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AALL AWARDS / 2020 NOMINATIONS DUE TODAY

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 today, 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](#)

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AALL SIGNS ON TO U.S. NEWS TASK FORCE

One of the pillars of [AALL's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan](#) is to build alliances by having a strong network of strategic partners and collaborators to lead the legal information profession forward. We are excited to share that AALL is participating in a U.S. News Task Force with various organizations. The goal of this task force is to draft relevant and useful survey questions related to law libraries for inclusion in the *U.S. News* questionnaire. Members of the task force represent

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AALL, NELLCO/ALLSTAR, SALLD (Society of Academic Law Library Directors) and AALS' (American Association of Law Schools) Section on Law Libraries and Legal Information.

The deadline for this project is July 15. There will be a two-week comment period beginning May 1, 2020, so that everyone in the law library community may participate in this important process.

Please note that the Task Force will submit proposed questions to *U.S. News*, who will then determine which questions to include in the survey and how much weight they will carry in the law school rankings.

If you have any questions about this Task Force, please contact AALL's Director of Content Strategy, [Megan Mall](#).



CONTACT US

We encourage you to [send us](#) your suggestions and comments.

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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.**

WASHINGTON UPDATE

AALL ATTENDS LISTENING SESSION ON APPOINTMENT OF NEXT REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS

On January 28, AALL participated in a listening session hosted by Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden on the appointment of the next register of copyrights. The register of copyrights serves as director of the U.S. Copyright Office, which is responsible for copyright registration, recordation, and the administration of the Copyright Act of 1976 and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The session, led by the Librarian's Chief of Staff Ryan Ramsey, included a briefing about the selection process and provided an opportunity for questions. Associate Register of Copyrights and Director of Policy and International Affairs [Maria Strong](#) has been serving as acting register of copyrights since January, following her appointment by the Librarian.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES RECORDS CENTER IN SEATTLE TO CLOSE

In response to the Office of Management and Budget's recent [approval](#) of the closure and sale of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) facility in Seattle, Washington, AALL is working with the Law Librarians of Puget Sound chapter (LLOPS) and the Western Pacific chapter (WestPac) to learn more about the plans for the closure and the expected impact on stakeholders. The Seattle site maintains access to federal records for Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the shuttering of the facility will leave the Pacific Northwest without a Federal Archives and Records Center. In a [press release](#), NARA stated that a specific date has not been

set for the closure but the agency has requested to remain in the facility for three years following the sale. The Public Buildings Reform Board [recommended](#) the sale of the site through the authorities granted to it in the Federal Asset Sales and Transfer Act of 2016.

FEBRUARY WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW

LAW SCHOOL FACULTY METRICS

- Wednesday, February 19, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CST)
- [Register](#) by Monday, February 17, 2020 Members -
- Free / Nonmembers - \$60



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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 and the role of data and data visualization, how to choose external vendors, and more--to take your CI skills 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)

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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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AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying for an [AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant](#).

Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. **The next deadline for grant applications is March 20, 2020.**

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.

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