

Government Law Libraries-SIS—Pro Bono Partnerships Committee, 2014-2015

Traditionally the Chair of the SRLN Law Librarians' Working Group has also been the chair of GLL's Pro Bono Partnerships Committee. In her capacity as chair of the SRLN Law Librarians' Working Group, Janine Liebert also served as Chair of the Pro Bono Partnerships Committee. The other members of the committee were Donna Bausch and Laurel Moran.

The Pro Bono Partnerships Committee contributed to a two-part access to justice webinar series "A2J: Best Practices for Court, County, and Government Law Libraries." The webinar series was jointly sponsored by the Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN) and the SCCLL Education Committee. The Join.me webinar software was provided by the SRLN and technical and production assistance by Michael Beinard who is the Database & Operations Manager for the SRLN. Based on the number of registrants and feedback received, the webinars were well-received. The first webinar had 105 registrants and the second webinar had 79 registrants. Both webinars had roughly 80 attendees at the peak.

The recordings and PowerPoint slides for the two webinars can be viewed at <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/sccll/membership/Publications/Webinars-and-Educational-Material>, so the webinars will have ongoing use as well. Discussions are underway to create resource guides for the two webinars. The resource guides will also be made available on the GLL website.

Janine also coordinated various SRLN law librarian working group activities that overlapped with the Pro Bono Partnerships Committee. Janine attended ABA's Equal Justice Conference as a GLL grant recipient, presenter and program coordinator. She developed and moderated a panel discussion at the SRLN Preconference on how to develop access to justice innovations that that involve law libraries, the courts, legal aid, the bar and other community and access to justice partners. Also, Janine participated on a panel discussion "Expanding Services through Library Partnerships and Videoconferencing" at the EJC Conference.

The Pro Bono Partnerships Committee is currently exploring opportunities to increase awareness for how law librarians can connect with Access to Justice Commissions and incubator programs in their states to expand their role in access to justice initiatives. Janine coordinated and will moderate a panel discussion on new incubator models that include law schools, law libraries, legal aid and the bar at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. The role of academic and state, county, and court law libraries within incubator programs will be discussed, including advocating for library involvement.

In conjunction with LISP, the Pro Bono Partnerships Committee is also exploring opportunities to increase awareness for how law libraries can partner with public libraries to facilitate greater access to justice.

Finally, the Pro Bono Partnerships Committee will also develop a timeline/manual of procedures to set a precedent for incoming Chairs and committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Liebert, Chair