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PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR MARCH 2021

2021-2023 PLLIP BOARD ELECTION IS OPEN

Don't forget to vote in the PLLIP Board Election! The 2021-2023 PLLIP-SIS Board Election will be held on March 22nd through April 6th. Your personalized PIN should have already arrived in your inbox from AALL.

- The election website is available at [AALL Online Election System](#)

The candidates are listed below. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration when voting for each office.

Vice Chair/Chair Elect:

- **Kim Serna** (Jones Day)
- **Christine Sellers Sullivan** (Littler Mendelson, P.C.)

Treasurer:

- **Andrea Guldalian** (Duane Morris LLP)
- **Clarence Robertson** (Jackson Walker LLP)

Member at Large:

- **Ramon Barajas** (Alston & Bird LLP)
- **Whitney Brionez** (Holland & Knight LLP)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR AALL 2021 / JULY 19-23

Registration is now open for AALL's second Virtual Conference, *Leading with Wisdom & Insight*, to be held July 19-23. AALL 2021 will offer more than 45 educational sessions, as well as a virtual exhibit hall where conference participants and vendors can interact and discuss marketplace innovations--many of which were developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On-demand sessions will be released ahead of the Conference with opportunities for live Q&As with presenters during the week of July 19

Registration is now open ([available here](#))

WHAT PLLIP MEMBERS ARE UP TO

- **Douglas Southard** (Research and Reference Services Manager, WilmerHale) wrote “PLLIP Inaugural Diversity Summit: Keynote Explores Challenges and Steps to Achieving Genuine Equity and Inclusion” about the PLLIP Inaugural Diversity Summit, which took place on Friday, February 26th ([available here](#))
- “PLLIP Picks: Books to Keep You Flipping Pages” ([available here](#)) are submissions from your fellow PLLIP members about what they are reading. Submit your suggestions for next month to **Megan Moltrup** (Librarian, Baker Mckenzie)
- On February 22nd, **Greg Lambert** (Chief Knowledge Services Officer, Jackson Walker LLP) spoke to the University of Oklahoma School of Law on the topic of “AI in the Practice of Law.” **Kenton Brice** (Director of Technology Innovation, University of Oklahoma Law Library) facilitated this as part of his Digital Initiative program for helping law students better understand the technology they will encounter when they begin practicing law.
- **Jean O’Grady** (Director of Research & Knowledge Services, DLA Piper) and **Steven A. Lastres** (Director of Knowledge Management Services, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP) spoke on February 24th at an Wolters Kluwer Future-Ready Lawyer Webinar on the topic: “The Evolving Role of the Library And Library Staff”
- **Steven A. Lastres** (Director of Knowledge Management Services, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP) spoke on March 2nd at an ILTA Webinar entitled: “Law Librarians: Forerunners of Technology, Innovation and Data”
- **Megan Moltrup** (Librarian, Baker Mckenzie) wrote the Member Profile of **Ramon Barajas**: A Nimble Leader, Open to Change and Lifelong Learning ([available here](#))
- **Cynthia Bassett** (Collection Management and Electronic Services Librarian, University of Missouri School of Law) and **Kara Phillips** (Law Library Director, Seattle University School of Law Library) co-wrote “Voices Across the Spectrum, Tough Conversations About Race: Let the Book Start the Discussion” ([available here](#))
- **Krista Ford** (Director of Library Services, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC) was interviewed for “Ask a Director: Leading During Times of Uncertainty” in the March/April 2021 *AALL Spectrum* ([available here](#))
- **Michelle Dewey** (Legal Research Services Manager, BakerHostetler) co-wrote “On the Group: Real World Solutions Sweating the Small Stuff: Writing Letters of Recommendation” with **Kristina J. Alayan** (Director & Assistant Professor of Law, Howard University Law Library) ([available here](#))
- “Tackling Performance Reviews During the Pandemic” was co-written by **Maribel Nash** (Senior Research Services Analyst, Cooley LLP), **Dolly M. Knight** (Regional Librarian, Ventura County Librarian) and **Scott Vanderlin** (Student Services Librarian, University of Chicago D’Angelo Law Library) ([available here](#))
- **Deanne Fix** (Branch Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals – 8th Circuit Library), **Rachel Evans** (Metadata Services & Special Collections Librarian, University of Georgia Alexander Campbell King Law Library), **Joseph D. Lawson** (Deputy Director, Harris County Law Library), **Sara Monalea McMahon** (Head Law Librarian, Hampshire Law Library), and Aimee Pittman (Reference Librarian, Louisiana State University) co-wrote “Grit, Gusto & The Greater Good: The Formation of a First-Gen Caucus” ([available here](#))



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AALL PARTNERS WITH ALM FOR LEGALWEEK

VIRTUAL EVERYTHING - KEEPING ATTORNEYS & STAFF PRODUCTIVE IN A REMOVE ENVIRONMENT

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 (9am – 10am US/Central)

Presented by: **Toral Doshi** (Reference Librarian, Alston & Bird LLP); **Chris Laut III**, (Director of Libraries and Knowledge Services, Sullivan & Worcester LLP)

Moderator: **Denise Pagh** (Director of Research & Information Services, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP)

Best practices to support new and continuing attorneys in a suddenly virtual environment including:

- Access to research tools and other firm resources
- Virtual onboarding and training
- Embracing new (and old) tools for the paperless office
- Adopting changes for good

[\(More information here\)](#)

HOW I MET THE NEW CLIENT - AVOIDING EMBARRASSING CONFLICTS

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 (1pm – 2pm US/Central)

Presented by: **Kevin Miles** (Manager of Library Services, Norton Rose Fulbright) and **Juli Stahl** (Research Services Manager, Akerman LLP)

Moderator: **Mark Gediman** (Reference Librarian, Alston & Bird LLP)

Early client research for conflicts and business development, including:

- Pre-conflicts research from a small law perspective
- Post-conflicts research from a Am Law 100 perspective
- Moderator will have questions, and provide mid-law perspective

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

SYSTEMIC RACISM, IMPLICIT BIAS & PRIVILEGE: CULTIVATING CHANGE IN OUR WORKSPACES AND COMMUNITIES (GLL-SIS)

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 (2pm - 3:30pm US/Central)

Please join the Government Law Libraries SIS (GLL-SIS) for this 90 minute webinar/training that will provide an overview of structural racism, implicit bias, and privilege, including how these themes affect working institutions and spaces. Then, through a combination of presentation and audience participation, this webinar will provide insight on how participants can address and cultivate a positive difference around these challenges with colleagues/peers, stakeholders (i.e. patrons that come into respective library spaces), and also provide an opportunity to think about how awareness around implicit bias and privilege can affect the wider systems within which we work.

[Click here to register](#)

RECOGNIZING AND RESOLVING DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Do you know how to identify and deal with at-work discrimination that may harm you, your colleagues, or your institution? Are you facing racial or other types of discriminatory practices in your workplace? It may be difficult to decipher microaggressions or other subtle yet harmful forms of racism or discrimination, or to effectively recognize and remedy these behaviors in ourselves and others. While workplace provisions may be in place, it can be challenging for those impacted to navigate the process. This webinar will provide attendees an opportunity to learn about the personal, practical, and legal aspects of dealing with discriminatory practices in the workplace. Employees, especially managers will learn strategies to handle and to prevent the missteps that lead to legal disputes based on discriminatory practices.

[Click here to register](#)

SUCCESSFUL TACTICS TO DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO YOUR ORGANIZATION AMIDST COVID (THOMSON PARTNER WEBINAR)

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

Continuing the conversation from December's session, we will dive deeper into the tactics your forward-thinking peers are using to drive additional value for their organizations. You will walk away from this session with tips on how to get a seat at the decision-making table and how to proactively create a strategy



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to earn the seat. Learn the mechanics of how these leaders proactively communicate the continuous value they create.

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LEARNING FROM THE LEADERSHIP LANDSCAPE

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

This program will feature a moderated panel of library leaders—from the legal landscape and beyond—who will share their perspective and experience on leadership over the course of their careers. Their “leadership stories” will give AALL members insight into what skills are essential to manage complex organizations with varying departmental needs, how they’ve implemented innovative services and programs to achieve organizational success, and how the pandemic has affected them as leaders.

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RESOURCE INFORMATION

RETRIEV-IT has built an extensive library of dictionaries. With more than 275 in print dictionaries on hand we easily have one of the most extensive collections, private or public. No matter the subject, be it Technical, Computing, Engineering, Telecom, Legal, Medical or Regular, we are ready to support your business' needs. Send me an email with any questions - retrievit@yahoo.com ; <http://www.retrievit.com> (AALL Member)