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Thank you so much for your work on this important project. I have been a Library Director for 30 years so I thought I should comment. Having served on that committee many years ago, I understand the process and some of the stress. As a profession we are changing so fast. I trust you will listen to us folks in the trenches. Kathy Carrick

### **Chapter Six Standards**

My comments on the Standards:

Standard 601:

It is of vital importance that a profession based on information and historical precedence have the resources on which to evolve. Teach the future lawyers while supporting current work of faculty and staff.

Standard 602:

The Law School budget and autonomy to direct appropriate growth is the main ticket here. In the future it may be easier and more economical to combine some technical elements of the Law Library with the central University – but there has to be a guarantee that our unique collections, and services are understood. The participation of the Librarian and Law Faculty are crucial. We know what we need to support our programs and the Standard stating that need needs to be maintained.

Standard 603:

This is perhaps the most sensitive standard under review. Having served as a Director for 30 years – I can attest that it is vital for the Director to have some faculty security. I personally have tenure as the Librarian, but voting rights on all appointments, issues, et c. The Director needs to be secured to present problems to Deans and Faculty who would rather dismiss the issue and save money. The Director has a responsibility to maintain the integrity of the information resources that are appropriate to the School they are serving. In reality sometimes this creates confrontational situations and the Librarian needs the intellectual protection of tenure.

I realize this is a difficult issue. Some of our colleagues have opted to force their way on to the doctrinal faculty, using their tenure credentials. I do not agree with those moves and fear that they threaten the underlying need for faculty status for Law Library Directors.

As a personal note – I am the only Library Director on my campus with faculty status /tenure and it has been questioned by the University President once when I asked him a difficult question at a committee meeting. Early in my career , a mentor from Buffalo told me that was why I was tenured – I could ask the difficult question. The president didn't like the question, my dean didn't like my asking it, but I am still here and they aren't. Good/Bad – but you have to give professionals the strength and support to do what they have to for the School.

Standard 604:

Personally I feel that personnel are the greatest resource that a Library provides to faculty and staff.

Standard 605 :

Speaks for itself except for evaluation and outcome. We have historically, as the schools - been unable to identify how to evaluate services. The Interpretation 605-1 seems to cover the possibilities. We need to make sure that our required statistics adequately gather the quantifiable information.

Standard 606:

The only consideration I have here is that it is conceivable to create an on-line library. That will be tempting, especially for start up schools. But training, appreciation of material and the need for monographs might be able to be minimized. Law has always been based on precedence and the written word – I recognize the benefit of flexibility and the reality of the on-line offerings. Just a thought from a book lover.