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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Ann Shaller is a Senior Technical Editor in ToxStrategies' Client Services group. She has more than 30 years of experience in writing and editing, as well as in library and information sciences. Ms. Shaller's wide-ranging career has allowed her the opportunity to work for both Fortune 500 companies and scientific consulting firms.

As a writer and editor, she has created in-house news products and assisted in writing technical reports and court documents. She also has extensive experience in editing book chapters, professional publications, poster presentations, and conference papers. Her editorial scope includes business communication, toxicology and epidemiology, food and consumer products, public health and hazard communication, and risk assessment. Ms. Shaller's goal is to assist her colleagues in making complex concepts readily understandable to the target audience while adhering to proper grammar and punctuation and utilizing logically constructed arguments.

As an information professional, Ms. Shaller has worked in academic, corporate, and special libraries, where she has used evolving technology to make information more accessible to her clients. She has created searchable databases of corporate assets, and has developed both electronic and physical document collections, as well as visual reference libraries. She has a demonstrated history of providing research in support of corporate and scientific/technical projects, including acquiring reference materials in a variety of formats.

EDUCATION AND DEGREES EARNED

- 1988 Master of Library Science (MLS)
School of Library and Information Science
University of Arizona
- 1984 Advanced Baccalaureate (AB)
Comparative Literature
Occidental College

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

A Fortune 500 company with international holdings required a biweekly, in-house news product that summarized print news from more than 50 publications in areas of interest to the company. Enhanced the existing document to be completely compliant with the Digital Millenium Copyright Act (DMCA) and expanded coverage as necessary. Created an electronic version of the document that both saved paper and increased accessibility, especially to units of the company operating in other countries. Assigned stories to two other writers and edited and formatted the document for publication.

Provided research and editing support to an expert witness in an ongoing class-action lawsuit. Acquired documents relevant to depositions and court declarations; edited Independent Medical Examinations (IMEs), declarations, and other communications required by the case in accordance with corporate standards. Editing considerations included making the complexities of the case (such as causation vs. correlation, risk assessment, sampling protocols) easily understandable to the target audience of trial lawyers, judges and jury members while maintaining the scientific integrity of the documents.

Provided research and editing support to a principal scientist during the creation of a pandemic-planning document for a client. Monitored news outlets for new information, acquired documents relevant to the creation of the plan, and edited the final document in accordance with corporate standards.

Provided research and editing support on historical earth embankment dam construction in support of a court case and later professional paper on a dam failure. This project was particularly complex, because the dam in question had been built over a century earlier on private property in a rural area. Documentation was difficult to find because of the age of the dam and the fact that, while the engineering adhered to the general idea of earth embankment construction, there were geographic considerations that played into its construction and design. Ultimately, located historical documents that provided the necessary information for the scientists investigating the failure.

MANUSCRIPTS

Shaller PJ, **Smith-Shaller A**. 1996. Review of proposed mechanisms for sturzstroms (long-runout landslides). In: Sturzstroms and Detachment Faults, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California. Annual Field Trip Guidebook (24):185–202.