

Joint LISP/SCCLL Pro Bono Committee Report, 2011-12

Committee members: Joan Bellistri, Sara Galligan, Jennifer Murray and Laura Orr. Kathy Carlson was the SCCLL Board liaison to the committee. SCCLL committee members were heavily engaged with the SRLN subgroup in 2011-12, which fulfilled the committee's charge to collaborate with the SRLN. Sara chaired the subgroup, and Joan and Laura participated in monthly teleconference calls of the SRLN Law Library working group.

Another committee charge is involvement with the ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference, which increases visibility and learning opportunities for law librarians serving pro se patrons. Both Sara Galligan and Joan Bellistri attended the Equal Justice Conference where Sara coordinated a panel program featuring Joan and Jennifer Doyle, a firm librarian with Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi LLP. The program was titled "Wiki Collaborations: Mapping a Path for Pro Bono Partnerships."

Regarding the committee's charge to spotlight pro bono efforts, Jennifer Murray created a brochure for the annual chapter leadership training that describes why pro bono support is important for law librarians. The brochure spotlights a few good efforts underway in other states.

As for the committee's overall purpose, reassessing the various charges came up in 2012, and committee members made some suggestions, but no action proceeded with regard to modification. As for the 50 state survey (#5 of the charge)—the original survey was done in 2006-07; it's now out of date. Sara checked with Chris Siwa at AALL to see what happened with the survey. It wasn't migrated to the new AALLNET and would have to be recoded for the current website. If the committee decides this is a worthwhile resource, the original survey should be reviewed before any further implementation or updating occurs.

Respectfully submitted,
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