforts and assist those users who do not read instructions or notices.

Thank you for meeting with some of our members and responding to our concerns. We look forward to the paper supplements this summer.

Yours very truly,

Johanne A.C. Blenkin

Vancouver Association of Law Libraries

cc: Canadian Abridgment Advisory Board

May 4, 1993

Gary Rodrigues
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Dear Mr. Rodrigues:

Re: Canadian Case Citations, 1867-1990

At a recent meeting of the Halifax Area Law Librarians (HALL), our organization was provided with a detailed explanation by Cyndi Murphy, Chair, Canadian Abridgment Editorial Advisory Board of the steps being taken by Carswell to rectify errors and omissions in the production of the Canadian Case Citations, 1867-1990.

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Following Ms. Murphy's presentation, HALL resolved that a formal response be made regarding Carswell's plans to issue corrective supplements to Canadian Case Citations.

It is HALL's view that a preferred option would have been to reprint the product in its entirety at no cost to initial subscribers. Given the cost of this service, the reliance of academic law librarians on the Canadian Case Citations as a teaching tool, and Carswell's reputation among practising lawyers as a professional legal publisher, the re-issuing of a revised and corrected product is viewed as the appropriate option by HALL.

Many subscribers purchased this product primarily because of its promised completeness and single step research. Some law librarians who bought Canadian Case Citations after errors and omissions were identified by your editorial staff feel that Carswell has acted in bad faith.

HALL believes that subscribers should have been directly canvassed for their suggestions as to resolving the post-production problems identified both by Carswell and by users. However, given that the editorial decision has been made to issue a series of supplements, HALL is prepared to accept this option after noting our dissatisfaction with the shortcomings of Canadian Case Citations.

Finally, HALL strongly urges that in its future editorial plans, Carswell allow more time for consultation with its Editorial Advisory Board, and law librarian groups such as HALL, as to the design and content of major legal products such as Canadian Case Citations.

Thank you for this opportunity to present the views of the Halifax Area Law Librarians regarding the Canadian Case Citations, 1867-1990.

Sincerely,
Merle Lister
Chair - HALL

cc: MALL, Ottawa/Hull Law Librarians Association, TALL, Ontario Courthouse Libraries Group, Winnipeg Law Librarians Group, Calgary Law Library Group, ELLA, VALL, Canadian Abridgement Editorial Advisory Board

Editors' note: Jane Taylor forwarded this for VALL members' interest.

April 20th, 1993

Minister of Attorney General
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am currently employed as a librarian by the Northern Territory

Government-Department of Law, Australia.

In 1994 I would like to arrange an exchange with a law librarian in your department or one similar. My department is very keen on the idea considering the similarities geographically and constitutionally.

The exchange would be for approximately six months, perhaps from May until November.

The library collection is medium to large and has had excellent support financially. The collection has international as well as Australian material.

Enclosed is a copy of the history of the department and structure.

I will await your reply before sending any detailed information.

Yours sincerely,
Julie Fisher
Northern Territory of Australia
Department of Law
Solicitor for the Northern Territory
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NOTICES

B.C. Court of Appeal Notice

Judgments in the eight aboriginal appeals will be handed down in the Court of Appeal around the end of May or the beginning of June. The judgments will be available in two volumes. Volume 1 will be *Delgamuukw et al v. Her Majesty the Queen*. Volume 2 will contain the seven remaining hunting and fishing appeals.

The Court of Appeal will be taking orders for these judgments in May. Each volume will be available for \$25. The set containing Volumes 1 and 2 will be available for \$50.

Disks of the judgments in WordPerfect 5.1 format will be available for the same price.

If you are interested in ordering these judgments, please contact the Court of Appeal at the special order number — 660-4995 and ask for Ljuba Pavlovich.

Request for Reports from other Local Groups

VALL members who are active members of other local groups such as GLABC or SLA and who would be interested in reporting on their activities to the VALL membership, please contact Shirley Hyndman, 682-3664.

INFOBITS

VALL • June 10, 1993. Round table discussion. Final meeting for 1992/93.

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INFOBITS, cont'd.

- September, 1993. Watch your mail for the date of the first meeting in the 1993/94 season.
- UBC** • August 3-6, 1993. Electronic Options for Extending Information Access. Four days to choose from in these Continuing Education seminars on overviews of the industry, online database workshops, interlibrary loan databases and an analysis of Internet. Location: School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. Information: Alice Bacon, Telephone: 922-3897.

BIBLIO NOTES

Recent items of interest from library and legal literature, summarized by Teresa Gleave.

Computer-assisted legal research in the real world: a primer for new attorneys and law clerks. In *PLL Perspectives*, April/May 1993, Vol. 4, Iss. 3, pp. 1, 4-6.

This is the text of a handout used by the author to train new lawyers and law clerks. Rationales and scenarios where computer searching may or may not be appropriate are briefly covered. Some of the major differences between LEXIS and WESTLAW are discussed, as well as strategies for minimizing costs in both systems.

Madonna, *Sex* and some B.C. libraries. By Lois Bewley. In *BCLA Reporter*, February 1993, Vol. 37, No. 1, pp. 25-29.

The BCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee surveyed eleven Lower Mainland and two Vancouver Island libraries for their collection policy on Madonna's controversial book. Seven libraries purchased a total of seventeen copies of which nine circulate and eight are considered reference and non-circulating. Six libraries did not purchase the book, citing reasons such as price and format, lack of reviews and/or interest, and failure to conform to the library's collection policy. Newspaper articles and editorials discussing the book and library and community responses are excerpted, giving a taste of the controversy generated by the book. This article provides a wonderful snapshot of some of the concerns and problems encountered by our colleagues serving the public library community.

PERSPECTIVES Teaching legal research and writing. Published quarterly by West Publishing Company.

This journal was introduced by West last year and "is intended to be a forum for all teachers of legal research and writing". It is not an advertising tool for the publisher and does not contain any other advertisements. A perusal of the first three issues yields many valuable articles for

those of us who use online services as well as teach others to use them. The spectrum is broad: plain language and gender-fair communication; how to write book reviews; educational theories such as analogization and cognitive theory; and innovative marketing techniques. Most of the articles are somewhat scholarly and often have extensive and valuable bibliographies. The publication is available free of charge from:

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The results of the PLL-SIS survey of technical services functions in private law libraries, Part I. By Carol J. Dawe. In *PLL Perspectives* February/March 1993, Vol. 4, Iss. 2, pp. 10-14. Part II continued in April/May 1993, Vol. 4, Iss. 3, pp. 10-15.

The results of this survey provide valuable and infrequently collected information regarding technical operations in law firm libraries. The survey covers details such as number and qualification of staff and professionals; who shelves books and how often the shelves are read; the degree and kind of automated systems in use; filing backlogs; the presence of clipping services; how libraries interact with MIS departments; and much more. Using the data collected, technical services standards are proposed and will be elaborated upon in the future.

BOOKSTORE

Consolidated Regulations. Contact: Andrew Croll, Bartlett & Company, Nanaimo, B.C. Telephone: 753-6616.

A selection of Law Reports and Federal Statutes: Contact: Ron McGregor, Freeman & Company. Telephone: 683-4201.

British Columbia Law Reports, 1st series, vols. 1-72 and 2d series, vols. 1-73. Contact: Lisa Taylor. Telephone: 660-2870.

Book Wanted

Volunteers and the Law (People's Law School Press)
Contact: Gabriella, Russell & Dumoulin Library.
Telephone: 631-4877.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

New Faces

Penny Bax, CCH Canadian Limited
Natasha Lyndon, McCarthy Tetrault
Tracey Carmichael, B.C. Courthouse Library Society