



Law Libraries

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When I first mentioned to fellow librarians that *Virginia Lawyer's* editor, Rodney Coggin, was interested in creating a theme issue based on articles written by law librarians, I heard dozens of recommendations for suggested topics. Most of the suggested topics dealt with articles describing just what it is that librarians do each day. Although that subject may be interesting to someone tempted by a career in librarianship, it may not be so interesting to typical practitioners striving day after day to juggle multiple priorities. So, instead of *telling* readers what librarians do, this issue's theme evolved into *showing* readers what librarians can do to make an attorney's work day easier.

In the pages that follow we hope that Virginia's attorneys find information they will want to keep for reference in their day-to-day practices. We hope this issue will help Virginia attorneys deliver a faster, better and more cost-effective product to clients and constituents. Because delivering faster, better, more cost-effective research results is precisely what librarians can do for you and your institutions.

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