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## PLLIP-SIS MEMBER NEWS FOR MAY 2023

### PLLIP ELECTIONS

- PLLIP Board is pleased to announce the 2023-2025 PLLIP Board:
  - Vice Chair/Chair Elect: **Abby Dos Santos** (Caplin & Drysdale)
  - Treasurer: **Janet McKinney** (Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P.)
  - Member at Large: **Rosa Hall** (Nixon Peabody)

### 2023 AALL PLLIP-SIS SUMMIT: NAVIGATING THE HERE AND NOW

Dates: Saturday, July 15 (Marriott Copley Place - Boston, MA)

Agenda is available [here](#). Full speakers list is available [here](#).

- Pin Drop Blue: The View From My Rooftop
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### WHAT PLLIP MEMBERS ARE UP TO – NEW POSITIONS, ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS

- **Shari Berkowitz Duff** (Research Librarian, Jones Day) was awarded The Agnes and Harvey Reid Award for Outstanding Contribution to Law Librarianship from the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (more information [available here](#)).
- **Cynthia Brown** (Senior Director - Research Services, Littler Mendelson, P.C.) was featured in the Member Profile Vantage Point in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 5 (May/June 2023), pg 10 ([available here](#)).
- **Jason Eiseman** (Associate Law Librarian for Technology & Digital Initiatives, Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Library) and **Nor Ortiz** (Technology and Digital Initiatives Fellow, Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Library) co-wrote Generative AI & Machine Learning in Law Libraries in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 5 (May/June 2023), pgs 16-19 ([available here](#)).
- **Shari Berkowitz Duff** (Research Librarian, Jones Day) was elected to a full 2-year term as the Secretary/Treasurer on the Executive Board for the Research Instruction & Patron Services Special Interest Section of AALL. She has been serving in that position since August.
- **Kim Serna** (Firm wide Associate Director for Research Services, Jones Day) and **Julie M. Jones** (Electronic Resources Manager, Jones Day) co-wrote Assessing & Leveraging Technology to Provide Insight and Key Performance Indicators and Utilization in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 5 (May/June 2023), pgs 20-22 ([available here](#)).
- **Gregory Lambert** (Chief Knowledge Services Officer, Jackson Walker LLP) and **Michael Robak** (Library Director, University of St. Thomas) were featured in Ask a Director: The Power of AI in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 5 (May/June 2023), pgs 36-37 ([available here](#)).
- **Shari Berkowitz Duff** (Research Librarian, Jones Day) co-presented a continuing education program for the Chicago Association of Law Libraries on State Dockets Research in May. The focus was on the trial courts in Cook County and the collar counties.

- **Mark Gediman** (Senior Research Analyst, Alston & Bird LLP) and **Kevin Miles** (Manager, Research Services, Norton Rose Fulbright) co-wrote [Socially Competitive: Using Social Media for Background Research in AALL Spectrum](#), Volume 27, Number 5 (May/June 2023), pgs 46-47 ([available here](#))
- **Michelle Trovillo** (Director of Information Resources, BakerHostetler) co-wrote with Ryan Metheny (Senior Librarian, Reference, Research & Legal Education, LA Law Library) and Scott Vanderlin (Student Services Librarian, University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library) [Reference Desk: Keeping Up with AI & Other New Tech Advancements](#) in *AALL Spectrum*, Volume 27, Number 3 (January/February 2023), pgs 48-51 ([available here](#)).

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

### *NAVIGATING THE AI LANDSCAPE: WHAT TO KNOW NOW ABOUT GENERATIVE AI AND LEXIS+ AI™ FOR THE LEGAL INDUSTRY (LEXISNEXIS PARTNER WEBINAR)*

Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Discover the fascinating world of artificial intelligence and its transformative impact on the legal industry in this must-attend webinar. Join us as we delve into the different types of AI and shed light on generative AI, a cutting-edge technology that is revolutionizing the way legal professionals operate. Gain a deeper understanding of AI terminology, explore real-world legal use cases, and get a preview of the highly anticipated Lexis+ AI, set to be commercially available this summer. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your AI knowledge and equip yourself with the tools to navigate this new terrain confidently.

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### *GENERATIVE AI AND CHATGPT IN THE LAW: WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD? (THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR)*

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Earlier this year, generative AI and popular platforms like ChatGPT burst onto the scene in a big way, offering a new way to generate content and provide users with plain-language answers to their questions. The potential use cases in law are vast, but there remain several unknowns and risks that law firms and academic libraries are still trying to parse. This session explores research from the Thomson Reuters Institute around attitudes towards generative AI in law today and discusses how the technology can and will be used practically in the law firm and academic settings.

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### *ADVOCATING THE VALUE OF THE LAW LIBRARY TO NON-LIBRARIAN STAKEHOLDERS*

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

The webinar will be a discussion among speakers on recommendations and effective strategies for advocating the continued value of the library in 2023. Speakers will discuss strategies for promoting the library's contributions to the mission of their workplace. Panelists are a mix of librarians and non-librarians that work closely with the law



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library. Attendees will hear various ideas and perspectives that will help them develop an effective advocacy message at their workplaces.

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*VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN LIBRARIES AND LAW JOURNALS*

Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 (3pm - 3:45pm US/Central)

Join us for an informal discussion about the services we offer to law journal students. We will touch on support models and a some pros and cons of being involved in journal support beyond the reference desk. Additionally, we hope to chat about some of the challenges and emerging issues facing student editors that librarians could address.

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*2023 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE*

Dates: Saturday, July 15 - Tuesday, July 18, 2023 (Boston, MA)

AALL 2023 will bring together collaborators from across the legal information profession for three days of innovation, tailored learning, and networking. AALL 2023 is where the legal information community goes for the latest, cutting-edge professional development, peer-to-peer connections, and a place to gather and exchange ideas and best practices. You'll find educational programming, important announcements and updates, and discussions that directly impact law libraries, their roles, and their ongoing transformation.

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*APPLYING AN EQUITY APPROACH IN MIDDLE MANAGEMENT*

Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

What makes an institution equitable, and what can middle managers do to incorporate equity into their work? This program follows up on "Creating Belonging" from the 2022 Annual Meeting to discuss equity in depth. An equity-centered approach to management asks us to consider systemic barriers and their legacies, and intentionally reflect on how our institution's policies, and our approach to management, are impacted by those barriers and legacies. The program will begin with a panel discussion about the concept of equity and the relationship between diversity,



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equity, and inclusion. The panelists will also discuss how issues of equity arise in middle management and provide a framework for an equity-based approach. Participants will then have an opportunity to apply this framework to a law library-focused case study. This event is brought to you by the Leadership Development Committee.

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