ENHANCE YOUR MANAGEMENT SKILLS / ONLINE COURSE

Enhance your management skills during AALL’s Effective Management Skills Online Course. This four-week online course will improve your management skills, help you resolve conflict, and provide effective feedback. Learn from experts in the field, engage with a small group of your peers, and learn practical skills that you can apply immediately to your own organization.

- **February 4 - 28, 2020**
- **Current AALL Members: $325.00**
- **Nonmembers: $495.00**
- **Register by Friday, January 31, 2020**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Directors
- Department Heads
- Supervisors
- Solo Librarians
- Anyone interested in improving their skills in these areas

2020 AALL MEMBERSHIP SURVEY / SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Tell us about your experience as an AALL member. The 2020 AALL Membership Survey is your chance to tell us how AALL can better meet your needs. The survey takes about 15-20 minutes to complete, and your responses will help us improve the value of your membership.

Don’t delay—the survey closes Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (CST). Information provided is confidential and will be reported in aggregate form only. Questions? Please contact AALL Membership Services.

AALL AWARDS / NOMINATIONS DUE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The AALL Awards Program publicly recognizes the achievements of legal information professionals, institutions, companies, and vendors for service and innovation in the legal information profession. Recipients will be recognized at the 2020 AALL Annual Meeting &
Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Nominate a deserving colleague, library, or company (including your own) by Monday, February 3, 2020. Nominations/applications/entry forms may be found on the individual award pages.

- Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award
- Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award
- Hall of Fame Award
- AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award (please note different deadlines)
- Emerging Leader Award
- Excellence in Community Engagement Award
- Innovations in Technology Award
- Minority Leadership Development Award
- New Product Award
- Public Access to Government Information Award
- Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award
- Volunteer Service Award

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS / 2020 ELECTION

We need your input. The AALL Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for the upcoming Executive Board election. AALL Executive Board members work with the membership to improve the Association and the legal information profession as a whole.

This spring, the AALL Nominations Committee will present to the membership a slate of candidates for the 2020 election. They will choose two candidates for the position of vice president/president-elect (2021-2022), and four candidates for two open seats on the Executive Board (2021-2024).

For the 2020 election, ballots will be distributed electronically to all voting members of the Association on October 1, 2020. The ballots will be verified at AALL Headquarters at the beginning of November and election results will be announced once candidates have been notified.

To nominate yourself or an AALL colleague, access the nomination form on AALLNET. Nominations are due Friday, February 14, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. EST.

UPCOMING WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT: BOK SKILLS IN LAW FIRM PRACTICE

- Wednesday, January 29, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CST)
- Register by Thursday, January 23, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

On the job is where you put your skills and competencies to the test. Do you know what you need to know or can you up-skill quickly to meet the demands within your organization? Join four
leaders within the law firm library sector as they highlight how competencies and skills within the information management domain are utilized in practice to manage and execute departmental responsibilities within law firms.

**LAW SCHOOL FACULTY METRICS**

- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. (CST)
- Register by Monday, February 17, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

After *U.S. News & World Report* announced they would create a ranking of U.S. Law Schools based on scholarship using HeinOnline statistics, there has been a huge outpouring of interest in scholarship metrics. What are the nuances involved? Is your library helping in this arena? This webinar will address potential roadblocks and identify best practices to improve metadata accuracy, focusing on proactive engagement with Hein and law faculty.

**CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / REGISTER NOW**

**EARLY-BIRD PRICING ENDS MARCH 16, 2020**

Competitive intelligence (CI) skills can be used throughout your organization to help increase your strategic advantage. Have you been looking to up your CI game? During AALL’s CI Strategies & Analysis, learn how to frame your CI reporting, how to communicate CI results, the role of data and data visualization, how to choose external vendors, and more--to take your CI game to the next level.

- May 7-8, 2020 / 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (CDT)
- Sidley Austin LLP / Chicago
- Members $795 / Nonmembers $1,200 (Price increases $99 after March 16, 2020)

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- Law librarians and legal information professionals seeking to learn how to expand a competitive intelligence function at their organization (including firm, academic, government, and other organizations)

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**RESOLVE TO JOIN US AT AALL 2020**

This year, make a resolution to boost your own professional development and start thinking about this summer's conference in New Orleans. A slate of timely, relevant, can't-miss programming is being developed with must-have topics in mind--programming you won't find anywhere else. Below is just a sample of what's in store:
Beyond Orientation: Using Onboarding to Build Attorney Engagement and Maximize Value
Legal Ethics in the Use of Artificial Intelligence
Teaching Legal Tech Competencies: A Nuts-and-Bolts Approach
Data, Stats, Go: Navigating the Intersections of Cataloging, E-Resource, and Web Analytics Reporting
No JD? No Problem. Navigating Law Librarianship Without a Legal Education
Loaves and Fishes: Providing Legal Assistance to SRLs When Resources Are Limited
Fear and Loathing in Teaching Legal Research: Addressing Cultural Competence and Managing Implicit Bias
Getting to ‘No’: Setting Boundaries and Pushing Back Strategically
Finding the Silver Lining in ILS Migrations
Paths to Success: Recruiting the Next Generation of Law Librarians

A complete program lineup will be announced when registration opens later this winter, but you can book your housing now (and rest easy knowing that you can make changes later, penalty-free). We can't wait to see you there! #AALL20.

APPLY FOR A RESEARCH GRANT BY APRIL 1

The AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through April 1 for research grants totaling up to $5,000 from the AALL Research Fund (An Endowment Established by LexisNexis). Established in July 2000, the annual grants fund large or small research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research projects that cover a wide range of professional interests. Access the complete guidelines and apply for a grant by April 1, 2020. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of April.

- Congratulations to John Cannan, who was awarded the grant in December 2019 for his project "The New Orthodoxy: How Congress Passes Laws Now."

WASHINGTON UPDATE / HACK OF FDLP.GOV

On January 4, 2020 the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) experienced an intrusion on its website for the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), FDLP.gov. The site was offline for 24 hours for a security analysis. FDLP.gov came back online after GPO's IT Security Team determined that none of the site's data was compromised. However, all of the FDLP.gov forms are disabled while undergoing a security assessment. The agency requests that AALL members use GPO's Contact Us form or FDLPOutreach@gpo.gov if you require assistance with FDLP.gov or if you encounter any problems with the site. If you need additional help resolving an issue with GPO, please contact Emily Feltren, AALL's director of government relations.

CALL FOR NEW VOICES

AALL is seeking voices for a new content project. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your expertise.
Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on Members Open Forum. Topic ideas can include: insights on starting a new role, professional development, an overview of an AALL webinar, or your take on an article from *AALL Spectrum*, *Law Library Journal*, or KnowitAALL. This is a one-time commitment.

If you’re interested in being involved, please share your post with Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by Wednesday, January 29, 2020.

**AALL @ LEGALWEEK NY 2020**

Join AALL at Legalweek NY 2020 for Knowledge Manager Day on Thursday, February 6, 2020. The day of learning and networking kicks off with a welcome reception and continues with several interactive educational sessions tailored specifically to knowledge managers including three sessions presented by AALL members:

- "Robotic Process Automation: The Next Step in Legal Automation"
- "KM - Our Experience Your Win"
- "Analyzing the Analytics: A Comparison of the Federal Litigation Analytics Market - Should the Buyer Beware?"

AALL members receive:

- complimentary access to the exhibit show floor at Legalweek (use code AAALLXPP)
- a 30% discount to attend all educational sessions (use code AAALLMP30)

**LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES**

**KNOWITALL HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEMBER POSTS**

During the past month, members have prepared you for a successful new year. Andrew Christensen of the Library at Washington and Lee School of Law introduced additions to the public domain, Aaron Kirschenfeld provided guidance on citing the U.S. Code in 2020 in a two-part post (part one / part two) on UNC School of Law's Carolina Blawg, and the trusty law librarians at Harris County Law Library's *Ex Libris Juris* warned that Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 7 on January 14, 2020.

Additionally, members provided insights on a host of valuable resources. Karen Breda of Boston College Legal Eagle wrote about the Eviction Law website’s extensive data, Sarah Reis analyzed Global-Regulation for international law research on Northwestern's Pritzker Legal Research Center Blog, and Dan Brackmann of the University of South Carolina Law Library explored FRASER.

**OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION DEVELOPMENTS**

*Library Technology Guides* published a series of infographics covering mergers and acquisitions among vendors serving libraries. *Crunchbase* reported that Grafiti, a publicly searchable base of charts, received $1.6 million in funding, and *LawSites* covered the layoffs at Atrium.

**ABOUT KNOWITALL**
KnowItAALL is a member benefit sent to members Monday through Friday. Do you have an article to recommend? Please email Megan Mall, director of content strategy.

AALL STAFF NEWS

Natalia Pergamentseva joined the AALL staff as director of finance & administration on January 13, 2020. Her responsibilities include overseeing the finance and human resources areas of the Association. She holds a Master's in Chemical Engineering and a Master's in Business Law from Russia, and is a licensed CPA in Illinois. She has over twenty years of U.S. experience in accounting, finance, and management in the nonprofit industry. Most recently, she was director of finance and accounting at Housing Opportunities for Women, Inc., a Chicago-based nonprofit that provides housing and supportive services to homeless individuals with and without disabilities. In her new role at AALL, Natalia is looking forward to implementing a more modern and efficient accounting and administration system to support AALL in all its endeavors. Natalia's AALL email address is npergamentseva@aall.org, please join us in welcoming her to the Association.

- Celeste Smith, AALL’s director of education, contributed an article to Chief Learning Officer titled “Top of Mind: Skills, Roles, and the Future of Workforce Development,” which discusses how every organization needs to play a role in providing continuous learning for employees.

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month’s member profile, Abby Deese, law librarian for research services at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, discusses her love of roundtable discussions, and talks about AALL members being at the heart of the Association.

See more AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles and view AALL Spectrum Member and Leader Profiles on AALLNET.

MEMBER NEWS

- Sara Kelley Burriesci has been appointed empirical research services librarian at Georgetown University Law Library. She previously served as a part-time evening and weekend reference librarian at Georgetown.

- Dan Donahue has been appointed reference librarian at Georgetown University Law Library. He previously served as the foreign and international law librarian at the University of Houston’s O’Quinn Law Library.

- Jennifer Kim Krombach has been appointed reference librarian at Georgetown University Law Library. She previously worked for several years as a family law attorney in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

- Holly M. Riccio has been appointed director of the California Judicial Center Library (CJCL). The CJCL serves the Justices and staff of the Supreme Court of California and the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, and staff of the Judicial Council of California. Riccio is the 10th librarian to serve in this capacity since the role of Supreme Court Librarian was authorized by statute in 1893. In addition to management of the law library,
she also oversees Special Collections and Archives, including the California Supreme Court archive collection.

- **Lauren Seney** has been appointed associate director and head of technical services at the William A. Wise Law Library at the University of Colorado Law School. She previously served as digital initiatives librarian at Wolf Law Library at William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Virginia.

AALL seeks more news about members’ achievements, job changes, and connections with the legal information community. Please send your news to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & Communications.

## MEMORIAL

- **David Alfred Combe** served as director of the law library and professor of law at Tulane University Law School in New Orleans, Louisiana for 35 years until his retirement in 2008. Combe attended Holy Name of Jesus and De La Salle before continuing to Tulane University where he received his undergraduate and law degrees. In between his undergraduate and law school attendance, he served in the Air Force for six years. After practicing law at Adams and Reese, he returned to Tulane Law School where he served as a professor and librarian, eventually becoming director. A member of AALL since 1974, he was a member of several special interest sections (SISs), including the Government Documents SIS, the Academic Law Libraries SIS, and the Digitization and Educational Technology SIS. He passed away on December 25, 2019.

The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members’ deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to Tom Gaylord, *Law Library Journal* editor.