FEATURED NEWS

RENEW YOUR 2021-2022 AALL MEMBERSHIP BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1

The grace period for members who have not renewed their membership will end on September 1. This means you will no longer receive several of AALL’s member benefits such as the daily KnowItAALL emails and access to important discussions happening on AALL’s My Communities, including Committees/Award Juries and SIS discussions. **Renew your membership before September 1 to continue receiving your AALL member benefits.**

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

2021 AALL SALARY SURVEY / RESPONSES DUE AUGUST 20

The AALL Salary Survey is a member benefit that provides detailed compensation data for roles in the legal information profession. Those who are identified as being in director-level and other leadership roles should have received their survey invitations on July 27, 2021.

**As a reminder, responses are due this Friday, August 20, 2021.** We understand that many of you are juggling a lot right now, but to ensure that we have a complete report, we would appreciate if those of you who received the survey could complete it by the deadline.

Survey invitations were sent from the survey@aall.org email address. If you are in a director-level role and did not receive your invitation on July 27, please check your spam folder. If you do not see the invitation there, please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy. **If you would like to designate another appropriate person to fill out the survey on your behalf—for example, an HR manager—please contact Megan Mall.**

AALL 2022 / SHARE YOUR "MUST-HAVE" PROGRAM IDEAS BY AUGUST 20

Mark your calendar for next year’s AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held July 16-19, 2022, in Denver, Colorado, and start thinking about the programs you would like to see there. The Annual Meeting Program Committee wants to hear from you—visit the AALL Annual Meeting Program Ideas site to **share your “must-have” program ideas through tomorrow, Friday, August 20** and see the key issues that are important to law librarians and legal information professionals.
AALL 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATES’ FORUMS

The AALL Executive Board election starts on October 1, and three candidates’ forums are scheduled ahead of the election. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about the candidates before voting opens. You may submit questions in advance to candidatesforum@aall.org. Please indicate which candidate forum you would like your question directed to.

Members will also have the opportunity to ask a question during the forums via live chat. Femi Cadmus, chair of the Nominations Committee and AALL past president, will serve as moderator for the forums.

Candidates Forum for Treasurer
September 8, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

Candidates Forum for Executive Board Member
September 13, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

Candidates Forum for Vice President/President-Elect
September 20, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)
FORMAT

- Each candidate will make an opening statement
- Each candidate will have the opportunity to respond to all questions received in advance and via live chat
- Questions submitted in advance will be shared with the candidates prior to the forums
- Forums will be recorded and available on AALLNET

QUESTIONS

- Members are limited to one question each and will not be identified
- Questions should be related to AALL, law librarianship, and a candidate's work experience
- Questions can be submitted via live chat during the forum

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Read the Q&A with candidates from the July/August issue of AALL Spectrum and the candidate biographies and statements on AALLNET.

AALL 2021 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT / PURCHASE YOUR COPY

AALL released the second edition of the 2021 AALL State of the Profession report, which provides a data-rich overview of law libraries and the legal information profession. It is designed to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning—as well as your own personal professional development. Topics include the impact of COVID-19, diversity, budgets, user services, operations, collections, preservation, partnerships, technology, and an inventory of skills, expertise, professional planning, and job satisfaction. The complimentary AALL State of the Profession 2021 Executive Summary provides an introduction to the full report. The report is 280 pages and includes full-color graphics and data tables, and is available in digital, print, and a digital + print bundle. Pricing starts at $149 for AALL members.

The report’s release was covered by a range of media sources. AALL Immediate Past President Emily R. Florio, along with members Diana Koppang and Chris Laut III, discussed some of the interesting findings from the report in an exclusive interview with Legaltech News. The report was also covered in member Jean O’Grady’s Dewey B Strategic blog, on Bob Ambrogi’s LawSites blog, on InfoDocket, and by Information Today.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

ASLIHAN BULUT NAMED LAW LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

Aslihan Bulut has been appointed as Law Librarian of Congress after serving in that position in an acting capacity for nearly five months. Bulut, an AALL member, was named the acting Law Librarian of Congress in March 2021 after the passing of former Law Librarian of Congress Jane Sánchez. Since 2019, Bulut has served as the deputy law librarian for collections at the Law Library of Congress. She recently spoke to the
AALL Government Relations Committee (GRC) during the GRC’s business meeting about the latest developments at the Law Library of Congress. AALL congratulates Bulut on her new position and we look forward to continuing to work with her in her new role.

2021 AALL VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING / SEPTEMBER 21

Legislative advocacy is essential to making a difference for the legal information profession. Join us on Tuesday, September 21 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT) to learn skills to advocate for public policy issues, including broadband access and digital equity, balanced copyright laws, and greater access to official legal information. You will also learn how to build effective partnerships and influence lawmakers while contributing to solutions for current information policy issues.

Cost: Free and open to all AALL members.

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

AALL INNOVATION SHOWCASE / WINNERS ANNOUNCED

This year’s AALL Innovation Showcase has provided a new opportunity to highlight members’ innovative projects. Thank you to all participants who created short videos, and to all AALL members who voted for the ones they found most helpful. We are excited to announce the winner—a sweep across all three type-of-library categories:

- Review-It / Lindsey Carpino (BakerHostetler) & Annie Mentkowski (United States Railroad Retirement Board Library)

In their video, Lindsey and Annie explain the crowd-sourced review platform they created that shares feedback on legal resource tools (electronic, print, software, etc.) with the legal information community at large, saving time and reducing the burden of individual analysis.

VIEW THE SHOWCASE

AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: INNOVATION SHOWCASE WINNERS & CREATORS OF “REVIEW-IT” / SEPTEMBER 7

This year’s AALL Innovation Showcase provided a new opportunity to highlight members’ innovative projects in a collection of short videos. AALL members voted for the ones they found most helpful, and the winning entry was a sweep across all three type-of-library categories. Review-It is a crowd-sourced review platform that shares feedback on legal resource tools (electronic, print, software, etc.). Join its creators on Tuesday, September 7 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion to ask questions about their project and perhaps find inspiration of your own.

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

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UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

AALL COFFEE CHAT: GENDER PRONOUNS—IT’S NOT ONLY GRAMMAR / AUGUST 24
How important is your name to you? Probably just as important is the pronoun you identify with. Do you have questions about the best way to communicate how you should be addressed? Or how to welcome others to share their own pronouns? Join us Tuesday, August 24 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for a discussion around this timely topic.

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

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LAW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEBINAR: CONGRESS.GOV / AUGUST 26

Register for the Law Library of Congress webinar “Congress.gov,” Thursday, August 26 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT). This webinar provides a basic overview of Congress.gov with a demonstration of how to conduct a search and information on setting up alerts for legislation, members, and saved searches. Recent enhancements to Congress.gov will also be covered, such as the addition of thousands of early American bills and resolutions to the site.

Check out even more upcoming webinars from the Law Library of Congress.

Free and open to the public.

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AALL TRELLIS PARTNER WEBINAR: LEVERAGING LEGAL ANALYTICS IN STATE TRIAL COURTS / SEPTEMBER 14

Join us on Tuesday, September 14 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT) for an engaging session on how litigation analytics enables you to analyze the behavior and history of your judge, competitive counsel, prospects, and clients to gain crucial insights into litigation history and ruling tendencies. Leverage state trial court data to be more efficient, more proactive, and achieve better results for your clients. You will also learn why you need litigation analytics to get ahead.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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AALL LEXISNEXIS PARTNER WEBINAR: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR EXPERT WITNESSES (OR OPPOSING COUNSELS)? / SEPTEMBER 15

Learn how to complete common expert witnesses research tasks more efficiently, such as finding deep background on a potential expert witness, including challenges to past testimony, and how to assess an expert’s knowledge, experience, and competence. Join us on Wednesday, September 15, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT) to learn how to find potential experts for a new matter. In addition to exploring applicable LexisNexis products that support expert witness research, presenters will share valuable information and sources that are often overlooked as well as information about the LexisNexis Expert Witness Toolkit, providing task-based checklists which will simplify your research process.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: VIRTUAL INTERVIEWING AND ONBOARDING / SEPTEMBER 21
As a follow-up to recent AALL webinars on virtual interviewing from applicant and employer perspectives, as well as virtual onboarding, this coffee chat will focus on different strategies and approaches that have benefited or hindered law librarians when conducting remote interviews or onboarding. Join us Tuesday, September 21 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion on how to best conduct these vital functions of law libraries.

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

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WHEN ILLIAD BECOMES AN ODYSSEY: OBTAINING AND USING COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES / SEPTEMBER 30

This program empowers librarians to obtain materials from around the world while ensuring that the sharing of content abides by U.S. and foreign copyright laws. Join us Thursday, September 30, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT) to learn about the challenges faced by librarians in obtaining materials from other countries, including perspectives and advice from librarians based in the U.S., Europe, and Africa.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN INFORMATION SCIENCE, LAW SCHOOL, AND PRACTICE / OCTOBER 5

Those teaching in law schools, library and information programs, i-schools, etc., are always working on ways to bridge the gap between law school and law practice. Have you tried various methods, and want a new perspective? Are you wondering what others are teaching, and how they are achieving successes in their environments? Join us Tuesday, October 5 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion on what classes are being taught, the topics of interest, and what it all means for the legal information profession.

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

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KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

- Fred Shapiro of Yale released a revised and expanded edition of The New Yale Book of Quotations.
- Kim Nayyer of Cornell spoke to Michael Geist about the Supreme Court of Canada’s Access Copyright v. York University copyright ruling for the Law Bytes podcast.
- Brian Cassidy of Cleveland-Marshall outlined The Bluebook’s Rule 10.7.1 change.
- Karen Breda of Boston College explored the history of the Refugee Olympic Team.
- Thomas Baer of Jenkins Law Library explored the Federal Trade Commission’ updates on Right to Repair.
- Harris County (Texas) Hainsworth Law Library launched a resource for using Zoom and other video conferencing tools to attend court proceedings.
- David Whelan wrote about management.
OTHER LEGAL & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UPDATES

- CNBC released an explanation of the CDC’s August 3 eviction ban.
- Constitution Daily explained current constitutional issues concerning vaccine mandates.
- Noupe shared an overview of technology tools designed to improve legal writing.
- The FCC released its first mobile broadband map, as reported by Engadget.
- Nieman Lab outlined changing practices in crime reporting.
- The Food Industry Council launched the FIC Recall Reporter, a free resource covering FDA and USDA food and beverage recalls since 2000.

ABOUT KNOWITALL

KnowItAALL is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. Subscriptions are available for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with your article and resource recommendations.

MEMBER NEWS

- Lindsey Carpino (Legal Content Services Supervisor at BakerHostetler) and Annie Mentkowski (Agency Librarian at the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board Library) were featured in Bob Ambrogi’s LawSites Blog for their AALL Innovation Showcase-winning project, Review-It. Review-it is a crowdsourced review platform that shares feedback on legal resource tools (electronic, print, software, etc.) with the legal information community at large. Join Carpino and Mentkowski for an informal coffee chat on September 7 to learn more about their project.

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.

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month’s member profile, Dustin Johnston-Green, Interim Co-Director and Reference Librarian at Ohio Northern University, Taggart Law Library in Ada, Ohio, discusses why he stays an AALL member and the value he receives from attending AALL webinars and programs.

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

CONFERENCE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION: LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN (CAI:LAC) / SEPTEMBER 2-28

After more than a year, the reality is that COVID-19 is still ravaging Latin America and the Caribbean. The consequences and impact of the pandemic continue to create a domino effect impacting all groups and all areas in the region. Since March 2020, our project members have been monitoring the changes and responses to the crises. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (CDT) from September 2 through September 28 to continue the conversation and further collaborate. This program is made possible by a grant from the AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grants Program. Thank you to the University of Arizona Law School for their support in making this program possible.

Open to all AALL members; registration is limited.

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