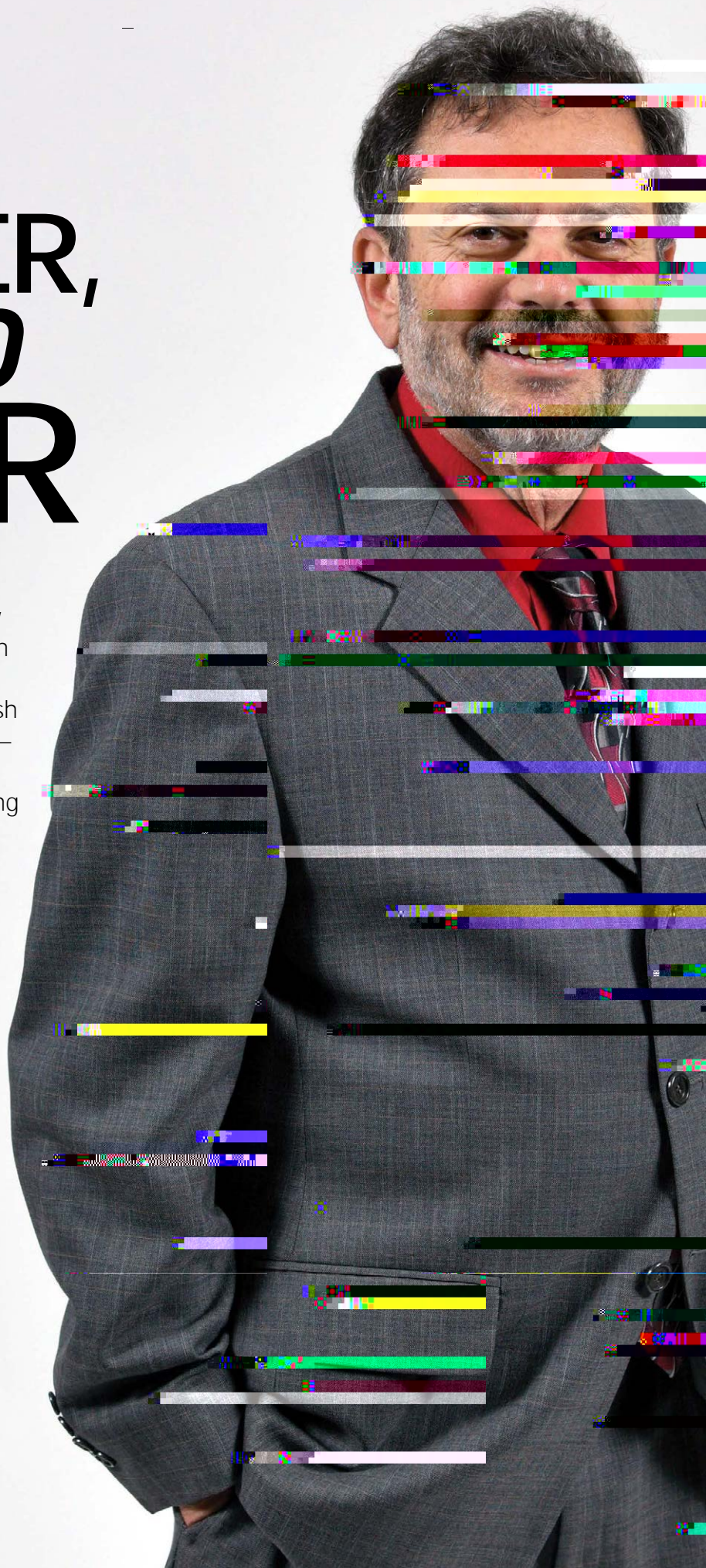LEADER PROFILE

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Throughout his extensive law library career, former American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Executive Board member Kenneth (Ken) J. Hirsh has created a reputation for himself—as an innovator as well as a pretty badass karaoke singer. After achieving his lifelong dream of appearing on *Jeopardy!* in October of 2016, he continues to set goals and make contributions to the legal technology

The popular TV series *Perry Mason* served as a dose of inspiration for Ken Hirsh when he was deciding what he wanted to do with his life. After giving up on his original dream of going into ichthyology (f sh science), he changed direction and decided to pursue the legal f eld as an attorney. He graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor's of arts degree in 1974 before earning his JD from the University of Florida in 1977. After practicing law in Florida for nearly 10 years, he returned to school to obtain his MS in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University in 1989. He then joined the Law Library at Duke University School of Law, serving in numerous positions, such as reference librarian, manager of computing

to Technology in the Practice of Law, the course he created with Wayne Miller. Reference librarian Shannon Kemen co-teaches the course.

Hirsh is also a prominent leader within the law librarian and legal information field. He has served in a number of leadership roles within AALL since joining as a s[...] on the Executive Board [...]tive Board Finance & Bu[...]–2015, 2015–2016), the Ex[...]ic Directions Committee [...] AALL LexisNexis Call f[...]tee, to name a few. He [...]t p[...] of the Southe[...] th[...]can Asso[...](20[...]8), an[...]Law [...]ies. [...]ere[...]n the [...]in[...]s SIS [...]e within [...]enter for Comm[...]gal Instru[...]ALI) and se[...]Board o[...]tors for 12[...]ored by [...]ALL a[...]ing servi[...]ed its disting[...]n th[...]computing [...]

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seeking new ways of doing something, but to be completely innovative, you've also got to figure out if there are totally new things to be done, not just new ways of doing them. Are there things we should be accomplishing that we haven't tried to do before?

Where is the profession headed with legal tech?

Law librarians are trained to work with information and some form of technology, whether it's the ink and paper of the days of long ago, or the digital tech of today; librarians in general, and law librarians in particular, have always had more or less a facility for dealing with technology and other advancements within the field. When it comes to working in law schools, there may not be core curriculum faculty who are interested in technology, but it's an area where I think law schools can benefit from having librarians on staff who can also fill in the gaps in teaching technology and fill the need for students to learn that tech. I encourage librarians to take the lead in this effort.

The big thing in the legal profession right now is Rule 1.1, Comment 8 from the *American*