PLLIP Member News for January 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR / DEADLINE EDITION

We’ll call this the Looming Deadline Edition because there are a number of award nominations with a February 1st submission deadline. Please check them out below and consider nominating a colleague, former colleague, mentor, up-and-coming librarian, or yourself.

SUMMIT X: THE PATH TO 2030

The PLLIP Summit Planning Committee announced that Summit X: The Path to 2030 is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th in Washington, DC. Summit X, PLLIP’s 10th Summit, will offer attendees the chance to reflect on past predictions and lessons learned, along with opportunities to participate in designing a path forward.

WHAT PLLIP MEMBERS ARE UP TO – NEW POSITIONS, ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS

- After 10 years at Harvard Law, Meg Kribble made the leap from academia to the private law firm world. Meg now works in Skadden’s Boston office as Research & Knowledge Services Coordinator. Welcome to PLLIP, Meg!

- Long-time PLLIP member Holly Riccio is now a Senior Manager at HBR Consulting.

- LexisNexis featured Judy Harris, Chief Library and Research Services Officer at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, in a December InfoPro Community newsletter. Judy was the first professional librarian at the now-global firm.

- The November/December 2018 SCALL newsletter featured a profile of Cindy Chick, Global Library E-Services Manager at the law firm of Latham and Watkins, where she has worked for 18 years. Cindy was profiled by fellow PLLIP member, Erik Adams.

- June Liebert, Firmwide Director of Library and Research Services at Sidley Austin LLP, spoke on identifying and prioritizing high value work at the SCALL Fall Meeting. A more detailed description of June’s presentation is in the SCALL November/December 2018 newsletter, which also featured an article by Jim Senter, Library Services Manager at Jones Day. Jim wrote about the value of skeptical thinking and why law librarians need to have a “critical eye”.

- Jean O’Grady has been keeping us informed about what’s going on with legal information vendors. Jean recently wrote about Thomson Reuters’ launch of Precedent Analytics to challenge Context on Lexis Advance, and about Intelligize’s new No Action Letter Analytics offering. Jean also posted a list of her top posts of 2018, the top three of which related to Thomson Reuters and LexisNexis.

- Steve Lastres contributed to the December 2018 ILTA Digital White Paper on Knowledge Management, with a section on From Content Aggregation to Content Intelligence.
In the January/February 2019 *AALL Spectrum*, Katherine Lowry introduced a new “Talking Tech” column. According to “Talking Tech: Combining Innovation & Technology for Real Change”, this new column will “explore tolerance for change, innovative new technology, vendor solutions, and disruption made within our member organizations.”

-- *If we missed any articles by or about PLLIP members, let us know and we will share.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS**

**January 31, 2019 – Knowledge Manager Day at Legalweek** - Join AALL at Legalweek NY 2019 for Knowledge Manager Day. The day will begin with a welcome reception and continue with several interactive educational sessions tailored specifically to knowledge managers, including **two sessions presented by AALL members**, "From Conversation to Conversion: Getting Lawyers to Use New Tools" and "Joining Forces—Create Client-Centric Knowledge Management".

PLLIP will be well-represented at the conference, as speakers include Scott Bailey, Cynthia Brown, Marlene Gebauer, Martin Korn, Steve Lastres, June Liebert, Saskia Mehlhorn, and Jean O’Grady. AALL members who **register** receive complimentary access to the exhibit show floor at Legalweek (use code EPP00000170), and a 30% discount to attend all educational sessions (use code 3MP00000170).

**February 6, 2019**  
(12:00 PM – 1:00 PM CST)  – PLLIP webinar on **Start It or Stop It? Jump Starting Initiatives and Innovation in 2019**. Since 2013, Jean O’Grady has been conducting a Start Stop survey via her blog, Dewey B Strategic. Before releasing results of the **2019 survey**, Jean will lead a panel discussion on the topic of new initiatives in the new year, including ways to remove obstacles and begin implementation.

Panelists will include Colleen Cable, Director of Information Services, Orrick; Martin Korn, Director of Research & Knowledge Services, Sheppard Mullin; Stacy Pangilinan, Sr. Manager Knowledge Solutions, DLA Piper and Emily Rushing, Competitive Intelligence Manager, Haynes & Boone.

**Registration link:**  [https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6323657904760396289](https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6323657904760396289)

**February 21, 2019** - Ark Group conference on **Best Practices & Management Strategies for Law Firm Library, Research & Information Services** will feature a number of PLLIP members as speakers. Jean O’Grady will be a panelist for the program, “Buyer Beware: Evaluating Analytics Products – How to Select an Analytics Product”. Other PLLIP speakers are Kathy Skinner, Gina Lynch, Diana Koppang, June Liebert, Greg Lambert, Lee Bernstein, Scott Bailey, Nancy Rine, and Holly Riccio.

**February 22-23, 2019** – The Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) will hold **“Institute 2019: AI and ML Demystified”** in Santa Barbara, CA. Jean O’Grady will speak on Not the Robot Apocalypse: AI as Opportunity for Librarians and Knowledge Professionals, and the Keynote Speaker will be Ed Walters, CEO and co-founder of Fastcase.
April 25-26, 2019 - AALL Innovation Bootcamp: Add+Venture Initiative – A few spaces are still open for this 1.5 day event designed specifically for legal information professionals--cutting through the jargon and offering real-world examples of how you can amplify your skills and resources, add methods for new value creation, build support for your ideas, and foster a culture of innovation. Check out the full description and presenters list, which includes PLLIP member Katherine Lowry, Director of Practice Services, Baker & Hostetler LLP. ** See below for PLLIP grant information for this program. **

IF YOU MISSED IT: WEBINAR RECORDINGS

- Above the Law/WestlawEdge webinar, “How Top Firms are Using AI and Analytics to get the Competitive Edge” (link to recording)

Speakers included Nancy Scibelli Bouthilet, Director of Information Services, Locke Lord LLP. Nancy and speakers from other large law firms discussed how they’re using Westlaw Edge, and how they’re applying analytics and AI-based technology to improve their practice.

AALL webinar, Expand Your Career and Engage With Your Peers (link to recording)

Webinar focused on how to increase opportunities for professional growth, expand your network through involvement, and prepare for new career horizons.

UPCOMING DEADLINES – AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: February 1, 2019 – The AALL Awards Program publicly recognizes the achievements of legal information professionals, institutions, companies, and vendors for service and innovation in the profession and for contributions to legal literature and materials.

Nomination/application/entry forms can be found on the individual award pages. Nominate a deserving colleague, library, or company (including your own) by February 1, 2019. Recipients will be recognized at the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Washington, DC.

The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for:

- Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award
- Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award
- Hall of Fame Award
- Emerging Leader Award
- Excellence in Community Engagement Award
- Innovations in Technology Award
- Minority Leadership Development Award
- **New Product Award**
- **Public Access to Government Information Award (PAGI)**
- **Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award**
- **Volunteer Service Award**
- **AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award** (please note different deadlines)

**Deadline: February 1, 2019** – The Minority Leadership Development Award (MLDA) was created in 2001 to foster future leaders and introduce minority law librarians to leadership opportunities within AALL. MLDA recipients will receive **prepaid travel, lodging, and registration for the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting** in Washington, D.C., mentorship for at least one year from an experienced AALL leader, and the opportunity to serve on an AALL committee. Applications should be submitted to the Chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee; applicants will be notified by late March about the selection. Applications can be submitted via email to hletzmann@aall.org, or by clicking the submission link on the application form.

**Deadline: February 8, 2019** – The PLLIP Grants Committee is accepting applications for **two grants of $795 covering registration to the AALL Innovation Bootcamp**. Announcement of recipient will be Friday, February 15, 2019. To apply, complete grant application and submit via email to PLLIP Grants Committee Chair, Leanna R. Simon, lsimon@honigman.com.

**Deadline: February 8, 2019** – The PLLIP Grants Committee is accepting applications for **one grant covering registration to the Legal Marketing Association Annual Conference**. The 2019 conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia on April 8-10, 2019. Announcement of recipient will be Friday, February 15, 2019. To apply, complete grant application and submit via email to PLLIP Grants Committee Chair, Leanna R. Simon, lsimon@honigman.com.

**Deadline: February 15, 2019** – Applications due for **AALL Spectrum Editor search**; interviews will be conducted via conference call at the end of February. This volunteer position is a three-year term; more info in job description. To apply, send your cover letter and resume to AALL Publications Manager Heather Haemker via email.

**Deadline: February 22, 2019** - The PLLIP Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for 2018-2019. Among this year’s awards are:

- **Distinguished Librarian** - Designed to recognize a long time active member whose contributions to the profession, their organization, and service to the Private Law Librarians SIS have been significant, substantial and long-standing.

  **Selection criteria:** nominees must 1) be an active member in good standing of AALL and PLLIP 15 years or more, and 2) have made significant contributions to PLLIP and their organization.
**Emerging Leader of the Year** - Designed to recognize a member in the early stages of his/her career who has made significant contributions to the law library profession, their organization, and the Private Law Libraries SIS and demonstrates outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within the SIS and the profession.

*Selection criteria:* nominees must: 1) be an active member in good standing of AALL and PLLIP, 2) be in the first 2-5 years of their law library career, 3) have not previously received the PLLIP Emerging Leader Award, 4) have made significant contributions to PLLIP and their organization, and 4) show outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within PLLIP and the profession.

**Innovative Professional** - Designed to recognize a member who has demonstrated significant innovation to the private law library profession, their organization, and the Private Law Librarians SIS, and who demonstrates outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within the SIS and the profession.

*Selection criteria:* nominees must: 1) be a member in good standing of AALL and PLLIP and/or chapter members, 2) have made significant contributions to PLLIP and their organization, and 3) show outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within PLLIP and the profession.

**Advocate of the Year:** Designed to recognize a member who has been a strong advocate of private law librarianship to the Private Law Libraries SIS, their organization, and the larger legal community and who demonstrates outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within the SIS and the profession.

*Selection criteria:* nominees must 1) be a member in good standing of AALL and PLLIP 2) have made significant contributions to PLLIP and their organization, and 3) show outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within PLLIP and the profession.

**Best Blogger/Writer of the Year:** Designed to recognize a member who has made significant blogging/writing contributions to the private law library profession, their organization, and the Private Law Librarians SIS and demonstrates outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within the SIS and the profession.

*Selection criteria:* nominees must 1) Have created blog posts or articles that contribute to topics relating to librarianship, law librarianship, and practical applications for library work or to an understanding of legal materials, legal systems legal information, or to professional and staff training and development 2) demonstrate high quality of writing and effectiveness of the communication technique utilized for the information sought to be conveyed 3) be a member in good standing of AALL and/or PLLIP 4) have made significant contributions to PLLIP and their organization, and 5) show outstanding potential for continued service and leadership within PLLIP and the profession.

**Hall of Fame:** Designed to recognize a retired member who over the entire course of their career made significant contributions to the private law library profession, their organization, and the Private Law Librarians SIS.
Selection criteria: nominees must 1) be a member in good standing of AALL and PLLIP 2) have been a law librarian for at least 15 years, and 3) have made significant contributions to PLLIP and/or their organization.

Service to PLLIP Award: Designed to recognize an individual who has provided significant service to the Private Law Libraries SIS. The award includes a plaque as well as a registration grant for the AALL Annual Meeting or the PLLIP Summit, to be used within one year of the award.

Selection criteria: nominees must 1) not have previously received the Service to PLLIP Award 2) have provided special service to PLLIP or have a record of sustained service and to their organization, and 3) not be a current or immediate past officer of PLLIP.

Vendor/Outside Champion Award: Designed to recognize activities or initiatives by outside vendors which promote the value of information professionals to the broader legal community. Initiatives could include advertising campaigns, surveys or articles which highlight or demonstrate the value of information professionals; inviting or facilitating opportunities where information professionals speak or write for an audience of law firm partners and executive directors. Specifically excluded are initiatives paid for by AALL or PLLIP and traditional sponsorship of conferences and educational activities.

Selection criteria: nominees must 1) have initiated programs or activities that promote the value of information professionals to the broader legal community 2) not have received payment for the activity or initiative by AALL or PLLIP, and 3) not be a current or immediate past officer of PLLIP.

The 2019 PLLIP Award nomination form is available at https://www.aallnet.org/pllipsis/about-us/committees/awards-committee/. The full list of awards and previous winners are also available at this link.

Questions: Contact Carla Evans (cevans@proskauer.com) or Karen Oesterle (koesterle@nyli.org), co-chairs of the 2018-2019 PLLIP Awards Committee.