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In 2008, I was extensively involved in assisting the division chair with SLA pre-conference planning. I participated in numerous conference calls and face-to-face meetings regarding program development, speaker selection, and conference organization. During the annual conference itself, I assisted the chair with the distribution of meeting materials and I moderated several presentations.

Given my past leadership role on the state level as president of the Atlanta Law Libraries Association chapter and my assistance with the planning of SLA Legal Division's programming for the 2008 annual conference, I believe the director position is a natural progression for my career. I would be very interested in working in a leadership role in a library association on a national level and the Legal Division's director position would provide that opportunity. After my experience with assisting the division chair in 2008, I have a desire to learn more about the board and to participate and contribute more in its decision making and planning of activities. The director is responsible for contributing different ideas, pitching in to assist with projects, and helping where needed. Assisting the chair's planning for the 2008 annual conference gave me a taste of some of those responsibilities and I would be pleased to assist SLA once again.

I hold nearly 20 years experience in law libraries and I currently serve as the Atlanta library manager for Alston & Bird LLP. As library manager, I am responsible for managing the library's reference workflow, conducting library orientation and training sessions for attorneys and support staff, and coordinating A+B library staff meetings. My reference work responsibilities include providing legal and business development research assistance to more than 750 attorneys in over forty-five specialized practice areas. I am proficient in the use of Westlaw, Westlaw Business, LexisNexis, Dialog, Bloomberg, and many other online databases. I have also assisted Alston & Bird's Practice Innovation Group with the development of content and the analyzation of taxonomies for the firm's Web portal.

I am a member of the Special Libraries Association (SLA), the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the Atlanta Law Libraries Association (ALLA), and the Southeastern chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL). I served as president of ALLA in 2004 and most recently assisted the chair of SLA's Legal Division by serving on the division's planning committee for the 2008 annual conference in Seattle, Washington. Additionally, I have co-authored several articles and papers on legal research and knowledge management in law firms and have given speeches and presentations on these topics throughout the Southeastern United States.

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Oglethorpe University in 1992 and my Master of Library and Information Science degree from Valdosta State University in 2008.