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## AALL Weekly eNews

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### AALL 2021 / CALL FOR IDEAS

DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

What programs would you like to see at AALL 2021? [Share your program ideas](#) through this Friday, August 14 and see what's already buzzing among your colleagues. The Annual Meeting Program Committee will include 30 must-have program topics in the September Call for Proposals--stay tuned!

### WASHINGTON UPDATE

#### AALL PRESIDENT EMILY FLORIO TO PARTICIPATE IN HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE LISTENING SESSION ON COPYRIGHT

AALL President Emily R. Florio will participate in the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee's Section 512 Listening Sessions on Libraries on August 11, 2020. [Section 512 of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act \(DMCA\)](#), enacted in 1998, established a system for copyright owners and online entities to address infringement on the internet. The United States Copyright Office recently completed a [public study](#) to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the safe harbor provisions contained in section 512. President Florio will address the Copyright Office's recommendations on repeat infringer policies; fair use in the notice-and-takedown process; and law library educational initiatives on the DMCA and section 512.

#### APPEALS COURT RULES ON PACER FEES, CITING AALL AMICUS BRIEF

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit [ruled](#) on August 6 in *National Veterans Legal Services Program et al v. United States* that the federal judiciary inappropriately used PACER fees for projects unrelated to providing public access to federal court electronic docketing information. The court upheld an April 2018 ruling by U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle that PACER fees should not have been used to pay for most courtroom technology and other unrelated expenditures. In explaining its approach, the Court agreed with the First Amendment concerns that AALL raised in an [amicus brief](#) with the American Civil Liberties Union and other

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groups. The case was remanded to the district court for further proceedings. AALL continues to support legislation to modernize the federal judicial records system and eliminate the paywall that restricts access to court records through PACER.

## AALL VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING 2020 / REGISTER NOW

- Tuesday, September 22, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. CDT
- [Register Now](#)
- Free for AALL members only

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Becoming an effective advocate who can clearly articulate the needs of law libraries and the legal information industry is especially important during these uncertain times. This training will teach you the skills you need to establish yourself as a trusted voice in your community, promote equal access to justice, and contribute meaningful solutions to today's information policy issues. The training is free for AALL members.

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## VIEW THE 2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES' BIOGRAPHIES & STATEMENTS ONLINE

Online voting for the next AALL vice president/president-elect and Executive Board members **opens October 1 and runs through October 31**. The AALL members elected to the Board will represent you and your interests as law librarians. It's important to make an educated decision, and we encourage members to learn more about the candidates before voting opens by visiting the [biographies and statements page](#) on AALLNET.

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## VIRTUAL COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / REGISTER NOW

- **Dates: September 9-30, 2020**
- [Register by August 28, 2020](#)
- Cost: \$395 - members / \$589 - nonmembers

[REGISTER NOW](#)

AALL's four-week [Competitive Intelligence Strategies & Analysis](#) virtual course is designed to build capabilities in performing critical competitive intelligence (CI) work. Learn skills essential to growing a CI function, examine, practice, and discuss techniques with other professionals, and network with peers from various settings.

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## RENEW YOUR 2020-2021 AALL MEMBERSHIP TODAY

[Renew your membership now](#) before AALL's 90-day grace period ends. **Your benefits cease September 1, 2020.** Don't lose access to outstanding educational content, programs to grow professionally, carefully curated publications, a vast network of professional colleagues,

committees, juries, My Communities, and more.

**Membership dues are \$270--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](#). [Renew your 2020-2021 AALL membership today!](#)

To renew your membership log in to your [AALLNET account](#).



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## UPCOMING WEBINAR / REGISTER NOW

### CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF LAW LIBRARIANS

- Wednesday, August 12, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- [Register](#) by Monday, August 10, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60



[REGISTER](#)

What does leadership or management mean to you? Is it limited to a title in your organization's hierarchy? Cultivating value in your organization can be challenging no matter the position you hold. If leadership is about influence and vision, it should not be limited by position. During this webinar, speakers will discuss what being a leader means to them within the context of both formal and informal opportunities to influence individuals and outcomes. They will share how attendees can identify meaningful opportunities for themselves and their staff irrespective of position, status, or career stage. The discussion will also include strategies that have worked, and lessons learned.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

- AALL has a new caucus--the [Business and Corporate Research Instruction Caucus](#). The caucus was formed to promote and facilitate quality instruction in researching business and corporate information.
- The Black Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries was approved to become the [Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section](#) during the General Business Meeting last month.

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.

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## SHARE YOUR POSITIVE BLACK LIVES MATTER STORIES WITH AALL

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities during the Black Lives Matter movement. Below is just one example of how law librarians and legal information are making a difference.

- **Avery Le**, Legal Researcher, BakerHostetler - "I founded [Daughters' Advocates](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Atlanta with a mission to empower underprivileged, low-income women of color by providing one-on-one support to set and achieve educational, vocational, or career goals so these women can gain financial stability and lifelong success. Systemic racism has created overarching barriers that prevent women of color, especially those from indigent backgrounds, from reaching their full potential. Seldom has anyone gone above and beyond to offer support, guidance, and encouragement to them as they navigate through life. This is where Daughters' Advocates steps in. Some of our services include a personalized curriculum that will tackle core competencies as well as specialized skills for building educational or career goals and one-to-one mentor matching with an industry professional that fits the woman's intended career path. We hope this unfaltering support system will help the women who complete the program to confidently enter a competitive market, and prevent them from becoming another statistic for homelessness, mass incarceration, or even death. Further, I will be participating in a virtual panel discussion for [Special Libraries Association \(New York Chapter\)](#) about librarians who are taking on leadership roles for social justice in September; that is open to the public. Please check the SLA NY website for the upcoming event date."

If you have a story to share or have received any feel-good responses or feedback, please email [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications, and tell us about it. Your story may appear in a future Weekly eNewsletter.

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