

SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

FEATURED NEWS

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED / RESPONSES DUE THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

As we start planning for the [2022 Annual Meeting & Conference](#), AALL is seeking input on your current situation. Please complete this [brief, anonymous survey by Friday, October 1](#). We appreciate your feedback.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY](#)

VOTING FOR AALL'S 2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OPENS THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Online voting for the AALL vice president/president-elect, treasurer, and Executive Board members **opens this Friday, October 1 and runs through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Sunday, October 31**. Voting instructions will be emailed out to all eligible voters the morning of October 1.

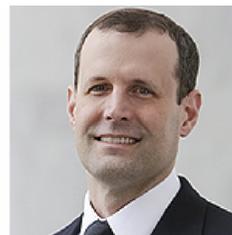
Members of the AALL Executive Board ensure that decisions made are consistent with [AALL's mission, vision, and strategic plan](#) while continuing to increase the value proposition of the Association. It's important to make an educated decision, and members are encouraged to listen to the recordings from the [vice president/president-elect](#) and [Executive Board member](#) candidates' forums.

Candidates Forum for Treasurer

**September 29, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)**



Miriam Childs



Andrew Winston

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

QUICK LINKS

[AALL Events Calendar](#) | [AALL Career Center](#) | [AALL News](#) | [AALL COVID-19 Resources](#) | [AALL Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)

AALL UPDATES

AALL PRESIDENT DIANE M. RODRIGUEZ CREATES NEW ADVANCING ACCESS TO JUSTICE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

One of [Diane M. Rodriguez's](#) goals as AALL's 2021-2022 president is to advocate for access to legal information which supports access to justice. To support this goal, Rodriguez has created the [Advancing Access to Justice \(AA2J\) Special Committee](#) to promote law librarians and legal information professionals and their vital role in access to justice. The AA2J Special Committee will advance AALL's core values including its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and efforts; equitable and permanent public access to trustworthy legal information; and continuous improvement in access to justice. [Pauline S. Afuso](#) (Ramsey County Law Library) will serve as chair of the committee.

AALL NEW VOICES

[AALL's New Voices](#) gives you the opportunity to share your story and expertise. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your insights on any aspect of law librarianship. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible subjects include a legal interest of your choice, favorite resource, go-to stressbusters, starting a new role, leadership tips and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on Members Open Forum, in the monthly eNewsletter, and on AALL's social media feeds (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn).

If you're interested in being involved in the next round, please share your post with [Megan Mall](#), director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by **5:00 p.m. (CDT) on October 8, 2021**.

PURCHASE YOUR COPY OF AALL'S 2021 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT

The [2021 AALL State of the Profession](#) report 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. 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**.

[LEARN MORE & ORDER](#)

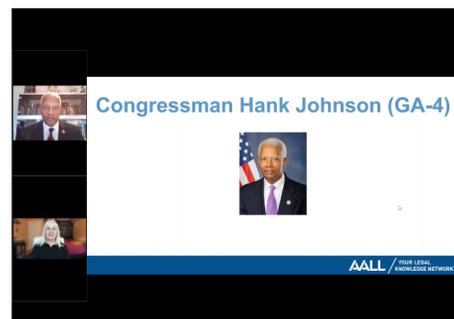
ADVOCACY UPDATES

CONGRESSMAN HANK JOHNSON SPEAKS TO AALL MEMBERS DURING 2021 VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING

[Congressman Hank Johnson](#) (GA-4) spoke to AALL members during the [2021 Virtual Legislative Advocacy Training](#) held on September 21, 2021. AALL President Diane M. Rodriguez provided opening remarks.

During his remarks, Congressman Johnson commended law librarians and legal information professionals for educating members of Congress and their staffs on the need for access to legal information, expressing [agreement with AALL](#) that access to justice requires robust access to legal information. He also addressed AALL's support for greater access to federal court records through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system, stating that, "AALL's advocacy and educational efforts to ensure equitable public access to federal court records has had a major impact."

Following Congressman Johnson's remarks, Amy Emerson, chair of the Government Relations Committee, provided information about AALL advocacy resources, including the updated [AALL Advocacy Toolkit](#). [Mariann Sears](#), the [2021 AALL Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award](#) recipient and Michael Lissner, the executive director of [Free Law Project](#), which received the [2021 AALL Public Access to Government Information Award](#), spoke about their inspirational advocacy experiences. [A recording of the program](#) is available on AALL eLearning.



PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

APPLY FOR AALL'S 2022 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY / DUE OCTOBER 29

Apply to become a fellow of the [2022 AALL Leadership Academy](#), to take place March 31-April 1, 2022, in Chicago. The Academy is an intensive learning experience designed to prepare you with core leadership skills, strategies to handle leadership challenges, and provide you with tools to grow your career as an effective leader.

- **Cost: \$699; if accepted**
- **All selected fellows are expected to attend in person**
- **Application deadline: Friday, October 29, 2021**

ATTENDEE BENEFITS

Participants will be subscribed to a private online community, be matched with a mentor (an AALL member) for one year to support continued growth, and receive ongoing leadership development opportunities. The application process is now open to current AALL members only.

Don't miss out—the next Leadership Academy will not take place until 2024! If you know an AALL member who would be a great candidate for the Academy, please let them know about this opportunity.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

CALL FOR 2022 AALL ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM PROPOSALS OPENS NEXT WEEK

As things continue to change, the need for timely and meaningful education remains vital. Planning is underway for next year's Annual Meeting & Conference in Denver, Colorado, and we encourage you to get involved by proposing a program for AALL 2022 when the call for proposals opens next week. Peruse the ["must-have" program topics](#) identified for next year's conference as well as [additional resources for proposers](#), and mark your calendar for a [virtual coffee chat on the program proposal process](#) on November 2. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs. We are currently planning to have an in-person Conference but proposers will be asked to indicate whether their program could be offered virtually as well.

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

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 Friday, October 29, 2021.**

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



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 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

LEARN MORE & REGISTER



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 on **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.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: CHECK IN WITH YOUR AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD / OCTOBER 19

As we start this new AALL leadership year, join us on **Tuesday, October 19 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to catch up with your 2021-2022 AALL Executive Board. We want to hear how you are doing, what AALL can assist you with, and what issues AALL should focus on in the months ahead. Come prepared with your ideas and questions.

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

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)



YOUR CRISIS IS NOT MY EMERGENCY: MINDFULNESS TECHNIQUES TO MANAGE STRESS / OCTOBER 28

Many legal information professionals are busy with new students, attorneys, judges, and clerks. This is in addition to the regular stresses we encounter in our jobs, both internal and external. Join us **Thursday, October 28 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn a variety of mindfulness strategies and techniques to manage your stress, including some optional chair yoga. The webinar will also discuss the amendments to ABA Standard 508 regarding law student well-being resources.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: PROPOSING A PROGRAM FOR AALL 2022 / NOVEMBER 2

The [AALL 2022 call for proposals](#) will be open throughout October and November—do you have a great program topic in mind? Perhaps you are wondering what makes a strong proposal, or you have general questions about the proposal process itself. Or maybe you have a past experience to share that could benefit first-time proposers. Join Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair [Joe Lawson](#) on **Tuesday, November 2 from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (CST)** for an informal conversation about putting together fantastic program proposals for next year's conference.

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

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)



LAW LIBRARIANS ARE TECH EXPERTS—WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT / NOVEMBER 18

Law librarians are constantly adopting new technology skills and enhancing existing ones—but how often do they take stock of these skills? Join us **Thursday, November 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** and learn how to use the skills law librarians already have to boost teaching and reference services. In addition, learn how to improve current programs—from reference interviews to formal classroom instruction—and impress even the most tech-savvy administrator.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

COMMUNITY CORNER

SHARE YOUR POSITIVE STORIES WITH AALL

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities and each other. Stories may be related to mentorship, workplace camaraderie, AALL friendships, changes at your law library, COVID-19, diversity and inclusion, etc. 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. **If you have any stories to share, please send them by 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, October 1, 2021.**

Stay Informed: [Join](#) our mailing list.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES | [www.aallnet.org]

