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EDUCATION

J.D., University of California, Berkeley 1974
M.L.S., University of California, Berkeley, 1974
B.A., cum laude, Harvard College, 1971

EXPERIENCE

- 1997 -** Appointed to Walter Perry Johnson Chair, Boalt Hall
- 1996 -** Joint Appointment at School of Information Management & Systems
- 1986 - 1989** University of California, Berkeley
Dean, School of Library and Information Studies
(Served a dual appointment with Law Library)
- 1982 -** University of California, Berkeley
Professor of Law and Law Librarian
- 1981 - 1982** University of Washington, School of Law
Professor of Law and Law Librarian
- 1978 - 1981** Harvard Law School Library
Acting and Deputy Director
- 1976 - 1978** University of Texas, School of Law
Associate Librarian and Lecturer
- 1975 - 1976** University of Illinois, Champaign
Assistant Librarian

HONORS, AWARDS

Sandy Peterson Memorial Lecturer, 1998

Appointed to American Law Institute, 1998

Named to Walter Perry Johnson Chair in Law, 1996

Academic Law Librarian of the Year, 1995

Research Fellow. Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Science 1989

Robinson Cox Fellow. University of Western Australia, 1988

Distinguished Teaching Award. University of California, Berkeley, 1987

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Association of Law Libraries

President, 1985-1986

Vice President/President-Elect, 1984-1985

Executive Board, 1984-1987

American Bar Association

Committee on the Economics of the Practice of Law

Chair, Committee on Legal Educational Exchanges with China, 1991-93

American Association of Law Schools

Committee on Accreditation (1986 - 1989)

ADVISORY POSITIONS

Board of Advisors, Berkeley Technology Law Journal

Center for Chinese Studies, Executive Committee

Committee on Legal Educational Exchange with China, Chair (1992-1994)

C.A.L.I., Executive Board (1994-1997)

Board of Editors, *The Green Bag*

COURSES TAUGHT

Law School

Contracts

Legal Research

Advanced Legal Research

Professional Responsibility

Modern Chinese Law

Law School Seminars

Law and Linguistics

Taiwanese Law

Seminar for Chinese Lawyers

Undergraduate

Chinese Law and Society

American Legal System

Freshman Seminar

Continuing Legal Education

Law and New Technology

Developments in Legal Research

Seminars for Law Firm

Associates

Library School:

Law Librarianship

CONSULTANTSHIPS

East Texas Legal Services, Longview, Texas
Golden Gate Law School, San Francisco, California
LaVerne University, Whittier, California
SUNY, Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, New York
Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana
University of Arizona Law School, Tucson, Arizona
University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, Colorado
University of Papua New Guinea (for Ford Foundation)
University of Utah Law School, Salt Lake City, Utah
University of Western Australia, Perth, Western Australia
Washoe County Law Library, Reno, Nevada

*Professor Berring has consulted at libraries throughout the world on various matters, ranging from building planning, to collection development, to staffing concerns. He has worked with librarians in China and Papua New Guinea to help them build law library collections.

LEGAL RESEARCH TRAINING CONSULTANT

Akin Gump, et al., Washington, D.C.
Baker and Botts, Houston, Texas
Holland and Knight, Orlando, Florida
Jones Day, et al., Cleveland, Ohio
Kirkland and Ellis, Chicago, Illinois
Latham and Watkins, Los Angeles, California
Perkins Coie, et al., Seattle, Washington
Thelen Marrin, et al., San Francisco, California
Venable Baeter, et al., Baltimore, Maryland
Wachtell Lipton, New York City, New York
Wiley Rein and Fielding, Washington, D.C.

*Professor Berring has developed intensive research training programs to train law firm associates. He has also assisted law firms in planning their research programs for summer associates and had acted as consultant for law firm libraries.

ROBERT C. BERRING BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books and Tapes

Finding the Law, 10th ed., West Publishing Company (1995).

How to Find the Law, 8th and 9th eds., with Morris Cohen and Kent Olson. West Publishing Company.

Winning Legal Research, with Johnson and Woxland, 1st and 2nd eds. West Publishing Company. 1991, 1993.

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Commando Legal Research: Six Tape Audio Series on Legal Research (with accompanying handbook). Legal Star Communications. 1992.

Legal Research Made Easy: A Roadmap to Legal Research. Nolo Press. 1990.

Practical Approaches to Legal Research, with Kent Olson. Haworth Press. 1988.

The Great American Law Reviews, Gryphon press. v.1. 1984; v.2 1990.

Authors Guide to Journals in Law, Criminal Law and Criminology, with Mersky and McCue. Haworth Press. 1979.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

Law Librarianship: Historical Perspectives. Edited by Gasaway & Chiorazzi, AALL Publication Series no. 52 (1996).

The National Conference on Legal Information Issues: Selected Essays. Edited by Coggins, AALL Publication Series no. 51 (1996).

Future Libraries, edited by Bloch and Hesse. U.C. Press (1995).

The Guide to American Law: Everyone's Legal Encyclopedia, West Publishing Company, 1983.

Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice, MacMillian, 1984.

Michigan Legal Research, edited by Beer. Hein, 1990.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Modern Chinese Law, Law in 20th century China

How to Find the Law, 10th edition.

EDITOR

Legal References Services Quarterly, 1980 - present.

Professor Berring began this publication seventeen years ago, and it continues to be an important, sometimes irreverent, contribution to law library literature. LRSQ has over 800 subscribers, mostly law libraries, throughout the world. Professor Berring has written numerous editorials for this publication.

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

"Spotlight Transformation of LEXIS and WESTLAW", 73 AmLaw Tech. (With others) (Summer, 1998).

"The Swan Song of Cyberspace", 16 California Monthly (February, 1998).

"A Few Parting Words", Green Bag 2d 227 (1998).

"Ring Dang Doo", Green Bag 2d 3 (1997).

"Chaos, Cyberspace and Tradition", 12 Berkeley Technology Law Journal 189 (1997).

"Farewell to All That", 19 Loyola of Law Angeles International Journal of Law 431 (1997).

"On Not Throwing Out the Baby: Planning the Future of Legal Information" 83 California Law Review 616-635 (1995).

"In Search of Equality". Review essay, 2 Asian Law Journal 87-103 (1995).

"Last Stand For Librarianship". Electronic Access to Information: A New Service Paradigm. Proceeding from a symposium held July 23 and 24, 1993, Palo Alto, California. Research Libraries Group. 1994.

"Collapse of the Structure of the Legal Research Universe: The Imperative of Digital Information", 69 Washington Law Review. 9, 1994.

"The Electronic Law Library: The Electronic Future of Law Libraries". 24 Law Librarian, no. 4 December 1993 p. 168 (paper presented to the 24th Annual British/Irish Association of Law Libraries Study Conference in September, 1993).

"A Look Ahead". Lexis' 20th Anniversary, p. 19, 1993.

"An Embattled Profession Faces New Challenges: The Information Revolution is Leaving Librarians Behind". National Law Journal, July 12, 1993 S11, Col. 1.

"Editorial. The Virtual Law Library". Legal Reference Services Quarterly. Spring, 1993, p. 1-3.

"Practicing Law in 2013". Arizona Attorney. August-September, p. 52(2). 1993.

"A Showstopper From Westlaw: The Natural Language Searching System is a Breakthrough". 12 California Lawyer 59. November, 1993.

"Technology and the Standard of Care for Legal Research". 3 Legal Malpractice Report, no. 4, p. 21 (1992).

"Closing Conference Summation". In Proceedings of the Conference on Teaching Legal and Factual Research in Private Law Libraries. Fred B. Rothman and Co., 1991, p. 145.

"A Call to Arms for Basic Training". 11 California Lawyer 50:2, 1991.

"Book Review: Law in the People's Republic of China", Folsom and Minan. 38 American Journal of Comparative Law 395 (1990).

"Legal Research: Should Students Learn or Wing It" with Vanden Heuvel 1981, Law Library Journal p. 431 (1989).

"Comparative Legal Theory: U.S. and China" (in Chinese) with Xin Chun Ying, Contemporary Law 1989, no. 1.

"Editorial. Life at the Reference Desk". 8 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 3. Winter, 1988.

"Copyright: On-Line Abstracts Raise New Issue" Database Journal (May 1988) pp. 5-9.

"Legal Research and Legal Concepts: Where Form Molds Substance." California Law Review, volume

"Dyspeptic Ramblings of a Retiring Past President". Law Library Journal, 344, 1987.

"Full-Text Databases and Legal Research: Backing Into the Future." 1 High Technology Law Journal, 27, 1986.

"The Stereotypical Librarian: A Person who Exists no More". 8 National Law Journal p. 48, col. 2. July 14, 1986.

"The Reports of the Special Committee on the Future of the American Association of Law Libraries". With Sarah K. Wiant, Claire Engle, Richard A. Danner. 78 Law Library Journal 519. Summer, 1986.

"Editorial. Westlaw and Lexis". 6 Legal Reference Services Quarterly 1. Summer, 1986.

"Terminal Awareness: Lexis and Westlaw Make Legal Research Easier, but They Also Raise Some Hard Questions". 5 California Lawyer 15. November, 1985.

"Law Librarians Face the Need to Expand Profession's Borders". 7 National Law Journal 24, col. 2. July 15, 1985.

"How To Be A Great Reference Librarian", Legal Reference Services Quarterly, 17. 1984.

"A National Library: Beyond Parochial Needs". 5 The National Law Journal p. 18, col. 1. July 4, 1983.

"Acquisitions and Selection of Primary and Secondary Legal Material for Social Science Collections," with Mersky and Richmond. 1 Behavioral & Social Sciences Librarian, 1979.

PAPERS AND INVITED SPEECHES

Professor Berring is a frequent speaker before academic, professional and lay groups. Listed below is a very selective listing of presentations.

1998 Keynote Speaker at Law Librarians at New Zealand Biennial Conference (FCS); Keynote Address at Conference on Legal Education in the 20th Century, Peking University (June, 1998); First Sandy Peterson Memorial Lecture (Law Library Society of Washington, D.C. (June, 1998); Keynote Address, National Conference of Reporters of Decisions, (August, 1998).

Professor Berring has keynoted national library meetings in Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia and China. He has presented papers at the annual meetings of the American Bar Association, the American Historical Association, the Association of Asian Scholars, the Special Library Association and the American Association of Law Libraries.

LISTED IN

Who's Who in America, Who's Who in California, Who's Who in American Law.