

Oral History of Law Librarianship Profile

Profile of Al Coco 1933–

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Professional Positions

Private law practice, San Antonio, Texas, 1960–61
Librarian and Assistant Professor, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1962–66
Librarian and Professor, University of Houston Law Center, 1966–72
Librarian and Professor, University of Denver College of Law, 1972–94
Professor Emeritus, University of Denver College of Law, 1994–present

Education

B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1956
J.D., St. Mary's University of San Antonio, 1960
M.L.L., University of Washington, 1962

Significant Service Within AALL and Law Librarianship

President, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 1964–65
Chair, Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee, 1968–69
Chair, Library Exhibits Committee, 1969–70
Chair, Publicity Committee, 1969–70
Chair, Placement Committee, 1974–75
AALL Vice President/President-Elect, 1976–77
AALL President, 1977–78
AALL Immediate Past President, 1978–79

Selected Professional Activities & Achievements Outside Law Librarianship

Admitted to practice, Texas, 1960
Admitted to practice, Colorado, 1973
Director, Master of Law Librarianship Program, University of Denver, 1973–87?

Professional Honors and Awards

Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, 1995
AALL Hall of Fame, Inaugural Class Inductee, 2010

Selected Publications by the Subject

"Legal Aspects of Library Security." In *Security for Libraries: People, Buildings, Collections*, edited by Marvin Brand, 83–107. Chicago: American Library Association, 1984 (with Barbara Bintliff).

"Full-Text vs. Full-Text Plus Editorial Additions: Comparative Retrieval Effectiveness of the LEXIS and WESTLAW Systems," *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 4 (1984): 27–37.

Introduction to Legal Research: A Layperson's Guide to Finding the Law. Washington, D.C.: WANTS Publishing, 1985.

Finding the Law: A Workbook on Legal Research for Laypersons. Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein, 1986.

"Full-Text Revisited," *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 3/4 (1987): 195–97.

"Memorial, Dan F. Henke (1924–2009)," *Law Library Journal* 102 (2010): 162–64.

Selected Publications about the Subject

Barbara A. Bintliff, "Four Mentors and a Role Model," in Frank G. Houdek, "Meet My Mentor: A Collection of Personal Reminiscences," *Law Library Journal* 91 (1999): 193–94.

"Al Coco," in Frank G. Houdek, "AALL History through the Eyes of Its Presidents," *Law Library Journal* 98 (2006): 299, 309–11.

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