YOUR AALL FAMILY IS HERE FOR YOU

As we are all impacted by COVID-19 in one way or another, AALL is working on additional benefits to assist you during this time. The Virtual Coffee Chat is one of many resources that we are looking to offer. Stay tuned for more information.

There are also many resources already available to you while you are working remotely. Staying in touch with one another is essential. My Communities is a great place to read what your fellow colleagues are doing, to post questions, and to check in with each other. If you are looking to keep your professional development skills sharp, access AALL education resources, including complimentary CALI access for AALL members as well as past AALL Annual Meeting programs and webinars through AALL2go. To stay up to date on COVID-19 impacts, please visit our COVID-19 Updates and Resources page regularly.

COVID-19 SURVEY / RESPONSES DUE APRIL 21

AALL is also conducting a brief survey to gain a better understanding of how COVID-19 has impacted you and your organization and to see how the Association can better serve your needs. Please complete the survey by 11:59 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, April 21.

BEGIN SURVEY

All responses are anonymous. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy.

Even though things are changing very quickly, AALL Headquarters staff remain ready to assist members, and we will continue to keep you informed. We are #AALLin this together. If you have questions or comments, please contact AALL’s Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD SPRING MEETING ACTIONS

The AALL Executive Board met virtually on Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3. The Executive
Board book and related materials are available on AALLNET. During the meeting, the Executive Board approved the following:

- the minutes from the November 8, 2019 Executive Board Meeting, and the December 9, 2019 and March 18, 2020 Executive Board conference call meetings
- the Executive Board Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022
- the Nominations Committee Appointments for 2020-2021
- a revision to the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee Charge
- AALL’s Form 990
- the FY2020-2021 Budget Guidelines
- the FY2019-2020 Budget Requests
- revisions to the AALL Reimbursement Policy
- the 2019-2020 Strategic Directions Action Plan
- revisions to the AALL Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency
- revisions to the Government Relations Policy
- a new CONELL Handbook

SAVE THE DATE / AALL CONNECTION

As a follow-up to the Spring AALL Executive Board meeting and also to update you on what the Association is doing during these uncertain times, please register for the next AALL Connection.

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CDT)
Register Now

This session will be recorded and made available to members on AALLNET.

We encourage you to submit questions ahead of time to leadership@aall.org. You will also have the opportunity to submit questions via live chat, if time permits.

CALL FOR AALL SPECTRUM CONTENT FOR A SPECIFIC COVID-19 PANDEMIC ISSUE

With members now operating in new remote work and virtual training environments, the AALL Spectrum Editorial Board has decided to dedicate the September/October 2020 issue to the topic of COVID-19 and communicable disease pandemic. We want to hear about challenges you overcame with respect to remote work, online instruction, collaboration between institutions, creating and executing business continuity plans, partnering with legal vendors, or other unique angles on the topic, etc. Please share your ideas with the AALL Spectrum Editorial Board for consideration. If you have any questions regarding an article idea, please contact AALL Spectrum Editor Steven A. Lastres and Heather Haemker, AALL’s director of marketing & communications.

UPDATE ON AALL 2020

Regarding the 2020 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, as AALL President Michelle Cosby mentioned in her eBriefing last week, AALL is carefully monitoring the situation. We are working with our legal counsel to review our conference contracts and looking at all our options. We are aware that New Orleans is currently a hot spot for the virus. We will update you soon on a decision. We appreciate your patience with us.
VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Tuesday, April 21, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by next Monday, April 20 at 4:30 p.m. CDT (space is limited)

Even as we adapt to the disruptions in our lives, AALL members are still addressing the needs of their patrons, co-workers, and communities—often in new and creative ways. AALL will be hosting some informal discussions on a range of topics to connect members. First up: strategic law library partnerships. Have you collaborated with another library to broaden the resources or services you can provide in your own library? Or is this a new interest for you? Join us for a conversation about ways AALL members are expanding their library networks, moderated by Clanitra Stewart Nejdl of Vanderbilt University.

UPCOMING WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP WITH VIRTUAL TEAMS: TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

REGISTER BY NEXT MONDAY

- Thursday, April 23, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by next Monday, April 20, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

The working world has become increasingly global and law libraries are not exempt. Many of our work environments are incorporating or introducing aspects of a virtual team. This webinar will address virtual team leadership and the nuances of different types of virtual teams. Listen to real-world success stories from legal information professionals and get practical tips and inspiration for making the most of virtual teams.

AALL CONSULTING SERVICES WEBINAR

- Thursday, April 30, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, April 27, 2020
During this webinar, learn about AALL’s new pilot project, AALL Consulting Services, which aims to connect law schools, law firms, and government agencies with highly qualified law librarians who can provide expertise for strategic projects. Immediate Past President Femi Cadmus will explain the initiative’s strategic goals, the application process for members, and how member-consultants will be matched with clients.

**WASHINGTON UPDATE**

**COVID-19: ECONOMIC RELIEF OPTIONS FOR SMALL LAW FIRMS, NONPROFITS, AND CONTRACTORS**

The U.S. Congress and the White House are currently engaged in negotiations to provide additional funding for several economic relief programs established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act stimulus bill (P.L. 116-136). These programs are designed to help small businesses, including solo and small law firms; nonprofits; independent contractors; and self-employed individuals weather the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The most popular of these programs, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), is intended to help small businesses keep their workforce employed by temporarily expanding the traditional SBA 7(a) small business loan program. The PPP provides loan forgiveness if the funds are used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities. The Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that it is currently unable to process new PPP applications until Congress provides additional appropriations.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) provides a $10,000 emergency cash advance to eligible small businesses, nonprofits, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals to help them overcome the temporary loss of revenue they may be experiencing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The SBA announced that is unable to accept new EIDL applications at this time, but pending applications will continue to be processed in the order they were received.

For more information about these programs, including the latest news about available funding, eligibility information, and how to apply, see the SBA’s Coronavirus Relief Options webpage. AALL will keep members informed about any changes to these programs that impact the legal information industry.

**REMINDER: COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS**

AALL is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to share information and encourage participation in the 2020 Census. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The data collected determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and how hundreds of billions of federal dollars are allocated to states and localities for key programs such as education, food and income security, healthcare, housing, and transportation.

The Census should be completed as soon as possible to avoid a home visit by a Census taker. You can also complete the Census online at my2020census.gov.
APPLY FOR AN AALL GRANT

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 has been extended to May 15, 2020.

AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT

AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through May 15 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 May 15, 2020. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

NEW VOICES

AALL’s New Voices is just getting started! Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your thoughts on any aspect of law librarianship. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible topics include: recommending a favorite resource, insights on professional development and skills acquisition, leadership, starting a new role, providing an overview of an AALL webinar, or your take on an article from AALL Spectrum, Law Library Journal, or KnowItAALL.

Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear in Members Open Forum and in the monthly eNewsletter. 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 5 p.m. CDT on May 14, 2020.

LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members have produced a wide variety of informative, enterprising, and engaging content concerning COVID-19 and the surrounding circumstances.

- Ben Doherty and Kristin Glover of the University of Virginia provided insights on librarianship in the time of coronavirus and resources for improving legal writing, respectively.
- Lynn McClelland of UCLA has crafted a thorough research guide with state and federal statutes, rules and orders, and data resources concerning the coronavirus.
- Andrew Winston of the Law Library of Congress explained how his institution is meeting constituent needs remotely.
- Greg Lambert of Jackson Walker introduced his new podcast, In Seclusion. Guests such as Heather Simmons of the University of Georgia, Kyle Courtney of Harvard, Steve Roses of HeinOnline, and AALL Executive Director Vani Ungapen have joined Greg to discuss different aspects of the recently transformed work environment.
• Jean O'Grady of DLA Piper has provided a variety of updates on new products and special offers on her Dewey B Strategic blog—including Wolter's Kluwer smart charts, LexisNexis's offerings, and more.

OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION DEVELOPMENTS
Oxford University unveiled its COVID-19 Government Response Tracker, which covers related legislative activity for 73 countries, including the U.S. Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, and Garrison LLP released the Coronavirus Relief Center—a collection of aid programs from federal, state, and local governments as well as the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors.

Two highly useful running lists have been created: Robert Ambrogi's compilation of free products and services currently offered to legal professionals is available from LawSites, while Gary Price's inventory of special offers from vendors and publishers is on INFOdocket. Additional tools from members and others are available on AALL's Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates and Resources page.

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.

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE
In this month's member profile, Kathy Carlson, legal review administrator at the Office of the Wyoming Attorney General in Cheyenne, Wyoming, discusses how AALL has helped her adopt new technologies, and how she gets support when she needs it.

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

MEMBER NEWS
• Barbara Schneider, Head Law Librarian at the Berkshire Law Library Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court retired on March 5, 2020.

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.

MEMORIALS
• Jacqueline Orlando served as director of the law library and professor of legal research and writing at Capital University Law Library. In addition to teaching Legal Research and Writing, she was also a mediator in the Federal District Court. Prior to joining Capital, Orlando was a research librarian at The Supreme Court of the United States in Washington, DC, and a reference librarian at the Fine Arts Library of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. She earned her MLS from the University of Pittsburgh in 1978 and her JD from The Ohio State University in 1988. An AALL member since 1985, she was a member of the following special interest sections (SISs): Academic Law Libraries SIS, Online Bibliographic Services SIS, and Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS. Orlando was also a member of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries. She was proud of the work she did training students in legal research and serving the students, faculty, staff, and other legal professionals who visited the law library. She passed away
April 9, 2020.

- Carl A. Yirka served as director of the Vermont Law School's (VLS) Julien and Virginia Cornell Library, a position he held for almost thirty years, before he retired. At VLS, in addition to being chief administrator of the library and professor of legal research and comparative law, Yirka was, from 1997 to 2005, project director of the VLS-Petrozavodsk State University Law-Faculty Partnership. He and his VLS colleagues were charged with developing a legal clinic, an environmental law center, and a law library at Petrozavodsk State University in Karelia, Russia. Yirka attended library school at Case Western Reserve University, School of Library Science. He chose law as his specialty and worked first at the Hamilton County Law Library in Cincinnati, Ohio, before transitioning over to libraries at Northern Kentucky Law School and at Northwestern University School of Law in Evanston, Illinois. He attended law school at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. After obtaining his JD, Yirka and family went back to New York City, where he passed his NY state bar exam and became associate director at New York Law School Library. He eventually was offered the directorship of VLS. Yirka received the AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award in 2008 for "The Yirka Question and Yirka's Answer: What Should Law Libraries Stop Doing in Order to Address Higher Priority Initiatives?," in which he urged law library directors to think creatively to support scholarship and other institutional goals. In 2005, he became a Fulbright Scholar in Croatia, teaching U.S. Constitutional Law at the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law. He passed away on March 4, 2020.

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

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