I am pleased to present the 2001-2002 Year In Review of the American Association of Law Libraries. This year the Association has focused on maximizing the power of both individual legal information professionals and the community of law librarians.

AALL has worked hard to provide networking opportunities, continuing career education programs, advocacy in Washington and assistance with state governmental issues, and avenues for greater connection to experienced leaders. In every area, AALL has been, and will continue to be, dedicated to increasing the power of the law library community by providing new opportunities for education, advocacy and networking.

In order to ensure that member needs were kept in the forefront, we placed great emphasis on implementing AALL’s Strategic Plan this year. The plan envisions an exciting future, with the entire law library profession uniting to address common challenges. It guides the Association as it works to help you maximize your skills, maximize your contacts and maximize your voice.

Maximize Your Skills. AALL has created a strong professional education program, with a range of courses and publications, to give you the skills to advance your career and expand your horizons. AALL offers substantive, informative, targeted information for law librarians. This year, the Association strengthened its partnership with legal information vendors to offer innovative continuing education opportunities.

The Competencies of Law Librarianship, our statement of knowledge and abilities that describe the attributes for superior performance, underlies all professional education offerings. This makes it possible for members to identify and attend sessions that best suit their individual needs. Coupled with its strong scholarships program, the Association emphasizes its support and encouragement of education for a diverse membership.

Maximize Your Contacts. AALL continues to grow in membership; it remains the largest community in the law library profession. The Association provides opportunities for members to connect to colleagues nationwide and in other countries. This is especially apparent at the Annual Meeting, the largest gathering of law librarians in the world.

The theme of the 2002 Annual Meeting and Conference, “Creating Connections,” captures the essence of AALL. The pressures on legal information professionals to be experts on everything and be connected everywhere are intense. We have found, however, that trying to meet these expectations independently isn’t the best, or the easiest, way to succeed. We need each other. That’s what makes the networking and collaborative opportunities of the Annual Meeting and other Association offerings so important.

Maximize Your Voice. This year AALL spearheaded new initiatives in information policy, providing powerful leadership and advocacy on behalf of the law library community. The Association pursues your interests through the Washington Affairs Office, the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors, and the Government Relations Committee. It is developing a new Statement on Fair Business Practices, for consideration by legal information vendors. These and other AALL advocacy programs give law library professionals a unified, strong voice and ensure that government institutions, information vendors, and other professions value and respect law librarians.

This Year In Review illustrates the strength and vitality of AALL, the largest organization in the world dedicated to the advancement of the law library profession. Through AALL, law librarians are creating connections with the most valuable resource of all—each other. The future of the Association is bright.

Barbara Bintliff
AALL President 2001-2002
Library Director and Professor of Law
University of Colorado Law Library
AALL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  Professional Development Workshops and Listservs  
Last year, AALL offered eight regional programs in six cities. A total of 244 attendees benefited from these events.  

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Competency Code: 2–Library Management; 3–Reference, Research and Client Services; 4–Information Technology; 5–Collection Care and Management; 6–Teaching
Competencies of Law Librarianship

In March 2001, the AALL Executive Board approved the Competencies of Law Librarianship. This statement specifically identifies, verifies and promotes the knowledge, skills, abilities and professional characteristics of superior law librarians. The first section, “Core Competencies,” details the skills and knowledge all librarians need to acquire early in their careers. The “Specialized Competencies” section examines the expertise needed to excel in specialty areas of law librarianship, such as library management and information technology.

The 16 core competencies and five specialized competencies (library management; reference, research, and client services; information technology; collection care and management; and teaching) provide the basis for Professional Development programming. Annual Meeting programs are also competency coded so members can identify and attend those sessions they need to enhance their skills. See http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/competencies.asp for the complete listing of the Competencies of Law Librarianship.

Annual Meeting Education Programming

The upcoming Annual Meeting and Conference involves more than 2,000 attendees, 100 exhibitors and 60 programs in all competency areas. This year, BNA, Inc. is sponsoring three special plenary sessions on the following topics:

- How to use creativity, innovation and behavioral sciences to improve marketing strategies. Presented by Michael L. Ray, the John G. McCoy-Banc One Corporation Professor of Creativity, Innovation and Marketing, Stanford University Graduate School of Business.
- How to create harmony in the workplace by understanding generational differences. Presented by Ron Zemke, president of Performance Research Associates, Inc.

West Group will be sponsoring the Association Luncheon, featuring Emmy award-winning journalist Catherine Crier. As an experienced judge, an anchor for Court TV and host of “Crier Today,” a legal news show, she offers insightful commentary and analysis on front-page legal news stories.

Annual Meeting Workshops

Five workshops coordinated by the Professional Development Committee will be held in conjunction with the 2002 Annual Meeting:

- Intermediate Cataloging for Law Librarians
- Pro Se Litigants and the Law Library Core Competencies
- 21st-Century Organizational Effectiveness Competency 2—Library Management
- Employment Law for the Law Library Manager Competency 2—Library Management
- Inverting the Classroom: Connecting for an Inclusive Learning Environment Competency 6—Teaching
AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

AALL continues to initiate and support awards, scholarships and grants to give law librarians the recognition they deserve and provide new opportunities to members. Some of these awards include:

Chapter Professional Development Awards
This year, two new awards were established to honor excellence in educational programming created by AALL chapters. One award is given to a chapter that excels at designing a comprehensive, quality professional development program, up to one year in length. The other award recognizes a chapter for a single quality program or workshop of a half-day or more in length.

AALL Minority Leadership Development Award
AALL also created a new award to expand the Association's commitment to diversity by inspiring new minority law librarians to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and become active in leadership roles.

Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship
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Marcia J. Koslov, Scholarship Benefactor
Deputy Law Librarian
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"The Professional Development program of the Association continues to move forward. In addition to offering regional and Annual Meeting workshops, the Professional Development Committee is exploring, and hopefully will offer shortly, new types of programming that are designed to bring more learning opportunities to your desktop. The committee also will recognize two chapters as recipients of the first-ever Chapter Professional Development Awards at this year’s Annual Meeting. At the same time, the committee has a new charge—design new professional education program alternatives that are financially sound and professionally rewarding!"

— Timothy L. Coggins, Chair, Professional Development Committee
Director and Associate Professor of Law
University of Richmond School of Law Library

"By matching the initial grant contribution, AALL demonstrates that it recognizes and supports the importance of this type of interdisciplinary education for its state, court and county law librarian members."

— Marcia J. Koslov, Scholarship Benefactor
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"I am honored to be the recipient of this scholarship. In making this scholarship available, Marcia Koslov and AALL have shown a commitment to encouraging professional growth and strengthening the link between law librarianship and the courts."

— Kay E. Newman, 2002 Recipient of the Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship
Law Librarian
Spokane County Law Library

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**Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian’s Grant**

This grant was established to provide financial assistance to foreign librarians attending the AALL Annual Meeting.

“...It’s impossible to put a value on the use and experience I obtained from the conference. It’s difficult to express the atmosphere of warmth and friendly support, which surrounded me during the conference. In that friendly environment, I received the unique opportunity to gain advanced experience, associated with specialists and experts, and tried to find solutions for the problems our law libraries face.”

— Sania Battalova, 2001 Recipient of the Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian’s Grant

Specialist for Information and Computer Technologies
The National Library Center for Legal Information
Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

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**Estimated Total Information Budget for Member Libraries by Type**

(in millions of dollars)

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<td>Private</td>
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**2001 Estimated Total and Per Library Information Budgets**

Source: 2001 AALL Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics

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“...This has been a difficult year, with 9/11, among other things, jarring us all. We are particularly grateful that with Lexis support we could carry forward an effort, the ultimate goal of which is to bring knowledge of the bibliography of U. S. democratic legal systems to persons beyond geographic and conventional language boundaries. The thought occurs to us that the Internet may represent our best chance for general transnational understanding in this difficult time.”

— Frederick E. Smith, 2001 Co-Recipient of the AALL Research Grants with Xia Chen
Reference Librarian
University of California at Los Angeles School of Law Library

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**The AALL Research Fund:**

An Endowment Established by LexisNexis™

The AALL Research Committee has awarded AALL Research Grants to fund two projects that illustrate the growing scope and significance of law librarianship. One focuses on world-wide access to instruction in legal bibliography via the Internet. The other examines how lawyers conduct legal research.
The AALL Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics now includes data on library budgets.

“The availability of the complete run of *Law Library Journal* on Hein-On-Line pleases me not only as the journal’s current editor but also as someone who over the years has found it to be a rich source of valuable information about law libraries, law librarianship and legal information. Any researcher with an interest in these subjects has to be excited about *LLJ*’s presence on Hein-On-Line—it’s a great benefit to AALL members.”

— Frank Houdek, Editor, *Law Library Journal*
Law Library Director and Professor of Law
Southern Illinois University Law Library

AALL PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION

AALL continues to give you information you can’t get anywhere else. Some of the invaluable resources provided this past year were:

**Hein-On-Line**

William S. Hein & Co., Inc., a distributor of legal periodicals, was pleased to post past issues of *Law Library Journal* on its Web site this past year as a new benefit available to all AALL members.

At Hein-On-Line, members can view *Law Library Journal* articles dating back to its first issue in 1908. The Web site allows members to browse or search by title, author, terms and official citation. Hein-On-Line is only available to members on the AALLNET Web site.

**AALL 2001 Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics**

This comprehensive report is the only source for up-to-date information about salaries for law librarians and other law library employees. The survey is customized to provide information unique to the needs of AALL members, including position, region, gender, education, years in current position, years of experience and membership in AALL. The survey now includes a new section on organizational characteristics, which examines the salary data within the context of the size of library budgets, staff and user ratios.

**Price Index for Legal Publications**

The Price Index for Legal Publications Advisory Committee is gathering data about the pricing of law books, including periodicals, supplemented treatises, court reporters, codes, digests, citators, encyclopedias and looseleaf services, from 1998 to the present. The committee expects to make its findings available on the AALL Web site in 2002.

“Having the backfiles of *Law Library Journal* available through Hein-On-Line is a great benefit for AALL members. We now have access to our complete historical record in a format that all our members can easily use.”

— Carol Bredemeyer, Chair, *Law Library Journal* and AALL Spectrum Editorial Board and Advisory Committee
Assistant Director for Reference and Research Services
Northern Kentucky University Law Library

### Average Information Budget per Library by Type

*(in thousands of dollars)*

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<td>Government</td>
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<td>313,920</td>
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NETWORK

THIS YEAR AALL OFFERED ITS MEMBERS MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT TO THE MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE OF ALL—EACH OTHER

“AALL provides many marvelous opportunities to make the world a better place for law librarians and the people we serve. Many members took the opportunity to get involved, and stay involved, in the work of the largest professional association serving law librarians and the legal information community. These dedicated and talented members continue to make this the best association for law librarians.”

— Carol Avery Nicholson, AALL President-Elect 2002-2003
Assistant Director for Bibliographic and Collection Resources
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

Member volunteers are vital to the success of AALL. In the past year, special committees have worked to: re-evaluate the development of educational programming for the Annual Meeting; examine the current nominations and election procedures; plan the celebration of the Association’s centennial anniversary; and prepare a report that outlines the implications of electronic publishing for the future of law libraries.

“One of the striking characteristics of law librarians is that they are always quietly leading us in the effective use of technology in our quest to provide reasonable access to legal information. I have always found the Annual Meetings as a demonstration of how we can better do our jobs in serving people. The ideas at the Annual Meeting are always pertinent and well presented.”

— Judge Edward Toussaint, Jr., 2001 Chapter VIP
Minnesota Court of Appeals

CHAPTER VIPS

The AALL Annual Meeting Chapter VIP Program offers an excellent opportunity to educate colleagues from the library, academic, court, firm, publishing, and government communities about law librarianship and AALL. Through this program, each chapter may invite two guests to the Annual Meeting and Conference. Twelve VIPs attended the 2001 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Those guests included judges, library association executive directors and attorneys.

95TH ANNUAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The theme of the conference this year is “Creating Connections”—an excellent metaphor that captures the essence of AALL. More and more, connections have become powerful forces in our careers and in our lives. Whether it’s through the Internet, conference calls, cell phones or face-to-face meetings, technology has made it easier to connect and has brought the entire world
closer together. But we have also found that trying to progress independently isn’t the best way to succeed. We need each other. And that’s what this year’s conference and AALL are all about.

The Annual Meeting is the only forum exclusively for law librarians. Every vendor you meet and every contact you make at the Annual Meeting understands your needs and is ready to offer relevant solutions and practical support.

**CONELL & LONELL**
The Conference for Newer Law Librarians is held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. CONELL welcomes new members to AALL by introducing them to the benefits of membership. Attendees get a chance to network with members and learn how to get involved with AALL’s various committees, chapters, Special Interest Sections and projects. A new discussion listserv aimed at new members of the profession—List of Newer Law Librarians, or LONELL—was launched by the AALL Mentoring Committee this year. LONELL offers participants a convenient opportunity to meet others new to the field and share experiences unique to new law librarians.

**JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES**
Members can post job vacancies or look for a job on AALLNET. Job vacancies can also be advertised and candidates interviewed at the AALL Placement Office at the Annual Meeting and Conference—at no charge. Last year the Placement Office listed 61 jobs and registered 40 job applicants.

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**
AALL is attracting more law librarians and legal information specialists than ever before. Membership grew 5.7 percent in this last fiscal year. This growth was achieved through the innovative membership marketing campaigns “Make The Connection” and “First Year Free.”

Two hundred seventy-three new members joined AALL through these efforts, exceeding proposed membership goals. AALL is now working on new membership marketing strategies for the future.

**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS**
IFLA is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. In August 2001, AALL co-sponsored the 2001 IFLA conference in Boston featuring the theme “Libraries and Librarians: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age.” It attracted more than 5,000 registrants, nearly 2,000 more attendees than in any previous IFLA conference, from 150 countries.

**AALL Membership by Library Type** (Total: 5,175)

- 41% Private Corporation (2,141)
- 34% Academic (1,735)
- 15% State, Court and County (764)
- 10% Other (535)

**AALL Members Work for More than 2,100 Different Institutions** (by type and number)

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Source: AALL Monthly Membership Statistics, April 2002

Building on the success of the conference, AALL took the lead in organizing a new Law Libraries Discussion Group within the IFLA Special Libraries Section. This initiative, supported by leaders in other law library associations, including the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians and the International Association of Law Libraries, was endorsed enthusiastically by the IFLA Executive Board. The first meetings will be held August 18-24, 2002, in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 2001, Washington Affairs Representative Bob Oakley was appointed for a two-year term to the IFLA Copyright Committee—the only U.S. member of this international body. This promises to bring greater visibility to both law librarians and AALL.
The Association actively pursues your interests. The Washington Affairs Office addresses your national information policy concerns. The Committee on Relations with Information Vendors communicates and negotiates with publishers on consumer issues. Some developments this past year include:

### AALL Washington Affairs Office

The Washington Affairs Office, in cooperation with the Government Relations and Copyright Committees, had a very successful year in working to:

- Submit comments to the Judicial Conference of the United States that assisted their deliberations in balancing privacy concerns with public access to electronic case files.
- Engage many of our members in successful efforts to stop the enactment of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act in any state legislature and to enact bomb-shelter bills in several states.
- Participate in important legal cases, including the successful request for certiorari in *Eldred v. Ashcroft* that will determine the constitutionality of the *1998 Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act*.
- Negotiate with House committees on database legislation, a contentious effort that we have opposed successfully since the 104th Congress.
- Promote library interests in several key pieces of legislation, including the *USA PATRIOT Act* of 2001 and the *E-Government Act* of 2002.

### Fair Business Practices

The Special Committee on Fair Business Practices is near its goal of completing an AALL guide for legal publishers who conduct business with librarians and other consumers of legal information. After gathering information from a wide variety of sources, including law librarians and publishers, the committee posted a draft of the guide on AALLNET in May 2002 to solicit feedback. The committee will also sponsor a “town meeting” at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., to continue the discussion. After taking into consideration all comments and suggestions about the guide, the committee will submit a final draft to the Executive Board in the fall of 2002.

### Committee on Relations with Information Vendors

The Committee on Relations with Information Vendors continued to cultivate the relationship between law librarians and publishers. This year, the CRIV met with many vendors, including Aspen, West Group and Thomson Legal & Regulatory, about several consumer-publisher issues, including:

- Update on West Group’s Business System Initiative
- Thomson Legal & Regulatory’s expanding global products and services
Bernan Press’ implementation of a new business system and the competitive product line offered by this smaller publisher

The CRIV successfully launched an important resource for law librarians called A Legal Publishers List on its Web site at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/criv/resources/tools/list/. Originally developed and maintained by Rob Richards, technical services librarian at the University of Colorado, the list identifies and traces the corporate affiliations of legal publishers. Since the CRIV took over maintenance of A Legal Publishers List and posted it on its Web site in January 2002, the list now receives about 2,000 hits per month.

“AALL’s Washington Affairs Office continues to marshal the influence of law librarians to good effect against the enactment of UCITA in the states. The Government Relations Committee is monitoring critical government information infrastructure issues, with an eye to ensuring permanent public access to federal and state electronic information.”

— Charlene Cain, 2002-2003 Chair, Government Relations Committee
Associate Librarian for Government Documents
Louisiana State University Law Library
The American Association of Law Libraries supports and serves its members, promotes and enhances the value of law libraries, fosters law librarianship, and provides leadership and advocacy in the field of legal information and information policy.