

Oral History of Law Librarianship Profile

Profile of Victoria K. (Tory) Trotta 1951–

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Professional Positions

Acquisitions Librarian, University of Southern California Law Center Library, 1976–78
Head of Technical Services Department, University of Southern California Law Center Library, 1978–84
Assistant Director, University of Southern California Law Center Library, 1985–82
Reference Librarian, Maricopa County Law Library, Phoenix, Arizona, February–June 1988
Law Librarian, Lewis and Roca LLP, Phoenix, Arizona, 1988–96
Associate Director and Head of Public Services, Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University, August 1996–1997
Interim Director, Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University, January 1998–June 1999
Director of the Ross-Blakley Law Library and Associate Dean, Arizona State University, 1999–September 2002
Associate Dean for Information Technology and the Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University, September 2002–2010
Associate Dean for the Ross-Blakley Law Library, Arizona State University, May 2010–present

Education

B.A., Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, 1973
M.L.S., Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 1976 (Specialization Certificate in Law Librarianship)
J.D., University of Southern California Law Center, 1986

Significant Service Within AALL and Law Librarianship

Indexing of Periodical Literature Committee, Chair: 1988–89
Chair, Nominations Committee, 1990–91
Chair, Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section, 1992–93
Member, AALL Executive Board, 1994–97
Chair, Awards Committee, 1997–98
Chair, Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section, 1999–2000
Chair, Task Force on AALLNET, 1999–2000
Chair, Program Committee, 2002 AALL Annual Meeting (Orlando), 2001–02

AALL Vice President/President-Elect, 2003–04
AALL President, 2004–05
AALL Immediate Past President, 2005–06
Chair, Education Summit Funding Task Force, 2005–06
Panel Member, Institute of Museum and Library Services National Study: The Future of Law Librarians in the Workplace, 2005–06
Chair, AALLNET Committee, 2008–09
Chair, Digital Libraries Initiatives Special Committee, 2013–14

Selected Professional Activities & Achievements Outside Law Librarianship

Admitted to the practice of Law, California, 1987
Member, Committee on Libraries and Technology, Association of American Law Schools, 1999–2002
Member, Arizona On Line - State Bar of Arizona Web Page Committee, 1999–02
Member, Superior Court of Maricopa County E-Courtroom Committee, 2000–01
Member, Arizona Federal Documents Depository Council, 2001–present; Chair, 2010–11
Member, Federal Depository Library Council, 2007–10
Member, Executive Board, Legal Information Preservation Alliance, 2010–present
Chair, Arizona Depository Library Council, 2010–11
Member, Westlaw Academic Advisory Board, 2010–13

Professional Honors and Awards

Arizona Association of Law Libraries Distinguished Service Award, 1997–98

Selected Publications by the Subject

Documentary Information Sources of Los Angeles County: A Classified and Annotated List.
Monticello, Ill.: Council of Planning Librarians, 1977.
"Basic Training," *California Lawyer* 11 (Feb. 1991): 50 (with Robert C. Berring).
"Being Your Own Reference Librarian: Information at Your Fingertips," *Arizona Attorney* 28 (July 1992): 12.
"Finding Arizona Legislative History." In *Arizona Legal Research Guide*, Kathy Shimpock-Vieweg, ed., chap. 3. Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein and Co., 1992.
"Selected Secondary Sources for Arizona Legal Research." In *Arizona Legal Research Guide*, Kathy Shimpock-Vieweg, ed., chap. 9. Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein and Co., 1992.
"Creating Connections in Orlando: Annual Meeting to Feature Renowned Speakers, Continuing Education and Much More," *AALL Spectrum* 6 (June 2002): 4.
"Strategic Thinking for AALL," *AALL Spectrum* 9 (Sept.-Oct. 2004): 4, 34.
"State-Specific Legal Research Instruction: Curricular Stepchild or Core Competency?" *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 28 (Jan.-June 2009): 151–77 (with Beth DiFelice).
"Collection Development in Academic Law Libraries: What Can We Learn from Law Firms?" *AALL Spectrum* 17 (July 2013): 31–32.

Selected Publications about the Subject

Victoria K. Trotta, "Hoarse But Loving It," in Frank G. Houdek, "Stories of 'My First Annual Meeting,'" *Law Library Journal* 88 (1996): 78–79.