TOGETHER, WE ARE #AALLIN

The AALL COVID-19 Updates and Resources page continues to be updated with information and resources that will assist you during this difficult time.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

The AALL 2020 virtual conference will be held July 13-17, 2020 with a virtual exhibit hall and live streaming. The event will begin with a partner solutions day on Monday, July 13, where registrants can explore and connect with providers of products and services that legal information professionals need. Livestream sessions will kick off on Tuesday, July 14, including keynote speaker Jim Kwik, and the conference will conclude with the General Business Meeting and Members Open Forum on Friday, July 17 (open to all members). All conference registrants will also get access to numerous prerecorded sessions, available the week after the live conference. Additional details, including the full schedule of live events, will be forthcoming.

AALL offers a GoToMeeting and GoToWebinar license that AALL entities may request to use (for free) to conduct their business meetings and other events virtually. The following information is required for scheduling: name of the event, date and times, and if it is a meeting or webinar. Please contact Christopher Siwa for additional information and to schedule a meeting/event.

If you have questions, please contact AALL’s Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

RENEW YOUR AALL MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL GRACE PERIOD & UNEMPLOYED RATE

Renewals for the 2020-2021 membership year are open. During these challenging times, AALL is offering a 90-day grace period before your member benefits cease. The grace period runs from June 1, 2020 through September 1, 2020. Membership dues are $270 and include access to outstanding educational content, programs to grow professionally, carefully curated publications, a vast network of professional colleagues, and more—a total value worth more than $2,120.

In addition, AALL offers a discounted membership rate for members who are unemployed (verification required). If your employment situation has changed and you wish to receive this discount, please contact member services.

To renew your membership log in to your AALLNET account.
AALL CONSULTING SERVICES PILOT PROJECT / MEMBER APPLICATION NOW LIVE

AALL’s new Consulting Services pilot project aims to connect law schools, law firms, and government agencies in need of strategic and leadership expertise with highly qualified law librarians. This initiative has been planned over the course of several years and supports AALL’s Strategic Plan as it pertains to talent, engagement, and alliances.

Members with 10 years or more of professional library experience are encouraged to apply. A consulting background is not required. AALL will match clients with consultants based on project needs.

The application and additional details are available on AALLNET. Please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with questions.

UPCOMING CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

DIVERSITY DIALOGUES: BUILDING PIPELINES FOR DIVERSITY

- Thursday, May 28, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Tuesday, May 26, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

Dillard University won the 2018 American Bar Association Diversity Leadership Award for its collection of initiatives designed to build a pipeline for underrepresented students seeking to enter the legal profession. Adria Kimbrough, pre-law advisor at Dillard University will provide a quick background on Dillard’s different programs, as well as discuss development opportunities and program effectiveness. Come prepared to engage with Kimbrough and learn strategies to implement in your own organization.

VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT / EFFECTIVE DOCKET SEARCHING

- Tuesday, June 2, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, June 1, 2020

Searching dockets can sometimes feel like a labyrinthine task, where you might need to try a variety of search terms just to yield one successful result. Do you find yourself getting lost down a rabbit hole? Or have you found your own hacks for unearthing relevant information? Share your docket searching tips, tricks, resources, and conundrums and connect with your colleagues for our next informal virtual coffee chat, moderated by Allison C. Reeve Davis, Littler Mendelson, P.C., and Mary Ann Wacker, Kirkland & Ellis LLP.
This webinar will introduce key archival principles and best practices, explore the process of establishing an institutional archives program, and provide information about free and low-cost resources for the "lone arranger" or small-staff repository. The presentation will also introduce practical tips that can be applied to a wide variety of institutions, including law schools, law firms, and nonprofit organizations. Emphasis will be placed on matters of privacy and security intrinsic to the preservation of legal records.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

KEY PROVISIONS FOR LEGAL INFORMATION INDUSTRY INCLUDED IN HOUSE COVID-19 RELIEF MEASURE

On May 15, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act (H.R. 6800). The HEROES Act was developed by House Democratic leadership and is not expected to be considered by the Senate. The Senate's leadership has not yet announced the Senate’s next steps on COVID-19 relief.

The $3 trillion package includes:

- **$5 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services** (IMLS) to support grants to address the immediate impacts of COVID-19 on museums and libraries, including law libraries.
- **$50 million for the Legal Services Corporation** to address legal needs arising from COVID-19.
- **$10 billion in grants and additional flexibility for the Small Business Administration’s emergency loan programs** to support small businesses including solo and small law firms, nonprofits, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals.
- **Authorization for the Library of Congress** to extend certain contracts if such contracts are delayed or otherwise affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. AALL requested this additional flexibility for the Library of Congress in our [letter to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch](#) in support of the Fiscal Year 2021 funding request of the Library of Congress.

The HEROES Act also extends federal student loan relief, including expanding eligibility for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, and adds $599 million for the implementation of additional tax credit payments to individuals.

AALL will continue to advocate for the needs of the legal information industry, including economic relief for law libraries, as the Senate considers moving forward on COVID-19 relief.

IMLS WEBINARS ADDRESS CARES ACT GRANTS FOR LIBRARIES
The IMLS recently offered several webinars to discuss grant and loan opportunities for libraries, including law libraries, to address their immediate needs because of COVID-19.

- **SBA Paycheck Protection Program for Museums and Libraries** (May 12, 2020). This presentation addressed the Small Business Administration's loan programs to help small businesses and nonprofits, focusing on issues pertaining to eligibility, payroll costs, and forgiveness calculations for libraries and museums.
- **IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries** (May 14, 2020). This webinar addressed how to apply for IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries. These grants are available to enable libraries and museums to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, including to support project activities related to staffing and reopening.
- **IMLS CARES Act Grants for Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum and Library Services** (May 15, 2020). This webinar included information about the grants available to museums, libraries, tribes, and cultural centers in responding to the urgent and future needs of their communities.

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**AALL SPECTRUM APPOINTS NEW EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

AALL has selected three new members to serve on the **AALL Spectrum Editorial Board** for a two-year term starting in July 2020. The purpose of the editorial board is to help develop, solicit, and curate content for **AALL Spectrum**.

- **Cynthia Brown** Sr. Director of Research Services; Littler Mendelson, P.C.; Fresno, CA
- **Clanitra Nejdl** Research Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law; Alyne Queener Massey Law Library; Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN
- **Marcelo Rodriguez** Research and Training Librarian; US Courts for the Second Circuit; New York, NY

Current board members serving their final year are:

- **Kristina J. Alayan** Director & Assistant Professor of Law; Howard University Law Library; Washington, DC
- **Ting Ching** Law Reference Librarian; University of Oregon; Eugene, OR
- **Elaine Egan** Director of Global Libraries & Information Services; Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP; New York, NY
- **Karin Johnsrud** Assistant Librarian for Research Services; Supreme Court of the United States Library; Washington, DC

Steven A. Lastres will continue to serve as **AALL Spectrum's** Editor and as the board's chair. Thank you to outgoing editorial board members **Elizabeth Farrell Clifford** and **Kim Nayyer** for their hard work and service these past two years on the board.

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**LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL APPOINTS NEW EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

AALL has selected three new members to serve on the **Law Library Journal Editorial Board** for a two-year term starting in July 2020. The purpose of the editorial board is to help shape, solicit, and curate content for **Law Library Journal**.

- **Janeen Byron** Reference Librarian; Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz; New York, NY
- **Shaun Esposito** Head of Public Services & Professor of Practice; University of Arizona College of Law Library; Tucson, AZ
- **Sarah Hooke** Librarian/Information Analyst; Bernstein Shur; Portland, ME

Current board members serving their final year are:
Tom Gaylord will continue to serve as Law Library Journal's Editor and as the board's chair. Thank you to outgoing editorial board members Kelley Louis, Lacey Rakestraw, and Helane E. Davis for their hard work and service these past two years on the board.

RECOGNIZING TOP CONTRIBUTORS

Each month, AALL will be highlighting Top Contributors on My Communities. These active members help keep our community vibrant by earning over 500 points through their posts and connections. Points are earned by posting messages, responding to discussions, and by making connections with other members. The contributions these members have made to the community are outstanding. Below are our Top Contributors from April.

- Susan Falk
- Clanitra Nejdl

Thank you for all that you do—we appreciate your contribution.

NEW VOICES / ELLYSSA KROSKI

AALL member Ellyssa Kroski writes about how she and her colleagues have adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ABOUT AALL'S 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 on 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 June 12, 2020.

LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

As always, members continued to produce insightful and topical content on a variety of topics.

- Amelia Landenburger of Boston University motivated us with a range of organizational tips on Slaw.
• Aaron Kirschenfeld of the University of North Carolina explored the legal research insights of the Georgia v. Public.Resource.Org case.
• Andy Kretschmar of the University of South Carolina shared his organization’s plans concerning library materials.
• The librarians at Texas Tech celebrated National Library Week with a favorite book matching game.
• Thomas Baer of Jenkins Law Library introduced the new edition of Evidentiary Foundations.
• Rachel Evans and Geraldine Kalin inspired with their creative stress-busters; get other great ideas from the library’s Stress Busters LibGuide.
• Mary Jenkins of Accufile recommended free sources for legal research.
• Bailey DeSimone of the Law Library of Congress wrote about ‘Memorials’ and International Copyright Law.
• David Whelan delved into law library resilience.

OTHER LEGAL INFORMATION UPDATES
The Supreme Court ruled that states can't copyright annotated laws and allowed livestream audio for the first time. The World Intellectual Property Organization launched a tool to track IP policy information during the COVID-19 pandemic and California announced plans for online bar exams. HeinOnline revamped and expanded their Criminal Justice in America database. PatentlyO reported that the USPTO rejected an AI invention due to its lack of a human inventor. Law firms CMS, Cooley, and Rajan & Tann Asia are collaborating on a new platform called Lupl, which will be open to any law firm, legal department, or technology company that would like to integrate with it.

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

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month’s member profile, Miriam Childs, director of the Law Library of Louisiana at the Louisiana Supreme Court in New Orleans, discusses how AALL supports her in her career, and describes how much she enjoys visiting the Grand Canyon.

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

MEMBER NEWS

• John Edwards was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2019 at the Clive, Iowa Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. His nomination read, in part, "John Edwards is truly a public servant that continually works to better the community of Clive. He is the longest-serving member of the City of Clive City Council, having served as a council member since November 16, 1995. In his 24+ years of service, John had not missed a single regular council meeting."

• Lewis Giles, assistant director of library services at the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law, was the first law school staff member to take home the 2020 Leadership & Involvement Awards Impact Award. His nomination included these accolades: "Exemplifies commitment, discipline and a solid work ethic. He continues to have a strong positive impact on the university and its students. For example, he takes great pride in being a
mentor to the student assistants he supervises; he is always encouraging and facilitating professional growth opportunities for them."

AALL seeks more news and announcements from chapters and special interests sections that may be of interest to all members. Please send your news to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & Communications.

COMMUNITY CORNER

- The Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA) had a virtual happy hour via Zoom on Thursday, May 14, and had the pleasure of GPLLA member (and AALL President) Michelle Cosby in attendance. In total around 18 people were on the call with topics ranging from gardening and cooking, to hiking, to the challenge of maintaining a regular schedule during these unprecedented times.

- Members of the Legal Information Services to the Public Special Interest Section (LISP-SIS) are stepping up to augment legal information services to the public. Throughout 2020, LISP members Sarah Larsen, Sara Pic, Catherine McGuire, Sue Ludington, Jennie Silbiger, and Joe Lawson, are teaching and supporting the legal reference education of public library staff through webinars and forums as part of WebJunction's Improving Access to Civil Legal Justice Through Public Libraries. LISP is also proud to announce their newly elected board members: Vice President/President Elect Sarah Larsen (Outreach Services Librarian at the Minnesota State Law Library) and Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Heidenreich (Interim Director of the Library at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law).

- The Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section (PLLIP-SIS) has concluded its election for the 2020-2021 executive board:
  - Chris Laut - Chair (2019-2021)
  - Marcia Burris - Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (2020-2022)
  - Saskia Mehlhorn - Past Chair (2019-2021)
  - Allison Reeve Davis - Secretary (2020-2022)
  - Leanna Simon - Treasurer (2019-2021)
  - Andre Davison - At-Large (2020-2022)
  - Caren Luckie - At-Large (2019-2021)

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