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Spotlight on Student Library Employees - Part I

Nan Balliot compiled the biographical sketches below. Since our Student Library Assistants are such a valuable part of the library team, I asked Nan to devote some newsletter space to highlighting their achievements.* As you will read, they not only work in the library but also participate in a variety of law school activities and, in some cases, are employed in legal settings outside of the law school. Wow, what an interesting group of people. We salute you and thank you for the valuable contribution you make to the library every day, and nights, and weekends!

Gail Winson, Director

* The third-year students who work at the Circulation Desk are profiled in this issue. The third-year students who work in the computer labs and the second-year students who work at the Circulation Desk will be profiled in the next issue of *Law Library Briefs*.



Kiran Advani has worked at the Circulation Desk since her first semester of law school. She works Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to midnight and Fridays from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Kiran's family immigrated to the U.S. Virgin Islands from Bombay, India when Kiran was eight years old. She graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania with a B.A. in English. Kiran is interested in family law, probate law and estate planning. Her law school

activities include a clerkship with Rhode Island federal district court Judge Mary Lisi, membership in Phi Alpha Delta, and participation in the Gallogly American Inn of Court. Kiran is a Barbri/PMBR student rep and was a research assistant for Professor Anne Lawton last year. According to Kiran, the law library is her second home. She says the benefits of working in the law library are a better understanding of research tactics, knowledge of where everything is located in the library, and the caring and support from the library staff.

Tenley Beals works Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Tenley began working in the law library during her second year of law school. She is originally from Toronto, Canada and attended schools in Portland, Maine. Tenley is a graduate of Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, N.H. She holds a B.S. in Computer Science and worked as a computer programmer for four years prior to making the decision to attend law school. Tenley is active in moot court and trial team. She is currently Moot Court Board First-Year Coordinator and will compete in the 2004 Giles Sutherland Rich Memorial Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition. Tenley is also Vice-President of the school's chapter of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and coach of the Brown University Trial Team. Last year, Tenley was President of the Intellec-

tual Property Law Society and Research Assistant for Prof. Jessica Elliott. In addition to her law school activities, Tenley is employed part-time with the Office of General Counsel at Raytheon. According to Tenley, the library staff was her family-away-from-home when she broke her ankle in a car accident in March, 2003. In the library, encouraged by the library staff, she learned how to walk again without crutches. Tenley is an avid skier and golfer.

Samantha Burton began working in the library this summer. Samantha's shifts are noon to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays and 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays. Samantha is from Toronto, Canada and received a B.A. in both Law and History from Carleton University located in Ottawa, Ontario. Samantha came to law school so she can help people. She is interested in practicing in the area of health law. Samantha is a research assistant for Professor Kogan, a pupil representative to the Roger Williams American Inn of Court, and the Vice-President of the Moot Court Board. Samantha is clerking for Rhode Island Superior Court Judge O. Rogeriee Thompson. The benefits of working in the library for Samantha are meeting people, getting to know the library staff, and having time to do homework after completing her assigned work.

Chandra Forshey began working at the Circulation Desk in May,

2002. Chandra has shifts from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, Chandra works from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m., noon to 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to midnight. Chandra is from a small community located in southeastern Ohio, near the Ohio/West Virginia border. She attended Malone College in Canton, Ohio and graduated with a B.A. in Law and Society and a minor in Political Science. She is the evening representative for the Multi-cultural Law Students Association and treasurer of the Christian Law Society. She is a member of Delta Theta Phi and a member of the Women's Law Association. Chandra attended law school as part of her desire to pursue a career in law enforcement and graduating with a J.D. would enhance her prospects. Her dream job is to work for the F.B.I. Chandra is enrolled in the law school's joint degree program with the R.W.U. School of Justice Studies. Working in the library is very social for Chandra as she meets many law school students and "works with a wonderful library staff!"

 **Laura Frechette** has been working in the law library since May, 2002. She is at the Circulation Desk weekday mornings from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. with the exception of Wednesday mornings. Laura also works Mondays from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Laura is from Barrington, R.I. She graduated from R.W.U. with a B.A. in Mathematics and a minor in Philosophy. Laura lived in Florida for six years prior to returning to Rhode Island. After employment in various jobs, Laura decided to attend law school. She aspires to be a family court judge. She is a member of the Multi-cultural Law Students Association. Laura enjoys running marathons and fishing.

 **Young Kang** began working in the law library in the spring of 2002. He works Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to noon. In addition to his duties at the Circulation Desk, Young also works as Computer Lab Monitor on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. Young is from Ridgewood, N. J. and attended Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. where he graduated with a B.A. in Psychology. Young worked a year with his father in his father's real estate business prior to attending law school. He is a member of the Multi-cultural Law Students Association. For Young, the benefits of working in the law library include earning grocery money and meeting people. He likes the convenience of working in the library as opposed to working off-campus.

 **Josh Stockwell** has been employed by the law library since his first semester of law school. This semester, he works Saturdays from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Josh is from Peterborough, N.H. and graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell with a B.S. in Computer Science. Upon graduation from college, Josh joined the U.S. Air Force and worked as an air traffic controller. Upon leaving the Air Force, Josh pursued a career in law. Josh is in the Criminal Defense Clinic and is Managing Editor of Law Review. He is a member of the Armed Forces Law Student Association. In addition to Josh's law school activities, he is employed as the Westlaw Student Rep. A benefit of working in the law library for Josh is working with the people coming in to use the law library.

 **Craig Souza** began working in the law library June, 2002. Craig is at

the Circulation Desk on Thursdays and Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to midnight and Fridays from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Craig is from Acushnet, MA. He is in his second year of a three year term as a Commissioner of Trust Funds for the Town. Craig graduated from R.W.U. with a B.S. in Paralegal Studies. Craig wants to be a litigator. For Craig, the benefits of working in the law library include the interaction with fellow students, making new friends, finding out what's really going on in the law school and learning about different methods of studying from talking with other students.



Library News

It is with great sadness that the law library staff announces that Barb Pahlow, Public Services Assistant, has left the Roger Williams Law Library. She and her family have moved to Madison, Wisconsin. Barb was employed by the law library from June, 2001 to October, 2003.

In addition to her duties processing and filing library materials, Barb performed a variety of computer support and maintenance tasks. She hired and supervised the student lab assistants, installed software updates on the library's PCs, assisted staff with PC problems, and acted as liaison with the LexisNexis and Westlaw student representatives.

She has been invaluable in providing assistance to students with software, hardware, and printing problems. She also contributed her computer advice to this newsletter. She will be missed!

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