



**GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARIES
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Report of the GLL-SIS Grants Committee, 2024-2025

Chair:

Christine Morton

Members:

Pauline Afuso

James Durham- Silent Auction Chair

Sandra Marz

Gail Warren

Sara Pixon, Board Liaison

Charge:

- Recommend to the Executive Board how many grants should be offered this year (which conferences, number of grants, and monetary amount of each grant).
- Solicit member applications for approved travel/conference grants. Utilize Newsletter, website, and My Communities to communicate information. Recognize all awardees.
- Solicit member contributions to the GLL-SIS Grant Fund. Utilize Newsletter, website, and My Communities to communicate information. Recognize all donors.
- Conduct an annual fundraising campaign to raise funds for travel/conference grants. The event may be promoted virtually, in-person during the AALL Annual Meeting, or a hybrid of both formats.
- Maintain a manual of procedures and/or timeline for the Committee.
- Update and revise the grant application.

I am pleased to report that the Grants Committee has met each of these charges.

Grant Rules Update

The Grants Committee moved to update Grant Rule 11 in order to clarify an Annual Meeting grant recipient's responsibility upon acceptance of the grant. The motion was approved by the Executive Board. Grant Rule 11 now states:



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Those receiving an AALL Annual Meeting grant will be required to attend both the GLL-SIS business meeting and the GLL-SIS breakfast and attend at least 1 GLL-SIS sponsored program during the AALL Annual Meeting.

2024-2025 Grants Budget

In 2024-2025, the Executive Board provided the Grants Committee with funds to award seven grants for a total of \$10,500. The grant allotments were as follows:

- AALL Management Institute – 1, \$1,500 grant.
- ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference – 1, \$1,500 grant.
- AALL Annual Meeting - 4, \$1,500 grants. Two grants designated for librarians with less than five years of experience, and two grants designated for librarians with more than five years of experience.
- Self-Represented Litigation Network Conference – 1, \$1,500 grant

After the Board's approval of the budget, it was determined that the Self-Represented Litigation Network Conference would not be held in 2025. This grant will be rolled over for future use. Also, only three Annual Meeting grants were awarded, and the additional \$1500 grant should be rolled over for future use.

In 2025, the following grants were awarded:

ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference
Karen Westwood, Law Library Director
Anne W. Grande Law Library
Minneapolis, MN

AALL Annual Meeting
Kathy Orton, Intern
Law Library of Congress
Washington, D.C.

Leland Sampson, Head of Content and Web Services
Thurgood Marshall State Law Library
Annapolis, MD



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Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong, Law Librarian
California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District
San Jose, CA

The Committee publicized the grants via the My Communities page, on the Grants Committee webpage, and in the GLL Newsletter.

Proposed Grants to be offered in 2025-2026:

The Grants Committee will discuss and propose possible grants for 2025-2026 during the late summer/early fall. Proposed grants will be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Fundraising Campaign

One of the many responsibilities of the GLL-SIS Grants Committee is to conduct an annual fundraising event to support travel/conference grants for GLL members. For many years, funds were raised by holding the GLL Silent Auction. In recent years, in lieu of holding a silent auction, the Committee has conducted a fundraising campaign seeking donations from members. This year's Fundraising Campaign is being organized by James Durham.

Finally, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the members of the 2024-2025 Grants Committee for their dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Morton, 2024-2025 Grants Committee Chair