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## **PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2021**

### **ELECTION INFORMATION**

**June Liebert** (Director of Information Services, O'Melveny & Myers LLP) and elected as the next Vice-President/President-Elect of AALL. **Andre Davison** (Research & Information Operations Implementation Manager at Orrlick LLP) was elected as an AALL Executive Board Member. Their terms will begin July 2022 after the Annual Meeting.

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

- **Christopher Laut III** (Director of Library and Knowledge Services, Sullivan & Worcester LLP) was part of a panel discussion at the Thomson Reuters 2021 Emerging Legal Technology Forum entitled "Critical Resources: Recalibrating COVID-Era Workflow & Knowledge Management Capabilities."
- **Janet Peros** (Senior Research Analyst, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP) was featured in the Member Profile: Vantage Point in the November/December edition of AALL Spectrum ([available here](#)).
- **Erik Adams** (Research Analyst, Sidley Austin LLP), **Martin Korn** (Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP, Director of Research and Knowledge Services), and **Cassandra Laskowski** (Technology & Empirical Services Librarian, University of Arizona College of Law Library) co-wrote DIY Analytics: Beyond Excel in the November/December AALL Spectrum ([available here](#)).
- **Patricia Barbone** (Director of Library Services, Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP) and **John DiGilio** (Firmwide Director of Library Services, Sidley Austin LLP) were featured in Ask A Director: Implementing Data Analytics in the November/December AALL Spectrum ([available here](#) and [here](#)).
- **Diana Koppang** (Director of Research & Competitive Intelligence, Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP) penned Law Librarians Are Data Science Specialists in the November/December AALL Spectrum ([available here](#) and [here](#)).
- Practical Competitive Intelligence: Sharing the Competitive Intelligence Journey was written by **Elizabeth Whittington** (Senior Competitive & Strategic Intelligence Analyst, K&L Gates) in the November/December AALL Spectrum ([available here](#)).
- **Miriam Childs** (Director, Law Library of Louisiana, Louisiana Supreme Court), **Andre Davison** (Research & Information Operations Implementation Manager at Orrlick LLP), and **Scott Vanderlin** (Student Services Librarian, University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library) co-wrote Reference Desk: Taking on Data Analytics in the November/December AALL Spectrum ([available here](#) and [here](#)).
- **Theresa Greco** (Advisory and Managed Services Manager, HBR Consulting) wrote a Recap of AALL's Competitive Intelligence Foundations Training for On Firmer Ground ([available here](#)).
- PLLIP Asks posted generally anonymous answers for the question 'Do you have plans to go back to the office? Is your firm starting to offer a hybrid work option?' with many members responses ([available here](#)).

- **Lorelle Anderson** began a new position as a Training and Research Specialist at Nelson Mullins at the end of October.
- **Christine Bowersox** has started at a new position as Business Intelligence Analyst at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett.
- **Mary Jenkins** began a new position as Director of Professional Development at the New Hampshire Bar Association.
- **Jill Strand** was promoted to Director, Research & Knowledge Services and their team rebranded at Fish & Richardson P.C.
- **Meg Kribble** (Research & Knowledge Services Coordinator, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP) and **Shira Megerman** (Senior Legal Information Librarian, Boston University) will be co-chairing the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2023 Boston meeting.
- **June Liebert** (Director of Information Services, O'Melveny & Myers LLP), **Jean O'Grady** (Director of Research, Venable LLP), **Gina Lynch** (Chief Knowledge and Innovation Officer, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP) were part of a panel at the Ark KM Legal conference held on October 30 entitled "The Future Ready Lawyer: Moving Beyond the Pandemic." Moderated by **Ken Crutchfield** (Vice President & General Manager, LRUS Legal Markets, Wolters Kluwer) the panel explored strategies for law firms to improve their client services, increase profits and prepare themselves for the future.
- The AALL 2021 Virtual Competitive Intelligence Foundations Seminar had multiple PLLIP members involved ([information link](#)).
  - Competitive Intelligence Applied to the Legal Marketplace was coordinated by **Caren Z. Luckie** (Research Attorney, Jackson Walker LLP) with speakers **Samantha Callahan** (Business Development Specialist for Litigation, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP), **Barbara Bell Malin** (Chief Business Development and Marketing Officer, Jackson Walker LLP), and **Emily Rushing** (Director of Competitive Intelligence, Haynes & Boone, LLP).
  - Competitive Intelligence Concepts and Methodology was coordinated by **Kevin Miles** (Manager of Library Services, Norton Rose Fulbright), with speakers **Grant Keyes** (Competitive Intelligence Manager, Haynes & Boone, LLP), and **Jim Currie** (Competitive Intelligence Manager, Norton Rose Fulbright).
  - Competitive Intelligence Analysis Process and Framework, Leveraging CI Information for Action was coordinated by **Mark A. Gediman** (Reference Librarian, Alston & Bird LLP) who also acted as the speaker.
  - Establishing, Organizing, and Implementing a Competitive Intelligence Function was led by Coordinator and Speaker: **Julia E. Stahl** (Research Services Manager, Akerman LLP) with **Barbara Fullerton** (Supervisor, Research Services, Dentons US LLP), **Kate Pettegrew** (Director of Information Center, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC).
  - Integrating Competitive Intelligence into Strategic Practice and Goals had coordinator and speaker **Liz Whittington** (Senior Competitive & Strategic Intelligence Analyst, K&L Gates), and speaker **Stephanie Goodson Dooley** (Senior Competitive & Strategic Intelligence Manger, Client Growth - Market Development, K&L Gates)



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**UPCOMING WEBINARS**

*[AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AALL](#)*

Date: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

Interested in volunteering for an AALL Committee or Award Jury? This informal conversation, moderated by AALL President Diane Rodriguez and AALL President-Elect Elizabeth Adelman, is an opportunity for you to learn more about the volunteer process and how your contribution impacts AALL and the legal information profession. You are invited to submit questions in advance to [leadership@aall.org](mailto:leadership@aall.org), but you are welcome to ask them during the discussion as well.

[\(Click here to register.\)](#)

*[LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO YOU WANNA... PRACTICE MINDFULNESS?](#)*

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

With so much going on in the world, many of us are feeling burned out and exhausted. Can mindfulness be a tool to help us re-center? How is mindfulness different from meditation? In this month's So You Wanna...? Series event, Savanna Nolan will sit down to discuss these questions with Mindfulness Caucus member and certified Koru Mindfulness teacher Heather Simmons. What is a mindfulness practice and how is it different from meditation? What steps can we take today to live more mindfully? This series is brought to you by the Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS and the AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee.

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*[AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: WINNING THE AALL/LEXISNEXIS CALL FOR PAPERS](#)*

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 (3pm - 3:45pm US/Central)

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers is an annual scholarship competition that requests AALL members and students in related degree programs submit their recent scholarship on any subject relevant to law librarianship. Winners of the Call for Papers receive monetary awards, in addition to recognition at the AALL Annual Meeting and direct forwarding of the winning articles to Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum for publication consideration. The Call for Papers serves to both promote the scholarship interests of law librarians and to recognize scholarly efforts at every stage of a law librarian's career. Join the 2021 winners and Nicole Downing, vice chair of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, for a discussion about a award-winning scholarship and how you can prepare to enter the competition for yourself.



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*THE MOTH, AALL LEADERSHIP EDITION: UNLEASH THE POWER OF STORYTELLING*

Date: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Great leaders understand the power of storytelling, and the power of stories to connect us as humans and foster mutual understanding. This program will give a brief introduction to storytelling technique basics, and then have panelists share true stories as they remember them. Similar to The Moth podcast, anyone wishing to tell their story will need to pitch their idea, and the pitched stories need to relate to the theme of Leadership. Attendees will not only be entertained, but will learn from watching masterful storytelling in action, share in the collective wisdom around leadership, and hone the essential leadership skill of telling compelling, meaningful stories.

[\(Click here to register.\)](#)

*THE WAYFINDERS AMONG US: FIRST-GEN PROFESSIONALS IN AALL*

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

First-generation professionals are the first in their families to cross a threshold into a professional career. Many face socioeconomic issues not experienced by their colleagues, and can face a sense of isolation and a steep learning curve with regard to professional norms. Conversely, inclusion of first-gen professionals can help to foster diversity in law librarianship, and first-gens can serve as an empathetic point of contact for similarly situated students, patrons, and peers. Panelists, who are first-gen professionals from academic, government, and law firm settings, will discuss their triumphs and challenges, and provide insights into navigating their unique career paths. They will also discuss establishment of the First-Gen Professionals Caucus, which serves as a vehicle for professional development, mentorship, and coordination of recruitment efforts for first-gen law and library students.

[\(Click here to register.\)](#)