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FEATURED NEWS

AALL TO SPEAK ON TOMORROW'S UNIFORM LAW COMMISSION WEBINAR ON UELMA & ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated challenges for states to provide access to legal information. The [Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act](#) (UELMA) is a uniform law that helps states expand access to justice by ensuring access to official, authentic, and preserved electronic legal information. Advocating for enactment of UELMA has been and continues to be a [priority for AALL](#).

Join the free webinar hosted by the [Uniform Law Commission](#) (ULC) **tomorrow, May 11 from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. (CDT), featuring AALL President Emily R. Florio; AALL past president Barbara Bintliff**, who served as the reporter for ULC's UELMA Drafting Committee; and members of the ULC's UELMA Enactment Committee. Learn how adoption of UELMA contributes to greater access to justice, how organizations including AALL are advocating for its adoption, and how you can help to enact it in your state.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members and nonmembers.

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AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION DUE THURSDAY, MAY 13

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 this Thursday.**

2021 AALL STATE OF THE PROFESSION / PRE-ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY

The second edition of the *AALL State of the Profession* is available for pre-order on [AALLNET](#). The *AALL State of the Profession Report* provides an overview of the landscape in law libraries and in the legal information profession. It is intended to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, strategic planning—as well as personal professional development. Topics include the impact of COVID-19, diversity, budgets, user services, operations, collections, preservation, partnerships, technology, and an inventory of skills and expertise. **This publication is scheduled to be published in June 2021, and is available in digital, print, and a digital+print bundle.**

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AALL UPDATES

DON'T MISS OUT ON EXCLUSIVE AALL MEMBER BENEFITS / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Renew your 2021-2022 AALL membership today—don't miss out on the exclusive benefits that being an AALL member provides. Membership dues are \$276 and include access to essential professional development (discounted and free) on [AALL's new eLearning platform](#), access to an extensive network of peers, including multiple discussion groups on My Communities, a vast network of professional colleagues, and more—a total value worth more than \$2,000. 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](#).

JOIN A SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

Connect with others that share your professional interests through AALL's 15 [special interest sections](#) (SISs). Joining an SIS provides you with the opportunity to participate in groups dedicated to specialized areas of law librarianship, maximizing your membership.

If you have any questions about your membership renewal, please contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312.205.8022.

RENEW TODAY

NEW AALL SPECTRUM EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED

The AALL Spectrum Editorial Board has selected three new members to serve for a two-year term starting in July 2021. The purpose of the editorial board is to help shape, solicit, and curate content for *AALL Spectrum*.

- **Ashley Ahlbrand** Assistant Director for Public Services; Indiana University Maurer School of Law Jerome Hall Law Library; Bloomington, IN
- **Itunu Sofidiya** Reference Librarian & Adjunct Professor; Georgetown University Law Center; Washington, DC
- **George Taoulsides** Circuit Librarian; First Circuit Court of Appeals, Boston, MA

Current board members serving their final year are:

- **Cynthia Brown Sr.** Director of Research Services; Littler Mendelson, P.C.; Fresno, CA
- **Clanitra Nejd** Research Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law; Alyne Queener Massey Law Library; Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN
- **Marcelo Rodriguez** Foreign, Comparative and International Law Librarian; University of Arizona College of Law Library; Tucson, AZ

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 Kristina J. Alayan, Tina Ching, Elaine Egan, and Karin Johnsrud for their hard work and service these past two years on the editorial board.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

AALL SUBMITS TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GPO & LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FUNDING

AALL submitted [testimony](#) to the U.S. House of Representatives Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee in support of the Fiscal Year 2022 funding requests of the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) and the Library of Congress. GPO's funding request supports [partnerships with law libraries](#) to digitize, provide access to, and preserve federal government documents. The request also supports the development of GPO's [govinfo](#) website. The Library of Congress's funding request supports the Law Library of Congress' efforts to provide greater access to its collections through digitization and the reclassification of legal materials. Funding for GPO and the Library of Congress is one of [AALL's legislative priorities](#).

ALA COVID LIBRARY RELIEF FUND / APPLY BY MAY 20

The American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications for the [ALA COVID Library Relief Fund](#). The new fund will provide \$1.25M in emergency relief grants to public, school, academic, and tribal libraries that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. Law libraries may be eligible to receive funds if they are part of a qualifying library or library system, such as a municipal public library or university. Additional eligibility information is available on [ALA's website](#). **The deadline for applicant submissions is next Thursday, May 20, 2021.**

HELP NCBE SHAPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE BAR EXAM

The [National Conference of Bar Examiners](#) (NCBE) is looking for lawyers and legal educators who want to contribute to the profession and shape the bar exam of the future by serving on its Content Scope Committee. Individuals will assist in developing test content specifications to delineate the scope of coverage of the Foundational Concepts and Principles (FC&P) and the Foundational Skills that will be measured on the next generation of the bar exam. **These foundational skills include legal research and as law librarians, your contribution is key.**

If you are interested in being considered for the Content Scope Committee, [please complete the online application](#) and provide a CV by May 21, 2021. NCBE will be paying an honorarium to those selected.

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

REGISTER FOR THE 2021 AALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: LEADING WITH WISDOM & INSIGHT / JULY 19-23

[Register for AALL's second Virtual Conference, July 19-23](#). AALL 2021 will offer more than 45 educational sessions, covering timely topics, including furthering access to justice, wellness of students and law librarians, improving diversity, inclusion, and equity initiatives, analytics in competitive intelligence, and more—the [schedule of programs](#) is now available on AALLNET. New virtual conference platform features include networking capabilities that enable attendees to do peer-to-peer text and video chats. Attendees may also schedule meetings, host a discussion, or just say a quick hello.

The Conference kicks off with the Partner Solutions Day, a dedicated, no-conflict opportunity where attendees and vendors can connect and discuss marketplace innovations in the [virtual exhibit hall](#). The hall will be open throughout the week, allowing you to explore it on your own schedule. Several vendors will also be holding daily prize drawings—the more booths you visit, the better your chances of earning some free swag.

The AALL Virtual Conference is an opportunity to enhance your professional skills and knowledge, network with thought leaders, and connect with marketplace partners, all from the comfort of your home or office. Registration is affordable—at \$99 for individual members, \$49 for retired members, and complimentary for student/unemployed members—you really cannot afford to miss out.

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REGISTER FOR CONELL - FREE FOR AALL MEMBERS / JULY 13-14

The [Conference of Newer Law Librarians \(CONELL\)](#) is AALL's orientation to welcome newer members, introduce them to AALL, and facilitate networking with peers. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from representatives of AALL and some of our special groups to learn firsthand how to get involved and maximize the benefits of membership. CONELL includes a happy hour the evening before the program.

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CELEBRATE YOUR COLLEAGUES - REGISTER FOR THE AALL AWARDS PRESENTATION / JULY 14

Award winners have played an essential role in championing the Association and the legal information profession during the past year. Come celebrate your colleagues for their contributions to law librarianship and the legal information profession by attending the AALL Awards Presentation on **Wednesday, July 14 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)**, moderated by Emily R. Florio, AALL President (2020-2021).

Open to all AALL members.

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UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

CALL FOR COFFEE CHAT TOPICS & MODERATORS

AALL Virtual Coffee Chats are a great way to connect with colleagues in an informal setting on topics that matter to you and the work you do every day. What timely issues would you like to discuss with your colleagues? Who do you know that can lead a chat on a topic important to law librarians and legal information professionals? Please send your coffee chat ideas and moderator recommendations to [Heidi Letzmann](#), education & programs manager.



AALL COFFEE CHAT: STAYING CONNECTED IN RETIREMENT / MAY 17

While retirement is defined as “withdrawal from one’s position or occupation or from active working life,” many AALL members are keen to stay active in the professional communities they’ve belonged to for much of their careers. Are you approaching retirement and wondering what opportunities are available? Join us for an informal conversation on **Monday, May 17 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to learn how to stay connected and involved.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: SUCCESSFUL TACTICS TO DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO YOUR ORGANIZATION AMIDST COVID / MAY 18

Continuing the conversation from December’s webinar, “[State of the Legal Market in 2021](#),” we dive deeper into the tactics your forward-thinking peers are using to drive additional value for their organizations. Join us **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)** and walk away with tips on how to get a seat at the decision-making table and proactively create a strategy to earn the seat. Learn the mechanics of how these leaders proactively communicate the continuous value they create.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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AALL WEBINAR: LEARNING FROM THE LIBRARIAN LEADERSHIP LANDSCAPE / MAY 20

This program will feature a moderated panel of library leaders—from the legal landscape and beyond—who will share their perspective and experience on leadership over the course of their careers. Join us **Thursday, May 20 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to hear “leadership stories” that will give AALL members insight into essential skills to manage complex organizations with varying departmental needs, how they’ve implemented innovative services and programs to achieve organizational success, and how the pandemic has affected them as leaders.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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BREAKING THROUGH PUBLIC SPEAKING FEARS (EVEN AFTER FAILURE!) / JUNE 16

Through stories about their backgrounds in public speaking and performance, our panelists will reveal how their training has helped them confidently speak up at faculty meetings, emcee large staff events, and casually pitch ideas to law school deans. Join us

Wednesday, June 16 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT) to build your public speaking confidence, learn from critique without internalizing it, and speak up without fear of failure. Attendees will practice together in a safe and low-stakes environment.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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