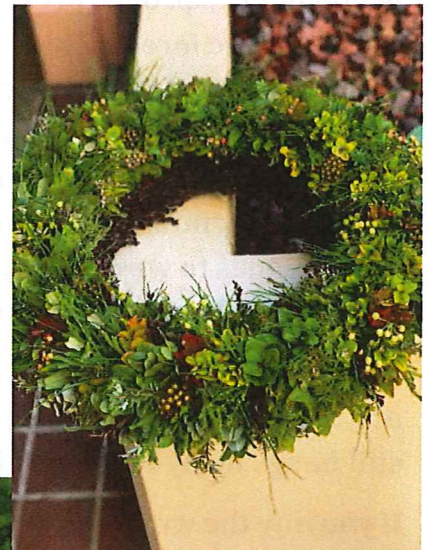


# NINTH CIRCUIT— SUZANNE LOFTON, CONTINUED

## CHRISTMAS HAWAIIAN STYLE



I was gifted this beautiful Hawaiian Christmas Wreath by a dear friend.

**Uluhe** , **palapalai**, **laua'e** and **whisk** ferns are often used in the making of the wreaths, as well as '**club moss**' and **Wawae'iole fern** that resembles little clusters of chenille pipe cleaners. Many of these ferns are indigenous to the Hawaiian islands.

We might not have the 'traditional' greens, berries and pine cones associated with a mainland Christmas, but there are many beautiful greens, flowers and berries to choose from when you go foraging for your own wreath material in the forests and mountains of Hawai'i.

The berries and the tiny, sort of prickly leaves of the **pukiawe plant** are also used. The berries can be red, pink or white even on the same bush and the use of bits of this plant give your wreath a light airy look.

# NINTH CIRCUIT— SUZANNE LOFTON, CONTINUED

## CHRISTMAS HAWAIIAN STYLE, Cont.

When picking for flowers and going into the Hawai'i forests and mountains, there is proper protocol. The proper protocol for picking is to first "ask permission" of the forest deities as you enter the forest. This is a must. Some do an 'oli (voice chant) asking permission and making an offering of a ti-leaf lei. Then you proceed to pick, but only what you will be using and not strip a bush or plant completely. A good rule of thumb to follow is to take only from 3 to 6, 3" tips from each plant, so as not to disturb the plant. When picking flowers, I usually walk into the mountains turn around and pick the flowers as I walk out. Also, nothing goes to waste. Only pick what you will use and if you have extra you can string a lei or a make a lei po'o (lei for your head).

One of the perks of making Hawaiian Wreaths with all native material is that they usually dry well and can last a long time past the holidays. The wreath showed in the photos above still hangs in my home and is drying nicely.

If you buy the wreaths already made, wreaths can run from \$50 - \$75 for one made on a 10" frame to \$125 for a 12" frame and up to \$150 or more for a large one made using a 14" to 16" frame. Wreaths are pricey, but the hard work to pick the flowers and the time spent making the wreaths are worth every penny. Lots of love go into making these wreaths.

### Mu'umu'u

(Submitted by Suzanne Lofton)



January in Hawaii has been declared Mu'umu'u month. Mu'umu'u is the Hawaiian word for a long, loose-hanging dress, usually brightly colored or patterned, worn especially by Hawaiian women. I love wearing Mu'umu'u and especially use Mu'u when I'm dancing hula. I usually will wear a Mu'u on Friday at the courthouse since we here in the islands like to call Friday's "Aloha Friday".

Early Native Hawaiian Christian converts adopted the long-skirted dress for themselves which became known as a *Holokū*. For more practicality, pieces of the *holokū* were removed to create what became known as the *mu'umu'u*, which literally translates as "cut off or shortened."

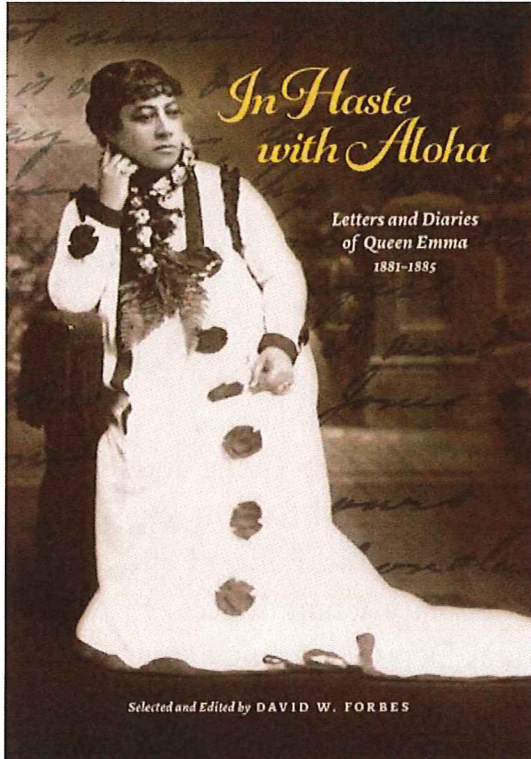
Tourists who visit our islands are attracted to the beautiful Mu'u and will often purchase one to wear while on vacation here on our island.

Over the generations, *mu'umu'u* became a favorite for women of Hawai'i and abroad, ever-evolving with the style of the time.

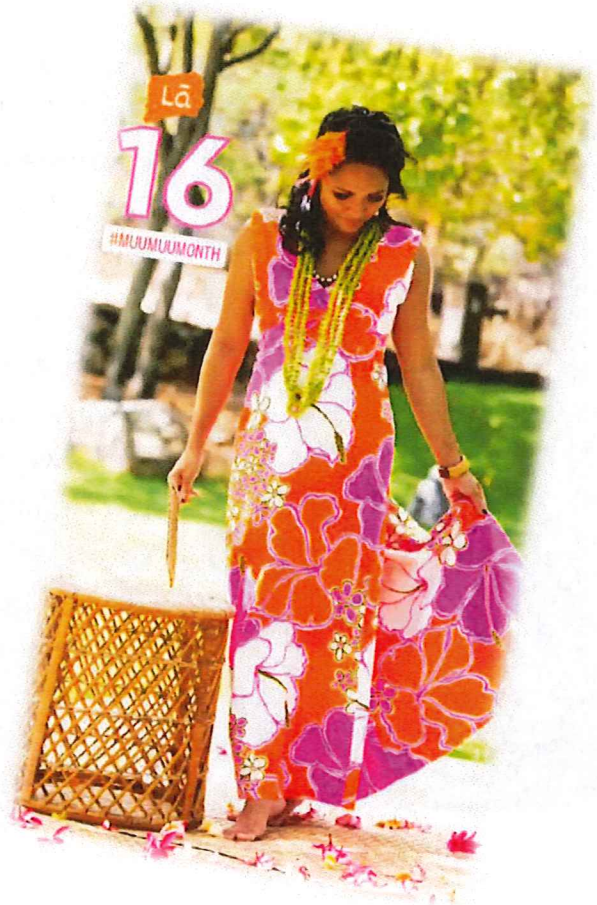


# NINTH CIRCUIT— SUZANNE LOFTON, CONTINUED

## Mu'umu'u, cont.



Beautiful Queen Emma in her Mu'umu'u



Suzanne Lofton wearing her Mu'umu'u



## NINTH CIRCUIT— SUZANNE LOFTON, CONTINUED



Lucy H. Koh, United States District Judge for the Northern District of California (San Jose Division), was confirmed by the United States Senate on December 13, 2021, for elevation to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Judge Koh's confirmation follows more than eleven years of distinguished service as a district judge. Prior to joining the federal judiciary, Judge Koh served for more than two years as a California Superior Court Judge for the County of Santa Clara, following a fifteen-year legal career as a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow on the United States Senate Judiciary Committee, a Special Assistant to the United States Deputy Attorney General, a federal prosecutor, and a civil litigator.

## TENTH CIRCUIT— KAREN BACA



### New Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado



Pursuant to 28 USC 154(b), the judges of the U.S. District Court have designated U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Kimberley H. Tyson as the next Chief Judge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado. Judge Tyson's seven-year term as Chief Judge will begin on July 1, 2021. The U.S. District Court congratulates Judge Tyson and thanks outgoing Chief Judge Michael E. Romero for his service to the District over the past seven years

# TERRI QUINTOS – FEDERAL/D.C. CIRCUIT



Many of us are still working remotely and may not have access to the same materials we did before. But you have a whole world of electronic resources that you may not be familiar with. Our librarians, Jessica Perovich and Kristee Copley, at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit Library, share a few resources that may come in handy:

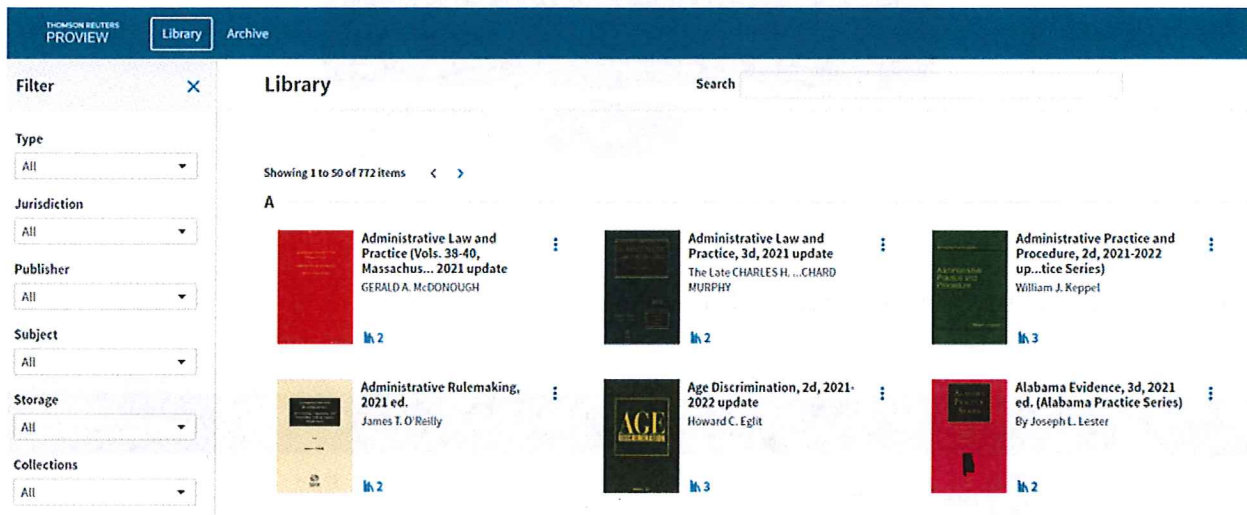
## 1 Searching the National Catalog

The National Library Program has created a new catalog interface that allows you to search for materials across all the circuits. Even if your library does not have something, your librarian can always request it from another circuit.

## TERRI QUINTOS – FEDERAL/D.C. CIRCUIT, CONTINUED...

# 2 Thomson Reuters ProView

Access 1,000's of eBooks through ProView! An updated version is coming this April so here is a sneak peek of how it'll look:



Users can also access previous editions of materials, download to devices for offline reading, make notes and annotations, and so much more. This is a great resource to have available especially when working remotely.

# 3 Archive.org

You can find tons of old dictionaries and encyclopedias using this resource. You may be familiar with it through the Wayback Machine, but it can do so much more than just search old versions of websites.

Go to archive.org and select the “Books” category at the top.

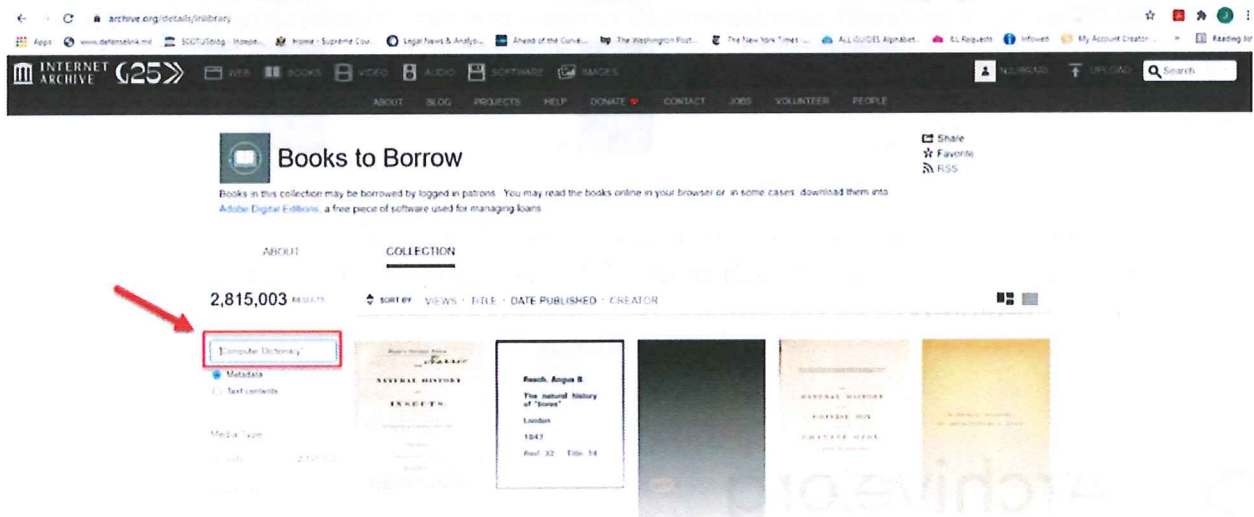


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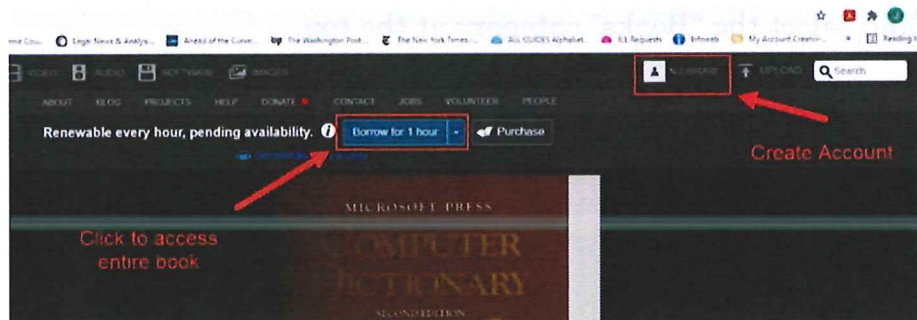
Next, select “Books to Borrow”



Enter your title or keywords in the search box



Finally, after you click on the book you are looking for, click the blue button to borrow the book (make sure that you are logged in)





# TERRI QUINTOS – FEDERAL/D.C. CIRCUIT, CONTINUED...

## 4 West Academic

Ever feel like you get a question about a type of law you're not that familiar with and would like a brief overview? Or maybe you just need a refresher? Check out the different nutshells and concise hornbooks [available electronically](#).

The screenshot shows the West Academic website interface. At the top left is the "WEST ACADEMIC" logo. To the right, it says "Hello Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Guest" with links for "Sign In" and "Create an Account". Below this is a search bar with the text "Search" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar is a "Search Tips" link. Below the search bar are navigation links: "BROWSE BY SUBJECT...", "BROWSE BY CONTENT", "BROWSE BY SERIES", and "MY FAVORITES".

The main content area is divided into two sections:

- REFERENCE COLLECTION:** Includes an icon of books and the text "Welcome to West Academic Reference Collection. Your use is subject to certain terms and limitations."
- RECENT RELEASES:** Features three book covers:
  - Evidence Law, A Student's Guide to the ...**
  - Municipal Bankruptcy in a Nutshell**
  - Uniform Commercial Code**A link below reads "View All Recent Releases (Last 90 Days) ▶".
- THE COLLECTION:** Shows a stack of books with titles like "CIVIL PROCEDURE" and "CONTRACTS". Text to the right says "Learn about the different series in the collection".

**ANNUAL FJAA TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**  
**Submitted by Yvette Garcia, Treasurer**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Previous Balance (12/31/2020) \$ 14,155.81

**INCOME**

2020 Membership Dues	\$37.00
2021 Membership Dues	\$3,990.00
2022 Membership Dues	\$3,299.56

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,326.56</u></b>	<b>\$ 7,326.56</b>
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**EXPENSES**

Tucson Hotel 2022 Conference	-\$7,000.00
Tonia Carruth - Reimbursement for 2021 Membership Dues	-\$60.00
Prize: Winner of 2021 early-bird drawing	-\$100.00
1&1 Internet Inc. (Annual FJAA website fee)	-\$155.88
Accounting Fees: Eric Button, CPA (tax year ending 12/31/20)	-\$350.00
New Orleans Hotel 2023 Conference	-\$4,760.00
The Hartford (Directors and Officers Insurance 2021)	-\$345.00
Prize: Winner of 2021 early-bird drawing	-\$100.00
Postage	-\$13.16

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>-\$12,884.04</u></b>	<b>\$ (12,884.04)</b>
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**Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/2021** **\$ 8,598.33**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Previous Balance 12/31/20 \$ 5,618.25

Interest Income \$ 0.56

**Savings Account Balance as of 12/31/2021** **\$ 5,618.81** **\$ 5,618.81**

**TOTAL ASSETS AS OF 12/31/2021** **\$ 14,217.14**



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• The Federal Judicial Assistants Association (FJAA) was formed in  
• 2002, as a result of a merger between the Federal Judges Secretaries  
• Association (which was formed in 1972) and the Federal Magistrate  
• Judges Secretaries Association (which was formed in 1995). In 2009,  
• the Federal Judges Secretaries Association officially changed its name  
• to the Federal Judicial Assistants Association.

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• The Federal Judicial Assistants Association has held annual  
• conferences since 1973, in Washington, D.C., Denver, Las Vegas,  
• Seattle, St. Louis, Memphis, and San Francisco, as well as many  
• other wonderful locations. The Federal Magistrate Judges Secretaries  
• Association (FMJSA) held its first meeting in 1995 in San Francisco  
• as a joint conference with The Federal Judges Secretaries  
• Association. Subsequent joint meetings in Philadelphia (1998), Reno  
• (1999), and Boston (2000) led to the formation of an Ad Hoc Merger  
• Committee for the two organizations. In 2001 the new by-laws were  
• written and the merger of both organizations was proposed to the  
• membership and approved by formal vote. The two organizations  
• became one effective October 12, 2002.

The goals of FJAA are:

- To promote the general welfare of its members,
- To encourage the highest ethical standards of conduct among its members,
- To promote continuing education and professional development of its members,
- To further the exchange of ideas and practical information relating to judicial support, and
- To foster among its member a feeling of camaraderie and mutual confidence.

## FROM MY DESK TO YOU: TIPS FOR THE OFFICE

Let your Circuit Representative know if you would like to share tips with your fellow FJAA members. We will be more than happy to include them in the our next newsletter! Thank you all for your participation!



**SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO YOUR CIRCUIT REPRESENTATIVE BY  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021  
THANK YOU!**



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