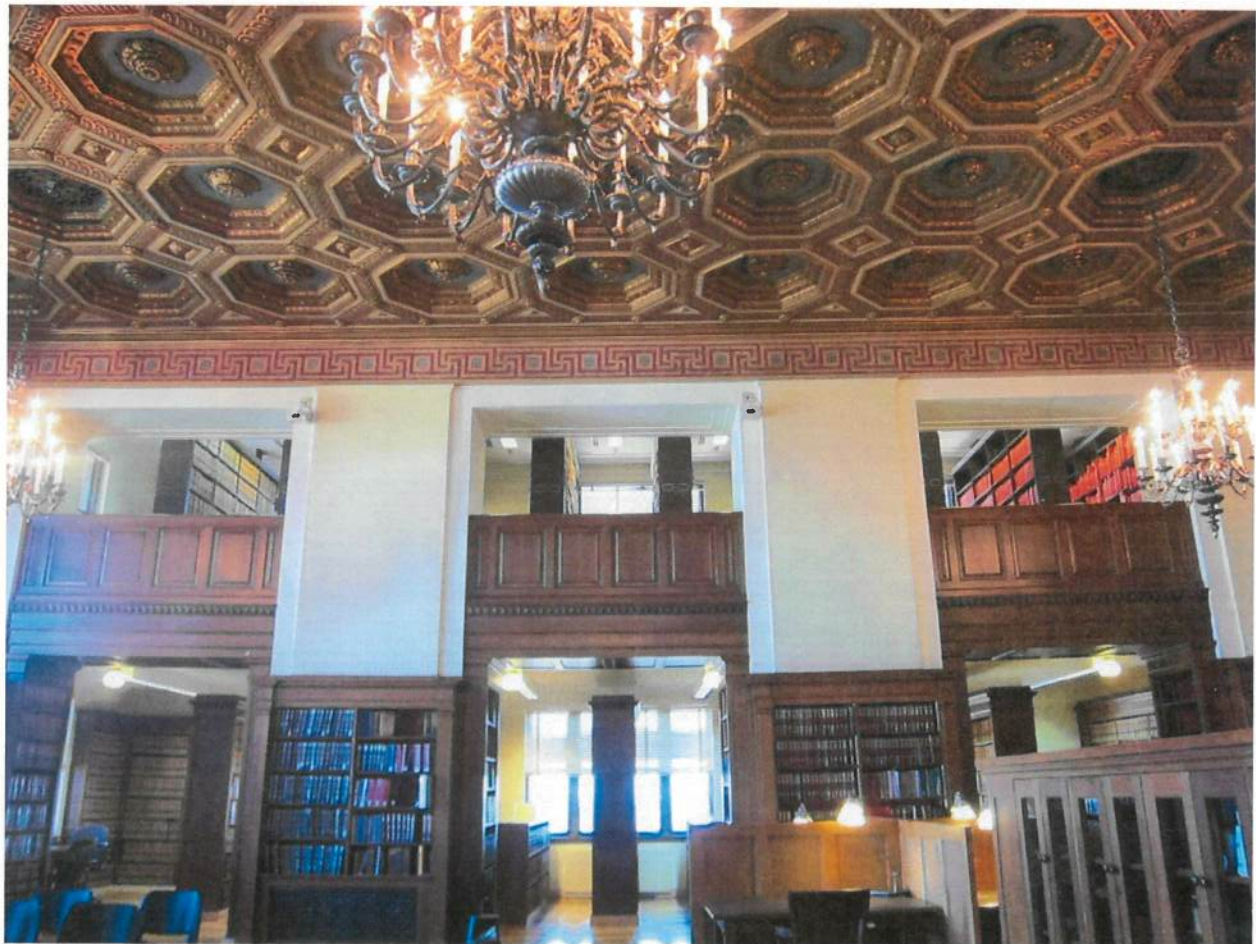


ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS

It is the mission of the Law Library Association of St. Louis to operate a Law Library in the Civil Courts Building to provide legal research materials, education, support services and facilities to the bench, bar, its members and the public. The Law Library provides support to other law libraries in the region by acting as a repository of legal materials not otherwise available or accessible. The Law Library strives to acquire, develop and maintain a collection of legal research materials and to offer educational services to meet the needs of our diverse patron community.

VISION AND VALUES STATEMENT FOR THE LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS

LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION VISION STATEMENT:

The Law Library Association of St. Louis—where members of the bench, bar and public come to be educated in the law and law-related topics.

LAW LIBRARY ASSOCIATION VALUES STATEMENT:

Excellence: Maintain the highest level of legal resources, print and digital

Expertise: Provide the highest level of service to all users

Innovation: We continue to explore new ways of doing things better

Community: Provide opportunities for people to meet, learn and network to exchange ideas

Collaboration: Work with community partners to accomplish goals based on common missions

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REMARKS FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

As we close out the year 2023, the Law Library had some major accomplishments to celebrate. While some challenges that originated with the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic remain, the Law Library is holding its own. We continue to offer popular presentations, to host exhibits and to provide needed programs and resources to our diverse patron base. Our outreach to the general community continues.

Some accomplishments of 2023 include:

- Our Legally Reading book discussion group continues to be popular and attract new members. Holding these discussions remotely had led to participation by those from all corners of the St. Louis region and beyond. The FY 2022-23 marks the sixth year of this collaboration with Saint Louis Public Library. This year we also held a book discussion featuring the authors/editors of one of the books selected.
- Our second exhibit, *The Faces of Dred Scott*, was extremely popular and well-received. The opening event, featuring Lynne M. Jackson of the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation and Judge David Mason, was sold out. We also hosted a school group and other individual visitors during the run of the exhibit.
- There are now 19 interview highlights of retired judges and jurists up on the Judicial Legacy Page of the library website. Additional donors have been secured for this important project, including the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis and the Women Lawyers' Association of Greater St. Louis.
- The Law Library received a grant from the Saint Louis Bar Foundation to support and expand upon our access to justice work. In awarding the grant, the Saint Louis Bar Foundation praised the library for its "outstanding efforts and commitment to providing legal research and educational services to members of the bench, bar and to the general public."
- The Law Library saw a large increase in the number of memberships, including more memberships from medium and large size law firms. In addition, the Law Library's first ever end-of-year direct mail fundraising campaign was very successful. The combination of aggressive efforts to increase memberships and our direct mail campaign to attract new donors and sponsorships lead to additional income of close to \$30,000.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Law Library Association. We successfully are meeting the challenges and opportunities of this time and providing high level services and resources to members of the Bench, Bar and general public.

Gail Wechsler, JD, MLS Library Director



SOME 2023 TESTIMONIALS ABOUT THE LIBRARY—

General Testimonials from CLE Attendees:

“Many thanks again for the great CLE programs offered by the Law Library Association!”

“Keep up the good work. I am enjoying learning from these presentations.”

“Your programming is WONDERFUL! I wish I had known about the Law Library years ago. Please keep up the great work!”

About the March Family Law Program:

“Excellent program. [The presenter] did a fabulous job on this very complicated subject.”

“Excellent job by the speaker-very knowledgeable.”

About the June Program on Ethics:

“This was a very interesting CLE.”

“Michael Downey is an excellent presenter.”

About the September Program previewing the US Supreme Court Term:

“This has been an excellent presentation.”

“Thank you for hosting such an interesting program.”

About the Faces of Dred Scott exhibit and opening event:

“Thank you so much for allowing me to bring my 6 year old Granddaughter to the opening. She really enjoyed herself and got an education. The event was fantastic!”

“This exhibit is a must-see. It will make you rethink the role this pivotal American has had on our views of freedom.”

“The March 7 [opening event] was terrific. This is such inspiring information and exhibits [like this] are so accessible!”

Testimonials our book discussion group:

“Thank you for all you do to promote awareness and knowledge [through the book club].”

“I am so enjoying this good read. I can relate to some of the issues this author addresses [about Just Pursuit]. Big acknowledgments to those who've put this group together.”

NEW MEMBERS IN FY 2022-23 (total new members) –14 individuals; 203 + from law firm memberships

NAME	DATE	NEW or REINSTATEMENT
Laura Stith	10/10/22	New
James Wright	11/01/22	New
James Fenderlman	11/03/22	Reinstate
Gray Ritter Gray law firm	11/22/22	New-13 attorneys
Kevin Hawkins	12/20/22	New
Kistner Hamilton law firm	12/28/22	New-5 attorneys
Nancy Mogab	12/28/22	Reinstate
Dowd Bennett law firm	12/29/22	New-37 attorneys
Thompson Coburn law firm	01/03/23	New-over 81 attorneys
Ashley Moore	01/06/23	New
Andrew Eastman	01/17/23	New
Michael-John Voss	02/01/23	New
Stranch Jennings law firm	02/10/23	New-4 attorneys
Celestine Dotson	03/01/23	New

Schlichter Bogard law firm	03/21/23	New-24 attorneys
Dowd and Dowd	03/29/23	New-10 attorneys
Stephen Davis	04/06/23	New
Anam Khan	05/23/23	New
Nick Strauss	06/09/23	New
Timothy Spaulding	07/06/23	New
Onder law firm	08/23/23	Reinstate-29 attorneys
Thomas Connelly	09/05/23	New

TOTAL NUMBER OF CURRENT MEMBERS for 2022-23 Fiscal Year:

Approximately 674, including 400 from Thompson Coburn firm and 60 from HeplerBroom firm

OVERVIEW OF NUMBER OF NEW VOLUMES AT THE LAW LIBRARY: NEED TO UPDATE THIS PART

The volumes added to the Law Library's collection during the FY22-23 included:

Encyclopedias: 15

Reporters: 127

Treatises: 183

Statutes: 74

Directories and Digests: 26

In addition, the Library subscribed to the following databases: Westlaw Next, HeinOnline, LLMC Digital and DocketBird.

FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURERS REPORT (ATTACHED)

RECAP OF CLE PROGRAMS: All programs virtual in 22-23 other than the March 2023 program

The following continuing legal education programs were offered during the FY 22-23:

October 2022: Proving Employment Discrimination in a Post Bostock World

November 2022: The Life, Times and Freedom Suits of Dred and Harriet Scott

December 2022: Estate Planning Basics and Updates

January 2023: PowerPoint Advanced Techniques for Legal Professionals: Maximize Your Impact with a Jury

February 2023: Missouri Bond Rules and the 22nd Circuit's division 16b Processes

March 2023: Changes in Missouri's Order of Protection Law

April 2023: Empathy Informed Representation

May 2023: Westlaw Practical Law Tips and Tricks

June 2023: Annual Legal Ethics Update

September 2023: Preview of the 2023-24 U.S. Supreme Court Term

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Below is a list of the donations received from September 1, 2022 through the end of our 2022-23 Fiscal Year. Please accept our apologies for any errors or omissions from this list.

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