Welcome to the Summer 2016 issue of Public Interest Law and Policy Update, informing you about activities throughout our department. While learning more about your colleagues’ accomplishments and plans, you also may find specific items applicable to your work. See inside for all of our news.

In this issue, we profile an ABA member dedicating time and energy to the public interest. Roberta I. Shaffer is the Law Librarian of Congress, working closely with the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress. We invite you to read about her work and her thoughts on her public interest law career.

As you know, the Division curates the web portal for public interest lawyers on the ABA web site. This portal appears alongside those for military lawyers, solo practitioners, and other legal communities. Enter the ABA site through this portal to gain immediate access to information about job openings, dues discounts, relevant ABA programs, publications, awards, internships, and more across the Association. The portal also incorporates our public interest law links organized by subject matter. Visit the web portal at http://ambar.org/publicinterest or click on the link at the bottom of every ABA web page.

Education, tips, and career guidance are important to our members no matter the career stage or setting. In our effort to both provide and highlight content and services useful to public interest lawyers, we continue to partner with the ABA’s Center on Professional Development to sponsor and cosponsor webinars of interest to public interest lawyers. Through this partnership, all members of our Division’s committees, commissions, and task forces become eligible for either free or greatly reduced registration rates. Please see the program listings in our Calendar on pages 5-6 and visit our web home page or the ABA public interest law portal for new offerings.

Connect with us online to contribute to discussions and learn about developments in “real time.” Connect with us on LinkedIn, Friend us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter. Through these social media sites, we also can publicize your events, publications and other news. Join the conversations!

In addition to informing you about initiatives undertaken by fellow members, we offer this e-newsletter as a vehicle for two-way communication. We invite your contributions, including announcements, links to blogs, and other material that you believe will be of interest to your Division colleagues. We also welcome feedback on the kinds of information and format that you find most interesting and useful so that we can better serve your needs and interests.

The ABA home page is http://www.americanbar.org. Visit the Division at http://ambar.org/publicservices. Our web site also serves as an additional entry point to the web sites of your respective ABA groups.

Sincerely,
Elissa C. Lichtenstein, Director
In cooperation with the Center for Professional Development, as a part of its public interest law initiative the Division hosted a June 28 webinar, “Legal and Ethical Crowdfunding for Non-Profits: Opportunities, Pitfalls, and Best Practices.” Those who missed the webinar and would like to listen to it online may order the on-demand CLE from ShopABA.

The Special Committee on Bioethics and the Law gave a presentation, The Past, Present and Future of Informed Consent: Report on the Town Hall Meetings Process, at the Annual Health Law Professor’s Conference of the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics on June 3 in Boston, MA. Special Committee Director Elizabeth M. Yang moderated the panel, which featured remarks by attendees of the Committee’s past Town Halls on Informed Consent (occurring from October 2014 to September 2015). The Special Committee will continue its study of the issue at the 2016 Annual Meeting, hosting a roundtable on informed consent and capacity.

In June, the Coordinating Committee on Veterans Benefits & Services cosponsored with Army OneSource and the ABA Governmental Affairs Office a major national stakeholder summit in Washington, DC. This was the first ever gathering of stakeholders envisioning a comprehensive system to provide legal services to veterans and military personnel. The summit focused on how to build capacity and connectivity for a national legal services network aimed at improving outcomes for service members, veterans, their families, and caregivers. 170 persons participated in this invitation-only gathering, working in teams to develop recommendations for concrete action, envisioning network development from capacity to operations. For more information and resources, visit the web site.

In June, at the annual conference of AILA, the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Commission on Immigration held a meeting to discuss trends for national advocacy on unaccompanied immigrant children. Topics included ICE raids, access to counsel, SIJS (Special Immigrant Juvenile Status) issues in state court and before USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services), detention and family separation, CAM (Central American Minors) and Flores.

The Commission cosponsored “Words Matter: the U.S. Debate over Immigration, the Media, and the 2016 Election,” with the ABA Section of Civil Rights & Social Justice. Held at the National Press Club, the program attracted over 70 participants and over 130 live web viewers. The panel included Martin O’Malley, former Governor of Maryland/former Mayor of Baltimore, who spoke passionately about ending family detention and quoted recommendations from the Commission’s 2015 family detention report. A recording of the two-hour program may be viewed on the Commission’s webpage at this link.

The Standing Committee on Law and National Security joined with Baylor Law School to present a program on Capitol Hill, “Encryption Demystified: What Congress Should Consider in the Encryption Debate.” Also cosponsored by the ABA Governmental Affairs Office, the program featured Congresswoman Suzan DelBene; Raj De, former General Counsel, National Security Agency; Paul Rosenzweig, Senior Advisor, The Chertoff Group; and Daniel Silverberg, National Security Advisor to the Democratic Whip. The podcast is available here.

The Committee held a breakfast program featuring Vice Admiral James Crawford, who discussed freedom of navigation, China’s military buildup, and other security threats to unimpeded passage on the high seas for trade, fishing, and oil exploration.

The Committee has confirmed FBI Director James Comey as the Keynote speaker for an ABA Annual Meeting plenary program, “Emerging Issues in National Security and Law Enforcement,” Friday, August 5 at 4:00 pm. See page 7 for details.
The Standing Committee on Election Law has submitted a resolution with report for the 2016 Annual Meeting. The proposal urges the American Bar Association to call on state and territorial election officials to ensure that state-wide and territorial-wide ballot counting guidance is in place prior to the 2016 general election. Report with recommendations #103 may be viewed here.

ABA positions on election law matters may be found here.

ABA policy positions relating to cybersecurity may be found here.

ABA policy positions on homelessness and poverty issues are here.

To view ABA policy positions on immigration law matters, visit the Commission’s web site.

ABA policy positions relating to the Law Library of Congress may be found here.

The Division is releasing its Guide to Annual Meeting Public Interest Law Activities. This is the only single compilation of a wide range of activities – CLE and non-CLE programs, receptions, lunches, and policy proposals – of interest to the public interest law community. Copies of the Guide will be available at the Division booth in ABA EXPO and it also will be available for download from the Division’s web site by the time of the Annual Meeting.

The Commission on Homelessness and Poverty is continuing its series of community-based anti-poverty roundtable discussions in association with its multi-year anti-poverty initiative, “Collaborate to Advocate: Lawyers and Communities Working to End Poverty.” With the assistance of an ABA member at Alabama Appleseed, the Commission conducted a series of convenings in Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama in mid-April. In association with the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco in August, the Commission also will hold an anti-poverty roundtable featuring a panel presentation by the United Way of the Bay Area to learn about their successful regional effort to address poverty. Plans also are underway for the Commission (in partnership with the ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice) to hold community roundtables in conjunction with a business meeting in Oklahoma City and the Chickasaw Nation in late October.

Karen Grisez, Special Advisor and past Chair of the Commission on Immigration, was honored in June with the Edith Lowenstein Memorial Award for excellence in the advancement of immigration law. Ms. Grisez received the award at the 2016 annual AILA conference, and the Commission hosted a celebratory reception at the ABA Washington Office.

Karen Grisez receives AILA Award.
The Commission seeks pro bono lawyers, translators, and experts to assist with Commission and pro bono projects. For information about volunteer opportunities in your area, contact the Commission.

In May, the Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress, through which the ABA cosponsors the Burton Awards for Legal Achievement, was delighted to witness receipt of the Leadership in Law Award by immediate past ABA President William C. Hubbard. Mr. Hubbard was honored for his proven leadership in law on national issues and the implementation of programs of long-lasting significance; meaningful and demonstrable accomplishments that have a far-reaching impact on the profession; and a career that demonstrates leadership and vision, with a willingness to embrace new and dynamic approaches and concepts for reform. Examples included his creation of the ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services and his advocacy on behalf of immigrant minors, victims of domestic violence, and criminal justice and sentencing reform, among other initiatives. Now in its 17th year, this year’s awards gala also featured U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who presented remarks in memory of Justice Scalia, and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, who received the Book of the Year in Law Award for "THE COURT AND THE WORLD: AMERICAN LAW AND THE NEW GLOBAL REALITIES" and participated in an interview-style discussion with political commentator Bill Press. For more about the Burton Awards, visit the web site.

Moving into Phase 2 of its Magna Carta project, The Committee has formed a working group to develop Charter of the Forest initiatives. Issued in November, 1217 by King Henry III, the Charter evolved from and complements Magna Carta, focusing on the rights of “free men” to access resources found within the royal forests. The Charter is viewed as a precursor to the present-day concept of the “commons” – environmental and natural resources for all of humanity. (Interesting tidbit: Magna Carta was so dubbed in 1218 to distinguish it from the shorter Charter of the Forest document.)

The Committee works with ABA groups and Law Library of Congress staff to facilitate tours of the Law Library Madison Building and the Library of Congress Jefferson Building along with presentations of rare books from the Law Library’s collections. This can be a stimulating and educational complement to your ABA entity’s events in DC. If you are interested in this free opportunity, contact Elissa Lichtenstein at elissa.lichtenstein@americanbar.org.

ON OUR CALENDAR

- **Thursday-Friday, October 27-28, 2016**
  **NATIONAL AGING AND LAW CONFERENCE: JUSTICE FOR ELDERS**
  **Location:** Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA
  **Price:** Ranges from $395 Early Bird (until August 26) to $695 on-site; see web site for details.
  This program focuses on leveraging legal assistance to promote the security, dignity, and independence of
older adults. With 30 workshops and four plenaries, sessions range from essentials to advanced discussions. **Speakers**: Please visit the conference web site for a comprehensive list.

**Details and to Register**: [www.ambar.org/NALC](http://www.ambar.org/NALC)

**Sponsor**: Commission on Law and Aging; Cosponsors include the Division for Public Services

**Monday-Tuesday, November 14-15, 2016**

26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FIELD OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW CLE CONFERENCE

**Location**: Capitol Hilton, 1001 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC

**Details and to Register**: [www.ambar.org/NALC](http://www.ambar.org/NALC)

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**WEBINARS**

As a member benefit for the ABA’s public interest/public service/legal aid lawyers, our Division is cosponsoring the following webinars. Many offer CLE credit, and more information can be accessed through the individual links below and at [ShopABA](http://ShopABA). As programs are added, we will post them on our web site and at the ABA public interest law portal as well as on our social media platforms. Registrants who are members of any of our Division’s committees, commissions, and task forces will qualify for Sponsor pricing. If you miss a webinar, typically a recording becomes available afterwards at ShopABA.

**All webinars are listed in Eastern Time.**

**Wednesday, July 27**

1:00 - 2:30 pm

THE MAC LAWYER: YOU CAN PRACTICE LAW ON A MAC – HERE’S HOW!

**Price**: $75 Sponsors; $100 Members; $125 All Others.

Law students and government attorneys are eligible for a discounted rate when they apply for a scholarship under **Registration Options**.

**CLE**: 1.5 General CLE credit hours except in IN, NC, TX, and VA.

**Lead Sponsor**: Law Practice Division

**To register**, visit [ShopABA](http://ShopABA)

**Tuesday, August 23**

1:00 - 2:30 pm

WORKING WITH CHILD WITNESSES: HOW TO ACHIEVE BETTER OUTCOMES IN COURT BY LISTENING TO WHAT CHILDREN ARE TELLING US

**Lead Sponsor**: Center for Children and the Law

**To register and for details**, visit [ShopABA](http://ShopABA).

**Wednesday, August 24**

1:00 - 2:30 pm

DOCUMENT ASSEMBLY FOR LAWYERS: USING TEMPLATES AND SOFTWARE THAT CAN DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR YOU

**Price**: $75 Sponsors; $100 Members; $125 All Others.

Includes the ebook, *Collecting Your Fee: Getting Paid from Intake to Invoice*. Law students and government attorneys are eligible for a discounted rate when they apply for a scholarship under **Registration Options**.

**CLE**: 1.5 General CLE credit hours

**Lead Sponsor**: Law Practice Division

**To register**, visit [ShopABA](http://ShopABA)

**Tuesday, August 30**

1:00 - 2:30 pm

BASICS OF COUNSELING CLIENTS ON SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

**Price**: $95

**CLE**: 1.5 General CLE credit hours

**Lead Sponsor**: Commission on Law and Aging

**To register**, visit [ShopABA](http://ShopABA)

**Thursday, September 15**

1:00 - 2:30 pm

CHARTING A SUSTAINABLE PATH FORWARD: WHAT THE ABA/HAZELDEN BETTY FORD STUDY ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE PROFESSION

**Price**: Free

**CLE**: 1.5 Substance Abuse or Mental Illness CLE credit hours

**Lead Sponsor**: Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs

**To register**, visit [ShopABA](http://ShopABA)

**Tuesday, September 20**

1:00 - 2:30 pm

SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS START-UPS: THE NECESSITY OF AN EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY

**Price**: $95 Sponsors; $99 government; $150 Members; $195 All Others.

**CLE**: 1.5 General CLE credit hours

**Lead Sponsor**: Solo, Small Firm and General Practice Division

**To register**, visit [ShopABA](http://ShopABA)
• Tuesday, September 20
1:00 - 2:30 pm
PRACTICAL TIPS AND TOOLS FOR IDENTIFYING, INVESTIGATING AND BRINGING SUIT AGAINST FINANCIAL SCAMS
Price: Free
CLE: 1.5 General CLE credit hours
Lead Sponsor: Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice
To register, visit ShopABA

ABA ANNUAL MEETING
San Francisco, California
Thursday, August 4 - Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Headquarters: Marriott Marquis Hotel and Moscone Center West
All listed times are Pacific.

VISIT THE DIVISION IN ABA EXPO AT BOOTH K43!
• Friday, August 5
9:00 - 11:00 am
HOW TO CONDUCT FREE LEGAL RESEARCH ONLINE
Location: Inter-Continental, 4th Floor, 888 Howard Street, Laurel Hill Room
Description: This popular program focuses on the legal research services and resources available from the Law Library of Congress as well as other free online collections. Learn about the Law Library's global research services, its vast worldwide collections, and expert staff. Following an overview of the Law Library and its services available to lawyers, librarians, and researchers around the world, our presenter explains the organization and content of Congress.gov, the Library of Congress's federal legislative information site containing the full texts of House and Senate bills and resolutions, the Congressional Record, and much more. This program also highlights other free online legal collections and search engines, such as the U.S. Government Printing Office’s Federal Digital System (FDsys), Cornell University Law School’s Legal Information Institute, the University of California Santa Barbara’s American Presidency Project, HG.org, FindLaw, Justia, LexisWeb, Google Scholar, and others.
Price: Free
CLE credit will be offered.
Presenter: Barbara Bavis, Bibliographic and Research Instruction Librarian, Law Library of Congress, Washington, DC
Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress

• Friday, August 5
9:00 - 11:00 am
WHEN SCHOOL IS YOUR HOME: WHY EDUCATING A MILLION HOMELESS STUDENTS IS A CIVIL RIGHTS BATTLE
Location: Inter-Continental, 4th Floor, 888 Howard Street, Cathedral Hill Room
Description: This roundtable will examine the scope of the issue and discuss the rapidly shifting federal legal context; opportunities for lawyers to protect the right to education for homeless students; how this issue intersects with other civil rights issues related to racism, housing, and poverty; and model interventions to assist homeless youth enrolled in college. Panelists also will highlight best practices for educating homeless and at-risk children.
Price: Free; not a CLE program
Speakers: Casey Trupin, Youth Homelessness Program Officer, Raikes Foundation (Moderator); Brian Blalock, Youth Justice Project Director, Bay Area Legal Aid; Paul Freese, Director of Litigation & Policy Advocacy, Neighborhood Legal Services (invited); Elizabeth Hewson, Director of Housing, Hamilton Family Center; Shahera Hyatt, Director, California Homeless Youth Project; Erin Palacios, Youth Justice Project Staff Attorney, Bay Area Legal Aid; and Kimberly Thomas Rapp, Executive Director, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bar Area (invited)
Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and Coordinating Committee on the Legal Needs of Homeless Youth

• Friday, August 5
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
BUSINESS MEETING
Location: San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission Street, Foothill B
Commission on Immigration

• Friday, August 5
3:30 - 5:00 pm
CONTROVERSY DELAYS PROGRESS: PROSPECTS FOR IMMIGRATION INITIATIVES IN THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION
Location: San Francisco Marriott Marquis, 780 Mission Street, Yerba Buena Salons 12/13 (Lower B2 Level)
Description: Our nation’s major immigration initiatives have been delayed as contentious issues are battled out in Congress and throughout the judicial system. The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision determining the fate of DAPA/expanded DACA programs and providing
guidance on the scope of Executive Action has been at the forefront of this major controversy. Meanwhile, a new Administration is on the horizon, one that can potentially reverse many of the programs and policies pursued by the current Administration. A panel of distinguished experts in immigration law will address these issues and more, including the future of employment and business visas and the ongoing challenges of family detention at the southwest border. Come hear the latest developments and prospects for future progress.

Speakers: Judge Dean Lum (Moderator); Thomas Saenz, MALDEF; Denise Gilman, University of Texas School of Law; Jennifer Shih, Simmons & Ungar LLP

Price: Free; not a CLE program

Commission on Immigration

Friday, August 5
4:00 - 5:30 pm
ABA PLENARY SESSION: EMERGING ISSUES IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
Location: Moscone Center West, 2nd Floor, 2004/2006

Description: The FBI has as its mission to keep America safe from criminals and terrorists, many of whom use advanced technologies and techniques to evade detection. Do those charged with keeping us safe have adequate tools and laws to access the required information, or are we entering a new era of technological private communications? Join FBI Director James Comey in a national conversation on the emerging role of the FBI in this new world of evolving technology. Director Comey’s remarks will be followed by a moderated discussion led by Harvey Rishikof, Chair, ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security Advisory Committee, with Gilman Louie, founder and former CEO of In-Q-Tel and Marc Rotenberg, President and Executive Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center.

Speaker: James Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, DC

Price: Open to all Annual Meeting registrants who purchase a Networking or All-Access registration. Individual tickets available for $125 member or $50 Government and Judges. A Plenary ticket also provides access to the EXPO reception.

Standing Committee on Law and National Security

Friday, August 5
11:30 am - 3:30 pm
ANTI-POVERTY COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE
Location: Inter-Continental Hotel, 4th Floor, 888 Howard St., Telegraph Hill Room

Description: Join local advocates, lawyers, and providers to learn about the United Way of the Bay Area’s roadmap to cut poverty initiative—Rise Together, an innovative collaboration of 160+ community providers aimed at cutting poverty in half by 2020. Learn how lawyers can play a role in addressing poverty in their communities. Hear about local model programs, and share information on effective strategies from your community. Space is limited. Please contact jinny.choi@americanbar.org to reserve your space.

ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty

Monday, September 5 – Labor Day
Thursday-Friday, November 24-25 – Thanksgiving

2016 UPCOMING ABA HOLIDAYS (offices closed)
In this column, we honor the accomplishments of ABA lawyers associated with Division committees and commissions who are dedicating their time and energy to the public interest. Our web site also presents these profiles.

In this issue, we feature Roberta I. Shaffer. Ms. Shaffer became the 24th Law Librarian of Congress in February 2016, having served as acting Law Librarian of Congress since October 2015. Appointed Associate Librarian for Library Services at the Library of Congress in January 2012, she retired from this position in August 2014. As Associate Librarian, she managed 53 divisions and offices whose over 2,000 employees are responsible for acquisitions, cataloging, public service, and preservation activities, services to persons who are visually impaired and who have physical disabilities, and network and bibliographic standards for America’s national library. In 2005, Ms. Shaffer returned to the Library as executive director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee/Federal Library Network (FLICC/FEDLINK). In 2009, she was named the 22nd Law Librarian of Congress.

Ms. Shaffer has a background in academics, management, law, librarianship and technology. Over the course of her nearly 40-year career, she has worked at the University of Houston Law Center, at the Law Library of Congress, as Fulbright Senior Research Scholar, and at the George Washington University National Law Center Library. She also served concurrently as adjunct coordinator of the law librarianship specialization at the School of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America and as director of research services at the law firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, DC. In 1999, she was appointed and served for two years as dean and professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin. In 2002, she accepted the position of director of external relations and program development and professor at the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland in College Park, where she implemented and ran the Master of Information Management degree.

Ms. Shaffer is a long-standing member of the American Bar Association, the American Association of Law Libraries, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Women in Technology, and the World Future Society. A past officer of the International Association of Law Libraries, she also served as President of the International Council for Scientific and Technical Information, an affiliate of the Scientific Unions. Her research interests include information authenticity and perpetual access, the concept of “authority” in cyberspace, and organizational innovation. For most of her professional life, she has been an active advocate for the arts and artists. On a personal level, she spends her time swimming daily, as a jewelry designer under the name Cornelia’s Jewels (after the children’s story), and raising West Highland Terriers as “reading dogs” to help young children learn to read. She holds an A.B. cum laude from Vassar College, a Master’s in law librarianship from Emory University, and a JD cum laude from Tulane University School of Law.

We invited Ms. Shaffer to reflect on her career.

At what point in your life did you know that you wanted to dedicate your career to public service?
As a law student, I came to Washington DC to do research in the Law Library of Congress, back when it was located in the Jefferson Building. I was so inspired by the grand architecture of the place that I knew I wanted to work here. I remember sending a postcard to my grandparents, telling them that the Jefferson Building was a manmade Grand Canyon!

What were the major influences on your choices and career path?
At the time of my first visit to the Library of Congress, I was determined to come here to work. Throughout my career, I set out to take jobs that would prepare me for the position of Law Librarian of Congress. For every job opportunity I considered, I used a “litmus test” to determine whether that particular position would give me the skill set or experience that would, when the time came, make me the best candidate for the Law Librarian position.

How did you manage to transition from the private sector to the public sector?
While I knew I wanted to be at the Library, I also knew that private-sector experience would be valuable in learning to effectively serve many key Law Library clientele: law firms; international corporations; media; and the general citizenry.
What is your chief mission and what are your principal goals as the Law Librarian of Congress?
The chief mission of the Law Library is to collect the laws of almost all nations and legal systems; preserve these materials for posterity; and provide access in a manner that makes this information understandable to all—not just judges, legal scholars, and lawyers, who are primary clients, but also citizens and schoolchildren.

What is your greatest satisfaction in your current position?
While I love working with my peers as part of the Library's senior management team, I really value the fact that my position also affords me the opportunity to work with colleagues across the entire institution. This gives me the chance to see how our policies and procedures affect day-to-day operations and also will ultimately impact the legacy we leave to future generations.

What do you view as your greatest professional challenge(s)?
Making sure that American citizens—both local and geographically remote—have the same access to legal information is a major challenge of mine. An additional challenge is acquiring legal materials from jurisdictions that are from emerging nations or from nations or regions where legal materials are not readily available.

What seem to be the most acute challenges facing legal researchers and law libraries today?
Law libraries are under increasing pressure to have transnational collections. That is, it is not enough to have a collection of only domestic (or so-called “local”) legal materials; legal researchers must have access to materials beyond their home jurisdiction or region of the world to fully comprehend today’s legal landscape. Collections must also be transdisciplinary, touching on every subject from across the spectrum of disciplines. This is because law touches almost every aspect of life today. It follows that law librarians need to be both transnational and transdisciplinary to excel in this field.

To what extent has ABA involvement helped in your career and helped to achieve your goals?
The ABA has made huge contributions to the Law Library of Congress, including assuring its existence when the future of the Law Library as an independent entity was threatened many years ago. Very recently, the Law Library and ABA partnered to help commemorate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. ABA developed and oversaw a traveling exhibition, Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy 1215-2015, that continues to tour the nation and ultimately will have had a presence in every US jurisdiction. Both the Library of Congress and ABA appreciate the importance of an informed citizenry and of lawyers having equal and full access to legal information.

What advice can you offer law students and young lawyers considering a career in public interest law and public service?
Know that there is immense gratification in serving one’s country in a career as a public servant. Public service positions often afford more opportunity to experience different aspects of the profession that one might have had in a private legal setting and perhaps more career mobility.

Do you have advice for lawyers seeking to change course mid-career or in a final career phase?
Realize that there are more commonalities in things we do than there are differences. Always be open-minded to learning new things regardless of age or career stage.

What would you like readers to remember about the Law Library of Congress?
The Law Library of Congress, like its parent institution—the Library of Congress—is one of the greatest assets of the American people and is here to serve them.