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Curriculum Vitae

Specialties

Research

- Legal discourse, linguistic and psychological aspects.
- Information science, legal informatics.
- Legislative and political advocacy and discourse.

Consultancy

- Training and programming services to self-represented litigants for courts and related agencies.
- Training in legislative advocacy for governmental and non-profit agencies.
- Training, planning, strategizing law library administration in the public sector.
- Fund raising in the public sector.

Education

Bachelor of Arts degree, 1969, major in philosophy, minor in mathematics, University of Texas at Austin.

Master of Arts degree, 1971, philosophy, Northwestern University Graduate School, Evanston, IL.

Juris Doctor, 1974, University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Master of Library Science degree, 1975, University of Texas at Austin Graduate School.

Employment Positions

Consultant to Law Libraries and Court Systems, 2005- While available for consulting in law library administration generally, I specialize in helping court systems and law libraries work with self-represented litigants and in training those interested in legislative advocacy for law libraries, especially public law libraries, court systems, and other justice system agencies. Secondary specialties include private fund raising and grantsmanship. I am listed as a consultant by the National Center for State Courts. My website is <http://www.charlesrdyer.com>.

As a component of my practice, I also offer small amounts of free mentoring to court and law library staff. Part of this component reflects my responsibilities as the creator and former chair of the Law Librarians Working Group of the Self Represented Litigation Network, <http://srln.org>, a national network organized under the auspices of the National Center for State Courts and funded by a variety of national organizations and state court systems.

Starting November 2010, I have served on a part-time basis as the Program Manager for the Pro Se Project of the Washington State Access to Justice Board. The Project is currently translating family law court forms into plain language. I coordinate the program, which hires a plain language consulting firm and works with 65 volunteers (judges, lawyers, court clerks, law librarians, etc.), create agendas for the work groups, and write grant and program proposals.

Director of Libraries and Secretary to the Board, San Diego County Public Law Library, 1987-2005. As of 2005, The San Diego County Public Law Library carried a budget of \$3 million plus, with 32 full-time and about 17 part-time staff. It has four locations, including a Main Library with some 270,000 volumes and 3 branches with about 17,000 - 22,000 volumes each. The library served over 365,000 patrons per year, including 100,000 self-represented litigants. It serves the 2.8 million people of the County of San Diego, including 11,500 attorneys and 180 judges.

The library is a special district government, and I was its chief administrative officer. I was hired by and reported to a Board of Trustees, four of whom were judges elected from the San Diego County Superior Court and three of whom were attorneys appointed to the Board by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the county legislative body. The San Diego County government is required by statute to house the Library and maintain its buildings and utilities. So I was also the negotiator for the Library's needs with that entity.

The library handled its own personnel, its own insurance, and its own information technology. We had developed an in-house library automation system in the mid-1980's, which I helped move to the PC LAN environment. We migrated in 2002 to Innovative Interfaces' Millennium series. The library's award winning website is www.sdcpll.org.

All of the reference librarians (including those at the branches) had either a law degree or several years experience as law librarians from previous positions. The library was well known for its customer service. The Library won the PR Excellence Award in 2003 from the California Library Association for its excellent email newsletter. The Library won the 2004 Distinguished Organization Award from the San Diego County Bar Association.

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Some accomplishments: In 2002-04, the Library obtained LSTA grants of \$65,000 and \$83,000 in order to prepare and teach classes on several aspects of legal research and civil procedure to self-represented litigants. It was part of our aggressive strategy to provide our patrons with the kind of information they really need in order to work with the courts and the law generally. We also taught classes to attorneys, courthouse staff, and public librarians. Under the last LSTA grant, we also taught “train the trainer” sessions to other county law librarians across California.

When I arrived in 1987, the Library had an affiliated charitable trust, the Law Library Justice Foundation of San Diego County, of which I was the executive director and secretary to the board, but it was poorly organized for fund raising. Through careful work over many years, I was able to foster the foundation into much better fund raising. We had to get a court ruling to allow us to change the make-up of the board and to enable the board to have broad powers. As of 2005, the foundation raised \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year through special events and was gearing to expand its role further with an annual campaign. I garnered the interest of the Hervey Family Fund of San Diego in a capital expansion, gaining a \$100,000 grant in 2005 to be used by my successor for planning purposes. The Hervey Family is also considering a major endowment. I personally have been trained in fund raising through various courses, including the week-long Fund Raising School of the Center for Philanthropy of the University of Indiana.

I led the Library’s change in personnel classification scheme, first in 1988, again in 1995, and again in 2004. Our scheme has been copied by several other county law libraries. We were one of the first to deploy core competencies as a component of rank descriptions and the evaluation process, which I initiated.

I professionalized the Law Library Board’s activities, producing their first bylaws in 1990, initiating their first legislative advocacy procedures, creating their first director evaluation system, and bringing their meetings in better compliance with the state open meetings laws.

I oversaw two major renovations at our Main Library and a move to new, more expansive quarters for our North County Branch.

I have had several MLS students as interns during my years at SDCPLL.

Law Librarian and Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, 1977-87. (Tenured in 1982.) I was the director of this law school library for ten years. I also taught every student their first-year legal research and writing class, some 1700 students total in the ten years. I also taught small seminar classes in Regulated Industries. I received tenure on the faculty after about five years there.

The UMKC Law Library had some 13 full-time and 20 part-time employees. Its budget was just above \$1 million when I left in 1987. During my tenure we became automated. We shared our acquisitions/serials control system with the UMKC Libraries, and library catalog automation with the University of Missouri generally. I developed the PC lab for the Law School, one of the first in the country, in 1984. We had been very early users of Lexis, initially under a 1975 Missouri State Bar grant, but I was able to keep funding going for it. We also became one of the earliest law schools to get Lexis and Westlaw training centers.

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When the Law School moved into its new building in 1979, I was the person in charge of the whole move, not just the library.

As the instructor for first-year legal research and writing, I developed a model for teaching the course, wherein recently graduated honors students became readers of the written work for the first-years, thus greatly improving the individual attention received and allowing an expanded writing program. I was able to transform the system into a volunteer system when faced with severe budget cuts in 1982.

Associate Law Librarian, Assistant Professor of Law, St. Louis University School of Law, 1975-77. I was the immediate deputy to the director, Eileen Searls, and all other staff reported to me. There were some 18 full-time and 25 part-time staff. I also taught a course in Computers and the Law while there. (Searls received the Marian Gould Gallagher Award in 1999.)

Readers Services Assistant, University of Texas Tarlton Law Library, 1974-75. I was the evening reference librarian (full-time) while I matriculated for the MLS at the University of Texas, working for Roy Mersky. I reported through Lance Dickson and Harry S. Martin. (Mersky received the Marian Gould Gallagher Award in 2005. Dickson retired as Director of the Stanford University Law School Library in 2004. Martin retired as Director of the Harvard Law School Library in 2008.)

Certifications

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas, 1974.

Certified Law Librarian, 1977, American Association of Law Libraries.

Professional and Community Organization Officer Positions (selected)

Secretary, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, 1976-78.

Executive Board Member, Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Research and Writing, 1977-78.

Editor, *Law Library Journal*, the official scholarly journal of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1981-84, and Member, *ex officio*, of the Law Library Journal Committee, 1991-84..

Vice President, 1981-82, President, 1982-83, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries.

Corporate Secretary, Mid-America Consortium of Law School Libraries, 1984-86.

Editor, Council of California County Law Librarians newsletter, 1988-98.

Executive Board Member, Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 1991-93.

Executive Board Member, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1991-93.

Chair, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section Trustees Development Committee, 1991-93, and Chief Editor/Compiler, *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees* (AALL Publ. #45, 1994).

Member, American Association of Law Libraries Special Task Force on the Renaissance of Law Librarianship in the Information Age, and Chair of its Subcommittee on Recommendations, 1994-96.

Local Arrangements Chair, 1995 American Association of Law Libraries Winter Institute, "Teaching Legal Research," San Diego, CA.

Faculty Member, 1996 American Association of Law Libraries Winter Institute, "Legislative Lobbying for Libraries," Sacramento, CA.

Member, American Association of Law Libraries Task Force on New Funding Opportunities for Public Law Libraries, and Chair of its Subcommittee on Permanent Funding, 1997-2000.

President, Council of California County Law Librarians, 1998-2000, and Vice President, California Conference of County Law Library Trustees and Librarians, 1998-2000.

Member, Serra Cooperative Library System, Administrative Council (San Diego and Imperial Counties, CA), 1999-2005.

Member, American Association of Law Libraries State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section Working Group on a Model Code for County Law Libraries, 1999-2002.

Member, Tierra del Sol Regional Library Network Board of Directors (Region VI, Library of California), 2000-05.

Member, Project Area Committee, Centre City Development Corporation, City of San Diego, CA, Redevelopment Board, 2000-03.

Member, Centre City Advisory Committee, City of San Diego, 2000-03.

Chair, Legislation Committee, Council of California County Law Librarians, 2000-02.

Chair, Relocation Appeals Board, City of San Diego, 2001-2005.

Member, West Group Scholarship Advisory Board, 2001-04.

Vice Chair-Chair Elect, 2002-03; Chair, 2003-04, American Association of Law Libraries State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section.

Chair, Law Librarians Working Group, Self Represented Litigation Network, 2006-10; Member, 2010-.

Member, Research Working Group, Self Represented Litigation Network, 2006-.

Member, Information, Marketing and Outreach Working Group, Self Represented Litigation Network, 2006-.

Vice President, Sehome Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, Bellingham, WA, 2006-10; President, 2010-.

Member, American Association of Law Libraries Pro Bono Partners Special Committee, 2006-07.

Official Representative from the American Association of Law Libraries to the Self Represented Litigation Network, 2007-08.

Member, Compliance Working Group, Self Represented Litigation Network, 2008-.

Member, American Association of Law Libraries State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section and Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section Joint Committee on Pro Bono Partnerships, 2007-.

Awards and Honors

Service Award, presented by the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 1983.

For work up to and culminating in my term as President.

Appreciation Award, presented by the American Association of Law Libraries, 1984.

For work as Editor of the *Law Library Journal*.

Exceptional Service Award, presented by the San Diego County Bar Association, 1990.

For legislative activities on behalf of California county law libraries.

Appreciation Award, presented by the State, Court and County Law Libraries Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1994.

For service on its board.

Connie Bolden Publication Award, presented by the State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 1996.

For work as Chief Editor and Compiler of the *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees* (AALL Publ. #45, 1994).

William Rohan Chapter Service Award, presented by the Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 1997.

Its highest service award, for service to the SCALL.

Exceptional Service Award, presented by the Council of California County Law Libraries, 1998.

For service as editor of its newsletter for ten years.

Service Award, presented by the San Diego Area Law Libraries, 2005.

For service to the law library community in San Diego during my eighteen years there.

Lifetime Achievement Award, Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 2005.

For service to the Association and to county law libraries.

Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, presented by the American Association of Law Libraries, 2005.

This lifetime achievement award is the highest award given by the Association, for service to law librarianship and to the American Association of Law Libraries.

Bernard E. Witkin, Esq., Award, presented by the Law Library Justice Foundation of San Diego County, 2005.

This award is given for distinguished service to the San Diego legal community in the education, adjudication, litigation and legislation of the law. It is a lifetime achievement award.

Lexis-Nexis Call for Papers Award, Open Division, 2006, presented by the American Association of Law Libraries.

This competitive award was given for my paper, "The Queen of Chula Vista: Stories of Self-Represented Litigants and a Call for Using the Cognitive Theory of Metaphor to Work With Them."

Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession, State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries, 2009.

American Association of Law Libraries Hall of Fame, 2010.

The AALL Hall of Fame was created in 2010, and the entering class included all previous Gallagher Award Winners.

Professional Memberships (Selected)

State Bar of Texas, 1974-.
American Association of Law Libraries, 1974-.
Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 1974-87.
Southern California Association of Law Libraries, 1987-2005.
Council of California County Law Librarians, 1987-2005.
California Conference of County Law Library Trustees and Librarians, 1987-2005.
American Library Association, 1988-2005.
Library Information and Technology Association, 1988-2005.
San Diego County Bar Association, 1988-2005.
Membership-Subscription Law Libraries Round Table (invitation only), 1989-2005.
Public Library Association, 1990-2005.
California Library Association, 1990-2005.
San Diego Area Law Librarians, since it started in 1998 to 2005.
Law Libraries of Puget Sound, 2006-.
Self-Represented Litigation Network, 2006-.
American Judicature Society, 2006-.
National Legal Aid and Defender Association, 2007-.

References

References are available upon request.

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Wife: Roberta (Bert) Monroe (community activist; fiction writer)
Unitarian. Play guitar; main exercises are walking and weights.

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Short List of Publication Activity.

As I am not an academic professor or librarian, I have not kept a detailed list of every speech and publication that I have made, typically five or six a year throughout my career. Most were very routine matters, such as small columns in bar association newsletters or small speeches and panel participation at local, state, and national library association meetings, that came with my office as director at the San Diego County Public Law Library. As a consultant, much of my work is not available for public view. Nevertheless, here is a selected list of publications and publishing activity.

Books

Dyer, Charles R., et al., *Sourcebook for Law Library Governing Boards and Committees* (American Association of Law Libraries pub. #45, Rothman, 1994). I chaired a committee of eight librarians and six library trustees. I wrote about 70 percent of the original text. For this effort, I was singled out to receive the Connie Bolden Publication Award, but I am mostly proud of coordinating the many contributions and the work of the committee. We did this work under a grant we obtained from the AALL Research Grants Committee.

Dyer, Charles R., et al, *Council of California County Law Librarians' Trustees Manual* (3rd ed, 1992). I was the reporter for this greatly expanded edition, created by a committee of four. It went from 10 pages to 306, and included a wealth of sample materials gathered from the members. I wrote about 60 percent of the original text, organized the materials, and oversaw publication.

Articles

Dyer, Charles R., Joan E. Fairbanks, M. Lynn Greiner, Kirsten Barron, Janet L. Skreen, and Josefina Cerrillo-Ramirez, "Improving Justice and Saving Money: Plain Language Court Forms in Washington State," *Seattle Journal for Social Justice*, vol. 11, (Forthcoming February 2013).

Dyer, Charles R., "A Bibliographic Essay on Cognitive Linguistics for Law Librarians and Legal Researchers". The bibliographic essay is the final product of an American Association of Law Libraries Lexis-Nexis Research Grant. It is most easily available on request from Charles Dyer, charlesrdyer@clearwire.net.

Dyer, Charles R. , "The Queen of Chula Vista: Stories of Self-Represented Litigants and a Call for Using the Cognitive Theory of Linguistics to Work With Them," *Law Library*

Journal, vol. 99, issue 4, pages 717-756 (Fall 2007). An earlier version of this article was a winner in the Open Division of the American Association of Law Libraries Lexis-Nexis Call for Papers for 2006.

Dyer, Charles R., "Service in Public Law Libraries," in *The Spirit of Law Librarianship: A Reader*, pages 31-38 (2nd ed., Compiled by Roy M. Mersky and Richard A. Leiter, Alert Publications 2005).

Dyer, Charles R., "A Short Look at Twenty-Five Years of the *Law Library Journal*," *Law Library Journal*, vol. 75, issue 2, pages 187-191 (Spring 1982).

Dyer, Charles R., "Data Processing Contracts: A Tutorial," *Proceedings of the 1977 Clinic on Library Applications of Data Processing: Negotiating for Computer Services* (University of Illinois), pages 31-53.

Short Articles

Dyer, Charles R., "The Next Best Thing to Universal Legal Care: With the help of AALL, the Self Represented Litigation Network is reorganizing our nation's delivery of legal services," *AALL Spectrum*, November 2008, pages 29-31, forthcoming.

Dyer, Charles R., "The Court Solutions Conference," *SCCLL News*, vol. 34, no. 3, Fall 2008, pages 3-8. An extensive look at the Self Represented Litigation Network's "train the trainers" track at the conference for courthouse staff in innovations in working with self represented litigants.

The following articles are columns written for the American Association of Law Libraries State, Court, and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section's *SCCLL News*. These are available online at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/membership/newsletter.htm> and on my own website at <http://www.charlesrdyer.com/publications.asp>.

Dyer, Charles R., "Transitions." Volume 36, Number 2, Spring 2010. In this final Charley's Column column, I reviewed the eleven years of the column and the changes that reflected my own changes and choices. For those trying to get a sense of the columns as a whole, this is a good place to start. Volume 36, Number 2, Spring 2010.

Dyer, Charles R., "Cultural Competency Redux." In a continuation of the previous column on cultural competency, I introduce the small but significant field of study known as applied cultural linguistics. Languages are a reflection of their culture, but they also are part of our learning system, and, as such, we learn the biases of our culture through our first language. Teaching second language fluency requires understanding these deeply imbedded differences. Language access to the courts is significantly more complicated

than the application of plain language theory in its present form. Volume 36, Number 1, Winter 2010.

Dyer, Charles R., "Judicial Elections and Legal Discourse." This column is a review of a regional American Judiciary Society conference subsequent to the *Caperton v. Massey Coal Company* case, wherein a West Virginia supreme court judge's election was bought by the Massey Coal Company, and the U.S. Supreme Court subsequently ruled that he should have recused himself in the *Caperton* case. I noted the lack of discussion about the public's failure to understand legal discourse as part of the problem contributing to public election of judges. Volume 35, Number 3, Fall 2009.

Dyer, Charles R., "Internal Budget Advocacy." In these times of economic stress, many public law libraries have seen their own parent organizations make hugely disproportionate cuts in their budgets when compared to other parts of the bureaucracy. Budget advocacy within a governmental organization is different from external legislative advocacy. This column sums up several effective methods, basically relying on proving that it is less expensive for the overall organization to save the libraries than to cut them. Volume 35, Number 2, Spring 2009.

Dyer, Charles R., "Researching a Moving Target." In creating a bibliography on cognitive linguistics for legal researchers, I noted the difficulty of explaining a rapidly expanding intellectual movement. Borrowing from Alexandre Koyré's comment about Thomas Kuhn's *Structure of Scientific Revolutions* that "you have brought the internal and external histories of science, which in the past have been very far apart, together," I further note the "internal" and "external" views of law, as noted by H.L.A. Hart, and the difficulty that pro se litigants have with that, as do the lawyers on the "inside", and the value of cognitive linguistics toward bridging that gap. Volume 35, Number 1, Winter 2009.

Dyer, Charles R., "Election Special: Changing the Frame." Noting the Nobel Prize winning work of Daniel Kahneman (with Amos Tversky) showing that the "rational actor" economic model fails to show how people actually make choices, I note that the freedom of the marketplace frame has skewed our brains into thinking that things are better done when there is a profit motive and it has affected our political thought. Volume 34, Number 3, Fall 2008.

Dyer, Charles R., "Cultural Competency: A Layered Problem." Using information from the 2008 Equal Justice Conference, and a little bit of cognitive linguistics, I found a hierarchy of four separate layers of misunderstanding that self represented litigants may suffer when they come to court. Innovators serving them are finding ways to break through. Volume 34, Number 2, Spring 2008.

Dyer, Charles R., "Profiling at the Reference Desk." The much maligned term "profiling" is used to describe the infamous tactic of choosing someone to search and possibly sanction based on physical criteria. But cognitive neuroscientists tell us that we use profiling all the time, and, in fact, could not survive without it. We need to recognize that we do and learn to do so properly. I take as my example the law library reference desk. Volume 34, Number 1, Winter 2008.

Dyer, Charles R., "Writing in Prototypes is Different from Speaking in Them." We commonly use the scenario of an individual working through a problem when speaking about a group, such as self represented litigants. I found, much to my surprise, that one has to be more careful when writing. Volume 33, Number 3, Fall 2007.

Dyer, Charles R., "Prototypes and Categories: Making Zoning Laws That Work." The cognitive linguists' term "prototypicality" refers to using prototypes to gain sense of words, rather than strict logical categories. Now it seems there is a movement within city development codes to use prototypes as representatives of preferred structures, rather than trying to list restrictions. Volume 33, Number 2, Spring 2007.

Dyer, Charles R., "Prototypes, Metaphors, Clichés, and Service of Process." According to cognitive linguistics, creativity comes through radial expansion from prototypes, often through metaphors. These metaphors eventually become standard usage and even jargon terms. Volume 33, Number 1, Winter 2007.

Dyer, Charles R., "Rules versus Relationships at the Reference Desk." Applying some thoughts from legal anthropologists to the words law librarians use to communicate with self represented litigants at the reference desk. Volume 32, Number 3, Fall 2006.

Dyer, Charles R., "Some Cognitive Science for the Reference Staff." This is an early, shortened version of the "Queen of Chula Vista" article, applying thoughts on the cognitive theory of metaphor to helping self-represented litigants. Volume 32, Number 2, Spring 2006.

Dyer, Charles R., "The Political Ramifications of Inter-Library Cooperation." Joining with public librarians can increase a public law library's political presence. Volume 32, Number 1, Winter 2006.

Dyer, Charles R., "Starving Government Is a Failed Policy." The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina shows the problems that neo-conservative policies create for citizens. Volume 31, Number 3, Fall 2005.

Dyer, Charles R., "Some Observations on Points of View." The law library is a good laboratory for observing the differences in world views that some philosophers find critical in determining truth. Volume 31, Number 2, Spring 2005.

- Dyer, Charles R., "My Middle-Aged Career Change." Explaining my choice to retire to do scholarly research and consulting. Volume 31, Number 1, Winter 2005.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Law Librarians Must Vote for a President ." Republican and Democratic governmental policies that affect libraries are examined in anticipation of the upcoming election. Volume 30, Number 3, Fall 2004.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Some Disparate Ramblings." Short pieces on: the biological root of ethics, security incidents becoming routine, the growing divide between the types of law librarianship. Volume 30, Number 2, Spring 2004.
- Dyer, Charles R., "A Research Agenda for Public Law Libraries—Where to Start." A call to combine informatics, modern jurisprudence and the increase in self-represented litigants for a research agenda. Volume 30, Number 1, Winter 2004.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Am I spending too much time planning for a new building?" With the great increase in scanning old publications into databases and distributed reference, what will new law library buildings need to be? Volume 29, Number 3, Fall 2003.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Two Hundred Channels and Nothing Worth Watching—It could be worse!" An argument against the de-regulation of ownership of television stations. Volume 29, Number 2, Spring 2003.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Food for Thought." In critically reviewing the new pamphlet from AALL: *Beyond the Boundaries: Report of the Special Committee on the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age*, I note that public law libraries' education role is increasing. Volume 29, Number 1, Winter 2003.
- Dyer, Charles R., "The Weight of Democracy." In the aftermath of 9-11, doing legislative battles to maintain funding for public law libraries is ever more important to help protect our freedoms. Volume 28, Number 3, Fall 2002.
- Dyer, Charles R., "The Queen of Chula Vista and Other Tales." Even the craziest of self-represented litigants share some innate respect for the law. Volume 28, Number 2, Spring 2002.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Of Geniuses and Librarians." Librarians have a broad view and not a lot of time to ponder ideas. In short, they work too hard to be geniuses. Volume 28, Number 1, Winter 2002.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Who Ya Gonna Call?" As arbitration increases, especially in certain fields of law, our jurisprudence suffers from a lack of observable cases. Volume 27, Number 3, Fall 2001.

- Dyer, Charles R., "What, Me Worry?" Ruminations on what is really important in our lives, work or kids. Volume 27, Number 2, Spring 2001.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Some Rooneyisms." Vignettes on writing columns in the computer age and other facets of modern life. Volume 27, Number 1, Winter 2001.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Defragging Old Brains." Using computer analogies to discuss older folks' learning skills. Volume 26, Number 3, Fall 2000.
- Dyer, Charles R., "Technology Gripes." Vignettes on problems with technology in law libraries. Volume 26, Number 2, Spring 2000.
- Dyer, Charles R., "And the Word Was Law . . ." An examination of law as written word in an age of graphics. Volume 26, Number 1, Winter 2000.
- Dyer, Charles R., "VOTE YES on the Bylaw Amendment!!!" Urging members to vote in favor of a revision of AALL memberships rules to allow trustees to be members. Volume 25, Number 4, Fall 1999.

Editorial Work

- Editor, *For Your Information* newsletter, 1988-1998, official newsletter of the Council of California County Law Librarians. The newsletter was printed four times a year, with issue length between 20 and 35 pages in 10 pt. font. The *FYI* reported a considerable amount of matters, including legislative, to the Council membership. I transformed it from a photocopied information piece to a full scale, desktop published newsletter. I usually wrote at least one substantive short piece for each issue, including many on serving self represented litigants or on legislative objectives, but unfortunately, the publication is available only in California county law libraries.
- Local editor for the book, *A Street Is Not a Home: Solving America's Homeless Dilemma*, by Judge Robert C. Coates (Prometheus, 1990). Essentially, we built the book on my computer, and I went over every word several times. The book was distributed by a foundation to over 9,000 state and local legislators and executive office holders.
- Editor, *Law Library Journal*, 1981-1984, the official scholarly journal of the American Association of Law Libraries. As the last editor of the *Law Library Journal* (1981-1984) when it was run on entirely volunteer staff, I upgraded the product by requiring cite checking of all citations, by creating a guide for authors that (with small revisions) is still being printed in each issue, by creating a guide for the preparation of bibliographies, and

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lastly by writing the proposal to the AALL Executive Board that enabled the next editor to hire copy-editing staff and to begin electronic submission of text to the printer.

Notable Speeches

Dyer, Charles R., "Bernard E. Witkin, Esq., Award Acceptance Speech," Annual Bernard E. Witkin, Esq., Awards Dinner, Law Library Justice Foundation, San Diego, California, November 16, 2005. The gist of the speech was the role of public law librarians and the necessity of public law libraries. Available at <http://www.charlesrdyer.com/PDFs/2005WitkinAwardSpeech.pdf>.

Dyer, Charles R., "Marian Gould Gallagher Award Acceptance Speech," American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, July 18, 2005. The gist of the speech was the mission of law libraries to protect access to legal information and collaboration among law librarians. Available at <http://www.charlesrdyer.com/PDFs/GallagherAwardSpeech2005.pdf>.

Dyer, Charles R., "The Librarian's Role: Set Them Up To Do Good, or 'Don't Bore Your Board'," American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, July 18, 1999, for the program "Law librarians and their governing bodies—Identifying strategies for a successful working relationship." Available at <http://www.charlesrdyer.com/PDFs/DontBoreYourBoard1999.pdf>.

Other Publications and Presentations of Note

Dyer, Charles R., "Legislative Advocacy: A Cognitive Approach," 2008 Equal Justice Conference (American Bar Association and National Legal Aid and Defender Association), a presentation at the pre-conference workshop "Self Represented Litigants: Effective Strategies for Meeting Their Needs and Realizing Your Organization's Goals" given at the Minneapolis Hilton on May 6, 2008. Power point and materials are available at Self Help Support.org at http://www.selfhelpsupport.org/library/folder.192470-2008_Equal_Justice_Conference and at my website at <http://www.charlesrdyer.com/EJC2008legadv.asp> (which has better explanations).

Dyer, Charles R., and Matsumoto, Allen, drafters-compilers, *Sehome Neighborhood Plan*, submitted to the Bellingham, WA, Department of Planning and the City Council, December 1, 2007. This 54 page zoning plan, drafted under provisions of the Washington Growth Management Act and the Bellingham Comprehensive Plan, was written with input from the Sehome Neighborhood Association, representing the residents and business owners of the Sehome Neighborhood, an official neighborhood covering a specific geographic area within the City of Bellingham, Washington. Of the 23 neighborhoods that went through the planning process, the Sehome Plan was one of two accepted by the Department of Planning as ready to go forward. It is being used as an example for the other neighborhoods.

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Dyer, Charles R., “Serving Self-Represented Litigants: Planning for Action,” a half-day workshop for the New York State Unified Court System Law Librarians Conference, New York State Judicial Institute at Pace University in White Plains, New York on October 24, 2006. The 2 Power Point presentations and 8 handouts are available, along with an explanation for their use at <http://www.charlesrdyer.com/NYSUCS.asp>.

Dyer, Charles R., Chair, Relocation Appeals Board for the City of San Diego. I presided over and wrote the opinion for the case of *San Diego Refrigerated Services vs. Centre City Development Corporation* (May 2003). This two-year case required seven day-long open meetings, huge amounts of documentation, and considerable research. Albeit only precedent for the City of San Diego, my opinion established the concept that “equitable relief” is not judged solely as “equal relief,” and that special circumstances can call for differing relief to different relocated parties. Much to the surprise of the City’s Centre City Development Corporation, the City Council accepted my opinion, and the parties subsequently settled. (This was the last of the seventeen litigated cases that occurred as a result of the creation of the Ballpark Redevelopment Zone. Petco Park opened April 8, 2004, two years later than scheduled.)

Dyer, Charles R. Dyer, Drafter, Recommendations Section, *Report from the AALL Special Task Force on the Renaissance of Law Librarianship in the Information Age* (American Association of Law Libraries 1996). The report was greatly influential on AALL strategic planning and subsequent task forces.