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Law Librarian Blog, Scholarly Kitchen, and the Legal Skills blog. I also read about legal education and review statistics and new data that are available to help sort out trends.

What can you share about your path to becoming a director?

I am geographically bound to the DC area as my husband's law practice and our roots are here. While I am fortunate to have the breadth of law library work I did when I was younger, my opportunities were limited geographically. I am also very grateful that I was able to work in several part-time positions when my daughters were young.

My experience over the years helped me in several ways. I worked at a law firm and administered Georgetown's Public Patron program. The internet has limited the need for this program today, but 25 years ago, research, particularly on the internet, was a trip to the library. Through this program, I developed organizational skills that allowed me to succeed as an administrator. The opportunities to supervise law students and to support academic teaching and scholarship gave me the tools they need to succeed at their positions, through support for their scholarship, conference attendance, and continuing education. Finally, the skills I developed at American University

motivated me to return to the academic world and my experience at American provided me with the skills to be the director of an academic law library. The opportunity to engage in and to support academic teaching and scholarship gave me purpose.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

No day is ever the same! While I start each day with my "to-do" list, it usually vanishes, often before I even walk in the door. But I like that challenge. It is the needs of students, faculty, and administrators. My passion is working with students and helping them succeed. The opportunity to assist with their research and writing skills is a great challenge. I love the challenge of meeting the needs of students, faculty, and administrators. My passion is working with students and helping them succeed. The opportunity to assist with their research and writing skills is a great challenge. I love the challenge of meeting the needs of students, faculty, and administrators.

How do you stay abreast of changes in the field?

I choose the all-of-the-above option! Several of my faculty members write on cutting-edge, legal education trends (I need) to follow closely. I subscribe to many blogs, including *Dewey B. Strategic Specific* the

What skills are in high demand for legal information professionals?

Some things never seem to change; communication skills, both written and oral, remain essential. Legal information professionals must be willing to anticipate, seek out, and respond to information needs. This requires being willing and eager to interact with the student who