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FEATURED NEWS

NEW! STRATEGIC THINKING COURSE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

Start the new year off right by completing a new AALL course. **AALL's new self-paced course, "Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians,"** is now available on **AALL's eLearning platform**. This **60-minute course** will teach law library professionals—at any level—how to employ strategic thinking for impactful decision-making.

This course will introduce the concepts of strategic thinking and how to leverage them, regardless of the situation, for superior results and successful outcomes.

\$99 for members and \$149 for nonmembers.

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AALL UPDATES

SHARE YOUR INPUT / TAKE THE 2022 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL READERSHIP SURVEY

The **Law Library Journal Editorial Board** is asking for feedback to help them better understand you are engaging with **Law Library Journal** content. The data provided will be used to inform future volumes of the **Journal**. We value your feedback and ask that you **please complete this short survey by January 24, 2022**. All responses will be kept confidential.

If you have questions, please reach out to **Heather Haemker**, AALL's director of marketing & communications, for assistance.

[BEGIN SURVEY](#)

2022 AALL AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN / DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

Nominate yourself or someone you know for a **2022 AALL Award**. The purpose of the AALL Awards program is to recognize the achievements of law librarians, institutions, and partners for significant contributions and innovation in the legal information profession. Recipients are selected by the committees/award juries and will be recognized during the **2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference** in Denver.

The deadline to nominate a colleague or company, or to self-nominate, is March 1, 2022. Nominations and applications may be found on the individual award pages.

LEARN MORE ABOUT AALL AWARDS

AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY JANUARY 14

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 **Heather Haemker**, director of marketing & communications, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by **5:00 p.m. (CST) on January 14, 2022**.

ADVOCACY

2022 AALL CHAPTER ADVOCACY TRAINING / JANUARY 27

Many AALL chapters are faced with local issues that are important to their members. Chapters are well-positioned to advocate for law libraries and the legal information profession, including to support government law library funding and the enactment of the *Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act*. Join us on **Thursday, January 27 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** to learn a variety of advocacy strategies and resources that chapters can employ to ensure greater access to legal information and to promote continuous improvement in access to justice. Whether you are interested in starting a new advocacy program in your chapter or growing an existing program, you will come away with practical guidance and tools to support your chapter's advocacy efforts.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members and nonmembers

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



REGISTER FOR TOMORROW'S AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: WORKING REMOTELY, PERMANENTLY / JANUARY 11

Remote work became the sudden, temporary norm for many during the pandemic, but some had been working remotely since long before then. Now, there are still others who are never going back to the office. Are you one of them? Join us **tomorrow from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)** to discuss working remotely on a permanent basis, whether you've been doing it for a while or are planning to take the plunge.

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

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THE WAYFINDERS AMONG US: FIRST-GEN PROFESSIONALS IN AALL / JANUARY 19



First-generation professionals are the first in their families to cross a threshold into a professional career. Many face socioeconomic issues not experienced by their colleagues and can face a sense of isolation and a steep learning curve with regard to professional norms. Join us on **Wednesday, January 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to hear from panelists who are first-gen professionals from academic, government, and law firm settings, who will discuss their triumphs and challenges, and provide insights into navigating their unique career paths. They will also discuss establishment of the **First-Gen Professionals Caucus**, which serves as a vehicle for professional development, mentorship, and coordination of recruitment efforts for first-gen law and library students.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: SUPPORTING FEDERAL JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS / JANUARY 25

Law librarians can provide vital skills, tools, and strategies to both those seeking a federal clerkship position and those currently serving in a clerkship. The application process for these coveted positions can be opaque, and students need to be prepared with both practical and personal skills. Join us **Tuesday, January 25 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)** to learn and share ideas to better support the [federal judicial clerkship process](#).

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

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GRANT FUNDING FOR LAW LIBRARIES / FEBRUARY 15

This program will provide tips and tools for how to identify, apply, and win grants to support your organization. Join us on **Tuesday, February 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to hear inspiring success stories from law librarians and legal information professionals who have received grant funding and gain insight about how to get the funding you need. You will also learn how to find potential grant opportunities at the federal, state, and local levels.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY FOR A LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY MAY 1

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is **accepting applications through May 1** for grants from the [AALL Research Fund \(An Endowment Established by LexisNexis\)](#). The jury may allocate \$5,000 between one or more applicants seeking funding for research that advances [AALL's Research Agenda](#), which seeks to stimulate "a diverse range of scholarship related to and supportive of the profession of law librarianship."

Established in July 2000, the grant funds research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library related information. For inspiration, [review the list of topics awarded grants in past years](#) and explore the 15 broad research topics outlined in AALL's Research Agenda. If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, [review the complete guidelines](#) and [apply](#). As the guidelines state, the research should be completed within one year and the final product published. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

AALL is excited to announce the most recent grant award winners from the fall cycle. Congratulations to [Casandra Laskowski](#) and [Andrew Christensen](#) for their project, "Building Data Infrastructures for Bespoke Faculty Services."

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AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / DUE MAY 12

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 12, 2022.**

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APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR SHARE WITH A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for your professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in [scholarships](#) to law school and library school students as well as to AALL members.

The following [scholarships](#) are now open for applications:

- Library School Scholarships (for those with or without JDs)
- Law School Scholarships (for those with MLS/MLIS and those seeking dual JD/MLIS)
- Scholarships for Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship
- Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship for members to attend continuing education programs for state, court, or county law librarians

The deadline for applications is May 1, 2022. For additional questions, please contact AALL at scholarships@aall.org.

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COMMUNITY CORNER

MEMBER NEWS

- [AALL President Diane M. Rodriguez](#) highlights the resources, outreach programs, and partnerships librarians have created to engage the public to help bridge the access to justice gap [in an article](#) featured in the latest issue of the ABA's *Human Rights Magazine*.

PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA BE AALL PRESIDENT? / JANUARY 11

[Sabrina A. Davis](#) will interview current AALL President [Diane M. Rodriguez](#) as well as two past presidents of AALL to learn more about what's involved in assuming this leadership role. Join us **tomorrow from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** and learn about all aspects of the process, including the path to being asked, the nomination process, how to get your employer to say "yes," crafting a compelling candidate statement, responsibilities of the job, getting the most out of the experience, and what life is like as an AALL past president.

Open to all AALL members

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