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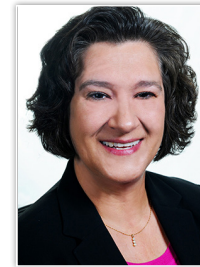
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There's something in the "law librarian DNA" that has inspired her quest for knowledge.

by *Cindy Spohr, Senior Manager, LexisNexis® Librarian Relations Group*

Yes. It's me. I just turned 30, i.e., I'm celebrating 30 years at LexisNexis. That other "age 30" came a while ago. ;-) For most of those 30 years, I've been a law librarian working with law librarians. Perfect for me, because I think we're a special breed.

Maybe it's in the DNA of the people who choose the profession. We get so inspired and so humbled by knowledge and the technology that delivers the facts that make us smarter. We want to be part of it.



If I walk down memory lane to April 22, 1985, when I picked up my LexisNexis® employee ID badge, I remember being enthralled by the notion that a 30-pound PC, a 2,400-baud modem and a 5¼-inch floppy disk with LexisNexis software (beta no less) could gain access to a growing legal and news library. I thought I had hit the mother lode of information—and LexisNexis didn't even have all 50 state statutes online yet.

Still it was an exciting time because, as law librarians, we had a long-standing quest: **To seek out more ways to get more information to more of our attorneys so they could do more—and better—work.** Suddenly the pace of change to take us there had shifted into open throttle.



Indeed! I swear I only blinked and decades had passed. Physical library space and PCs have grown smaller, 24-hour, online reference desks are commonplace, digital library offerings grow by petabytes almost annually and law librarians are morphing into Knowledge Managers and Chief Knowledge Officers.

It's been no secret that law librarians have constantly reinvented themselves as information technology and the practice of law itself evolved. But "law librarian DNA" helps me stay inspired. And the quest continues, although our profession is constantly adjusting due to information overload. (Be careful what you wish for.) Now we seek out the best and fastest ways to get the right information to the right people so they can do more, better work.

You know, memory lane is a nice place to visit occasionally, but let’s look forward ... that’s the journey I enjoy the most.

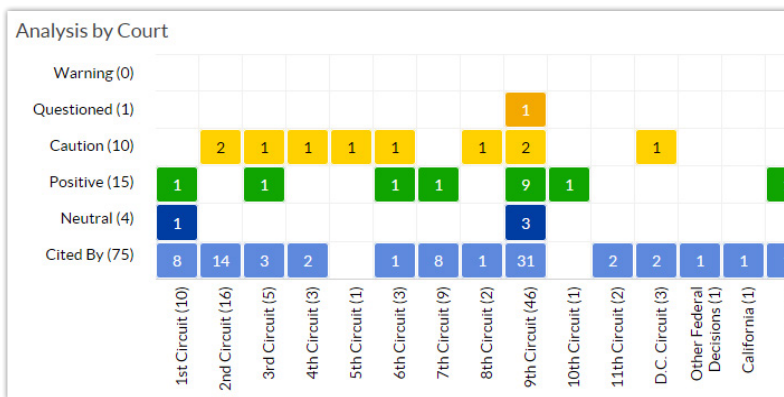
The changes in online research at LexisNexis over the last 30 years have been monumental, yet when I look at today’s trends and tomorrow’s predictions on **information analytics and integration, “anywhere-anyhow-anytime access,”** and so much more, I feel like we still have an amazing journey ahead of us.

I say “we” because **law librarians have been there with LexisNexis every step of the way** as

strong researchers, evaluators and decision makers providing extraordinary feedback and suggestions. We value the role that you hold within your organizations, and that you are a strong customer base for LexisNexis.

As we continue on our evolutionary paths, LexisNexis will continue to develop products, acquire key content and build strategic partnerships based on blueprints that law librarians, with their indomitable knowledge DNA, help us create.

I can’t wait. How about you?



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