

Candidate Statement 2025 - LSRD-SIS Member-at- Large

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Dear LSRD-SIS Members,

I'm excited to run for the Member at Large position on the LSRD-SIS Board and grateful to the Nominating Committee for this opportunity.

I began my career in librarianship at Clark Community College and Washington State University in Vancouver, focusing on reference services. I've also worked in public libraries with kids and teens. These experiences led me to technical services and later law librarianship. They taught me about search behaviors and the importance of considering the end user in systems and discovery. Now, as the Electronic Services Librarian at K&L Gates, I manage our catalog and SharePoint site, enhancing resource access and discovery through data visualizations.

I'm committed to improving library services and resources with innovative solutions. My background gives me a solid grasp of both technical and user-focused aspects, helping me bridge gaps and foster collaboration across different library departments.

Since joining the AALL community, I've been inspired by the commitment to knowledge sharing, peer support, and the welcoming atmosphere. I attended my first AALL conference last year, partially sponsored by a grant from the TS-SIS. At AALL I discovered LSRD and met colleagues in person, inspiring me to contribute as a Member at Large. I've enjoyed contributing to LSRD-SIS sessions, including the SQL presentation and upcoming LIS sessions. These have provided valuable insights into technical services workflows that benefit my work at K&L Gates.

Serving as a Member at Large would be an excellent opportunity to give back to this inclusive community. I'm eager to support the LSRD-SIS mission to promote excellence in law librarianship and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and resources among peers.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the possibility of serving as your Member at Large and contributing to our community's success.

Brief Bio: I am the Electronic Services Librarian and K&L Gates. My responsibilities include: administering the library's ILS (Koha), cataloging, reporting and maintaining the OPAC. Providing tech support for various library systems and resources, maintaining the library's intranet site and gathering, reporting, analyzing and visually representing data. Prior to my roll at K&L Gates I worked as a Catalog Librarian at Gonzaga University School of Law, as well as a Reference Librarian at both Clark College and Washington State University. I graduated from library school in 2017 from Emporia State University and have been working in law library's since 2019.

Professional Association Activities:

- March, 27th, 2024 – Co-presented with Brandi Ledferd for LLOPS (Law Librarians of the Puget Sound) meeting on Data visualization “Passing the Bar Graph: Leveraging Data Analytics in Law Libraries”
- AALL 2024 received two attendance grants awarded through LLOPS and TS-SIS
- Attended CONELL Conference 2024 as well as AALL
- LSRD-SIS Local Systems meeting Fall 2024 Co-presented with Brandi Ledferd on Reporting features in Koha
- LSRD-SIS Local Systems meeting Winter 2025 Moderated breakout room with Brandi Ledferd for discussion on Koha ILS
- FROG Representative-at-Large. Two-year term from 2024 to 2026

