To the Bag:

The Winter 2016 issue of the Bag contained my essay (“What’s in a Name?”) concerning the impending vote of the members of the American Association of Law Libraries on the subject of changing the group’s name to the Association for Legal Information. The Executive Board of the Association unanimously recommended the change and I ruminated over the move away from the use of the word “library” in the new sobriquet. As it turns out, others were concerned as well. Eighty percent of the membership voted against the change. I cannot recall the last time anything failed by an 80-20 margin. The Board promises to explore other courses in its efforts to rebrand but for now we are still librarians, or at least professionals who work in libraries. Must be something in a name after all.

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I appreciate Professor Davies’ account in the spring issue of the Court’s resolution of the appeals of the eight Nazi spies and saboteurs who came to the United States in 1942 only to be caught and convicted in a military court with the approval of the Supreme Court. There is an additional detail of that event that I have recorded in my book, American Lawyers: Public Servants