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PLLIP ELECTION FOR 2022-2024

- Voting is Open until May 2nd! You should have received an email from AALL on Monday, April 11th containing your election system PIN. If you are unable to locate your email, visit the election site [here](#). Click 'forgot your PIN' if you need to reset your credentials.
 - Candidates
 - Vice Chair/Chair Elect:
 - **Christina McKennerney** (Legal Information Services Specialist, Liberty Mutual)
 - **Amy Weiner** (Research Manager, Sidley Austin LLP)
 - Secretary:
 - **Julia Stahl** (Research Services Manager, Akerman LLP)
 - **Ana Rosa Ramirez Toft-Nielsen** (Professional Development Innovation Manager, Greenberg Traurig, LLP)
 - Member at Large:
 - **Alexis Branham** (Legal Content Specialist, BakerHostetler)
 - **LiMin Fields** (Manager of Research and Knowledge Services, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox)
 - Thank you to the Nominations Committee for their work.
 - Nominations Committee:
 - **Diana Koppang** (Chair) (Director of Research & Competitive Intelligence, Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP)
 - **Lisa Fricker** (Senior Research Librarian, Ropes & Gray LLP)
 - **Michelle Trovillo** (Senior Manager, Legal Content Services, BakerHostetler)
 - **Saskia Mehlhorn** (US Director, Knowledge Services, Norton Rose Fulbright)
 - **Rita Young** (Law Librarian, K&L Gates)

PLLIP 2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The PLLIP Awards Committee is proud to announce the recipients of our 2022 awards.

- Advocate of the Year – **Shari Berkowitz Duff** (Research Librarian, Jones Day)
- Best Blogger/Writer of the Year – **Kevin Miles** (Manager of Library Services, Norton Rose Fulbright)
- Distinguished Librarian – **Jennifer Berman** (Research Manager, McDermott Will & Emery LLP)
- Emerging Leader of the Year – **Alexis Branham** (Legal Content Specialist, BakerHostetler)
- Hall of Fame – Steve Lastres (Retired)
- Innovative Professional of the Year – **Catherine Monte** (Chief Knowledge & Innovation Officer, Fox Rothschild LLP)
- Vendor/Outside Champion Award – Westlaw Information Management Advisor Team



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Please join us in congratulating our winners!

2022 PLLIP SUMMIT: *ROCKING NEW ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND REALITIES* - JUNE 24, 2022

- The 2022 PLLIP Summit entitled *Rocking New Roles, Responsibilities, and Realities* will be held as a virtual summit via Zoom, on Friday, June 24, 2022
- Registration will be separate from the AALL conference and available in May. Look for more information soon!

AALL 2022: ADVANCING JUSTICE FOR ALL (JULY 16-19, DENVER CO)

- The Conference Schedule at a Glance is available in the March/April 2022 edition of AALL Spectrum ([available here](#)).
- Registration is open ([link](#)).

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

- **Catherine R. Mulla** (Director of Library Services, Miller Canfield) and her team celebrated National Library Week with her firm for the 17th year. They have a week of trivia questions leading participants to their resources and links to useful sites in addition to daily and grand prizes for the winners (supplied by their vendors via company swag). Alas, no cake this particular year but still candy!
- **Emily Florio** is now the Director of Knowledge Research & Resources at DLA Piper.
- The SWALL Conference in April included presentations by a few PLLIP Members:
 - *Competitive Intelligence (CI): What is it and Why Should it be Taught to Law Students?*
 - Speakers: **Caren Luckie** (Research Attorney, Jackson Walker LLP) and **Mark Gediman** (Reference Librarian, Alston & Bird LLP).
 - *Discussion on Competitive Intelligence*
 - Speakers: **Kevin Miles** (Manager of Library Services, Norton Rose Fulbright), **Caren Luckie** (Research Attorney, Jackson Walker LLP), **Mark Gediman** (Reference Librarian, Alston & Bird LLP) and Julia Stahl (Research Services Manager, Akerman LLP)
- **Daisy De Anda** (Legal Research Specialist, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP) was a panelist in a live Q&A at SCALL's 50th Annual Institute - *The Past is Prologue: An Overview of Some of SCALL's Greatest Accomplishments (so far!)*. She spoke on her experience as an intern for their Community Youth Internship Experience Program in 2004 and coming full circle in 2019 to serving on SCALL's Executive Board.
- **Karen Oesterle** started a new role as Associate Director, Legal Research Development at Practising Law Institute.
- **Lindsey Carpino** (Legal Content Services Supervisor, BakerHostetler) was a panelist on Leadership Opportunities at the AALL Leadership Academy in Chicago on March 31, 2022.

- **Daisy De Anda** (Legal Research Specialist, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP) was featured in SCALL's Spring 2022 feature *Member Spotlight: Getting to Know Daisy De Anda* ([available here](#))
- Arnold & Porter lost two beloved members of their team **Mike Gentile** and **Mary Anne Donaldson**. Unfortunately, they lost Mike to an untimely death but Mary Anne to a well-deserved retirement. Mary Anne had a spectacular nearly 50-year career that spanned coast to coast. A Jersey Girl who started in DC and finished in LA, Mary Anne was a force of nature. The Arnold & Porter team share that they are equally as sorry that she's no longer part of A&P as they are thrilled that she is living her retirement dream in historic Hingham, MA. (See <http://www.abigailadamsbirthplace.com/newsletters/> for details).
- The ARK Conference in March had several PLLIP members participate as Panelists.
 - Panel Discussion: *Creating a Successful and Collaborative Hybrid Work Environment*
 - Discuss best practices and lessons learned from the impact of remote work to ensure a collaborative team environment
 - Identify challenges of the hybrid work environment and best practices to manage and motivate employees
 - Develop an operations roadmap to ensure your firm is positioned for success
 - Moderator: **Marie Calvaruso** (Chief Knowledge Officer, Harris Beach PLLC)
 - Panelists: **Saskia Mehlhorn** (US Director, Knowledge Services, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP) and **Cynthia L. Brown**, (Senior Director of Research Services, Littler Mendelson)
 - Panel Discussion: *Winning the Talent War*
 - Discuss the impact of The Great Resignation on law librarians and how firms are staying competitive to attract top talent
 - Explore the challenges of finding qualified staff and best practices to support and develop the best members of your team
 - Discover what measures firms are taking to retain employees in the hot job market
 - Moderator: **Cynthia L. Brown**, (Senior Director of Research Services, Littler Mendelson)
 - Panelists: **Lee Berstein** (Library Manager, Haynes and Boone, LLP), **Leslie Lanphear** (Director of Research & Information Services, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP) and **Elizabeth Guzman** (Director, Research & Intelligence Services, Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett LLP).
- Arnold & Porter welcomed three new members to their team in the past year:
 - **Victoria De La Torre**, Research Analyst
 - **Jocelyn Lee**, Research Analyst
 - **Heidi Heller**, Assistant Manager of Research Services
- Arnold & Porter also expanded their team by adding some new positions
 - **Stefanie Herbach**, Research Coordinator.
 - **Elizabeth Turqman**, Assistant Manager of Research Operations.
 - **Sara Hrachovy**, Research Training Coordinator.
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- **Daisy De Anda** (Legal Research Specialist, Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP) is serving a term as the Board Secretary of SCALL.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING: CHALLENGES, OBSTACLES, & OPPORTUNITIES

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Developing and implementing an effective strategic plan requires a great deal of time, input, involvement and agility. Hear from leaders within our organization about the challenges, as well as opportunities, that are often presented when creating a strategic plan. Panelists will discuss best practices and how to think strategically to overcome obstacles.

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

***MAXIMIZING LEGAL ANALYTICS AS A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN STATE TRIAL COURTS
(TRELIS PARTNER WEBINAR)***

Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

Join AALL and Trellis for an engaging presentation as we cover how legal analytics enables your team to analyze the behavior and history of your judge, competitive counsel, prospects and clients to gain crucial insights into litigation history and ruling tendencies. We'll show you how to leverage state trial court - and verdict - data to be more efficient, more proactive, and achieve better results for your firm and clients. You'll learn how to maximize legal analytics for your firm to gain a competitive advantage, win cases and bring in more money when litigating in state trial courts.

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***IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL LAW NATIONALLY: INCORPORATING INTERNATIONAL LAW
IN ARGENTINA, CHILE, AND COLOMBIA (FCIL-SIS)***

Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

International treaties have real impacts on people's lives, but how do we incorporate this international legislation into domestic law? This presentation will show us, through practical examples, how this incorporation takes place in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia. Speakers will analyze the similarities and differences in how these countries incorporate treaties into domestic law, discuss the resolution of legal conflicts between treaties and domestic law, and explain how to research international treaties signed by each of these countries.

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

LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA BE AN EDITOR?

Date: Monday, May 23, 2022 (12pm - 1pm US/Central)

In this "So, You Wanna . . .?" episode, Sabrina A. Davis will interview three law librarians who are currently serving or who have served as editors or on editorial boards of various publications, including books, journals, and newsletters. This interview will explore how they gained the skills and experiences necessary to be editors and how other law librarians can do the same. Topics will include: (1) how roles, responsibilities, and time commitments of editors and editorial boards differ among publications; (2) what experiences help law librarians prepare to take on editorial roles; and (3) where to look for editing opportunities.



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*DEMYSTIFYING THE PACER SERVICES MARKETPLACE, FROM DOCKETING TO ANALYTICS
(PACER PARTNER WEBINAR)*

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

Have trouble distinguishing Compulaw from DocketAlarm and CourtLinks? Which set of tools does your firm need, and which are redundant? With dozens of providers solving related, but distinct problems, it can be hard to know what the right path forward is.

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*ADVANCING JUSTICE FOR ALL THROUGH LEGAL PRO BONO (THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER
WEBINAR)*

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

With the theme of AALL's annual meeting, we are proud to share the way that Thomson Reuters advances justice for all. Thomson Reuters Foundation (TRF) is the corporate foundation of Thomson Reuters, the global news and information services company. We work to advance media freedom, raise awareness of human rights issues, and foster more inclusive economies. Through news, media development, free legal assistance and convening initiatives, the Foundation combines its unique services to drive systemic change. During the webinar, attendees will learn about the Foundation's work and particularly how they can get involved in TrustLaw, TRF's global pro bono service, which supports NGOs and social enterprises around the world. Examples of our work will range from supporting civil society during the COVID pandemic to our response to the current crisis in Ukraine, helping both NGOs providing humanitarian support and the media sector.

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*THE MOST IMPROBABLE WAR: LEGAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN UKRAINE AND RUSSIA BEFORE
AND DURING THE INVASION (FCIL-SIS)*

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2022 (1pm - 2pm US/Central)

The Foreign, Comparative & International Law SIS (FCIL-SIS) is co-sponsoring an upcoming entry in the Law Library of Congress' Foreign and Comparative Law Webinar Series.

This entry in the series will provide an overview of the historic roots of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, including: reviewing information about the background of the Crimean and East Ukrainian territorial problem, which escalated into current war; providing an overview of treaties and agreements between Ukraine and Russia; reviewing laws regulating the use of arms in both countries; and examining legal regimes created in Ukraine and Russia before and during the invasion. Further, an analysis and comparison of legislation recently passed in Ukraine and Russia, coupled with Ukrainian legal scholars' discussion of a so-called "juridical front," provides an interesting picture of the situation on the ground and suggests how it may develop in the future. Resources available to research the laws of Ukraine will also be introduced during the presentation.

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2022 AALL BUSINESS MEETING & MEMBERS OPEN FORUM

Date: Monday, July 18, 2022 (1:30pm - 2:45pm US/Mountain)



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Location: Denver, CO

The AALL Business Meeting & Members Open Forum will be held Monday, July 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. MDT in Denver, CO. Any member who wants to submit a resolution for consideration by the membership at the Business Meeting must do so by June 20.

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

THE NEW "STATE" OF THE LITIGATION ANALYTICS MARKET

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

In 2019, AALL members presented a comprehensive analysis of litigation analytics platforms, focusing on the federal court analytics tools available then. This webinar will provide an update to that data, but presenters will focus on the state court analytics market that has significantly grown in the last three years.

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