

PLLIP Member News for May 2019

STATE OF THE SIS SURVEY – DEADLINE IS MAY 15

For anyone not familiar with AALL lingo, a SIS is a Special Interest Section, and our special interest is private law libraries and information centers. Help PLLIP address the matters of most concern to private law librarians and information professionals by filling out this brief survey, www.surveymonkey.com/r/29XGNBT. The PLLIP Board created this survey to identify how to best utilize PLLIP-SIS resources/volunteer time to better serve your needs. They want to know “How can we help you?”

REGISTER FOR UPCOMING PLLIP TOWN HALL (May 21, 2:00-3:00 PM CDT)

The PLLIP Board invites you to attend the "State of the SIS" Town Hall via webinar on Tuesday, May 21st. Register at attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3012395076686923789.*

You must be a current member of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) and the Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals SIS (PLLIP-SIS) in order to attend this webinar.

SPEAKING OF SPECIAL INTEREST SECTIONS...WHAT ABOUT RIPS?

How many of us PLLIPers not only conduct research, but also do training and instruction, interlibrary loan, reference, and provide all-around customer service for our attorneys and other firm or company personnel (aka Our Patrons)? The majority of us fit into this category in some fashion. With this in mind, how many of us are also members of the RIPS-SIS? It's AALL renewal season, and a [Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS](#) membership is a perfect complement to PLLIP membership. Many RIPS events, publications, presentations, and news can be useful to PLLIP members...and vice versa.

Are you interested in collaborating with anyone in RIPS to write an article or put together a webinar or presentation? Is there an event we can cross-promote with RIPS? Any other ideas that would benefit from a combined effort by/for the membership of both groups? If so, please reach out to Andrea Guldalian (AKGuldalian@duanemorris.com) or Shari Berkowitz Duff (sberkowitzduff@jonesday.com) with any questions or suggestions.

PLLIP SUMMIT X: THE PATH TO 2030

The PLLIP Summit Committee has been sharing details on this year's Summit. Check out information on keynote speaker Jordan Furlong and the morning panel discussions on the Summit site, [PLLIP-SIS Summit X: The Path to 2030](#).

The first morning panel, **Law Firm Leadership: Managing the Change**, will gather three law firm executives to discuss how their organizations have responded to the sweeping changes in the legal industry over the last decade. The second panel, **Our Customers: The Evolving Use of Information Professionals**, will seek answers to the question: How do broader legal industry trends play out in our day to day interactions with our customers? Discussion will include new ways to integrate librarians and legal professionals in delivering value-added services for clients, and panelists will share their current collaborative efforts with librarians. They will also discuss

their ideas on how information professionals can help them push boundaries and position themselves successfully with their clients and in the legal marketplace in the coming decade.

To register for Summit X, please visit the AALL Annual Conference [registration site](#), where the Summit is listed as a Preconference Workshop.

CONGRATULATIONS (AND THANKS!) TO STEVE LASTRES, NEW AALL SPECTRUM EDITOR

Steve Lastres was named Editor of the *AALL Spectrum* and Chair of the *AALL Spectrum* Editorial Board. Congratulations to Steve, and PLLIP appreciates Steve stepping up to fill this role. It's great to have PLLIP members contributing to broader AALL efforts. We'll look forward to reading!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO IN ORDER FOR OUR 2019 AALL AWARD WINNERS

AALL announced their annual award winners on April 23rd, and three PLLIP members were given awards.

AALL Hall of Fame Award - **Robert Oaks**, Chief Library and Records Officer, Retired, Latham & Watkins LLP, Washington, DC

Emerging Leader Award - **Michelle Hook Dewey**, Legal Research Services Manager, BakerHostetler, Atlanta, Georgia

Volunteer Service Award - **Julie Pabarja**, Research & Library Supervisor, Latham & Watkins LLP, Chicago, Illinois

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

- Andre Davison, Research Technology Manager at Blank Rome LLP, was named Diversity & Inclusion Librarian of the Month for April. An announcement was posted to The Commons section of MyCommunities. In 2018, Andre received the Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones Diversity Award, an award bestowed annually upon a Blank Rome employee who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting diversity within the Firm.
- Michelle Hook Dewey and Patrick Flanagan, both at BakerHostetler, participated in a panel on the use of legal technology in the delivery of legal services as part of an April 2019 Georgia State University Law Review Symposium on Legal Intelligence Through Artificial Intelligence.
- Jean O'Grady published the results of the [2018-19 Dewey B Strategic Hits and Misses Survey](#) in April. The results were published in four blog posts, so check them all out. Jean has also been covering other publishers' developments, and was featured in an interview in Wolters Kluwer's white paper, [The Future Ready Lawyer](#).
- Greg Lambert blogged about the release of the AALL State of the Profession 2019 report in an April 19th [Three Geeks and a Law Blog post](#). The report was also the focus of an ABA Journal article, "[Law libraries chart a new direction for the future, new report shows](#)".

- Marlene Gebauer and Greg Lambert continue to roll out new episodes of their [Geek in Review podcasts](#). Recent episodes included a discussion of the value of legal data analytics with Dr. Carla Rydholm of Lex Machina, and a talk with [Fastcase](#) CEO and co-founder, Ed Walters about why print titles are a vital component of a legal publisher's arsenal.
- John DiGilio's April 29th post on the LAC Group blog, [CI tools and wishlists for law firms](#), provided a recap of an ILTA webinar on Cool Tools for Competitive Intelligence. John also posted on in an April 15th post, [More Thoughts on Law Firm Research and Librarianship in 2019-2020](#)
- An April Law.com article, [Can Artificial Intelligence Solve Big Law's \\$60B Question?](#), features Ed Walters on whether lawyers have an ethical duty to use AI.

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

LOCAL CHAPTER EVENTS

- The Law Library Association of Greater New York (LLAGNY) celebrated its 80th anniversary with a talent show complete with poetry, jazz, accordion playing, a foxtrot, and even some Ancient Latin. New York law librarians know how to throw a party!
- The Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA) organized a panel conversation on best practices in the law library hiring process. Topics included crafting effective job postings, techniques for candidate screening, and features of a successful interview, and the discussion also touched on strategies for job-seekers. Panelists included Connie Smith, Firm Director of Library, Research & CI Services at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius; and Sarah Yerger, Librarian and Resource Management Analyst at Dechert LLP.
- The Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL) held "Institute 2019: AI and ML Demystified" in Santa Barbara, CA in February. Jean O'Grady spoke on "Not the Robot Apocalypse: AI as Opportunity for Librarians and Knowledge Professionals", and the Keynote Speaker was Ed Walters, CEO and co-founder of Fastcase. June Liebert moderated a panel "So Bright You'll Need to Wear Shades: Practical Applications of AI in the Legal Space." See [Jean O'Grady's post](#) on the institute.
- The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL) had their annual meeting in March. Joan Axelroth (Arnold & Porter), Laura Chance (Morgan Lewis), and Gwendolyn Friedman (Fox Rothschild) participated in a session, "Acting Outside the Box: Seizing Opportunities to Expand Services". Panelists from different types of law libraries discussed how they identified organizational needs and found innovative ways for their libraries to increase their value and visibility (i.e. competitive intelligence).

UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS

May 23, 2019 (11:00 am – 12:00 pm CDT) – AALL Webinar – **Anyone Can Be a Leader, Even Those Without (Actual) Authority**. Professionals are often tasked with taking on informal leadership roles both inside and outside their organization. Developing leadership skills can be a challenge, especially in an environment where your authority is unclear. This session will empower attendees to grow and cultivate leadership skills irrespective of position, job role,

or career stage.

- [Register](#) by Monday, May 20; Members - Free / Nonmembers \$60

IF YOU MISSED IT: WEBINAR RECORDINGS

PLLIP Webinar, **Law School and Law Firm Collaboration: A Bridge Between the Law School and the Firm** ([link to recording](#))

- Speakers included Steve Lastres, Debevoise & Plimpton, and four law school library speakers

PLLIP CI webinar, **What's Missing from Your CI Report?**, ([link to recording](#))

- Moderators were Mark Gediman, Alston & Bird LLP and Kevin Miles, Norton Rose Fulbright. Speakers were Adam Lederer, Norton Rose Fulbright and Juli Stahl, Law Librarian/Consultant.

AALL webinar, **From Conversation to Conversion: Getting Lawyers to Use New Tools**, April 25, 2019 ([link to recording](#))

- Moderated by Denise Pagh, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP; speakers included Cynthia Brown, Littler Mendelson P.C.; Jean O'Grady, DLA Piper LLP; June Liebert, Sidley Austin LLP; Roger Skalbeck, University of Richmond School of Law Library, and Cheryl Smith, O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

AALL webinar, **Developing a Data Science Perspective**, March 27, 2019 ([link to recording](#))

- Moderated by Leanna Simon, Honigman LLP

AALL Webinar, **Intergenerational Engagement**, February 28, 2019 ([link to recording](#))

PLLIP Webinar, **Start It or Stop It? Jump Starting Initiatives and Innovation in 2019**, February 6, 2019 ([link to recording](#))

- Moderated by Jean O'Grady; speakers included Martin Korn, Sheppard Mullin; Stacy Pangilinan, DLA Piper, and Emily Rushing, Haynes & Boone. Colleen Cable, Orrick, was also scheduled to speak but couldn't attend.

Ron Friedman's blog post, [How Law Firm Libraries Can Create New Value](#), on the Prism Legal blog summarized his session from the February ARK Group conference, Best Practices & Management Strategies for Law Firm Library, Research & Information Services.

PLLIP GRANT RECIPIENTS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

The PLLIP Grants Committee awarded the following grants for members so they could attend the AALL Innovation Bootcamp and the Legal Marketing Association's annual conference.

Innovation Bootcamp

Lillian Steuben, Dickinson Wright

Carly Eyler, Baker Hostetler

Legal Marketing Association

Barbara Fullerton, Dentons

The Committee also offers Speaking Engagement Grants to help reduce the hurdle our members face when traveling to speak or present to other chapters or associations. Applications for this grant may be submitted at any time and for any amount (to be reviewed by the PLLIP Board). Contact Leanna Simon, lsimon@honigman.com, with any questions.