

Welcome to the LA Law Library

In October 2006,
our Board adopted the following vision statement:

***The LA Law Library is the leader in providing
public access to legal information.***

In January 2007,
our Board also approved the following mission statement:

***The LA Law Library provides access to legal information
through effective, efficient and collaborative services
in order to support current and emerging user needs
in a dynamic legal environment.***

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About the Library

For 120 years, the LA Law Library has served the Los Angeles County legal community and general public. Today, the LA Law Library is a global leader in providing state-of-the-art legal research and services. With nearly one million volume equivalents of Federal and State materials, a comprehensive California collection and one of the nation's largest foreign and international law collections, the LA Law Library is the second largest public law library in the United States.

Executive Director - Marcia J Koslov

Ms. Koslov's previous positions include Deputy Director, University of Texas Law Library; Director of Knowledge Management, National Center for State Courts (NCSC); Wisconsin State Law Librarian; and Missouri Supreme Court Librarian. Ms. Koslov holds an MLS from the University of Missouri and is a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management, NCSC. Active in local and national organizations, she is a frequent speaker at meetings, seminars and conferences.

Authority

California Business and Professions Code section 6300 et seq establishes a Board of Trustees and authorizes them to govern the Los Angeles County Law Library, DBA LA Law Library, as an independent public agency. Although a county entity in name, it is part of neither state nor local government.

The Board of Trustees of the LA Law Library consists of five Superior Court Judges elected by the Judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court and two attorneys appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Funding

The LA Law Library is not tax supported. Nearly 88% of its funding comes from Los Angeles Superior Court litigation filing fees (\$24 for each litigant's initial filing.) Additional revenue sources include library services and programs and the Friends of the Los Angeles County Law Library.

Services

Reference, research, document delivery, e-delivery, circulation services, public computers, WiFi availability, copy center, fax, Email and real time live librarian web chat, training center, conference and office space are among the many services available at the LA Law Library.

Programs and Training

The LA Law Library offers a variety of legal research training classes and outreach programs including the Member Program, open to all members of the State Bar of California.

Statistics

Annually, the LA Law Library serves over 80,000 people, including telephone and in-person requests for service and produces over one million copies, faxes and E-deliveries combined for the self-represented to members of the legal community. Over 450,000 visits to our website yearly, from both national and international visitors, we are a global leader in providing state-of-the-art legal research. In addition to the Mildred L Lillie Main Library building located in downtown Los Angeles are the following branch and partner locations:

Branch Locations

- Long Beach
- Norwalk
- Pomona
- Santa Monica
- Torrance

Partner Locations

- Compton Public Library
- Lancaster Regional Library
- Pasadena Public Library
- Van Nuys Public Library



Board of Trustees

Susan Steinhauser, Esq.

President, Board of Trustees

term expires

Dec 31, 2012

Ms. Steinhauser has served on the Board of Trustees since 1997 and as its President since 2002. In addition to chairing Board Meetings, Ms. Steinhauser provides leadership on general library direction and guidance on monthly agenda items. Ms. Steinhauser guided the library's search for a new Director in 2005. She helped establish the original Library's Friends group, managed the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Library's Main Building and its naming for Mildred L. Lillie, Justice, California Court of Appeals. She continues to serve as an essential link between the Friends of the LA Law Library and the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Steinhauser serves on the Library of California Board and chairs its Legislation Committee. She has a distinguished record of public service. She has served as President of the Los Angeles City Fire and Police Pension System Board. She is the founding Co-Chair and Past President of the Los Angeles Women's Appointment Collaboration, a non-partisan coalition that supports women seeking appointed office. She has lectured widely on the appointment process. She is also a Charter Founder of the Los Angeles Women's Foundation and an active member of Women Lawyers of Los Angeles. Ms. Steinhauser is a strong supporter of education and the arts.

Hon. Jan Pluim

Vice President, Board of Trustees

term expires

Dec 31, 2012

Judge Pluim was appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 1991. Prior to his appointment in 1991, Pluim served as principal deputy county counsel, specializing in litigation. He also acted as a legal advisor to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Retirement Association.

In addition to serving as a library trustee, Pluim is a member of the California Judges Association.

Hon. Reva Goetz

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

term expires

Dec 31, 2015

Judge Goetz was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court on February 18, 2010. Prior to her appointment to the Superior Court, Judge Goetz served as a Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner from 2000 until 2010. Judge Goetz was a Municipal Court Commissioner, elected by judges of the Municipal Court in 1991; prosecutor in the Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney's office major fraud unit from 1984-1991 and a sole practitioner, Los Angeles, from 1983-1984.

Judge Goetz earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Whittier School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Board of Trustees

Hon. Ann I. Jones

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

term expires

Dec 31, 2014

Judge Jones was appointed to the Superior Court in October, 2001. She currently presides over complex civil matters at the Central Civil West Courthouse. Prior to her appointment to the Superior Court, Judge Jones served as a United State Magistrate Judge for the Central District of California (1997-2001).

Following graduation from UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law and a federal clerk appointment to the Hon. Eugene Lynch, Judge Jones was first an associate and later a partner at Blecher & Collins, a private firm specializing in complex antitrust, intellectual property and other commercial litigation. She has been an adjunct Professor of Antitrust Law at both Loyola Marymount University, School of Law and Pepperdine University, School of Law.

Hon. Mark A. Juhas

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

term expires

Dec 31, 2015

Judge Juhas earned his law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law in Tacoma, Washington which was later acquired by Seattle University. He was a clerk for a firm in Tacoma then became a personal-injury defense attorney for the Los Angeles firm Harrington, Foxx, Dubrow and Cantor. He was an associate when he started in 1979 and became a partner in 1985. He worked there until being appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court in 2002.

Kenneth Klein, Esq.

Hogan Lovell

term expires

Dec 31, 2011

Mr. Klein joined the Los Angeles office of Hogan & Lovell in 1991. As a trial lawyer specializing in complex business litigation, Mr. Klein has served as lead counsel in a wide range of cases in both federal and state courts. Previously, he was a partner at Riordan & McKinzie, where he chaired its litigation department.

Mr. Klein writes frequently for the *Los Angeles Daily Journal* on litigation and trial techniques.

Hon. Luis A. Lavin

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

term expires

Dec 31, 2015

Judge Lavin was appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 2001. Prior to his appointment, Judge Lavin was the director of enforcement and general counsel of the Los Angeles Ethics Commission from 1999-2001; trial attorney for the US Department of Justice, civil rights division from 1995-1999; associate general counsel for the Director's Guild of America from 1992-1995. He worked in the Massachusetts attorney general's office as a trial attorney from 1990-1992 and was in private practice in San Francisco and Boston from 1985 thru 1990. Judge Lavin received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1981.



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Team Structure

- Library Services Team
- Administrative Services Team
- Information Services Team

