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PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

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

- **3 Geeks and a Law Blog** recent posts/podcasts by PLLIP members include: [The Geek in Review Ep. 66 – Professor Steve Black on Cybersecurity in the Legal Market](#) and [The Geek In Review Ep. 67 – Nick Pryor and BCLP’s Global Innovation Mission](#).
- **Caren Luckie**, Research Attorney at Jackson Walker, authored a post for *RIPS Law Librarian Blog* entitled, [Preparing for the Summer](#).
- **David Whelan**, Director, Legal Information & the Great Library at the Law Society of Ontario, authored the following articles for his blog, *Explorations With Information and Technology*: [Cat and Mouse with Web Access](#), [Goal Disorientation](#), and [Anatomy of an Operational Review](#).
- **Jean O’Grady**, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at DLA Piper, authored the following posts on *Dewey B Strategic*: [Data Wants to be Free \(of Platforms\)](#) [Thomson Reuters Releases APIs for Litigation Analytics and Practical Law](#), [Lex Machina launches State Court Analytics for California and Texas Counties – Launch Event at Legal Tech](#), [LexisNexis ALM Study Measures Growth and Resistance of Analytics in the Practice and Business of Law](#), and [Bloomberg Law’s Brief Analyzer Goes Live](#).
- **Steve Lastres**, Director of Knowledge Management Services at Debevoise & Plimpton, and **Jean O’Grady**, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at DLA Piper, gave a presentation entitled “KM—Our Experience, Your Win” at LegalWeek.
- **Shari Berkowitz Duff**, Research Librarian at Jones Day, was featured in a post for the *RIPS Law Librarian Blog* entitled, [Questions with Puron is Back!](#)

UPCOMING WEBINARS/CONFERENCES

COMBINING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DATA SOURCES TO IMPROVE FIRM'S PERFORMANCE
(THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR) - MARCH 10, 2020 (11AM - 12PM US/CENTRAL)

Law firms are increasingly relying on data to improve the business and practice of law. This session will explore how law firms can combine internal data and external data sources, such as Westlaw, to improve performance, as well as the challenges that come with this, and some best practices.

[Registration](#) closes March 6.



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**AALL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE & PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT,
GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION (PEGA-SIS) LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES –
NEXT EPISODE**

Title: So You Wanna . . . Write Something

Features: Kris Niedringhaus & Mike Chiorazzi

When: March 11, 12 Eastern (11 a.m. Central)

Registration Coming Soon

#PEGASoYouWanna – see under [WEBINAR RECORDINGS](#) in this document for links to past episodes.

**UPCOMING PLLIP-SIS WEBINAR: CAUGHT! RANSOMWARE, HOW IT WORKS, AND HOW TO
AVOID ATTACKS**

Title: Caught! Ransomware, How it Works, and How to Avoid Attacks

When: March 18, 2020 from 12-1 p.m. Central

Description: Debbie Ginsberg will talk about ransomware, showcasing several recent cases in law and government. She will examine how ransomware occurs and who is most vulnerable. Additionally, she'll provide tips for avoiding attacks as well as how to respond when an attack occurs.

Look for registration information in your e-mail, from My Communities.

NOCALL SPRING INSTITUTE – MARCH 20, 2020

The Northern California Association of Law Libraries invites you to attend our annual Spring Institute, hosted this year at the University of California at Davis on **March 20, 2020**.

Information about the schedule, speakers, registration (\$80) and hotel reservations is available at: <https://nocall.org/events/2020-spring-institute/>.

Please note that the deadline for our reserved block of hotel rooms is **February 21, 2020**. Please reach out to NOCALL's Vice President, Sarah Lin, with any questions: sarah.lin@rstudio.com.



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ATLANTA LAW LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION – FIRST SPRING INSTITUTE, MARCH 31, 2020

Registration for our inaugural ALLA Institute, “[Preserving Mental Health in the Workplace](#),” is now open!

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, the Atlanta Law Libraries Association invites you to join our esteemed keynote speaker, retired Virginia circuit court [Judge Martin Clark](#), as he discusses the methods he used to balance his careers as a full-time judge and a bestselling novelist in order to maintain good mental health and stability against the rigorous work demands and deadlines, while still protecting his personal life boundaries.

The Institute has also just reserved professional master facilitators, [G.B. and Kandy Outlaw](#), to lead us in a special session with training exercises on using leadership and culture skills to recognize and combat burnout! In addition, there will also be a session on practicing mindfulness and gratitude led by [Heather Simmons](#), Associate Director for Instruction and Access Services of the University of Georgia Alexander Campbell King Law Library.

Attendees will acquire a complete overview of the importance of mental health for not only themselves, but also for their colleagues and the people they serve. Attendees will leave readily equipped with coping strategies to manage mental health and stress levels to encourage self-care and continued productivity in a positive employee-centric work environment.

Please visit the ALLA Institute webpage at the link above for full details of what the day holds, as well the registration process.

EVEN BETTER NEWS: The first 50 registrants will receive a complimentary copy of Martin Clark's latest book release, *The Substitution Order!* Who doesn't look free books? I may know a few librarians who do! Register early to reserve your copy while supplies last.

The last day to register for this event will be **Monday, March 23, 2020**.

For sponsorship inquiries or general questions regarding the Institute, please contact Institute Committee Chair Sarah Mauldin at smauldin@dekalbcountyga.gov. For registration payment inquiries, please contact ALLA Treasurer Michelle Hook Dewey at mdewey@bakerlaw.com.

PLLIP SUMMIT 2020 TITLE ANNOUNCED

The 2020 planning committee announced the title of this year's PLLIP Summit - *Transformation 2020: Instrumental Tools for the Future* is scheduled for Saturday, July 11th in New Orleans, LA. The 2020



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Summit will focus on transforming the tools of law librarians in the private law library setting. Various kinds of tools will be addressed, including innovative job tools along with soft skills, such as communication styles.

Watch the PLLIP Summit [blog](#) for more details about the day's programming. Once AALL Conference registration opens, the Summit will be listed as a separate Preconference Workshop, priced at \$199. Hope to see you in New Orleans!

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT: BOK SKILLS IN LAW FIRM PRACTICE (PLLIP WEBINAR)

Date: January 29, 2020

Moderator: Lindsey Carpino

Speakers: **Andre Davison**, Blank Rome LLP; **Greg Lambert**, Jackson Walker LLP; **June Liebert**, O'Melveny & Myers LLP

On the job is where you put your skills and competencies to the test. Do you know what you need to know or can you up-skill quickly to meet the demands within your organization? Join four leaders within the law firm library sector as they highlight how competencies and skills within the information management domain are utilized in practice to manage and execute departmental responsibilities within law firms.

[Access the Recording](#)

AALL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE & PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT, GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION (PEGA-SIS) LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES – PAST EPISODES

- [So, You Wanna Manage People?](#) - Are you a newer or mid-career law librarian and thinking of moving into a managerial role? Are you currently managing people and looking for some new perspective on what you do? Do you think you might want to manage people eventually but aren't sure if you have the right skill set? If so, then you should join us for our first installment of the "So, You Wanna..." Interview series – "So, You Wanna Manage People?" In a 30-minute live and informal video conversation, we'll ask Carol Watson, the Director of the University of Georgia Alexander Campbell King Law Library and manager extraordinaire about her current management style, how she learned how to manage

effectively, and some pitfalls she navigated along the way. We hope that by hearing Carol recount her experiences in learning to be a manager you'll learn a few things, understand management a little better, and maybe even see glimpses of your future manager-self.

- [So, You Wanna Pace Yourself?](#) - Law librarians often repeat the adage to law students and new attorneys that the work they do should be treated like a marathon and not a sprint. Can't the same be said for our careers? Law librarians are people too and sprinting to our goals as quickly as possible may not work when life happens, from chronic illness to bereavement to caring for children or other family members to everything in between. Join us for our second installment of the "So You Wanna..." Interview series – "So You Wanna Pace Yourself?" In a 30-minute live and informal video conversation, Savanna Nolan will interview Cattleya Concepcion, Head of Reference at Georgetown University Law Library, about how we can view a career in law librarianship as a marathon and not a sprint. They will also discuss different personal experiences and choices, exploring how to slow down, speed up, get off the track, and get back on as needed for one's own work-life balance.
- [So, You Wanna Change Library Types?](#) - Law librarians find exciting and rewarding careers in a wide variety of organizations and institutions. However, many law librarians tend to stick to the same kind of institution or library for their entire career. Have you ever wondered what it might be like to trade in the law students and provide support for a judge or research instruction for a partner at a law firm? Have you ever just wondered about making a change? If so, join us for the third installment of the "So You Wanna..." Interview series – "So You Wanna Change Library Types?" In this 30-minute live video interview, C.J. Pipins will facilitate a conversation with **Michelle Hook Dewey** and Andrea Alexander who each moved from academic law libraries. Andrea is currently a law librarian with the U.S. Courts, and Michelle is with the law firm BakerHostetler. We will talk about expected as well as unexpected challenges, and surprises associated with moving to a new kind of law library.
- [So You Wanna Be A Law Techie?](#) - Technology has infiltrated the legal profession, the library profession, and many aspects of everyday life. Law librarians are at the forefront of evaluating how technology can be and should be used by the people and organizations they support. With the overwhelming number of products and the frightening implications of the technology products and services on the market, where are we to turn to develop the expertise needed to adequately, or even expertly, advise our users? How do we learn more about coding, apps, browsers, and CYBERSECURITY!? If you have ever wondered about the answers to these questions, or pondered similar ones, this session is for you. Join us for the fourth installment of the "So You Wanna..." Interview series – "So You Wanna Be a TECHIE?" In this 30-minute live session, C.J. Pipins will facilitate a conversation with Jennifer Wondracek, **Andre Davison**, and Kenton Brice about upping your skills it comes to legal tech.



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DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, ETC.

PLLIP AWARDS 2020

The PLLIP Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for 2020, and it's time to send us the names of your nominees!! The deadline for submission is **February 22, 2020**. The categories for our awards are:

- **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) 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.



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- **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.
- **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.

The 2020 PLLIP Award nomination form is available at <https://www.aallnet.org/pllipsis/about-us/committees/awards-committee/>. Please direct questions to the following Awards Committee members:



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AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

The AALL/Bloomberg Law grants program is open to AALL HQ, chapters, SISs, member institutions, caucuses, and individual AALL members.

Have an idea for a meeting or for a local or regional conference, and need some extra funding to bring in speakers or record the event? Then, on behalf of the AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant Jury, I encourage you to apply for an [AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant](#) to get funding to support education programming that could benefit the entire AALL community.

Funding is available to cover expenses that directly affect the program such as room rental, speaker fees, travel fees, and recording/broadcasting the program, although funding cannot be used for food, advertising or vendor-specific programming. For detailed information, see the grant program [FAQ](#).

Recently awarded grants include:

- The Changing Face of Technology in Law Librarianship (NOCALL)
- Ascending to New Heights (SEAALL)
- Digital Dilemmas (SANDALL)
- Library Advocacy Training (NOCALL)

The deadline for [applications](#) is **March 20, 2020**. Contact [Michele Knapp](#) for more information about the grant process or the committee that administers the grant.