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Charles R. Dyer

Consultant to Law Libraries and Court Systems

Résumé

Specialties

- Service to self-represented litigants.
- Legislative advocacy.
- Law library administration.

Employment Positions

Consultant to Law Libraries and Court Systems, 2005-.

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

Law Librarian, Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 1977-87 (tenured in 1982).

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

Readers Services Assistant, University of Texas Tarlton Law Library, 1974-75.

Education

Bachelor of Arts degree, 1969, major in philosophy, minor in mathematics, University of Texas at Austin.

Master of Arts degree, 1971, philosophy, Northwestern University Graduate School, Evanston, IL.

Juris Doctor, 1974, University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Master of Library Science degree, 1975, University of Texas at Austin Graduate School.

Certifications

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1974.

Certified Law Librarian, 1977, American Association of Law Libraries.

Professional and Community Organization Officer Positions (selected)

Secretary, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, 1976-78.

Executive Board Member, Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Research and Writing, 1977-78.

Editor, *Law Library Journal*, the official scholarly journal of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1981-84.

Vice President, 1981-82, President, 1982-83, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL).

Corporate Secretary, Mid-America Consortium of Law School Libraries, 1984-86.

Editor, Council of California County Law Librarians newsletter, 1988-98.

Executive Board Member, Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 1991-93.

Executive Board Member, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1991-93.

Chair, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section Trustees Development Committee, 1991-93, and Chief Editor/Compiler, *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees* (AALL Publ. #45, 1994).

Member, American Association of Law Libraries Special Task Force on the Renaissance of Law Librarianship in the Information Age, and Chair of its Subcommittee on Recommendations, 1994-96.

Local Arrangements Chair, 1995 American Association of Law Libraries Winter Institute, "Teaching Legal Research," San Diego, CA.

Faculty Member, 1996 American Association of Law Libraries Winter Institute, "Legislative Lobbying for Libraries," Sacramento, CA.

Member, American Association of Law Libraries Task Force on New Funding Opportunities for Public Law Libraries, and Chair of its Subcommittee on Permanent Funding, 1997-2000.

President, Council of California County Law Librarians, 1998-2000, and Vice President, California Conference of County Law Library Trustees and Librarians, 1998-2000.

Member, Serra Cooperative Library System, Administrative Council (San Diego and Imperial Counties, CA), 1999-2005.

Member, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section Working Group on a Model Code for County Law Libraries, 1999-2002.

Member, Tierra del Sol Regional Library Network Board of Directors (Region VI, Library of California), 2000-05.

Member, Project Area Committee, Centre City Development Corporation, San Diego, CA, 2000-03.

Member, Centre City Advisory Committee, City of San Diego, 2000-03.

Chair, Legislation Committee, Council of California County Law Librarians, 2000-02.

Chair, Relocation Appeals Board, City of San Diego, 2001-2005.

Member, West Group Scholarship Advisory Board, 2001-04.

Vice Chair-Chair Elect, 2002-03; Chair, 2003-04, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section.

Chair, Law Librarians Working Group, Self Represented Litigation Network, 2006-.

Vice President, Sehome Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, Bellingham, WA, 2006-.

Member, American Association of Law Libraries Pro Bono Partners Special Committee, 2006-07.

Official Representative from the American Association of Law Libraries to the Self Represented Litigation Network, 2007-08.

Awards and Honors

Service Award, presented by the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 1983.

For work up to and culminating in my term as President.

Appreciation Award, presented by the American Association of Law Libraries, 1984.

For work as Editor of the *Law Library Journal*.

Exceptional Service Award, presented by the San Diego County Bar Association, 1990.

For legislative activities on behalf of California county law libraries.

Appreciation Award, presented by the State, Court and County Law Libraries Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1994.

For service on its board.

Connie Bolden Publication Award, presented by the 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).

William Rohan Chapter Service Award, presented by the Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 1997.

Its highest service award, for service to the Southern California Association of Law Libraries.

Exceptional Service Award, presented by the Council of California County Law Libraries, 1998.

For service as editor of its newsletter for ten years.

Service Award, presented by the San Diego Area Law Libraries, 2005.

For service to the law library community in San Diego during my eighteen years there.

Lifetime Achievement Award, Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 2005.

For service to the Association and to county law libraries.

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, for service to law librarianship and to the American Association of Law Libraries.

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.

This competitive award was given 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."

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 (invitation only), 1989-2005.
Public Library Association, 1990-2005.
California Library Association, 1990-2005.
San Diego Area Law Librarians (SANDALL), since it started in 1998, to 2005.
Law Libraries of Puget Sound, 2006-.
Self-Represented Litigation Network, 2006-.

General Information

I have several publications, many articles, and many speeches. Please see the Publications section on my website. I also taught several courses while serving as a law professor, including many years teaching legal research and writing.

For a list of my current areas of expertise, please see the website sections on Current Research and Consulting Practice.

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, and I was its chief administrative officer and secretary to the board of trustees. We also had a charitable foundation (the Law Library Justice Foundation of San Diego County) of which I was executive director and secretary to the board of trustees. SDCPLL has won the Distinguished Organization Award from the San Diego County Bar Association for 2004.

References

References are available upon request.

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Wife: Roberta (Bert) Monroe (community activist; fiction writer)
Unitarian. Play guitar; main exercises are walking and weights.

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