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From the Director

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

John F. Kennedy

In this issue, we bid a fond farewell to *Loquitur*. Former State Law Librarian Marvin Anderson introduced *Loquitur* in October 1983, as the “Library’s official voice.” Today our [website](#) serves that function. We preserve our past in *Loquitur* but look to the future with a new publication in January. The articles in this issue of *Loquitur* discussing them—a longer article looking back on *Loquitur* and a short article looking ahead to *Briefs...From Your State Law Library*—emulate one major difference between the two publications. In this fast-paced world, it is truly a service to be brief.

New staff has recently brought an infusion of new skills to the State Law Library.

Randi Madisen joined the staff as Head of Public and Electronic Services. She previously served as Web Services Manager for the Legislative Reference Library and brings a wealth of experience to the Law Library. Sheri Huppert is the new Public Services Assistant. She has many years of experience as a paralegal and recently completed her library degree through the College of St. Catherine. Daniel Lunde, Head of Outreach Services and Library Development, is enjoying new challenges as supervisor to the Law Library Services to Prisoners program.

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From the Director (continued)

But perhaps the biggest change (and challenge) for us—after 155 years of manual serials check-in—we have gone online! For our Technical Services department, this means better control. For the public, this means you can tell from your desktop when a law review issue has arrived in the Library by looking at our online catalog.

Yes, change is constant and also an opportunity to provide better services to you. Your comments and suggestions are always

welcome. Please enjoy this last issue of *Loquitur* and look forward to something new next year.

Barbara Golden
Minnesota State Law Librarian



Briefs...From Your State Law Library *Randi Madisen* Head of Public and Electronic Services

Everything moves faster today, and the Law Library needs to be nimble to keep up with new publications, new technology, and new developments in law. That's why we're replacing our venerable *Loquitur* with a nimble newsletter to be delivered by email once each month. Aptly named, "Briefs... From Your State Law Library," the intent is to have one brief article per month highlighting new or existing Law Library services for court employees. We hope to make Library service seamless—whether you work in the Judicial Center or in a district court. Look for the first issue in January to be delivered court wide.

***Loquitur* – A Historical Reminiscence by a Long-Time Editor**

Daniel Lunde
Editor of Loquitur

I first became editor of *Loquitur* in 1984. The newsletter for the State Law Library began publication in October 1983, and I assumed responsibility for it with the first issue of volume 2. Except for a limited time while I was on a medical leave, I have been the editor or co-editor ever since. I am also the co-editor of this—the last issue of *Loquitur*, volume 19. Over the course of these twenty years of publication, I feel like *Loquitur* has gone from a horse-drawn buggy to a fast sleek car—at least in terms of production, which is what this article is all about.

Naomi Reed, the first editor, produced the first few issues (all of volume 1) on an IBM Selectric typewriter. With my editorship and volume 2, the production of *Loquitur* took a big leap forward. The Library had just acquired our first computer—a Texas Instruments PC—that had ten megabytes of storage. The black-background screen on the monitor had only one color type: amber. Even so, we were proud of this computer, which, by the way, we still use to create book labels. The Library purchased a rolling computer table and assigned one-hour time periods in which you could roll it into your office and use it for your designated time-period. Those days, of course, were still the days

of DOS, and nothing appeared on the screen, as it would print out. For each article, I would either type it in myself or modify an existing file written by another staff member. Once all the text was entered, proofed and formatted, I would print the results and get out my ruler, rubber cement and scissors.

Now the hard part began: the mockup. I'd cut everything down to size, open the rubber cement and carefully glue each article onto the mockup. Everything was carefully planned: the number of pages, the location of each article, and the graphics and the photos to be used. I even started a file of graphics from newspapers and magazines that could be used in *Loquitur*. A good graphic image and some white-out or white-out tape could really create a nice-looking newsletter! All of the content had to fit in the predetermined number of pages, and if it didn't, I needed to make adjustments—which would, of course, change all of the following pages.



Once I had cut and pasted all the items on the mockup pages, I'd proceed to "publish" it. This entailed using 11 X 17 inch colored paper of 80-pound stock. I'd load the paper into our Ricoh wet-toner copier and start copying the mockup. Of course, to print it properly, I'd need to turn the paper over and run it through again so

there would be text on both sides of the paper. I'd also need to make sure that the pages would collate properly when the paper was folded. Thus, one of the mockup sheets might include pages two and seven or the cover and the last page. As I said, everything needed to be planned perfectly or the whole issue would end up wrong.

The paper would often misfeed, as I stood diligently near the copier so as not to destroy my pages, which had already been printed on one side. This was the most hair-raising part of production. Once all the pages were printed, they would be assembled, collated and folded. The last step was the mailing, and once that was done—another issue completed!

Of course, all of this changed dramatically over the years. With Microsoft Windows and newer versions of WordPerfect and Word, the layout and mockup became easier and easier. Soon, the scissors and rubber cement were a thing of the past. The computer could easily do everything: layout, graphics, photos and even hyperlinks, which could be clicked to retrieve pertinent websites and publications. We began to use a professional printer so my days spent hunched over the copier were over. A few volumes back we even discontinued print copies entirely, and we made *Loquitur* available exclusively on the Internet.

Editing and publishing *Loquitur* over the years has been frustrating at times (remember those pesky misfeeds), but it was also fun and educational. The newsletter

serves as a good overview of the changes and growth of the Minnesota State Law Library during the past two decades. I'll miss it.

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Special thanks go out to **Naomi Reed**, who edited all of volume 1, and to **Karen Westwood** and **Elizabeth Tuckwood** who served as co-editors for volumes 16 and 17. For volumes 2 through 15, I was sole editor and producer of *Loquitur* (for better or worse), as well as co-editor for volumes 18 and 19.

Beginning with volume 16, *Loquitur* ceased publication in print and became exclusively an online newsletter. Since that time, Elizabeth Tuckwood has been co-editor and completely responsible for the layout and formatting of each issue. Without her expertise, *Loquitur* would be a lesser publication.



WHAT'S UP DOCS?

News from the Government Documents World at MSLL

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Then and Now

While preparing to write this final *What's Up Docs?* column, I took a long cyber-walk through the web pages maintained by the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). These include *GPO Access*, the first step in finding official information disseminated by the government online, as well as the wonderful assemblages of websites containing information necessary to administer depository library collections. I use the GPO websites regularly, but taking time to re-visit the entire range of sites helped me appreciate the enormity of access to government information and the distance traveled by the GPO since I began working with the depository collection at the State Law Library in 1987.

[*GPO Access*](#) is now ten years old! It says so right on the homepage: "Celebrating 10 Years of Keeping America Informed." In the beginning, there was clumsy access to the database, which was of limited scope. Then there were the S-WAIS and WAIS

products. Telnet was a big deal for getting information from point A to point B. With the creation of the World Wide Web, however, and the Netscape and Internet Explorer browsers, the GPO became a leader in electronic information dissemination.

When I began working with the depository program, all our documents were in paper or microfiche. Both formats remain vital and necessary today, especially in a law library. The shipping lists, the manifests of titles in each box received, were typed by hand and photocopied. And there was nary a computer at the Government Printing Office, except for the ones used by catalogers. I remember attending the very first Government Publications Conference for Minnesota and South Dakota depository libraries at the University of Minnesota in spring 1988. One of the speakers was from the Census Bureau in Kansas City. He brought with him a prototype of census data for the 1990 census. It was on CD-ROM and seemed very foreign and "cutting edge" at the time. Some of us were actually a little scared by it. This new technology meant having to purchase or upgrade computers for public use in our libraries and learn how to install the data and then use it! Soon, other agencies issued information in CD-ROM format, as they still do. Then, one day the shipping lists were computer-generated, and it was off to the 21st Century we went.

Being a depository library requires compliance with federal regulations and rules and practices established by the GPO. When I

came to the Law Library, I had to learn how to use a variety of manuals - several of them big, thick ones that had to be updated by new chapters sent out for insertion into the notebooks. A library could be found “delinquent” by GPO inspectors for not having the primary handbook up-to-date (but it never happened here).

I don't miss those days of managing all that paper. Now, I just click on the [FDLP Desktop](#). There I find my neat and tidy space-saving *Federal Depository Library Manual* and other information critical to depository library management. I also find out what's new with electronic documents, how to locate government information in general, and a wealth of other materials. I was struck by these following paragraphs describing the Federal Depository Library Program.

“For more than 140 years, The Government Printing Office (GPO) has kept America informed by producing and distributing Federal government information products. GPO combines conventional technology with state-of-the-art methods whether providing public access to Government information online, or producing or procuring printed publications that serve the information needs of the U.S. Congress, Federal agencies and the American public.

“Through the **Superintendent of Documents** programs, GPO disseminates the largest volume of U.S. government publications and information in the world.

“The mission of the FDLP is to disseminate information products from all three branches of the Government to nearly 1,300 libraries nationwide. Libraries that have been designated as Federal depositories maintain these information products as part of their existing collections and are responsible for assuring that the public has free access to the material provided by the FDLP.

“Authorized by Title 44, U.S.C., the FDLP and the **Cataloging and Indexing Program**, which produces the Monthly Catalog of the United States, are administered by the **Library Programs Service** (LPS). Out of a total GPO work force of more than 3,200, LPS has slightly more than 100 employees.”

History buffs might sit up and notice. The Government Printing Office opened on the inauguration day of Abraham Lincoln. Its history parallels that of the nation, including such issues as worker safety, changes in printing, the age of electricity, the invention of the automobile, and the labor and women's movements. Take a look at the [history of the FDLP](#) for some interesting reading.

What amazes me most is that only about one hundred people are able to acquire, classify, convert format, and catalog government publications, as well as receive them from the agencies, prepare shipments, physically distribute the publications to all the depository libraries, and fill claims. That's a lean crew for the amount of information going out to a sig-

nificant number of libraries. Hats off to them!

Living in Interesting Times

2004 has been an especially interesting year for depository libraries and the GPO. In my previous *Loquitur* article, I mentioned a federal agency's interest in removing some of its publications from public access. Soon after the newsletter went out, the U.S. Department of Justice ordered the GPO to require depository libraries to pull and destroy five titles from their shelves. These publications were deemed *for agency eyes only*. Discussion among document librarians and coverage by several newspapers soon brought the Justice Department and these specific publications to public awareness. Questions arose about censorship. The pull and destroy order was rescinded.

Who knew that the [report of the 9/11 Commission](#) would become a best seller among U.S. readers? While it was available free of charge on the Web, and most depository libraries had a copy of the official report in paper, it appeared that people wanted their own copy—purchased from a bookstore or even Wal-Mart. The *9/11 Commission Report* was even nominated for the National Book Award for non-fiction. It didn't win. Google searches can educate you about the controversy over this nomination and some interesting discussion pro and con about the report's literary merits.

Future Tripping

The press release declaims that the Government Printing Office's new publication

[A Vision for the 21st Century](#) “sets forth the agency's plan to transform itself from a 19th century, heavy-metal printing operation into a nimble 21st century digital information factory.” This plan could save taxpayer money *and* serve the public need for government information through expanded Internet access. According to Superintendent of Documents Judith Russell, “We are proposing to begin with the Federalist Papers and digitize all significant federal documents following a set of standards that will allow users to search the Web for authentic Federal information.” A toast to the future!



Fall Showcase Series Concludes Successfully

The Minnesota State Law Library completed its Showcase events for the year. Once again, we were able to present well-attended and fascinating presentations on a wide range of topics.

Rebuilding the Court System in Afghanistan – October 21: *Mark Kryzer*, a founding partner of In-sight Solutions Group, presented a slide show concerning the year he spent in Afghanistan managing the renovation of its judicial system.

Meet the Judges – November 18: The recently appointed newest member of the Minnesota Supreme Court, *Justice G. Barry Anderson*, spoke of his life and the road that led him to his current position on the Court.



Justice G. Barry Anderson.

The Landmark Forum – December 2: *Pamela Morse*, an employee of the Landmark Forum, spoke of the program's unique approach to experiencing life with a different perspective.

Historic Courthouses and Libraries in Minnesota – December 9: Photographer *Doug Ohman*, of Pioneer Photography & Services, presented another slide show concerning historically and architecturally significant county courthouses and libraries throughout Minnesota.



Human Rights Video Project Grant Awarded to the State Law Library

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The Minnesota State Law Library has received a national grant providing us with a collection of video documentaries concerning human rights (for more information about the grant program, read the information presented at the end of this article). These materials, several of which are award-winning documentaries, are available for loan from our Library. The videos in the set include the following:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<i>Behind the Labels</i>	Globalization and labor rights
<i>Bombies</i>	Landmines
<i>Books Not Bars</i>	Prison industry in the U.S.
<i>Calling the Ghosts</i>	Sexual violence in war
<i>Every Mother's Son</i>	Police brutality
<i>Going to School</i>	Disability rights/right to education
<i>Justice and the Generals</i>	Justice for torture victims
<i>Life and Debt</i>	Globalization and IMF policies
<i>Long Night's Journey into Day</i>	Post-apartheid South Africa
<i>Promises</i>	Israel/Palestine
<i>State of Denial</i>	AIDS in Africa
<i>Well-Founded Fear</i>	U.S. immigration and political asylum

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Protocol: Complete Handbook of Diplomatic, Official & Social Usage – Innis, Pauline. Washington, D.C., Devon, 2002.

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2004-2005 City Calendar of Important Dates. St. Paul, League of MN Cities.
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