

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Barbara J. Snow, A.M.L.S., librarian in the Law School Library, retired from active faculty status on July 18, 2012.

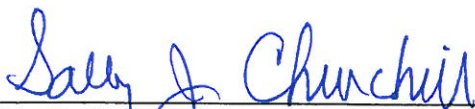
Ms. Snow received her A.B. and A.M.L.S. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1968 and 1973, respectively. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant librarian in 1973, and was promoted to associate librarian in 1976, senior associate librarian in 1977, and librarian in 1978. She served as head of circulation from 1977–2007 and was appointed assistant director in 2007.

Ms. Snow became a leader and invaluable participant in the management and administration of the Law Library very early in her career. She has worked tirelessly to help develop and modernize the Law Library and preserve its collections. She oversaw the launch of the Law Library's first online version of its circulation records in 1980, participated in space planning for and moving the collections to the underground Smith addition, created a document production position, organized job descriptions by task, and cross-trained support staff so they could serve as teams. In the late 1980s, she planned and oversaw the barcoding of all print volumes. This project facilitated the launch of the Law Library's integrated library system, including the circulation module she implemented, in 1990. She served as preservation officer, headed the staff intranet initiative, and was instrumental in reorganizing the Law Library staffing and management structure in 2007.

Ms. Snow has participated extensively in the planning and development of national preservation initiatives among law libraries and library consortia. She has been a member of the American Association of Law Libraries and the Michigan Association of Law Libraries. She served on the steering committee of the Center for Research Libraries/Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC) Digital and on the web committee of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance. Her article, "When Goals Collide: Planning and Implementing a Restricted Access Policy at the University of Michigan Law Library", appeared in *Law Library Journal* 84 (1992):383.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Barbara J. Snow** librarian emerita.

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