

MARCH 2022

PLI Chronicle: Insights and Perspectives
for the Legal Community[Read now on PLI PLUS >](#)**PLI** PLUS

FEATURED NEWS

**RENEW YOUR 2022-2023 AALL MEMBERSHIP / INVEST IN YOUR
PROFESSIONAL GROWTH**

This past year required a lot of adjustments, but we persevered together and celebrated **many accomplishments** that continued to move the profession forward. We appreciate and value you as an AALL member and hope you will continue your membership. **Renew your 2022-2023 membership** early and get it out of the way. AALL benefits add up to **over \$2,000+ in value** for the year. These include:

- Access to an extensive **network of peers**; including the ability to join caucuses and special interest sections and connect with other members who share similar interests.
- Access to essential **professional development**—complimentary monthly webinars and virtual coffee chats as well as discounted rates for online courses and live events.
- AALL's daily newsletter **KnowItAALL**, which highlights legal information news, industry trends, technology developments, government research, libraries, and career development topics—including AALL member expertise.
- More great **member benefits**.

If you have any questions about your membership renewal, please contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312.939.4764.

[RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP](#)**REGISTRATION OPENS NEXT WEEK / AALL'S 2022 CI STRATEGIES &
ANALYSIS**

Expand your competitive intelligence (CI) knowledge and learn strategic skills to take your CI game to the next level. The **2022 CI Strategies & Analysis** program, taking place **May 16-17, 2022, in Chicago**, is designed to build capabilities in performing critical competitive intelligence work. Attendees will learn skills core to growing a CI function in their organization, and will have the opportunity to examine, practice, and discuss techniques with other professionals and peers from various settings. Save the date—registration opens next week!

QUICK LINKS

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

AALL UPDATES

AALL MEMBERS ENGAGE ATTENDEES DURING

LEGALWEEK

Last week, AALL members presented exciting topics during [Legalweek](#) in New York, that ranged from knowledge management and legal technology to leveraging tools for making relationships stick to the rise of document automation and digital contracts. We would like to thank our session speakers: [Vishal Agnihotri](#), [Scott Bailey](#), [Lucy Curci-Gonzalez](#), [Greg Lambert](#), [Chris Laut](#), [June Liebert](#), and [Saskia Mehlhorn](#). We are grateful for all the time and hard work spent putting together these thoughtful presentations on behalf of AALL.



VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON THE AALL SPECTRUM OR LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS / APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 29

Ensure your peers get the perspective and insights they need to continue to grow in their careers [AALL Spectrum](#)—our bimonthly member magazine, and [Law Library Journal](#)—the official journal of AALL—provide scholarly and trending articles on law, legal innovation, and librarianship.

SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE

AALL is seeking applicants to serve on the 2022-2024 AALL Spectrum Editorial Board, and the 2022-2024 Law Library Journal Editorial Board.

Please read through the AALL Spectrum Editorial Board Member [job description](#) and the Law Library Editorial Board Member [job description](#) before applying. For more information visit the [AALL Spectrum](#) and [Law Library Journal](#) Editorial Board profiles on AALLNET.

TO APPLY

Please consider lending your time and talent to AALL—[submit your application](#) by Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

VOLUNTEER
NOW

ADVOCACY

COPYRIGHT OFFICE ISSUES FINAL RULE FOR SMALL CLAIMS PROCEDURES FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES OPT-OUTS

The U.S. Copyright Office has issued a [final rule](#) explaining the procedures for libraries and archives to preemptively opt out of participating in proceedings before the [Copyright Claims Board](#) (CCB) and extending the opt-out to cover law library employees acting within the scope of their employment, as [AALL had advocated](#). The CCB is a new three-member tribunal within the Copyright Office that will resolve certain copyright disputes that involve less than \$30,000. The final rule explains that libraries will be able to preemptively opt out by submitting an online form later this spring, along with a certification that the library qualifies for the opt-out provision. AALL encourages law librarians and legal information professionals to sign up for the Copyright Office's [email updates](#) to receive an announcement when the form is available. We will also share more information with members once it is released.

INDIANA BECOMES 24TH UELMA ENACTMENT

AALL congratulates the [Mid-America Association of Law Libraries](#) (MAALL) on the enactment of SB 131, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) in Indiana. Indiana is the 24th jurisdiction to enact UELMA, helping to ensure permanent public access to electronic legal information and promote access to justice. AALL is grateful to [Benjamin Keele](#), chair of MAALL's UELMA Passage in MAALL States Task Force, for sharing his experiences about advocating for UELMA during the [2022 AALL Chapter Advocacy Training](#) on January 27, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

2022 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE / REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

Mark your calendar—the [2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) is happening in person July 16-19 in **Denver**. AALL 2022 will bring together collaborators from across the legal information profession for three days of innovation, tailored learning, and networking. It's where the legal information community goes for the latest,

cutting-edge professional development and peer-to-peer connections. AALL 2022 is *the* place to network and exchange ideas and best practices. Stay tuned—registration will open soon!

APPLY FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING GRANT BY MAY 1

We look forward to seeing everyone in Denver this July for AALL 2022. To help get you there, AALL provides resources like the [Annual Meeting grants](#), which covers registration costs for the Annual Meeting. Special interest sections [provide additional grant opportunities](#) for their members, and some chapters do as well. But you'll need to act fast—**applications are due May 1**.

APPLY
NOW

AALL CALL FOR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS / SELF-PACED COURSE ON LEGAL RESEARCH

AALL is excited to begin work on its third self-paced eLearning offering focusing on legal research. To ensure the new course reflects the needs of our members, we are seeking your expertise to [serve as a subject matter expert \(SME\)](#).

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

As an SME who participates in creating this course, you will:

- contribute substantially to the future of education in the legal information profession
- play an important role in supporting AALL's mission
- showcase your skills as an expert on the topic
- expand your leadership skills
- meet new people in the eLearning world

"This was a new type of professional experience for me, so I really enjoyed getting out of my volunteer comfort zone." **SME for AALL's course on strategic thinking.**

TO APPLY

This is a volunteer position. If you are interested in serving as an SME for this self-paced course, please [complete the form](#). You may also recommend a colleague. If you have any questions or concerns about logistics and timing, please contact [Fiore Barbini](#), AALL director of education & learning. **Applications will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on April 1, and any interviews will be conducted via video call in late April/early May.**

TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS

If you are unable to participate fully as an SME, but would like to contribute ideas, content, or examples to the development of this course, please email elarning@aall.org. We appreciate and value your input.

APPLY
NOW

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 available [scholarships](#) are listed on AALLNET.

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

LEARN MORE & APPLY

NEW! STRATEGIC THINKING COURSE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

AALL's self-paced course, "[Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians](#)," will teach law library professionals—at any level—how to employ strategic thinking for impactful decision-making. Whether you are interested in preparing for a management role or are already in a leadership position, you will come away better equipped to confidently tackle any decision (large or small), make a compelling argument, and apply influence in your organization in a way that creates optimal conditions for success.

Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: TALENT MANAGEMENT 3.0 AND SMALL ACTIONS, BIG WINS: HOW TO RETAIN TALENT IN HYBRID WORK / MARCH 23

The future of work is changing quickly, and has already arrived. In 2022, understanding how blended work environments and a “remote-first mindset” influence key employees’ stay and leave decisions is a necessity, not a nice-to-have. Join us on **Wednesday, March 23 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn what these micro actions are and hear from forward-thinking peers and leaders on how policies and behaviors create productive, value-driving outcomes in hybrid work environments.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: TELLING YOUR INSTITUTION'S STORY / MARCH 24

Law librarians are uniquely positioned to craft and tell compelling stories of their institutions, and these stories can support all kinds of initiatives, from community engagement to fundraising to collaboration with other entities. Join us **Thursday, March 24 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to discuss how identifying collections and themes that tell your institutional narrative can elevate your library’s status and strengthen your community.

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

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: FACULTY SERVICES – WHAT’S ON THE MENU? / APRIL 5

Faculty services are an important part of an academic law library’s overall mission. However, no two libraries approach this key component in exactly the same way. Join us **Tuesday, April 5 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** for an informal discussion of faculty services offerings, models, and practices.

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

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: GETTING PUBLISHED: TIPS FOR ARTICLE DRAFTING AND SUBMISSION / APRIL 19

Whether you are an experienced writer or new to the profession and looking to write your first article, it all begins with the submission process. Oftentimes submission forms are too vague and don't provide enough detail about the focus of the article or try to touch on too much. Join us **Tuesday, April 19 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to discuss best practices and share tips for submitting articles/article proposals.

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

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER

#MYAALL

AALL NEW VOICES / SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 25

AALL's New Voices is a place 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.

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. (CDT) on March 25, 2022**.

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members shared innovative content and started important conversations, including:

- Havilah Steinman Bakken **highlighted** a day in the life of AALL member Heather J. E. Simmons.
- Greg Lambert and Marlene Gebauer **spoke with** Sarah Sutherland on how data and the law interact.
- Jean P. O'Grady **reported on** new features that Docket Alarm by Fastcase announced, including pleading/motion grant analytics and visual timelines.
- Shira Megerman **shared** a little about herself and how she ended up in the profession as the kick-off to a new series where she will interview other librarians about how they got into the profession.
- Olivia Smith Schlinck **examined** pay disparity among academic librarians.

OTHER LEGAL & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UPDATES

- LexisNexis **discussed** the evolving role of law firm library support and services in the digital era.
- Arizona State University **celebrated** Women's History Month with the Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Research Guide.
- The ABA Journal **highlighted** that even with AI certification initiatives, lawyers need more schooling on tech.
- Fast Company **examined** five pandemic trends leaders should leave behind—and one that's here to stay.
- McKinsey & Company **explored** how women in technical roles were less likely than men to win promotions early in their careers.

ABOUT KNOWITALL

KnowItAALL is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. **Subscriptions are available** for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email **Heather Haemker**, director of marketing & communications, with your article and resource recommendations.



AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month's member profile, **Bailey DeSimone**, library technician (metadata) at the Law Library of Congress in Washington, DC, discusses why she became an AALL member and why she stays a member.

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

LIT-SIS VIRTUAL COFFEE TALK / MARCH 18

Meet LIT-SIS members and learn what recent tech projects librarians are implementing. Join us **Friday, March 18 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)**. Meet like-minded folks and share success stories and challenges. This is a great networking opportunity for new and seasoned members.

This virtual coffee talk is free and open to all AALL members.

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER

FCIL-SIS WEBINAR: LEGAL DATA AND INFORMATION IN PRACTICE: HOW DATA AND THE LAW INTERACT / MARCH 22

It is becoming imperative that organizations facilitate the acquisition, management, and use of legal data. On **Tuesday, March 22 from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (CDT)**, CanLII president Sarah Sutherland will explain why data use matters in the legal space and describe the issues that affect legal data and organizations in particular. She will provide an international perspective on the issues affecting access to legal data and clearly describe methods of obtaining and evaluating it, pulling insights from her recent book, *Legal Data and Information in Practice: How Data and the Law Interact*.

This webinar is free and open to all AALL members.

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER

ALL-SIS WEBINAR: DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY: BEST PRACTICES AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR LAW LIBRARIES / MARCH 24

Join the ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee **Thursday, March 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** for a virtual panel discussion on best practices for law libraries in implementing and continuing digital accessibility initiatives. Topics to be covered include practical steps in making library-created content—including teaching materials—digitally accessible; obtaining institutional and staff “buy-in” for digital accessibility initiatives; and working with database vendors and e-book publishers to ensure their platforms are digitally accessible.

This webinar is free and open to all AALL members.

LEARN MORE &
REGISTER

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