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PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR MAY 2020

PLLIP 2020-2021 BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

The new members of the 2020-2021 PLLIP Board are:

- Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: **Marcia Burris**, Director of Research & Knowledge Management at Nexsen Pruet
- Secretary: **Allison Reeve Davis**, Library Manager at Littler Mendelson
- Member at Large: **Andre Davison**, Research Technology Manager at Blank Rome

CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR 2020 AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION

The [Nominations Committee](#) presents the following **slate of candidates for various positions on AALL's Executive Board**. Members will vote for one candidate to serve as vice president/ president-elect (2021-2022) and two candidates to serve as Executive Board members (2021-2024). The president-elect will serve on the Board for three years (as vice president, president, and past president) until July 2024. The **election will be held October 1 to October 30**, and successful candidates will begin their terms in July 2021. **Results will be announced on November 2.**

Vice-President/President Elect (2021-2022)

- Beth Adelman, Director of the Law Library & Vice Dean for Legal Information Services, Charles B. Sears Law Library, University of Buffalo
- **Kathleen (Katie) Brown**, Associate Dean for Information Services, Charleston School of Law (PLLIP Member)

Board Members (2021-2024)

- **Michelle Hook Dewey**, Legal Research Services Manager, BakerHostetler (PLLIP Member)
- **Steven Antonio Lastres**, Director of Knowledge Management Services, Debevoise & Plimpton (PLLIP Member)
- **Kristina L. Niedringhaus**, Associate Dean for Law Library & Information Services & Professor, Georgia State University College of Law Library
- **Kimberly (Kim) Serna**, Firmwide Associate Director for Research Services, Jones Day (PLLIP Member)

AALL CONSULTING SERVICES PILOT PROJECT / MEMBER APPLICATION NOW LIVE

AALL's new [Consulting Services](#) pilot project aims to connect law schools, law firms, and government agencies in need of strategic and leadership expertise with highly qualified law librarians. This initiative has



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been planned over the course of several years and supports [AALL's Strategic Plan](#) as it pertains to talent, engagement, and alliances.

Members with 10 years or more of professional library experience are encouraged to apply. A consulting background is not required. AALL will match clients with consultants based on project needs. The application and additional details are available on [AALLNET](#). Please contact [Megan Mall](#), director of content strategy, with questions. Also, access the 4/30/2020 recording of "AALL Consulting Services" webinar [here](#).

[AALL LAUNCHES NEW CAREER CENTER](#)

AALL has redesigned our [Career Center](#) with an enhanced look and feel. The new Career Center features single sign on (use your AALL website credentials to log in) and allows job seekers and employers to have an improved experience. The new Job Flash email allows employers to send their opportunities directly to the inboxes of highly skilled AALL members and job seekers. Explore the benefits by [logging in or creating a new account today](#).

[AALL 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – GRACE PERIOD](#)

[Renewals for the 2020-2021 membership year are open](#). During these challenging times, AALL is offering a ninety-day grace period before your member benefits cease. The grace period runs from June 1, 2020 through September 1, 2020. As we continue to navigate this constantly evolving health crisis, it is more important than ever for law librarians and legal information professionals to support each other. AALL will continue to provide you with the right tools and resources to keep you moving forward.

AALL offers a discounted membership rate for members who are recently unemployed (verification required). If your employment situation has changed and you wish to receive this discount, [please contact member services](#).

To renew your membership, log in to your AALLNET account.

[WHAT PLLIP MEMBERS ARE UP TO – NEW POSITIONS, ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS](#)

****Editor's Note: PLLIP authors of articles in the May/June AALL Spectrum will be highlighted in the June PLLIP Member News.****

- **3 Geeks and a Law Blog** recent posts/podcasts by PLLIP members include: [The Geek in Review Ep.](#)

75 – [Launching the Legal Value Network](#) – Kristina Lambright and Purvi Sanghvi. Their podcast miniseries, “In Seclusion,” is located [here](#). Several episodes feature PLLIP members.

- **Ana Ramirez Toft-Nielsen**, Research Attorney at Littler Mendelson, moderated the April 23rd PLLIP webinar called, “Effective Leadership with Virtual Teams: To Infinity and Beyond.” You can access the recording [here](#).
- **Caren Luckie**, Research Attorney at Jackson Walker, authored a blog post for the *RIPS Law Librarian Blog* called, “[The Temporary Normal](#).”
- **Cynthia Brown**, Director of Research Services at Littler Mendelson, was a panelist for an HBR webinar on May 5th entitled, “Benchmarking the Law Firm Library.” She was also a panelist in the April 23rd PLLIP webinar called, “Effective Leadership with Virtual Teams: To Infinity and Beyond.” You can access the recording [here](#).
- **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*: [Zoomed Out on Reference](#), [You Chose Poorly](#), [The Prepper Law Library](#), [How to Make Channels More Resilient](#), and [Handle with Care](#).
- **Ellyssa Valenti Kroski**, Director of Information Technology & Marketing at The New York Law Institute, won an AALL 2020 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award for editing her book, *Law Librarianship in the Age of AI*.
- **Emily Florio**, Senior Research Services Manager at Hogan Lovells, was interviewed for a [Member Profile](#) in an *On Firmer Ground*.
- **Eugene Giudice**, Research Services Training Specialist at Dentons US, is hosting a weekly Virtual Coffee Break for AALL members on Wednesdays. Contact [Eugene](#) directly to be invited. He will also be moderating a PLLIP Education Committee Webinar called, “Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR): Beyond Litigation - Perspectives And Process,” on June 25, 2020. You can register [here](#).
- **Holly Riccio**, Director of the California Judiciary Court Library, was interviewed for the [In Seclusion podcast miniseries](#) on 5/6/2020. The podcast was titled, “[Creatively Diversifying a Print-Centric Library](#).”
- The Houston Area Law Librarians chapter (HALL) recently elected its 2020-2021 Executive Board. Elected PLLIP members include: President **Michael McHenry**, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at Vinson & Elkins; Vice-President/President Elect **Sabrina Davis**, Research Librarian at Norton Rose Fulbright; Secretary **Trisha Pettitt**, Technical Services Librarian at Foley & Lardner;



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Member-at-Large **Melinda Elder**, Director of Knowledge & Research Services at Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry; and Past President **Andre Davison**, Research Technology Manager at Blank Rome.

- **Jean O’Grady**, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at DLA Piper, authored the following posts on *Dewey B Strategic*: [Westlaw Edge Adds Another AI Workflow Tool: Quick Check Quotation Analysis](#) and [ACC and Wolters Kluwer Release Legal Operations Study – Legal Operations Leaders Drive Change But Innovation Lags in Legal Departments](#).
- **Lindsey Carpino**, Legal Content Services Supervisor at BakerHostetler, won the AALL Emerging Leader Award.
- **Marcia Burris**, Director of Research & Knowledge Management at Nexsen Pruet, was a speaker in the April 30th “AALL Consulting Services” webinar. You can access the recording [here](#).
- **Mary Jenkins**, Director of Research Solutions at Accufile, Inc., authored a blog post titled, “[Refining News Alerts for Legal Research and Business Development Purposes](#).”

UPCOMING WEBINARS/CONFERENCES

THE WEBINAR ON WEBINARS

- Tuesday, May 26 / 1:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register [here](#)

The RIPS-SIS Online Training Committee is proud to present: The Webinar on Webinars. In this training, we will cover your favorite and lesser known webinar platforms, including Zoom, GoToWebinar, WebEx, and more! You will leave the training with a greater understanding of how best to use these platforms, so you can best determine which platforms are right for you and your institution. There is so much that goes into planning and running a webinar that the only way to show it to you is in a webinar!

DIVERSITY DIALOGUES: BUILDING PIPELINES FOR DIVERSITY

- Thursday, May 28, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Tuesday, May 26, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

Dillard University won the 2018 American Bar Association Diversity Leadership Award for its collection of initiatives designed to build a pipeline for underrepresented students seeking to enter the legal profession.



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Adria Kimbrough, pre-law advisor at Dillard University will provide a quick background on Dillard's different programs, as well as discuss development opportunities and program effectiveness. Come prepared to engage with Kimbrough and learn strategies to implement in your own organization.

**PLLIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE WEBINAR: ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR):
BEYOND LITIGATION - PERSPECTIVES AND PROCESS**

- Date/Time: June 25, 2020, 12-1 p.m. (Central)
- Register [here](#)

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is becoming more prevalent as a way to resolve disputes that alleviates the need for court and takes advantage of a more collaborative process. As librarians and information professionals, it is up to us to learn the vocabulary around ADR, grasp its underpinnings, and understand how it differs from traditional litigation in order to be of maximum help to the ADR practitioner as he or she frames research questions. This webinar will also cover the print and online resources that the librarian or information professional should be familiar with.

Moderator: Eugene Giudice, Research Services Training Specialist at Dentons US (PLLIP Member)

Speaker: Mary Lee Brock of Creighton University is a well-respected authority on mediation and facilitation. She was the founding executive director of the Concord Center, a private nonprofit conflict resolution center offering mediation and facilitation services, as well as conflict management trainings to the Omaha community before coming to Creighton University. She has also worked with the Nebraska Supreme Court Office of Dispute Resolution developing and presenting training on topics such as restorative justice, victim offender mediation, family group conferencing and family mediation.

WEBINAR RECORDINGS

AALL WEBINAR: EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH VIRTUAL TEAMS: TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

Date: April 23, 2020

Moderator: **Ana Ramirez Toft-Nielsen**, Littler Mendelson (PLLIP Member)

Speakers: Alycia Sutor, GrowthPlay; Colleen Cable, HBR Consulting; **Katie Brown**, Charleston School of Law (PLLIP Member); **Cynthia Brown**, Littler Mendelson P.C. (PLLIP Member)

The nature of the work world has become increasingly global and law libraries are not exempt from this



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growing trend. Many of our work environments are incorporating or introducing aspects of a virtual team. With the virtual team environment, we must address new challenges and approaches to our leadership roles for team development. There are variations of virtual teams. This webinar will address virtual team leadership and the nuances of different types of virtual teams. Hear real world success stories from legal information professionals, practical tips and inspiration for virtual team leadership success.

Access the recording [here](#).

AALL CONSULTING SERVICES WEBINAR

Date: April 30, 2020

Moderator: Megan Mall, American Association of Law Libraries

Speakers: Femi Cadmus, Duke Law; **Marcia Burris**, Nexsen Pruet, LLC (PLLIP Member); Mark Estes, Infopro Consulting and University of San Diego School of Law; and Billie Jo Kaufman, Mercer School of Law and American University Washington College of Law (Emerita).

During this webinar, we introduce a new pilot project, AALL Consulting Services. The pilot aims to connect law schools, law firms, and government agencies with highly qualified law librarians who can provide expertise for strategic projects. Immediate Past President Femi Cadmus will explain the initiative's strategic goals, the application process for members, and how member-consultants will be matched with clients. Then, members Marcia Burris, Mark Estes, and Billie Jo Kaufman discuss their own prior consulting engagements in the law firm, government, and academic sectors, respectively. The webinar also includes a Q&A session, where the webinar speakers answer questions from attendees.

Access the recording [here](#).