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## Charles R. Dyer Consultant to Court Systems and Law Libraries

### Specialties

- Preparing institutions for service to self-represented litigants.
- Educating the justice community in legislative advocacy.
- Resource gathering and planning: including capital projects, grants and foundations, law library administration.
- Research and development on language access issues, with particular specialities in applied cultural linguistics, cognitive science, and neuroscience developments.

### Employment Positions

*Consultant to Court Systems and Law Libraries, 2005-*

Since November 2010, I have served as the Program Manager, Pro Se Project, Washington State Access to Justice Board. Consultantships prior to that included presenting workshops to court and law library employees serving self represented litigants, strategic planning for public law libraries, presenting workshops on messaging to legislative advocates, and volunteer service to the Self Represented Litigation Network, the National Center for State Courts, the California Administrative Office of the Courts, and others, as a faculty member at their conferences.

*Director of Libraries and Secretary to the Board, San Diego County Public Law Library, and Executive Director, Law Library Justice Foundation of San Diego County, 1987-2005.*

As of 2005, the San Diego County Public Law Library had an annual budget of \$3 million; 32 full-time and 17 part-time staff; a Main Library and three branches; over 340,000 volumes; and over 365,000 patrons per year, including 100,000 self-represented litigants. It serves the 2.8 million people of the County of San Diego, including 11,500 attorneys and 180 judges. It is a special district government. I was its chief administrative officer, secretary to the board, and legislative advocate. We also had a charitable foundation, for which I was executive director. SDCPLL won the Distinguished Organization Award from the San Diego County Bar Association for 2004. SDCPLL averaged about \$100,000 per year in grants for programs and operations, and considerably more for several large capital projects.

*Law Librarian, Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 1977-87.*  
Director of the library, professor teaching legal research & writing and seminars on social policy issues.

*Associate Law Librarian, Assistant Professor of Law, St. Louis Univ. School of Law, 1975-77.*

### Education/Licenses

Bachelor of Arts, 1969, major in philosophy, minor in mathematics, University of Texas at Austin.  
Master of Arts, 1971, philosophy, Northwestern University Graduate School, Evanston, IL.  
Juris Doctor, 1974, University of Texas at Austin School of Law.  
Master of Library Science, 1975, University of Texas at Austin Graduate School.  
State Bar of Texas, admitted, 1974.

### **Professional Organization Officer Positions (very selected)**

Editor, *Law Library Journal*, American Assn. of Law Libraries (AALL), 1981-84.  
Newsletter Editor, Council of California County Law Librarians, 1988-98; President, 1998-2000, Chair, Legislation Committee, 2000-02.  
Chair, Subcommittee on Recommendations, AALL Special Task Force on the Renaissance of Law Librarianship in the Information Age, 1994-96.  
Chair, Subcommittee on Permanent Funding, AALL Task Force on New Funding Opportunities for Public Law Libraries, 1997-2000.  
Member, Self Represented Litigation Network, 2006-, serving on its Research Working Group; Information, Outreach, and Marketing Working Group, Law Librarians Working Group (chair, 2006-10), & Compliance Working Group,  
Official Representative from the AALL to the SRLN, 2007-08.

### **Awards and Honors (very selected)**

Exceptional Service Award, presented by the San Diego County Bar Association, 1990, for legislative activities on behalf of California county law libraries.  
Connie Bolden Publication Award, State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1996, for work as Chief Editor and Compiler of the *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees* (AALL Publ. #45, 1994).  
Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, presented by the American Association of Law Libraries, 2005. This lifetime achievement award is the highest award given by the Association.  
Bernard E. Witkin, Esq., Award, presented by the Law Library Justice Foundation of San Diego County, 2005. This award is given for distinguished service to the San Diego legal community in the education, adjudication, litigation and legislation of the law. It is a lifetime achievement award.  
Lexis-Nexis Call for Papers Award, Open Division, 2006, presented by the American Association of Law Libraries, for my paper, "The Queen of Chula Vista: Stories of Self-Represented Litigants and a Call for Using the Cognitive Theory of Metaphor to Work With Them."  
Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 2009.

### **Professional Memberships (selected)**

State Bar of Texas, 1974-. American Association of Law Libraries, 1974-. Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 1974-87. Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 1987-2005. Council of California County Law Librarians, 1987-2005. California Conference of County Law Library Trustees and Librarians, 1987-2005. American Library Association, 1988-2005. Library Information and Technology Association, 1988-2005. San Diego County Bar Association, 1988-2005. Membership-Subscription Law Libraries Round Table, 1989-2005. Public Library Association, 1990-2005. California Library Association, 1990-2005. San Diego Area Law Librarians, 1998-2005. Law Libraries of Puget Sound, 2006-. Self-Represented Litigation Network, 2006-. International Cognitive Linguistics Association, 2007-.

### **General Information**

I have several publications, many articles, and many speeches. Please see the Publications section on my website. For a larger description of my current areas of expertise, please see the website sections on Current Research and Consulting Practice. A full curriculum vitae is also available on my website. Reference are available on request.

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