Joint LISP/SCCLL Pro Bono Committee Report, 2012-2013

Committee members were Betsy Mahoney, Laura Orr, Jennifer Frazier, Melanie Solon, and SCCLL Board Liaison, Larry Meyer.

Members of the Committee were invited to participate in the calls of the SRLN Librarians Working Group which allowed for collaboration between the two groups. Some members also participated in the calls of the SRLN Strategy and Outreach group. The participation of law librarians in these calls and attendance at the Equal Justice Conference continues to highlight the role of law librarians as partners in providing access to justice. AALL members who attended the EJC were Larry Meyer, Sara Galligan, Charley Dyer, Janine Liebert, Jennifer Frazier, Sue Lyons and Diane Roberts. Law librarians participated in the SRLN Pre Conference Session and AALL members Janine Liebert and Jennifer Frazier were on the panel of the program, Accessing Justice: Developing Partnerships with Libraries to Assist Pro Se Litigants.

The work of the Pro Bono Committee and the SRLN Librarians Working Group focused on creating a survey in order to provide a snapshot of services provided by law libraries to the self represented litigant (SRL), law libraries' involvement in self-help centers as well as services to pro bono providers and participation in access to justice initiatives. Surveys were distributed to the PLL, ALL, LISP and SCCLL listservs at the end of June. The results should be able to aid in the creation of an updated directory of law library self help services and/or a source of best practices in providing self help and pro bono services. The information will be made available to the SCCLL webpage and/or wiki and to other SISs and AALL membership.

Respectively submitted by,

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