

OCTOBER 4, 2021**FEATURED NEWS****VOTE FOR AALL'S 2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD / MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

The [2022 AALL Executive Board election](#) is open—online voting for vice president/president-elect, treasurer, and Executive Board members runs through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Sunday, October 31.

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 we encourage you to learn more about the candidates by listening to the Candidates' Forum recordings for [vice president/president-elect](#), [treasurer](#), and [Executive Board member](#).

Vote today and help shape the future of AALL.

[CAST YOUR VOTE](#)**PROPOSE A PROGRAM FOR THE 2022 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE / DUE NOVEMBER 30**

Contribute to and help advance the legal information profession while positioning yourself as a thought leader by [submitting a program or workshop proposal for the 2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference—Advancing Justice for All—to be held July 16-19, 2022, in Denver, Colorado](#). We are currently planning an engaging, in-person Conference in Denver, but proposers will be asked to indicate whether their program could be offered virtually as well. Please go through the [quick guide for getting started](#), explore additional [resources for program proposers](#) (including the [must-have program topics](#) identified by AALL members), and use the online [Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs. We look forward to seeing your proposals.

[SUBMIT A PROPOSAL](#)**REGISTER FOR TOMORROW'S AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN INFORMATION SCIENCE, LAW SCHOOL, AND PRACTICE**

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 **tomorrow 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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QUICK LINKS

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AALL UPDATES

AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY OCTOBER 8

[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.

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**.

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

Designed to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning, the [2021 AALL State of the Profession report](#) provides a data-rich overview of law libraries and the legal information profession. The complimentary [AALL State of the Profession 2021 Executive Summary](#) provides an introduction to the full report. The report is 280 pages, 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.**

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ADVOCACY UPDATES

AALL COMMENTS ON COPYRIGHT OFFICE PROPOSAL ALLOWING LAW LIBRARIES TO OPT OUT OF NEW SMALL CLAIMS COURT

AALL submitted [comments](#) to the U.S. Copyright Office (Copyright Office) in response to the Copyright Office's [proposed rule](#) about procedures for law libraries to opt out of proceedings before the new [Copyright Claims Board](#) (CCB). The CCB is a new three-member tribunal within the Copyright Office that was established by the Copyright Alternative in Small-Claims Enforcement (CASE) Act to resolve certain copyright disputes that involve less than \$30,000. The Copyright Office's [proposal](#) includes several sections that will streamline the process for law libraries to opt out of proceedings before the CCB, including allowing law libraries to self-certify that they qualify for the opt-out. However, AALL is concerned that the Copyright Office's decision not to extend the preemptive opt-out to individual employees may result in some law libraries stopping important activities such as digitization because the law libraries fear employees may receive copyright claims from rightsholders. To help address this concern, AALL recommended that the Copyright Office add information to the [Copyright Small Claims and the Copyright Claims Board website](#) and develop additional resources for potential respondents, including law library employees.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

AALL'S 2022 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY / APPLY BY 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 and 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.

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COMING SOON: AALL'S VIRTUAL COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATIONS / NOVEMBER 9-10

Be the person who defines, gathers, analyzes, and distributes intelligence about products, customers, and competitors at your organization. [AALL's Virtual Competitive Intelligence Foundations course, to be held November 9-10, 2021](#), will take you through the fundamentals of competitive intelligence (CI) and teach you how to establish and maintain a strategic CI function—from development to implementation. **Registration opens soon—stay tuned.**

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, apply 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



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.

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

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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

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

The [AALL 2022 call for proposals](#) is 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. (CDT)** 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.

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THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: A BETTER LEGAL NEWS EXPERIENCE: REUTERS LEGAL NEWS / NOVEMBER 16

Reuters Legal News (RLN), available now at no cost, offers award-winning business and market news alongside deep legal practice area content—and new opportunities for business development and client engagement. Join us **Tuesday, November 16 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST)** to learn about *RLN*'s onboarding portal and personalization

features, and how to introduce your patrons to a legal news experience with business, market, and legal content, all in one place.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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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

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COMMUNITY CORNER

FCIL-SIS WEBINAR: CANON LAW 101 / OCTOBER 26

This webinar introduces canon law: the administrative code of the Catholic Church. Attendees will learn about the historical development of canon law, focusing on the first universal canonical code, the “Pio Benedictine” Code of Canon Law of 1917, and Pope St. John Paul II's order to revise this code, culminating in the promulgation of the current 1983 code of canon law. Join us **Tuesday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (CDT)** to learn how canon law is enforced through the canonical court system, one of the most complete unified systems of courts and legal systems in the world, covering all parts of the globe where Roman Catholics live. Attendees will also learn how canonical research is conducted and how the lack of modernization and intense secrecy that pervades the canonical system hinder the ability to conduct canonical research and enable abusive and inequitable application of canon law.

Open to all AALL members.

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SHARE YOUR POSITIVE STORIES WITH AALL

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities and each other. Below is just an example of how law librarians and legal information professionals are making a difference.

- **Wendy E. Moore**, Associate Director for Collection Services at the University of Georgia, shared: "AALL members have continued to build camaraderie and friendships, even though we haven't been able to meet in person, by commenting on **Francis Norton's** frequent Facebook posts. His humorous posts focus on life in New Orleans, often featuring his ongoing troubles with city public works services, poor driving decisions by others, and trips to local cemeteries for some peace and quiet. He had concerned law librarians checking in from all over the country with him when he was without power following Hurricane Ida, but within a week or so, his posts were back having us all wondering when his trash would be picked up."

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. Stories may be related to mentorship, workplace camaraderie, AALL friendships, changes at your law library, COVID-19, diversity and inclusion, etc. 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 8, 2021.**

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