
Kara Lea Phillips

EXPERIENCE

Seattle University Law Library, Seattle, WA. Law Library Director (Collection Development Librarian 9/97 to 12/02, Associate Director/Collection Development Librarian 1/03 to 6/14, Director 7/14 to present) - Plan, develop, and manage the administrative, personnel, and operational activities of the law library, including budgeting, facilities, resources, services, marketing, etc. Oversee library acquisitions, budget, and collection development, including selection, acquisition, ordering, receiving, and payment of library resources in all formats.

Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Law, Shanghai, China. Visiting Scholar (2/07 to 3/07) – Train students and faculty on American legal research techniques, including Westlaw and Lexis. Provide one-on-one research consultation and assistance. Select English-language legal materials for law library. Advise on academic law library resources and services.

Lane Powell Spears Lubersky, Seattle, WA. Reference Librarian (9/94 to 9/96) – Assist attorneys and staff with legal and non-legal research projects using print and online sources. Train attorneys and staff on various online and print resources. Retrieve materials through interlibrary loan and document delivery.

University of Washington Gallagher Law Library, East Asian Law Department, Seattle, WA. Contract Librarian (10/95 to 8/96) – Catalog and classify Chinese legal materials. Provide reference assistance.

Other Work Experience - Upon completion of Master's Degree in librarianship, worked and provided information consultation services in library and legal settings, including for various Washington State and federal agencies and private law firms in Seattle and in Taipei.

EDUCATION

BA, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Magna Cum Laude (1987)

JD, University of Washington with honors (1991)

ML, Librarianship with certification in Law Librarianship, University of Washington (1992)

MAIS, China Studies, University of Washington (1992)

LANGUAGES

- Blakemore Foundation Fellowship to study Mandarin Chinese at the Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies (Stanford Center) in Taipei, Taiwan (1996 - 1997)
- ROC scholarship to study Mandarin Chinese at the Mandarin Training Center in Taipei, Taiwan (1992 – 1993)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Association of Law Libraries (1992 to present)
 - Chinese-American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (2009 to present); Executive Board (2009 to 2018); Secretary (2014)
 - Conference of Law Libraries, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (2015 to present); Treasurer (2015 to 2017); Secretary (2017 to 2019); President (2019 to 2021)
 - Law Librarians of Puget Sound (1992 to present); Treasurer (2001)
 - Western Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (1997 to present)
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PUBLICATIONS

Books:

REAL PROPERTY LAW IN CHINA: A GUIDE TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT (American Bar Association Section of International Law 2011) (co-author).

Book Chapters:

Seattle University Law Library, in *ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES OF ACADEMIC LAW LIBRARIES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE* (Elizabeth Adelman & Jessica de Perio Wittman, eds., 2023).

China, in *SOURCES OF STATE PRACTICE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW* 129 (Ralph Gaebler & Alison Shea, eds., 2d ed. 2014).

Articles:

An Informal Exploration of How Academic Law Libraries Curate Research Guides to Support Democracy, Rule of Law, and the Legal System, 113 *LAW LIBR. J.* 339 (2021).

Tough Conversations About Race: Let the Book Start the Discussion, *AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES SPECTRUM*, Jan.-Feb. 2021, at 39: https://www.aallnet.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SPECTRUM_Voices-Tough-Conversations.pdf (co-author).

Law Librarianship in China: Challenges and Opportunities, *AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES SPECTRUM*, Dec. 2013, at 11: <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/spectrum/Archives/Vol-18/No-3/china.pdf> (co-author).

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Licensing in an Electronic World: A Word of Advice, 19 *AGAINST THE GRAIN*, Sept. 2007, at 18: <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=5096&context=atg>.

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Crafting Licensing Provisions in Legally Speaking Column, 18 *AGAINST THE GRAIN*, Dec. 2006 - Jan. 2007, at 57: <http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4705&context=atg>.

Law Librarian One of Top Ten Finalists for Animal Planet Hero of the Year Award, *LLRX.COM*, 9/28/06: <http://www.llrx.com/features/hero.htm> .

Librarianship: Promoting Public Service and Philanthropy, *LLRX.COM*, 12/17/06: <http://www.llrx.com/features/publicservice.htm>.

Evaluating Patron Privacy on Your ILS: How to Protect the Confidentiality of your Patron Information, *AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES SPECTRUM*, April 2006, at 4: http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/spectrum/Archives/Vol-10/pub_sp0604/pub-sp0604-prodev.pdf (co-author).

Information Overload, *LLOPSCITED*, Summer 2005, at 7: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llops/committees/newsletter/summer05.pdf>.

The P.R.C.'s Negotiable Instruments Law: An Instrument for Facilitating Private Economic Activity or Monetary Control?, 20 HOUSTON JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 317 (1998) (co-author).

Assessing the Tax Administration Law of the People's Republic of China, 18 LOYOLA OF LA INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW JOURNAL 339 (1996) (co-author).

Columns:

Items of Interest column in ABA CHINA LAW REPORTER (2006 to 2011):

[https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/china law prof blog/files/aba china law reporter no 4.PDF](https://lawprofessors.typepad.com/china_law_prof_blog/files/aba_china_law_reporter_no_4.PDF) (example)

Deal or No Deal: Licensing & Acquiring Digital Resources column on LLRX.COM:

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/deal3.htm> (example from 1/15/07).