

ALL-SIS STRATEGIC PLAN 2013-2016

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PREAMBLE

Recognizing that the American Association of Law Libraries and other Special Interest Sections address many issues and functional responsibilities of academic law librarians, and the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section has limited resources, the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section will focus primarily on goals that are of high priority to its members and that are not presently addressed by other groups. The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section will, however, work to partner with other Special Interest Sections and the American Association of Law Libraries to assure that the needs of all academic law librarians are met.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section provides leadership in identifying the needs and concerns of academic law librarians and developing appropriate programs and services to address them; and represents the interests of academic law librarians within law schools, universities, and to other groups.

Strategic Direction I: Advocacy

Goal: ALL-SIS and its members will influence legal and government information policies, institutional policies, ABA standards, and vendor practices, relevant to academic law libraries and academic law librarianship.

Objectives:

- Promote free access to government information at the national, state, and local levels.
- Advocate for and help develop a means for stable scholarly citation to digital material.
- Advocate and provide leadership for the development and use of consortia and cooperative ventures among libraries and library associations in order to enhance academic law libraries' effectiveness in serving their institutions and communities.
- In collaboration with AALL, define and promote core competencies for academic law librarianship that demonstrate the value of academic law librarians.
- Advocate for appropriate compensation and professional status, taking into account, among other things, current and historical compensation, status, benefits and other relevant information.
- Promote academic law librarianship to law and library schools and undergraduate career centers.

- Promote diversity in academic law librarianship through grants, scholarships, retention programs, mentoring, and other initiatives.
- In collaboration with the ABA and AALS, lobby for consistent and meaningful library standards for ABA accreditation, and necessary changes, that take into account format, access, and retention issues; collection policies and practices; and user needs and preferences.
- Advocate for the use of AALL's Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers and publishing practices that preserve the rights of users.

Strategic Direction II: Education

Goal: Academic law librarians will demonstrate the skills and knowledge to excel in all library-related functions relevant to academic law librarianship in order to best serve the needs of their patrons and stakeholders.

Objectives:

- Provide training and resources to help academic law librarians attain core competencies for academic law librarianship
- Provide training and resources to help academic law librarians influence decision-making within their institutions, including library administration, public services, and technical services
- Provide ongoing resources for dissemination of information of new developments in the area of legal research and other library functions within academic law libraries
- Provide ongoing training and resources for non-reference/non-legal research positions (technical services, emerging technologies, ILL, collection development, etc.) in academic law libraries by creating relationships with other SISs and other relevant AALL entities with expertise in these areas
- Provide ongoing training and resources to enable academic law librarians to effectively support and participate in law library, law school, and university fundraising
- Provide ongoing training and resources for academic law librarians to advocate for the role of law librarians in legal research and other instruction
- Provide ongoing training and resources for academic law librarians to promote library services and activities to users based on assessments of user perspectives, needs and preferences
- Provide ongoing training and resources to help academic law librarians promote library resources to all patrons and stakeholders