CURRENT ELECTION

PLLIP Board is pleased to announce the 2024-2026 slate of candidates. The election will close at the end of the day on April 24th. Please check your inbox for voting instructions.

Vice Chair/Chair-Elect
Andrea Guldalian (Duane Morris, LLP)
Leanna Simon (Honigman LLP)

Secretary
Christine Dulac (Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson)
Karen Whitney (Perkins Coie, LLP)

Member at Large
Eugene Giudice (Dentons US LLP)
Jeannette Mazur (Baker Hostetler)

Candidate bios and photographs will be available closer to the election. Thank you to the Nominations Committee for their work.
Nominations Committee: Allison Reeve Davis (Chair), Marcia Burris, Blythe McCoy, Christine Moua, and Michelle Trovillo

ANNUAL MEETINGS

2024 PLLIP Summit will be held virtually over two days, with each day having a separate, yet complementary theme.
Dates: Thursday, June 20, and Friday, June 21
Time: 1:00-5:00 EDT / 12:00 – 4:00 CST / 10:00 – 2:00 PST
Themes: June 20: Made for the Moment | June 21: Made for the Future
Registration opens April 25th, and the cost will be $25 per person per day.
Please note, the PLLIP Virtual Summit s not part of the AALL Annual Meeting this year and will not be included on the AALL Conference registration page. More details coming soon.

PLLIP-SIS will be holding its 2023-2024 Business Meeting in person at the AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago on Sunday, July 21. Tickets will be $25. As with all ticketed events, attendees must be registered for the full conference or for the day of the event.

The 2024 Annual Meeting and Conference will be held July 20-23, 2024 in Chicago, IL.
Registration for the 2024 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference and the 2023-2024 PLLIP-SIS Business Meeting is available here.

WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S PLLIP AWARDS

These awards recognize outstanding contributions to our profession and honor those who have shown exceptional commitment and achievement. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the following awardees:

- Distinguished Librarian - Saskia Melhorn
- Hall of Fame - Jean O'Grady
- Best Blogger/Writer - Michelle Trovillo
- Emerging Leader - Angela Gonzalez-Curci
- Advocate of the Year - Christos (Chris) Pamboukes
- Vendor/Outside Champion - Bridget MacMillan (Lexis)

These individuals have gone above and beyond in their dedication to the profession, contributing significantly to the growth and success of the private law librarianship and information professionals community. Their achievements reflect the vibrant spirit and the high standards of excellence that define our membership.

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

- Christine Bowersox (Business Intelligence Analyst, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP) Alexis Branham (Legal Researcher, BakerHostetler), and Lauren Wortman (Legal Researcher, BakerHostetler) attended the AALL Leadership Academy in April
- Daisy De Anda (Legal Research Specialist, Sheppard Mullin) was a Panel Speaker at the AALL-Glam Career Jam on February 24, 2024. It was AALL’s 1st ever participation in Glam Career Jam which showcased the different career paths library science students can pursue in law librarianship. Daisy shared her career journey and what students can expect working as private law librarians.
- Sue Mecklem (Senior Research Librarian, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP) was elected as President of the Legal Community of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) for 2024. SLA’s membership includes over 4,000 members, 367 of whom belong to the Legal Community. Membership includes librarians and information professionals from law firms, corporate legal departments, governmental entities, and academia.
- Daisy De Anda (Legal Research Specialist, Sheppard Mullin) was a Panel Speaker at the PLLIP Diversity Summit on March 1, 2024, where she discussed specifically how early exposure, paid mentorship and networking are key to diversifying pipelines to the legal profession.
- Jessica Fields started a new position with Barnes & Thornburg LLP in April as a Reference Librarian on their Knowledge Services team after nearly 12 years as the Research & Information Services Manager at Miller Johnson.
Kamilah Wentworth (Technical Services Librarian, Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP) is the subject of the April Member Spotlight column of the BLISS Blog (available here).

Kammie Hedges, the long-time Director of Library Relations for BNA, passed away in late March. Kammie was an amazingly gracious person and was committed to BNA's support for law librarianship and to AALL in particular. Her advocacy on behalf of law librarians at BNA was endless, and she passed on that enthusiasm to company executives, reporters, and editors. She began her career as a legislative librarian with the Connecticut State Library, worked for several law firms, and joined BNA to serve as its Library Director before spearheading and then assuming the role of Director of Library Relations. She previously served on the AALL Executive Board, as LLSDC President, and a member of many AALL committees. Kammie retired in 2011. A full obituary can be found online at Kamla Hedges Obituary - Death Notice and Service Information (legacy.com). You can hear more about Kammie's journey through librarianship in An Oral History of Law Librarianship on HeinOnline under Spinelli's Law Library Reference Shelf.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

THE BLACK TAX: 50 YEARS OF THEFT, EXPLOITATION, AND DISPOSSESSION IN AMERICA (BLL-SIS)

Dates: Thursday, April 25, 2024 (12pm - 1pm US/Central)

Following the overwhelming response to his insightful 2023 AALL Annual Meeting program on black land loss, (specifically addressing beachfront properties), the Black Law Librarian’s SIS is thrilled to welcome back Dr. Kahrl to talk about the Black Tax. Dr. Kahrl will share his latest research on the racist practices long hidden in the shadows of America’s tax regimes including the consequences of inequitable and predatory tax laws in our country. Moreover, Dr. Kahrl will explore how these laws contributed to the racial dispossession we see today.

(Click here to register.)

VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: ENVISIONING INCLUSIVE BEST PRACTICES IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Dates: Thursday, April 25, 2024 (3pm - 3:45pm US/Central)

Join the members of the Inclusive Community Outreach Special Committee in an important conversation about effective inclusive practices in professional organizations. We will use breakout rooms to explore the broad question "What does inclusion mean to you?" We will also collaborate to identify best practices for professional organizations who want their members to feel valued, respected, supported, and welcome to bring their authentic selves to the community.

(Click here to register.)
**AALL VIRTUAL MEMBERS OPEN FORUM (APRIL 2024)**

Dates: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 (1pm - 1:45pm US/Central)

As part of AALL’s ongoing commitment to fostering open communication and engagement, the Executive Board invites you to join them for the next Virtual Members Open Forum on Tuesday, April 30 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. CDT. This forum will provide you with the opportunity to connect directly with the Executive Board to learn more about AALL’s activities and ask questions related to the Association. In addition to asking questions during the Zoom meeting, you may submit questions in advance. The deadline to do so is Wednesday, April 24. Please note: The Members Open Forum will not be recorded.

(Click here to register.)

**AALL WEBINAR: THE CASE FOR PUTTING A HARD STOP TO SOFT COSTS RECOVERY**

Dates: Thursday, May 2, 2024 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Law firms have struggled with recovering “soft costs” for platform use from clients since the advent of computer-assisted legal research. Soft costs are those charges incurred under flat rate contracts. The amount firms have been able to recover has trended steadily downward for years even while the cost of these platforms has trended steadily upward. The “realization rate” – the percentage of the original cost incurred by client projects that is actually paid by the client – has historically been the key metric in deciding whether to keep this practice going at a firm.

But there are many other factors at play here that should be considered when calculating the true value and cost of this practice. In this program we will discuss the costs of cost recovery and what point these costs add up to a logical shift in practice and policy. As these platforms have evolved over the last thirty years, and now with the advent of Generative AI—law firm research policy and pricing is overdue for a new approach. The program speakers are law firm library directors whose firms have successfully eliminated soft cost recovery of research charges and will provide context and guidance for changing these practices at your firm.

(Click here to register.)

**AALL GENAI WEBINAR SERIES PART 1: FROM AI TO Z: AN INTRODUCTION TO GENERATIVE INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATIONS**

Dates: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Join us for a one-of-a-kind presentation that promises to equip you with essential knowledge about generative AI in the legal industry. This webinar is designed to entertain, engage, and educate legal professionals on fundamentals such as AI vocabulary, how generative AI works, its real-world applications, and the challenges and opportunities it presents. Our expert presenters will unravel the complex world of AI and break it down into digestible and compelling segments. In addition to gaining a clear understanding of AI vocabulary and concepts, you’ll discover innovative AI-powered tools that can
revolutionize your legal practice, and unearth important considerations associated with implementing generative AI solutions.

This presentation not only covers the essentials but also delves into the current impact of AI in the legal industry, exploring attorney and law firm response to this rapidly changing landscape. Whether you're an AI enthusiast or a skeptic, "From AI to Z" will leave you with valuable insights, practical tips, and a solid understanding of current market conditions. Reserve your spot now and get ready to embark on the first leg of an engaging journey into the world of generative AI for attorneys.

(Click here to register.)

**THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: THE STATE OF THE US LEGAL MARKET IN EARLY 2024**

**Dates:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 (12pm - 1pm US/Central)

This session will offer a data-driven overview of the legal profession based on the 2024 Report on the State of the US Legal Market, the flagship report on the legal profession from the Thomson Reuters Institute. The report offers unparalleled guidance for law firm leaders, practitioners, and affiliated partners around the globe on the state of a market in flux. This webinar will bring that depth of insight, along with subject matter expertise from a team of season market commentators.

As we look to the year ahead for legal services providers, the faculty for this session will discuss key findings on financial performance, staffing strategies and talent challenges, ongoing market segmentation, buyer preference changes, and other pertinent challenges impacting legal services in 2024.

(Click here to register.)

**HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH LAWYERS TO CAPTURE THEIR ATTENTION**

**Dates:** Thursday, May 16, 2024 (1pm - 2pm US/Central)

Law librarians are skilled in multiple research techniques and databases. Join us as we expand these skills into the realm of generative AI. We will cover the basics of prompt engineering, highlight the various use purposes, and demonstrate a few AI platforms.

(Click here to register.)

**AALL GENAI WEBINAR SERIES PART 2: FROM AND/OR TO AI: TECHNIQUES FOR PROMPTING GENERATIVE AI TOOLS**

**Dates:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Law librarians are skilled in multiple research techniques and databases. Join us as we expand these skills into the realm of generative AI. We will cover the basics of prompt engineering, highlight the various use purposes, and demonstrate a few AI platforms.


AALL GENAI WEBINAR SERIES PART 3: AI, WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR? EXPLORING ADVANCED APPLICATIONS OF GENERATIVE AI

Dates: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 (11am - 12pm US/Central)

Join us for the next level of generative AI prompt engineering. We will delve deeper into more complex use cases, provide valuable tips to ensure reliability and accuracy, and discuss how to become involved in generative AI developments by vendors.

(Click here to register.)

AALL GENAI WEBINAR SERIES PART 4: CONTEXT, CHALLENGES, AND SOLUTIONS–IMPLICATIONS OF AI IN LEGAL RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND INSTRUCTION

Dates: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 (2pm - 3pm US/Central)

While generative AI has tremendous potential, it also raises a variety of issues for law librarians and information professionals. How does generative AI change our current models for research, training and instruction? What ethical considerations should we be thinking about, both now and moving forward? What are some of the fundamental changes and opportunities that Gen AI presents to the profession, and what can we do about them? The panelists will discuss these topics and provide potential solutions and ways to think about Generative AI as you move into the future.

(Click here to register.)

2024 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

Dates: Saturday, July 20 - Tuesday, July 23, 2024

The AALL Annual Meeting & Conference brings together collaborators from across the legal information profession for three days of innovation, tailored learning, and networking. It's where the legal information community goes for the latest, cutting-edge professional development and peer-to-peer connections, offering 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.

2024 AALL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Dates: Thursday, September 12 - Friday, September 13, 2024

The 2024 AALL Management Institute will take place September 11-13, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois. The AALL Management Institute prepares managers to lead effectively, providing creative solutions to confidently navigate evolving workplace dynamics, build confidence in setting strategic goals, and inspire change. Managers (including aspiring managers) have the opportunity collaborate with colleagues from
across the country, learn in a small group setting, and develop techniques that have long term value and impact. For the latest information and resources, please visit the AALL Management Institute.

2024 AALL EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Dates: Thursday, September 19 - Friday, September 20, 2024

The 2024 AALL Executive Leadership Institute will take place September 19-20, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois. The AALL Executive Leadership Institute is designed to expand your leadership skills while providing you with the opportunity to participate in high-level, organizational planning discussions on a wide range of topics. Whether you are in a law school, law firm, or government law library, the AALL Executive Leadership Institute will take your professional development to the next level. For the latest information and resources, please visit the AALL Executive Leadership Institute.

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