

PLLIP Member News for September 2019

2019 AALL SALARY SURVEY / DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY

The deadline to submit responses for the 2019 [AALL Biennial Salary Survey & Organizational Characteristics](#) has been extended to **TODAY**, September 13. If you need an invitation or have any questions, please contact [Megan Mall](#), AALL's director of content strategy.

AALL 2020 / CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Call for Proposals for [AALL's 2020 Annual Meeting](#) is open through October 1! The [Annual Meeting Program Committee](#) (AMPC) has compiled a list of "[must-have](#)" [program topics](#)--timely topics that AALL members have identified as being vital to their professional education. Within [AALL's Body of Knowledge Domains](#), what cutting-edge topics or new skill sets are emerging?

You might be inspired by the [ideas AALL members have already shared](#). Explore our [resources for program proposers](#), and use the online [Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal in your own workspace, share it with your colleagues, and submit it online by **October 1**. The AMPC will evaluate all submitted proposals using a [comprehensive rubric](#), focusing on their relevance and description. We can't wait to see your proposals! Mark your calendars and [book your housing](#)--you won't want to miss the 113th [AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in New Orleans!

AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATES FORUM

The AALL Executive Board election is quickly approaching, and two candidates' forums are scheduled in advance of the election. **Learn more about the candidates before voting opens on Tuesday, October 1**. Members are encouraged to participate in the moderated forums by submitting questions in advance to candidatesforum@aall.org. Please indicate which candidate forum you would like your question directed.

Members will also have the opportunity to ask a question during the forums via live chat. Ronald E. Wheeler Jr., chair of the Nominations Committee, will serve as moderator for the forums.

Candidates Forum for Executive Board

September 12, 2019 @ 12:00 p.m. (CDT)

CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

- **Susan David deMaine**
- **Stacy Etheredge**
- **Sarah Morris** (PLLIP Member)
- **Jeff B. Woodmansee**

Candidates Forum for Secretary

September 17, 2019

12:00 p.m. (CDT)

[Register Now](#)

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

- **Mary Jenkins** (PLLIP Member)
- **Dr. Michele A. L. Villagran**

Candidates Forum for President-Elect

September 24, 2019

12:00 p.m. (CDT)

[Register Now](#)

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

- **Elaine M. Egan** (PLLIP Member)
- **Diane M. Rodriguez** (PLLIP Member)

FORMAT

- Each candidate will make an opening statement
- Each question will be posed to each candidate
- Questions submitted [in advance](#) will be shared with the candidates prior to the forums
- Forums will be recorded and available on AALLNET

QUESTIONS

- Members are limited to one question each and will not be identified
- Questions should be related to AALL, law librarianship, and a candidate's work experience
- Questions can be submitted via live chat during the forum

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Read the Q&A with candidates from the July/August issue of [AALL Spectrum](#) and the [candidate biographies and statements](#) on AALLNET.

PLLIP AWARD WINNERS

- Katherine Lowry, Director of Practice Services at BakerHostetler, was honored with the Thought Leader of the Year Award at ILTACON 2019.

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

- For the 50th episode of “The Geek in Review” Podcast, PLLIP members Marlene Gebauer and Greg Lambert go back to the issue they addressed in the very first episode about the life of the professional staff in a large law firm environment. They talk with ALM Reporter, Dylan Jackson about his recent articles about [mental health issues](#)

surrounding law firm staff, as well as the [caste system](#) that still exists within the law firm. (Do firms still have lawyer-only cafeterias?? Really??) Watch here: [The Geek in Review Ep. 50 – ALM's Dylan Jackson on the Issues of Mental Health and Overall Value of Law Firm Staff](#)

- Andre Davison, Research Technology Manager at Blank Rome, was interviewed on “The Geek in Review” Podcast about his audience award from this year's AALL Innovation Tournament. Andre created a Seamless Access to Secondary Sources (SASS) interface at his firm to allow attorneys and others to access relevant resources without the need to remember client matters, usernames, or passwords. Andre also won his firm’s Nathaniel R. Jones Diversity Award for his efforts on the Houston Diversity Committee, which his firm expanded firm wide. Andre also talks about the importance of the local law library chapter associations and how that has helped him throughout his career. Watch the podcast [here](#).
- Anne Lucke is now the Library Director at the National Indian Law Library (NILL) at the Native American Rights Fund. Former director David Selden retired in July after 21 years at NILL.
- Avery Le, Legal Researcher at BakerHostetler, authored an article in the September/October edition of *AALL Spectrum* called “Upgrade Your Legal Tech IQ,” in the “Talking Tech” section.
- Caren Luckie authored a post on the RIPS Law Librarian Blog called “[Untapped Resources](#).”
- David Whelan, Director, Legal Information & the Great Library at the Law Society of Ontario, has authored several articles in August & September for his blog, Explorations With Information and Technology: [Manage the Edges of Law Library Service](#), [How to Plan for Forever](#), and [The Legal Research Arc From Literacy to Experience](#).
- Docket Navigator recently hosted a research “Decathlon” for firm librarians and research staff. The contestants answered ten research questions to win prizes and be named as Docket Navigator's first “Decathletes.” PLLIP Member LiMin Fields, Manager of Research and Knowledge Services at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, tied for second place. She also won the drawing for the \$1,000 Amazon gift card Grand Prize. To see the complete list of winners as well as the test questions, click <http://brochure.docketnavigator.com/decathlon/>. The answer key is at <https://compass.docketnavigator.com/patent/binder/251257/0>.
- Ed Walters, CEO of Fastcase, and Katherine Lowry, Director of Practice Services at BakerHostetler, co-authored an article in the September/October edition of *AALL Spectrum* called “Data-Driven Legal Services: New Role for Information Professionals to Make Law Firms More Competitive.”
- Jean O’Grady, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at DLA Piper, interviewed Katherine Lowry, Director of Practice Services at BakerHostetler (both PLLIP members),

in [“Demystifying Blockchain: Katherine Lowry Invites You To Build A Blockchain At ILTA.”](#)

- Jean O’Grady, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at DLA Piper, authored two posts on Dewey B Strategic: [Lex Machina Launches New Consumer Protection Module Offers Webinar Today](#) and [Bloomberg BNA Announces BIG Name Change Now: Bloomberg Industry Group](#).
- Jessica King, Research Services Manager at Perkins Coie, was on a panel at ILTACON 2019 in Orlando called, "[Long Time Worker, First Time Manager: Congratulations on Your Promotion! Now What?](#)" Joining her were non-PLLIP members Danette Shaifer, Director of Learning and Development at Greenberg Traurig, and Melanie Prevost, Director of Infrastructure and Technical Support Services at Vinson & Elkins.
- Karen Sawatzky, Director of Legal Resources at Manitoba Law Library Inc., authored a post on the Great LEXpectations blog called, "[Using Resources Differently](#)."
- Kevin Miles, Manager of Library Services at Norton Rose Fulbright, authored an article in the September/October edition of *AALL Spectrum* called “Breaking Down the Basics” for his first Practical Competitive Intelligence column.
- Maribel Nash, Business/Legal Research Analyst at DLA Piper, co-authored an article in the September/October edition of *AALL Spectrum* called “Upgrade Your Legal Tech IQ,” in the “Talking Tech” section.
- Marlene Gebauer, Director of Knowledge Solutions at Greenberg Traurig, co-authored an article called “Co-Worker Conundrum: The Slacker” in the “Reference Desk” section of *AALL Spectrum* in the September/October edition.
- Meg Kribble, Research & Knowledge Services Coordinator at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, was confirmed as the Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee for 2021 at the July board meeting.
- Michelle Hook Dewey, Legal Research Services Manager at BakerHostetler, was featured in the “Member Profile” section of *AALL Spectrum* in the September/October edition.
- Sabrina Davis is the new Editor of the Houston Area Law Librarians (HALL) newsletter and the new Layout Editor of *Technical Services Law Librarian (TSL)*.

UPCOMING WEBINARS/CONFERENCES

PLLIP WEBINAR: WANT TO PROPOSE A PROGRAM FOR AALL 2020?
September 16, 2019 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm (central)

Do you have a great program idea for the 2020 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in New Orleans but don't know where to start? This webinar gives an inside look at the Annual Meeting Program Committee's (AMPC) program proposal process. We'll walk you through the whole

process. From tips on writing your proposals, to how the AMPC reviews and selects the proposals that eventually become the programs you will see at the annual meeting. After the webinar, you will also have the opportunity to be paired with a mentor who you can brainstorm with and guide you as you write your proposal.

Registration Link: register.gotowebinar.com/register/8620946718438279435

Speakers:

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WESTPAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 10-12, 2019

Registration for the [WestPac annual meeting in Spokane](#) is now open! Join WestPac Oct. 10-12 at the Historic Davenport Hotel for a program covering a range of interesting topics including archival practices, workplace efficiency tools, Drag Queen Story Hours, online teaching and more. The keynote speaker, Elizabeth Kelley, a criminal defense lawyer with a nationwide practice focused on representing people with mental disabilities, is also the editor the 2018 ABA book, *Representing People with Mental Disabilities: A Practical Guide for Criminal Defense Lawyers*. The opening reception will be at the Jundt Art Museum and you'll have the chance to tour the Chastek Law Library on the Gonzaga campus. Friday night, enjoy informal dine arounds with other conference attendees.

You can find the program schedule at westpac2019.busyconf.com/schedule (make sure to click on the tabs to see all the programming), or just go straight to registration at westpac2019.busyconf.com/bookings/new. Book your lodging at the beautiful [Historic Davenport](#) to take advantage of the group rates. Not a current WestPac member? Join [here](#) and then register for the conference at member rates.

SAVE THE DATE / 2019 COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATIONS

Be the person who defines, gathers, analyzes, and distributes intelligence about products, customers, and competitors at your organization. During this program, learn how to establish and maintain a strategic competitive intelligence (CI) function--from development to implementation.

- Friday, October 18 / 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (CDT)
- Sidley Austin LLP / Chicago
- Members \$450 / Nonmembers \$675 (Price increases \$49 after September 20)
- **Registration Deadline: October 1**

[Register Today](#)

TOPICS

- Competitive Intelligence Concepts and Methodology
- Establishing and Organizing a Competitive Intelligence Function
- Leveraging Information for Action
- Competitive Intelligence Analysis Process and Frameworks
- Competitive Intelligence from the Legal perspective
- Implementing a Competitive Analysis Intelligence Program
- Integrating Competitive Intelligence into Strategic Practice and Goals

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Law librarians and legal information professionals seeking to learn how to build a competitive intelligence strategy at their organization (including firm, academic, government, and other organizations).

Learn More:

<https://www.aallnet.org/education-training/in-person-programs-seminars/competitive-intelligence-series/ci-foundations/>

FREEDOM TO OPERATE TRAINING COURSE FROM PIUG 11/7/19 IN ALEXANDRIA

A patent search to discover Freedom to Operate (FTO) or Freedom to Practice is one of the fundamental searches an Intellectual Property searcher must learn to master. FTO searches provide details on what is legally protected and can yield insight into making informed business decisions.

Freedom to Operate Fundamentals is taught by highly experienced PIUG members with many years of searching and training experience. Instructor bios are attached [here](#). The course will build understanding of the fundamental concepts of FTO, and develop general techniques based on current patent law into focused strategies for performing FTO searches in the engineering, chemical, and biotech areas. It will demonstrate best practices for searching in each area and case studies of complete searches.

Discover targeted approaches that will help you be more effective by saving time and providing more accurate results. Learn how to utilize freely accessible resources for searching and how to determine what is legally in-force, including INPADOC, national patent office registers, and vendor offerings. This lecture-based course will include slide presentations, live examples of focused searches, and a printed handout.

Freedom to Operate Fundamentals is being offered on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the Global Intellectual Property Academy (GIPA) of the USPTO, Madison Building, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA. Registration is now open. PIUG members are eligible for discounted rates as well as access to other Members Only information on the Wiki.

Find more information and register for the course [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE / 2020 AALL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

March, 27-28, 2020

Hyatt Lodge / Oak Brook, Illinois

Legal information professionals in the early stages of your career--maximize your leadership potential while networking with your peers. The [Leadership Academy](#) is designed to equip you with essential leadership skills, strategies to handle leadership challenges, and tools to build your career as an effective leader.

LEARN:

- Leadership styles & approaches
- Strategies for effective communication
- Accountability & workplace ethics

The application process will open in September. Additional information will be forthcoming.