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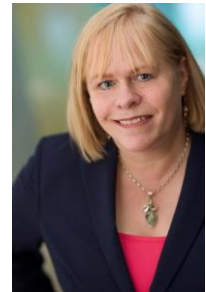
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## The President's Desk

This is an exciting issue of the Review! There is much to celebrate: insights from some new law library colleagues; the long-awaited CALL conference in Vancouver is just around the corner; and a mini baby boom of spring and summer babies is on the way. We also have a lot of news from VALL members and partners. Peter Bark and his legacy bursary are celebrated here, as well.



**Debbie Millward**  
VALL President  
2015-2016

Your VALL executive committee has been working to manage the fiscal challenges of delivering quality professional development while keeping costs down. Your membership fees and payments to attend programs are essential to supporting not only the programs but also the association and the bursaries. This year, we once again “topped up” the Peter Bark Bursary fund and covered shortfalls in program costs, in addition to finding less-costly venues for our programs. Thanks to you for your support, and to the executive-committee volunteers for their amazing collegiality and creativity.

Wishing you a happy spring and summer ahead!

Debbie

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## From the Editors

**Taryn Gunter**, Harper Grey and  
**Alexandria Everitt**, Harris & Company

As we bring you the Spring Issue of the VALL Review, we cannot help but comment on the timeliness of our themed issue highlighting New Law Librarians. As Spring is a time for new beginnings this issue focuses on the new beginnings in law libraries as librarians retire and new graduates start their career.

This issue focuses on three themed articles from recent MLIS graduates who have recently joined the ranks of our fellow law librarians.

In this issue we are also providing updates on our members' comings and goings. As you can see, the Member Announcement section is brimming with news about new hires, maternity leave coverages, and new student members. It seems extra appropriate that this issue focuses on the new chapters in our members' lives and careers.

This issue contains many announcements from the various vendors and organizations with whom we interact on a daily basis. They have some exciting new service offerings and products and are excited to see all VALL members at the Canadian Association of Libraries Conference in May.

In this issue we hear from Jennifer Townsend, a 2015 Peter Bark Bursary recipient. We also have the pleasure of announcing the four 2016 Peter Bark bursary recipients; all recipients will be using their award to finance their attendance to the CALL Conference.

VALL has had a busy few months with a few different events for our members and is gearing up for a seminar in June. We love interacting and learning with our members and are very excited to partake in CALL and see many of you there.

As always, we love to hear from you – whether general feedback, or ideas for future content, or a wish to contribute an article, please contact [vallreview@gmail.com](mailto:vallreview@gmail.com).

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## Member Announcements

**Bronwyn Guiton.** On April 1st of this year, after 3.5 years with Lawson Lundell LLP in Vancouver, I moved to Victoria and took my first public service job as the new Senior Librarian with the Attorney General Law Library. The Director of our library is Kristin Hodgins, who is also a VALL member and works out of the government offices in Vancouver on Hornby Street. I never thought I would love a smaller city, but between being able to walk to work and the lower housing prices, I've really enjoyed the transition.

In my new role I answer research and reference questions from all Ministry of Justice & Attorney General lawyers and staff. The types of questions are similar to what I saw in a law firm. Interestingly, while library staff are centrally involved in our branch's KM initiatives, there is not as much of a business development & marketing role for us. For the most part, the clients of our Ministry of Justice lawyers are other BC Government Ministries. This means that while client satisfaction is of top concern, the marketing and business development activities that are so crucial to a private firm's success take a different form here.



As part of the wider government library team in Victoria, I've also had the pleasure of visiting the [Health and Human Services Library](#), which serves both the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Child and Family Development, and [the J.T. Fyles Natural Resources Library](#), which serves six different BC environmental Ministries. I am the daughter of a hydrogeologist Father and a geography-major Mother, so the latter was a particularly fascinating visit. It was also great to understand that on Vancouver Island I will continue to be part of a robust network of collegial libraries; which has always been my favourite aspect of our law library community in Vancouver.

Congratulations to **Kathryn Rose** and husband Jeff, who welcomed a daughter in January. **Christina Tribe** is covering Kathryn's maternity leave at Bull Housser Tupper.

Congratulations also to **Mica Depner** and husband Stefan, who also welcomed a daughter in April.

**Suzanne McBeath** will be covering **Emily Klomps-Spanjers'** maternity leave. Suzanne comes to McMillan LLP from Teck Resources Ltd., where she provided reference and current awareness services as part of their library team for ten years.

**Emily Nickerson** is thrilled to join the VALL community as a professional member in her new role as librarian at Bull Housser Tupper LLP. She joins BHT after completing a practicum there in 2014 as a SLAIS student. Originally from Vancouver, Emily enjoys being in the mountains or by the ocean in her free time. On a rainy day you can find her reading a good book or working on a craft; recently she has taken up pottery.

**Lesley Dobin** is a Client Services Librarian at Courthouse Libraries BC: “I completed my BFA in Creative Writing from UBC and worked for a few years in different retail stores and call centers before I realized that libraries had staff and I could potentially be one of them. So I earned my Library Tech Diploma and worked in public and special libraries for a few years before returning for my MLIS with the hope of working as a Librarian in a special library. While I was in school I worked as the Library Tech in a law firm, which I really enjoyed – I’m excited to be around the law again. I continue to work on-call at VPL and in my spare time enjoy post-work naps, ruining dinner and powering up my robot vacuum.”

**Megan Smiley** is also one of the new Client Services Librarians at Courthouse Libraries BC. She is graduating from UBC in 2016 with an MLIS and also has a BA in Linguistics. She is currently the VALL membership secretary and looks forward to meeting other members.

**Stef Alexandru** is a Librarian at Lawson Lundell LLP as of May 2016. She graduated from UBC’s SLAIS in 2015, and has since worked at Simon Fraser University and the Vancouver Public Library. Prior to getting her MLIS, Stef worked in the publishing industry. She is also a member of the British Columbia Library Association, sits of the editorial board of [Partnership: The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research](#), and edits trade books.

**Chris Searles** is the new Relationship Manager at LexisNexis covering Mid Law firms in Western Canada. He emigrated to Vancouver on a whim 10 years ago and hasn’t looked back, settling on the North Shore with his wife and two daughters. Originally with a Railway Operations background in the UK, Chris has worked with lawyers in the public company spectrum in Canada and is looking forward to learning more about the role of a Law Librarian through VALL.

**Drew Jackson** returns as a member of VALL after spending a year at a public library in North Vancouver where he was Manager of Innovation & Learning. He worked at People’s Law School on his return to the legal sector, and is now freelancing on public legal education and legal information initiatives. He previously worked with Courthouse Libraries BC as Client Services Director, and at Continuing Legal Education Society of BC as an editor and website manager. He loves traveling, photography, and anything that involves moving around outdoors, and is a recovering Vancouver Canucks fan.

We are also pleased to welcome a number of new students:

**Megan McField** is a library and information student at UBC's SLAIS. She is particularly interested in legal research and government documents.

Also on the roster are: **Kathryn Boyd, Shannon Cheng, Paige Hohmann, Jocelyn McKay** and **Jennifer Mackay**.

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### Whitelaw Twining Law Corporation



Photos of Whitelaw Twining's new space after their renovation. VALL Executive members had the opportunity to view the new space at our most recent executive meeting.

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## Peter Bark Bursary

The 2016 recipients of the Peter Bark Bursary are:

- Joni Sherman, Department of Justice
- Paula Becker, DLA Piper
- Brenda Alm, Whitelaw Twinning
- Alexandria Everitt, Harris & Company

The recipients will be using their bursary to attend the 2016 Canadian Association of Law Libraries Conference in Vancouver, May 14-18. You'll be able to read their recipient report in the Summer 2016 Issue of the VALL Review.

## Peter Bark Bursary 2015 Recipient's Report

Jennifer Townsend, DLA Piper

I was very fortunate to be selected as one of the recipients of the Peter Bark Bursary for 2015. I used the bursary to take *Legal Research on the Web*, an online course offered at the University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies. The course is taught by Clare Mauro, a Senior Librarian at the Toronto office of Torys LLP.

I chose to take this course because I had been searching for an opportunity to broaden my knowledge and expertise in legislative research. This particular course was recommended to me by my manager, Susannah Tredwell.

The course provides an introduction to legislative research through weekly readings, assignments, quizzes, and discussion topics. Some of the topics that were explored include the Parliamentary process, bills, Hansard debates, how to find and update federal and provincial statutes and regulations, how to properly use legal citations, strategies for case law research, the importance of noting up case law, how to locate legal commentary, key features of the Canadian governmental and judicial systems, and some resources for obtaining British and American legislation and case law.

I found the first two assignments, which were based on Canadian legislation and case law, to be very applicable to my work in a law firm library. The third assignment dealt with US and UK legislation and case law. I especially enjoyed the challenge of locating American and UK materials, because I had less familiarity with research in those jurisdictions.

I would highly recommend this course to anyone who is looking for an in-depth introduction to legislative research. I would also like to express my gratitude to VALL for giving me the opportunity to take this course.

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## **Librarian on the Run: Tales of a Newly-Minted Librarian**

**Christopher Stephenson**

Both my sisters train for marathons. This week one of them ran thirty kms in just over three hours. As a newly-minted librarian with an unsound knee I no longer run myself, but after finishing my MLIS degree I feel I can relate to a substantial test of endurance.

This past December I got to the finish line at UBC, cheered on by colleagues, friends, and my family. The choice to return to school after more than a decade was slightly terrifying, but I knew I had found my calling right from the start. I've been honing my search and research skills, organizing information, and helping myself and others learn in new ways throughout my whole life.

When I was ten I wanted to be a private investigator. I hired my little sisters and typed out my first business card on an old Underwood. My mom found this card in the family archives a few weeks ago and sent it to me, just months after school ended. I was stunned to remember that I had created a job title for myself: I'd put myself in charge of 'Records & Research.'

Fast forward to now and I've worked in records management and conducted in-depth legal and legislative research. I solve small mysteries and large queries, use interview clues to glean information for people, and I cultivate trust and inspiration one relationship at a time. What's more, I continually test my limits to discover what I don't know, and then I make it my business to find out. Developing these professional skills along with my trademark perseverance means that I'm doing some of the best and most satisfying work of my life. That I got here is no longer a surprise, but *how* I got here is quite remarkable.

Until now I'd worked in several industries, but it wasn't until I was initiated into the field of librarianship that I noted the unique characteristic of collegiality. Despite a healthy competitive spirit, law librarians in particular are some of the most supportive people I have worked alongside. It's easy to identify the key knowledge leaders in our niche. They are the people who regularly write and speak about the profession, they may help you en route to your next great job, and they are intuitive about change because they are often directing it.

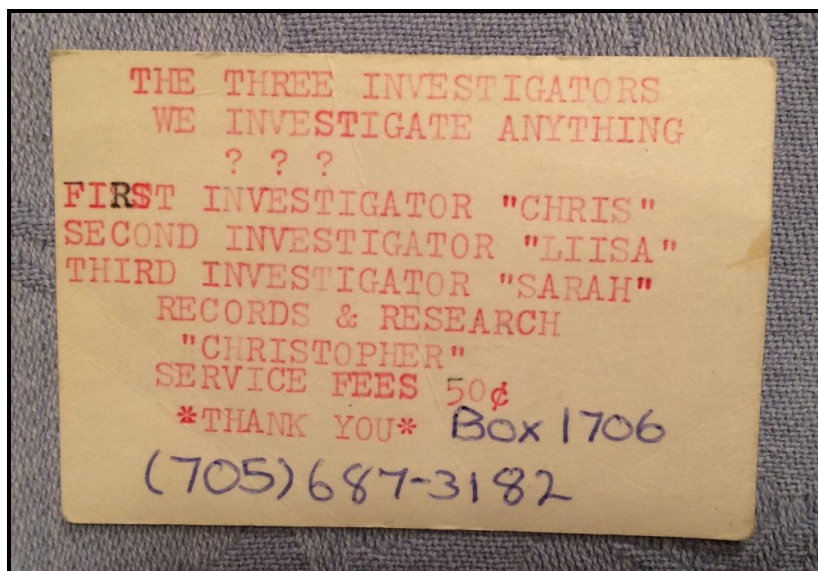
These are the librarian's librarians, and I've found that not only should the budding library student keep their eye on them, but that it's advisable to get to know these individuals because they make exceptional mentors. These movers and shakers will high five you every step of the way to your new career and beyond.



These professional cheerleaders and wayfinders often help in ways you least anticipate, and they may speak on your behalf to favourable outcomes when they're in the know about upcoming positions. I've found this has proven crucial during the emotional rollercoaster and the sudden silence that follows graduation in a precarious job market.

At a recent dinner party composed of librarians and their partners, our host remarked that "eighty percent of the people in this room are presently either underemployed or unemployed." As this fellow crunches datasets all day, this was a forgivable observation to speak aloud, especially as the truth is frequently apparent in news stories illustrating BC's 'brain drain.' Behind me, I am ever vigilant that a new cohort of librarians graduate each semester. But my own secret weapon is conspicuous in this newfound environment of co-operative interaction with my peers and library professionals. I keep myself sharp and derive optimism and confidence from attending 'lunch & learns,' webinars and conferences, and staying in touch with my colleagues. These appearances continue to shape and define my career trajectory, and I'm reminded that Woody Allen allegedly once said, "Eighty percent of success is showing up." That's a statistic I can embrace and frequently do, every time I shake a new hand at an event.

It feels good to reach the finish line, and I've remembered to celebrate my successes each step of the way. But new goals are already on the horizon for me. As I work to find my place in the profession, I'm grateful to my mentors for leading the way and for making me feel welcome.



*My first business card, inspired by a detective book series from my childhood.*

**Chris Stephenson is an information professional with a passion for provincial history, teaching and technology, and effective promotion and communications.**

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## Reflections of a *New Law Librarian*

Alexandria Everitt

I'm nearing my two year anniversary of graduation from my MLIS program and my start as a Law Librarian with Harris & Company. While the date is still a couple of months away, I cannot believe how fast the time has flown by and figured this was a good opportunity to reflect on the last two years. This edition of the VALL Review – on new librarians – seemed like a good place to review my thoughts.

I'd been mulling over what to write for this piece until recently, I was at an SLA social where I meet some current SLAIS students, many of whom are graduating in the next few months and looking for employment. I chatted about my experience of obtaining a Law Librarian position within a local Vancouver firm and realized how much I have learned and experienced since becoming a law librarian.

I managed to secure my position before I finished classes and jumped into the role of a solo-librarian at a mid-sized Vancouver labour and employment law firm. The first six months were a learning experience but nothing compared to the learning curve of the first three weeks. Even though these weeks consisted of everyday tasks and research requests, I didn't yet have the confidence and these tasks were daunting. Thankfully I had just finished the Legal Information Sources and Services course in my last semester so my legal research skills were freshly imprinted. My other saving grace was my undergrad in Criminology - I was no stranger to Canada's legal system and political landscape. I was however a stranger to the intricacies of labour and employment law and the workplace culture of a private organization.

Below are some highlights and advice from one new law librarian to another.

Some Experiences from my first two years as a law librarian.

- In my first year as a law librarian I acquired an entire collection from a small firm that was joining ours. I had to decide what to keep, liaise with vendors to cancel and transfer contracts, and shift my current collection to make room for the new titles. Weeding through years of material and finding space in my already overflowing library was one way to learn a collection inside and out!
- Negotiated contracts with vendors – one brand new contract because service offerings were changing vendors and platforms. Negotiating a contract round two was surprisingly easier with many less hurdles.
- Planning and presenting a library budget was something I had never done before, and not nearly as scary as I had anticipated.

- Firm Christmas parties and other events. I do not need to elaborate on this one, but coming from the public sector the extravagance of the event was overwhelming.
- Negotiating the transition of my role as part-time librarian to full-time librarian.

#### Advice I Received As A Newly Minted Librarian.

- After sending out an email to the lawyers approximately one month into my new role asking for feedback – “Am I sending out all the relevant information that my predecessor would send out, or am I missing something?” and “Is there anything that I can do to assist you in your day-to-day practice that will help you?” I received a few positive responses and then silence. This silence I had experience often after completing a research/reference request and was often taken aback. A paralegal approached me after sending that email and commended me for taking the initiative to ask for feedback and gave me the most reassuring advice to date. “No news is good news – if you don’t hear anything it means you’re doing a good job. You’ll hear about it when it’s wrong”. I can’t believe how true this is.
- “Do not weed or make any drastic changes to the collection or library space until you have been their librarian for at least a year.” This one didn’t quite go as planned because of the other collection I acquired but I did try and make only minimal changes.

#### Some Advice To Those Starting Out.

- Network. Networking is key – I found this to be true both while in school and once employed. When you’re in school it’s a great way to meet people to find out what it’s like to be a librarian, and to make connections with the organizations where you want to work. Once you’re employed networking is still vital because it contains elements of mentorship, comradery, and professional development.
- Get Involved. This is similar to networking but with a more hands-on approach. I’m involved with the Vancouver Association of Law Libraries on their Executive as a VALL Review Editor, and involved with the Canadian Association of Law Libraries on their webinar committee. This has been a fantastic way to meet other librarians but also a way to stay connected with the librarian community. Sometimes it can be isolating to be the only librarian at a firm.
- Don’t Be Afraid to Ask. I don’t know how many times in the first few months (well, year) I had to ask for clarification. Sometimes I would call the BC Courthouse Library to talk things over with another librarian, sometimes I would speak to an associate if I didn’t quite understand a concept and sometimes I would just go straight to the lawyer and ask for an explanation.

Sometimes I don't consider myself a new librarian, but then there are moments where I am reminded that I am. In two years I have learned a lot about being a law librarian but I know there is much more still to come. I'm excited to attend my first ever CALL conference in May and meet the librarians from across Canada I've had the pleasure of interacting with thanks to the CALL webinars.

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## Why I Returned to Library School

Lesley Dobin

When I completed my Library Technician diploma I had a plan. The plan was to settle into one full-time job - preferably in a library - where I would work and be happy until it was time to retire 30 odd years later. After many years in school, I was determined that the Library Technician Diploma would mark the end of my formal education.

In retrospect I am willing to acknowledge that this was not so much a plan as it was a spectacularly underwhelming and immediately unachievable fairy tale – one full-time job until I retired? I may as well have planned to become an astronaut or a housecat.

Since graduating Langara I haven't had one job, I have had five. And I returned to school and earned my MLIS.

So why did I return to school? There are a couple of big reasons; the hierarchical reality of library work and the good fortune of working for a library manager who became like a mentor.

I experienced the hierarchical reality of library work during my first reference shift. I was one year out of school and I had just been given the opportunity to work on-call as a Library Tech for a public library. I worked for an hour and chatted with the Librarian who was supervising me. She asked about my background. I told her about my education, my bachelor degree and how I chose to go back to Langara. She stared at me, "You have a bachelors? Why didn't you just get your masters?"

It was a question that I thought I had thought about so I had a ready answer, "I talked to some people and I don't think I want to work in management."

Her face clouded over with what I can only describe as sympathetic frustration, "You got some bad information. Librarians aren't all managers – you've limited yourself."

Considering how short it was, this casual conversation played over and over in my head long into the future. Prior to starting in the public library I had worked in positions that required a

university degree for entry, but didn't tap into that schooling once on the job – movement within those organizations was possible once you got your foot in the door. The library was not like that. I was surprised to find myself in a work world that segregated positions based on schooling. Despite any interest or aptitude, I realized, without the schooling certain jobs would never be open to me. Why had I limited myself?

This looping question forced me to reassess where I saw myself in the future. At the time I was able to quickly soothe myself with my well-worn mantra, I didn't plan to go back to school, work was fine, I was fine, I moved on.

That changed after I accepted a job working in a special library. By hiring me, the library manager took a chance, placing me in a job I had the schooling but not the experience for. I thrived. Whereas jobs before felt like work, I deeply enjoyed everything I did in the special library. This was the environment I could see myself settling into and riding right into my retirement. I could have done it too, if it weren't for my amazing manager. She gave me projects on top of my regular duties and she let me see the work that she got up to. I felt like she took me under her wing and encouraged me. I looked to her as a mentor.

I spent a few years of working in the special library before I realized it wasn't going to be enough to just retire, now I wanted to retire happy, having worked a challenging a job that I loved and I loved working in the special library. I enjoyed the wide variety of jobs I was assigned and the small size of the library meant I was able to learn every aspect of library work. I was encouraged to take on roles that I had never had the opportunity to perform before and it got me thinking seriously about the work I wanted to perform. A few years in, I knew I wanted to follow in my manager's footsteps and so in consultation with, and using her as a reference, I modified my plan and applied for school.

At the end of 2015 I received my MLIS and I am now fortunate to be working as a Client Services Librarian in the Vancouver Courthouse Library. I spent a lot of time test driving different jobs before I returned to school. If I had found the perfect fit I would be happily working as a Library Tech in a special library right now, but that's not what happened. I am thankful that I had the good fortune to work with people who cared enough to push me somewhere different.

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## News from InfoAction

Heidi Schiller, Manager

### Expert Witness Research

InfoAction is now offering an Expert Witness Research service to help Canadian lawyers confirm reputation, professionalism, and relevant qualifications.

Expert witnesses in Canada are required to have a background report that includes the expert's qualifications and an indication of any data that is not in their realm of expertise. However, many Canadian judges expect that a witness will have been thoroughly researched. They want to easily verify that the witness possesses the requisite credentials and expertise to act in an expert capacity.

With almost 20 years of experience in conducting legal research, InfoAction – Vancouver Public Library's fee-based research service – knows the importance of diligently checking facts and the reliability of information.

Customized Expert Witness reports contain the following:

- Summary of professional background
- Verification of education, professional licenses, and certifications
- History of previous testimony and experience as a professional witness
- History of disciplinary action against the witness
- Compilation of teaching, research, and publications
- Summary of news articles about the witness
- Other data as requested

Rates for this service are \$100 per hour, with an expected average of two to three hours per witness. Turnaround times are usually within one to two days.

For more information, email [Infoaction@vpl.ca](mailto:Infoaction@vpl.ca) or call 604-331-3613.

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## News from Quickscribe

**Mike Pasta**, President, Quickscribe

In April 2016, Quickscribe launched a new version of the Quickscribe Online 2.0 platform, featuring a new user interface and search engine.

The new search engine features elastic search capabilities with Boolean and proximity search operators. The searching is significantly smarter and faster than the previous version and represents one of the most significant developments for Quickscribe in years.

Over the last year, Quickscribe has also added to its growing list of [contributors](#), who continue to publish annotations to the site on an ongoing basis. The Organizational annotation component of Quickscribe is proving to be a big hit with some of the major law firms, who rely on this tool as a means to collaborate with peers, on relevant legislative issues and changes concerning each respective practice.

Quickscribe is now planning the next project, which will see the inclusion of select Hansard debates throughout the legislation database. The concept will be to provide insight on the government intent behind new legislation.

As always, Mike Pasta has offered to make himself available for any VALL members who would like to schedule a demonstration of the latest version of the service.

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## News from CanLII

**Sarah Sutherland**, CanLII

CanLII is excited to announce that in collaboration with CAIJ (Centre d'accès à l'information juridique) we have been able to enhance CanLII.org's content offerings. We have made substantial additions to our Quebec caselaw collection, and we are particularly excited to have added Quebec and Federal annual statutes:

Federal Annual Statutes since 2001  
Quebec Annual Statutes since 1996

Thanks to our supplier Lexum, our site not only hosts the annual statutes as static documents but integrates them dynamically to the rest of our legislation collection. We hope this is just the beginning, and that we will be able to make annual statutes available for all provinces and territories in the future.

We have also been able to add the following caselaw to our Quebec databases:

Selected decisions published between 1869 and 1969 in the Revue légale Decisions published between 1983 and 1996 in the Recueils de droit judiciaire (RDJ) Decisions published between 1994 and 2004 in the Répertoire électronique de jurisprudence du Barreau (REJB)

This is an exciting development for freely available legal information, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to work with CAIJ to leverage lawyers' investments in both our organizations.

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## News from LexisNeixs

Rajiv Chidambaram, Segment Marketing Manager

### What's new with LexisNexis?

We've launched a new, mobile-friendly [Store!](#)

- Mobile-friendly: The store is responsive to any device for easy viewing and ordering.
- Reworked navigation: Now it's easier than ever for you to find what you need.
- Better purchasing experience: Quickly register and easily view your online order history.

Check out our weekly specials, new releases and catalogues (including academic titles). Check out the LexisNexis booth at CALL for exclusive discounts on our latest titles.

### Lexis Advance® Quicklaw® is here!

As a Quicklaw Super User, your firm's transition to Lexis Advance Quicklaw starts with you getting access. [Check out the video.](#)

We've prepared a Transition Guide which provides checklists and other support information to help you prepare for your transition. Please contact your Relationship Manager to get started! Of course, you can stop by our booth at CALL for a demo of all the new features and functionality you'll enjoy.

**NEW RELEASES** on Lexis Practice Advisor<sup>SM</sup>: More new tools, contributors and content have been added to Lexis Practice Advisor in 2016. Highlighted below are two popular new additions that will be of interest to the library.

**The Toolkit:** The toolkit is a step-by-step guide to a topic, issue or process related to the module in which it sits. It simplifies the lawyer's workflow by combining and organizing relevant or key documents from that module and presenting a global view of all tasks, documents, and information a lawyer would need on a particular issue/process.



**Precedents:** This is a one stop source for all precedents in a particular module which is easily accessible on the homepage of each module – users no longer need to spend time searching or browsing the topics/subtopics for the precedent they need. This easy access link allows users to find exactly what they need quicker and easier.

Introducing [LexisNexis® Newsdesk](#), a media-monitoring and analytics solution that allows you to search, analyze and share competitive intelligence. Stay on top of what's being said in the media and quickly analyze search results to enhance decision making. [Learn more.](#)

Introducing [Lexis® Securities Mosaic®](#) your go-to resource for critical Securities and Capital Markets intelligence. You'll find a unique blend of timely and historical SEDAR and SEC filings and information, plus the analytical tools you need to quickly compile the clearest picture of evolving and developing compliance, transactional, disclosure and regulatory activity. [Learn more.](#)

Introducing [Lexis Diligence®](#), an easy-to-use online due-diligence tool that you can access—anytime, anywhere—to search multiple databases from a single interface, helping you to quickly and efficiently build a 360-view of companies and individuals. [Learn more.](#)

We will be demoing all of our products at CALL, so swing by our booth to see how they will fit into your realm.

### **Join Us at CALL**

As the premier sponsor at CALL this year, we will be hosting a Breakfast Demo Session on Tuesday, 17th June 2016 between 7:30-8:30am at the venue hall Salon DE. Join us as we unveil our newest products for your library!

## News from Thomson Reuters

Luisa Moncada, Marketing Manager



**THOMSON REUTERS LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE CALL 2016 CONFERENCE.**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR MANY PRODUCT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

### **BREAKFAST**

Join us for a hot breakfast and find out what's new at Thomson Reuters:  
Monday, May 16 • 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. • Salon DE

### **LUNCH**

Please join us at for an elegant lunch, a presentation of awards, and an entertaining keynote from **Catherine Rose of the Vancouver Police Museum**, where you'll have a chance to learn more about Vancouver's "Sins of the City."  
Monday, May 16 • 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. • Salon DE

### **BREAKS**

Join us at each conference break to learn more about our products. Stay for a demo and receive a free gift, and enter to win fabulous Daily Draw Prizes.

Sunday Afternoon Break – **Taxnet Pro**  
Monday Morning Break – **WestlawNext Canada**  
Monday Afternoon Break – **ProView**  
Tuesday Morning – **Practical Law Canada**  
Tuesday Afternoon – **Transactional Law Solutions**

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## Spring Programming Review

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The first seminar of 2016 was held on Tuesday, March 29th at Blakes. The well-received session, titled "Fast Track Update on Tools for Client Monitoring & Current Awareness", was fast track style where speakers **Debbie Millward**, **Marnie Bailey**, **Alexandria Everitt**, and **Sarah Richmond** captured different perspectives on topics such as business-intelligence alerts, legislation, caselaw monitoring, news sources & blogs, and creating dynamic intranet pages.

Most recently, Bull, Housser & Tupper LLP generously hosted a coffee morning at their new office location. VALL members were invited to meet and mingle over morning coffee, tea, and pastries on Tuesday, April 5th. It was a great way for members to say hi or meet new faces in a beautiful and friendly setting.

Our next seminar will be June 22nd – keep an eye out for registration details:

**A chat over the professional fence: embeddedness & evidence as common concepts in law and medical libraries.**

Abstract: law librarians and medical librarians work within dynamic information environments that require good communication skills, a reliance on precedence and evidence and working closely with constituents. Models of embeddedness are seen throughout librarianship but law and medical librarians, as information specialists working closely with their clientele, can share innovative practices and approaches in providing information services. This session will focus on medical and law environments and their commonalities/differences; professional clientele, fast timelines, complex technical information structures, pressures to provide information to the public, and high stakes evidence. There are great opportunities to share strategies across sectors.

**Dean Giustini** and **Sarah Sutherland** will initiate a discussion about how special librarians in law and medicine can adapt novel models of practice, and seize opportunities to work closely with client communities. An early view of what strategies have worked to change the dynamic of how information is integrated into the library's mission will be started.

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## Upcoming Conferences

Save the date for these upcoming 2016 annual conferences!

### CALL

This year's [conference](#) will be held right here in Rain City, from May 15 to 18<sup>th</sup>. VALL is happy to be involved with the conference, and invite all members to try and attend.

### SLA

The [2016 Annual Conference](#) will be held June 12-14 in the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia.

### AALL

The [109<sup>th</sup> AALL annual meeting and conference](#) will be held July 16-19 in Chicago, the Windy City.

If you are going to any of these conferences, please consider writing a review for the summer issue of the VALL Review! Contact Alexandria and Taryn at [vallreview@gmail.com](mailto:vallreview@gmail.com).

### VALL Review Newsletter Article Content Submission Guidelines

Please take a look at the guidelines below and contact the *VALL Review* Editors if you have any further questions. You do not have to be a VALL member to write for us. Anyone is welcome to contribute to the *VALL Review* as long as you meet the guidelines below. Thanks for your support and interest!

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- To provide short news and articles on library information and knowledge management developments of interest to VALL members with a priority focus on legal information and related issues concerning the legal sector.
- To highlight resources of interest to VALL which would be useful to the legal community and for professional library staff development.

**Authors** are advised to submit their draft articles that meet the minimal criteria:

- 1) In Microsoft Word, plain text or RTF.
- 2) Maximum of up to 800 words for full articles.
- 3) Single spaced with paragraphs.
- 4) Functional URLs and corresponding footnote bibliographic information for further reading.
- 5) Identification of author, their official position title and parent organization.

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