

**MAY 3, 2021**

## FEATURED NEWS

### **BUILDING ALLIANCES / NEW AALL/SLAW.ca PARTNERSHIP**

AALL is partnering with [Slaw.ca](#), Canada's online legal magazine, as a way to expand our reach within the legal information community. Some *AALL Spectrum* articles will be featured in *Slaw.ca* and vice versa. This partnership will highlight *AALL Spectrum* authors as thought leaders in legal information. *Slaw.ca* includes perspectives from academia, law firms, nonprofits, regulatory bodies, and beyond, and explores how law is practiced, how it's taught, how the industry is changing, and what the future might hold. The first *Slaw.ca* article to be featured in *AALL Spectrum* was part of our *Talking Tech* column "[Forecasting Technology Developments in the Legal System](#)," by Sarah Sutherland. *Slaw.ca* featured Stephanie Godley's November/December *AALL Spectrum* article "[Tech-Savvy Law Librarians for the New Era](#)," on their site. We are very excited about this partnership.

### **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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### **REGISTER FOR TOMORROW'S AALL COFFEE CHAT: MAKING THE TYPE-OF-LIBRARY SWITCH / MAY 4**

There are a lot of commonalities across law librarianship, but depending on whether you work in a law school, law firm, or government library, there can be a lot of differences, too. Have you recently made a type-of-library job change, or are you curious about what that might look like? Join fellow AALL members **tomorrow, May 4 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** for an informal conversation about what's been surprising, challenging, and rewarding.

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

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**AALL UPDATES**

## RENEW YOUR 2021-2022 AALL 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](mailto:membership@aall.org) or 312.205.8022.

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## ADVOCACY UPDATES

### AALL TO SPEAK ON 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) on **Tuesday, 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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### 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 May 20, 2021.**

### AALL PROVIDES COMMENTS ON CASE ACT COPYRIGHT REGULATIONS

AALL submitted [comments](#) to the U.S. Copyright Office to share our views on the development of regulations affecting law libraries in the implementation of the *Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act*. Enacted in December 2020, the CASE Act created a new [Copyright Claims Board](#) (CCB) within the U.S. Copyright Office to evaluate copyright infringement matters for small claims. Under the CASE Act, qualifying law libraries—including academic law libraries, public law libraries, and private law libraries—will be eligible to preemptively opt out of proceedings before the CCB. AALL urged the Copyright Office to adopt clear and streamlined regulations that will enable law libraries to take full advantage of the benefits provided to them under the law.

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

### REGISTER FOR AALL 2021: 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, the future of collections, wellness of students and law librarians, conducting legal research from a DEI perspective, and more—the **schedule of programs is now available on AALLNET**. New to the virtual conference platform are networking capabilities that enable attendees to do peer-to-peer text and video chats. Attendees can 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—many of which were developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic—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 can't 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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### AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / DEADLINE IS 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 May 13, 2021.**

### RAISE YOUR BUDGETING IQ / REGISTER FOR AALL'S NEW SELF-PACED COURSE

AALL's new self-paced course, "**Introduction to Law Library Budgets**," provides fundamental skills that will help you address important issues such as identifying and managing competing priorities, explaining day-to-day operations, and connecting financial resources to meet goals.

Developed by subject matter experts who are your colleagues and fellow members, this course will provide you with the skills you need to become more confident when it comes to making and maintaining a budget within your organization. If you have any questions, please contact AALL at [elarning@aall.org](mailto:elarning@aall.org) or 312.939.4764.

**Cost:** Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

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## UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



### **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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