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## PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR MARCH 2020

### AALL 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – NOW OPEN

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### 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. 68 – The Innovative Concept of Legal Writing in Plain English](#), [The Geek in Review Ep. 69 – What Should Law Firms Do To Prepare for a Possible COVID-19 Epidemic? With the ALA’s April Campbell](#), and [The Geek in Review Ep. 70 – A Chat About Chatbots and The Law With Katherine Lowry and Diego Alcala](#).
- **Catherine Monte** (Chief Knowledge Officer at Fox Rothschild) and **Gina Lynch** (Director of Knowledge Management and Business Intelligence at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison) authored the Ask A Colleague feature in the March/April 2020 issue of *AALL Spectrum*, about [The Chief Innovation Officer](#).
- **Cynthia Brown**, Director of Research Services at Littler Mendelson, wrote an article called, “Just Write It! Why You Should Care about Writing and Publishing,” which was published in the December 2019 edition of [MAALL Markings](#).
- **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*: [The Thoughtful Leader](#), [When Your Library Catalog 856 Fields 404](#), [The Public + Law Library Merger Plays Out](#), and [Build Trust with Communication and Microsoft](#).
- **Eugene Giudice**, Research Services Training Specialist at Dentons, has two upcoming presentations at the Special Libraries Association 2020 Annual Conference in June: (1) a solo one called, “Project Management for the Information Professional” and (2) a panel called, “Case Law, Statutes and

Regulations for the Non Legal Information Professional.” The panel also includes PLLIP member **Nathan Rosen**. In addition, Eugene will be a panelist for “Cannabis as a Legal Practice,” a program at the AALL 2020 Annual Meeting, on July 13.

- **Jean O’Grady**, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at DLA Piper, authored the following posts on *Dewey B Strategic*: [ALM Launching Legal Radar - Law360 Prepare for Incoming!](#), [Casetext's Compose AI Powered Drafting of Briefs and Motions - Lawyers Still Required](#), and [LexisNexis Offers Free COVID-19 News and Practical Guidance From 'Law360' and 'Practice Advisor.'](#)
- Kevin Miles, Manager of Library Services at Norton Rose Fulbright, authored an article titled, “[Special Purpose CI Reports](#),” in the March/April 2020 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.
- **Krista Ford**, Director of Library Services at Steptoe & Johnson, will be doing a workshop at the 2020 Computers in Libraries conference titled, "Enterprise Information Services: Convergence of Digital, AI, Diversity, and Information Flow." [Editor’s Note: The conference has been postponed to a date TBA.]
- The **LexisNexis Librarian Relations Team** just launched our spring webinar series focused on researching news that includes a deeper dive into news content and resources, advanced search strategies and litigation fact-finding. [Here's a link](#) to the series descriptions and registration page.
- **Linda Defendeifer** is working as a freelance researcher and in assignments from HBR Consulting. When a research librarian will be away from work for vacation, medical, or other leave, she steps in to assist the library with its research needs. She enjoys her work, and she is happy to answer questions from anyone considering such an alternative career move.
- **Lindsey Carpino**, Legal Content Services Supervisor at BakerHostetler, co-authored an article titled, “[Building Strategic Partnerships Through Collaboration Between Law Libraries](#),” in the March/April 2020 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.
- **Maribel Nash**, Business/Legal Research Analyst at DLA Piper, co-authored an article titled, “[Tackling Public Speaking](#),” in the March/April 2020 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.
- **Michael McHenry**, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at Vinson & Elkins, was featured in the [Member Profile](#) section of the March/April 2020 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.

## UPCOMING WEBINARS/CONFERENCES

### CONFERENCE OF NEW(ER) LAW LIBRARIANS – CONELL 2020

Calling all New(er) Librarians and Information Professionals!

Will you be a first-time attendee at the AALL Annual Meeting this summer? Are you new(er) to the legal



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information profession or know someone who is? You likely have many questions about the Annual Meeting, the AALL, or the profession. And good news: there's a pre-conference for that!

CONELL (the Conference for Newer Law Librarians) is held every year the Saturday of AALL's Annual Meeting & Conference and is intended to answer all of your pressing questions. Ask any past attendee and you'll hear that CONELL is one of the most fun and interactive ways to kick off the Annual Meeting. Many attendees even make new and potentially life-long friends through CONELL. We will end the day with lunch and a fun tour of New Orleans.

Registration is now open for the Annual Meeting with CONELL held on Saturday, July 11, from 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside hotel. [Register now](#) and be sure to apply for a CONELL grant through various SISs, chapters, and other groups!

For questions about CONELL, contact a member of the [Conference of Newer Law Librarians Committee](#).

## **WEBINAR RECORDINGS**

### **RECORDING AND HANDOUTS FOR HOW TO WRITE A USEFUL CI REPORT**

Presented on February 12, 2020. This program has leading CI experts sharing their best practices when it comes to preparing CI reports and will answer these questions and others. They share their answers to the question "What makes a successful CI report?" and walk you through their preparation process.

[Click here to access the recording](#)

#### **Speakers:**

Juli Stahl, Research Services Manager, Akerman, Orlando, Florida

Jim Currie, Competitive Intelligence Manager, Norton Rose Fulbright

Liz Whittington, BD Competitive & Strategic Intelligence Specialist, K&L Gates

**Moderators:** Mark Gediman and Kevin Miles

## **DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS, NOMINATIONS, ETC.**

### **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.



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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.

### **PLLIP-SIS ANNUAL MEETING, SUMMIT, & CONELL GRANTS**

The PLLIP-SIS Board of Directors is pleased to announce the availability of grants for the Annual Meeting (Unmasking our Potential), the Summit (Transformation 2020: Instrumental Tools for the Future), and the Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL).

Applications for the grants are attached to this announcement. In addition to the grant application, you must provide a personal statement outlining your reasons for wanting to attend. Grant recipients are required to submit an article describing the conference experience, to be published in *On Firmer Ground*.

- **Annual Meeting registration & travel grant**- cover the cost of early-bird registration (\$695) and up to \$750 in economy round trip travel, as well as ground transportation to from the airport to your conference lodgings. (The cost of lodgings is not reimbursable.) All travel expenses must be submitted at the same time and within two weeks of the end of the conference. Six grants will be awarded.
- **PLLIP-SIS Summit** - registration only - \$199. Ten grants will be awarded



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- **CONNELL**- registration only - \$150. Two grants will be awarded.

**Be sure to have all your material submitted by April 1, 2020.** The committee will review all the applications and awards will be announced by May 1, 2020.