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**2022 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE****REGISTER FOR AALL 2022 / JULY 16-19**

**AALL 2022—Advancing Justice for All**—will offer more than 60 sessions presented by experts across the industry who will share solutions to the challenges you face every day—wherever you work. Reunite with your **legal information peers** and gain valuable networking opportunities with new colleagues and access to a **bustling exhibit hall**, where you can interact with vendors and discover the latest marketplace innovations.

Two preconference workshops have been added to the **2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference**. If you have already registered for the conference, there's still time to add preconference workshops to your existing registration. Please contact Customer Service at 1.877.737.0555 (between 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. EDT) or [customerservice@AALLconference.org](mailto:customerservice@AALLconference.org) for assistance with editing an existing registration. Attendance is limited and separate registration fees apply—**be sure to register in advance of the June 17 deadline!**

- **Teaching Law Tech Teachers** (\$149)
- **Legal Basics for Librarians** (\$149)

The **preliminary schedule** is now available with program information. You can even create a login and start building your own personal schedule for Denver. Please note that this schedule is still in progress, and that additional meetings, programs, and events will be posted in the weeks to come.

We know you may be clear on the value of attending AALL 2022 but securing funding from your employer might require some extra steps. AALL has you covered! We have put together a **Justification Toolkit** to help you build your case for attending the conference.

**POSTER SESSIONS**

Have you implemented an innovative program in your library? Perhaps you have created a set of best practices to apply in the workplace. Or maybe you would like to share new classroom techniques, findings from a research project, or a practical problem-solving effort. **Poster sessions** are a popular conference feature, and this year's selections will once again be on display at the conference—your good idea could benefit your fellow colleagues. **Submit your proposal by June 1.**

Start the conversation! Let us know if you're attending, presenting, or exhibiting at the AALL Annual Meeting on Twitter using **#AALL22!**

A rectangular orange button with the text "REGISTER NOW" in white, centered within the button.

AALL President Diane M. Rodriguez encourages legal information professionals to attend the Annual Meeting to take advantage of the latest professional development, peer-to-peer connections, and to share ideas and best practices.



## DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR ANNUAL MEETING GRANT APPLICATIONS

We can't wait to see 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. **Don't miss out on reuniting with your colleagues and experiencing the conference in person. Submit your application by May 1.**

APPLY  
NOW

## AALL BUSINESS MEETING & MEMBERS OPEN FORUM / SUBMIT RESOLUTIONS BY JUNE 20

The [AALL Business Meeting & Members Open Forum](#) will be held Monday, July 18 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (MT) in Denver during the [AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#). This is open to all members. **A member may submit a resolution for consideration at the Business Meeting by Monday, June 20.** Please be sure to follow the [resolution submission guidelines](#).

During the Members Open Forum, AALL Executive Board officers will be available to respond to member questions regarding AALL, as well as its programs and activities. In addition to asking questions during the meeting, members may also submit questions in advance of the meeting to [ambusmtg@aall.org](mailto:ambusmtg@aall.org).

If you have questions, please contact AALL's Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

### REGISTER FOR AALL'S CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / MAY 16-17

Competitive intelligence (CI) skills are in demand at every organization. AALL's upcoming [CI Strategies & Analysis](#) program, to take place **May 16-17, 2022, in Chicago**, will help you learn strategic skills to take your CI game to the next level. This program will teach you skills core to growing a competitive intelligence function, providing you with the deeper market insight needed to give your organization a competitive edge.

- **Date:** May 16-17, 2022
- **Location:** 230 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60606
- **Cost:** AALL Members \$895 / Nonmembers \$1,200
- **Registration Deadline:** Monday, May 9, 2022

**Attention Private Law Librarians & Legal Information Professionals Special Interest Section (PLLIP-SIS) members:** PLLIP is giving away four grants (\$1,000 each) to assist with registration and travel for this event. Reach out to Grants Committee Chair [Elaine Knecht](#) by Wednesday, May 11 to inquire about this opportunity.

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## PARTICIPATE IN AALL'S MENTOR PROGRAM

Become an AALL mentor or mentee.

### WHY MENTOR?

- Encourage individual growth and development
- Provide leadership and share your wisdom
- Use as a tool for succession planning
- Provide for leadership continuity
- Gain a sense of renewed purpose and/or approach to problem-solving

### WHY BE A MENTEE?

- Get advice based on real-world experiences
- Gain career assistance and professional recommendations
- Create a lasting professional relationship
- Gain a new approach to problem-solving
- Connect with a confidant on workplace concerns

*Members from any library type are encouraged to sign up to become mentors and mentees, but we are especially in need of mentors from academic and law firm settings.*

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## LEADER IN YOU

Each month the Leadership Development Committee will highlight a librarian leader and ask them a few questions about their leadership journey.

**Clarence Robertson II**  
**Library & Conflicts Manager**  
**Jackson Walker LLP**  
**Dallas, Texas**



### What does leadership mean to you?

For me, leadership is about relationships and the ability to manage them well. When you have earned the position as leader, the thinking changes to: What does my team need from me? My experience has shown me that as a leader, it is not about me. It is important that the people on my team know that they have a voice and can express themselves. This makes a team successful as well as a leader no matter the industry or career. The truth of the matter is that a person is not a leader because he/she knows everything, but that he/she is able to use each person's perspective to make the group successful.

### Is there a particular AALL product/program/article that was especially helpful for you as you developed as a leader?

There were two impactful programs that I attended that really supplied insight into improving my skills and leadership. In 2018, I attended [Competitive Intelligence Strategies & Analysis](#). This program is perfect for updated library information trends and assessments for any area of law librarianship. The second program that was impactful to me was the 2019 [Management Institute](#). The opportunity to work with fellow legal information professionals in showing current trends, managing staff, and gaining knowledge from other perspectives make it one of the best programs I have ever participated in.

### What are the most important attributes of successful leaders today?

One of the greatest attributes to have as a leader is the ability to manage emotions and be relatable. When you can build a relationship with your staff and create a sense of community on your team then the lines of communication can be open. This also helps you lead in a manner that is conducive to the needs of your staff.

### What has been one of your biggest challenges as a leader?

My biggest challenge as a leader currently is managing between Conflicts and Library departmental staffs. The challenge is thinking I must fix everything that is wrong or out of sorts. As time has progressed, I have learned that the team is just as talented, if not more than me. They produce great ideas that would help alleviate those challenges I experience and bring even more progression to the department. The interesting thing is that because the two staffs are so contrary in operational methods, work culture, and even customer service, it keeps my mindset in constant transition and thought.

### What is something you wish someone had told you about leadership early on in your career?

In the field of law librarianship, there are several great legal information professionals that have mentored me. Ann Jeter, Greg Lambert, Caren Luckie, the late Dr. Yvonne Chandler, and Thom Austin have all given me fruits of leadership that I have gleaned and implemented in my leadership style. Each opportunity has opened

the door for endless opportunities in law librarianship. One thing I honestly wish someone would have shared with me about being a leader is that serving your team is the key to success. Putting your staff in a position to be successful by supplying the tools and opportunities for growth, enhancing skills, and encouragement for professional development creates an environment for the next generation of leadership.

Do you know a great leader? Recommend a leader for us to spotlight in the Leader in You column. Send your recommendation with a brief description of why you think they are a great leader to [Julie Pabarja](#), Chair, Leadership Development Committee.

## ON-DEMAND LEARNING

### 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**

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### EXPAND YOUR BUDGETING SKILLS / REGISTER FOR AALL'S SELF-PACED COURSE

More than 100 of your colleagues have registered for and completed AALL's self-paced course, "[Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#)." Don't miss out—learn the fundamental skills that will help you address important issues such as identifying and managing competing priorities, explaining day-to-day operations, and connecting financial resources to meet goals.

This course will provide you with the skills you need to become more confident when it comes to making and maintaining a budget within your organization.

**Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149**

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### MICROLEARNING VIDEO SERIES

[AALL's Microlearning Videos Series](#) takes a holistic approach to skill-based education that is delivered in bite-size pieces. These short-form-focused videos are designed to cover an individual skill pertinent in the law librarian's world. Current videos discuss fair use, wine law, comparing red-lined versions in Microsoft Word, and our "day in the life" video series, including the latest, "[A Day in the Life of a Technical Services Librarian](#)" These videos are available on [AALL eLearning](#), simply search "microlearning." Additional videos are planned to drop throughout the year.

**Cost: Free for AALL Members**

### UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

AALL has several exciting coffee chats and webinars lined up for the remainder of this month, including next Wednesday's coffee chat "[Reaching Students Where They Are](#)," as well as into May and June. Be sure to visit the [AALL Calendar of Events](#) page to stay up to date on future topics and to register.

Is there a topic you want covered in an AALL webinar? Please email Fiore Barbini, AALL director of education and learning at [fbarbini@aall.org](mailto:fbarbini@aall.org).

### WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [We Are All Professionals: Inclusion, Othering, and the Changing Nature of Library Roles](#)

- [Thomson Reuters Partner Webinar: Talent Management 3.0 and Small Actions, Big Wins: How to Retain Talent in Hybrid Work](#)
- [PEGA-SIS Webinar: Live Interview Series: So, You Wanna Create an Inclusive Workplace? Part 2: Invisible Disabilities](#)

## PICK OF THE MONTH

*Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee*

### BREAKING THROUGH PUBLIC SPEAKING FEARS (EVEN AFTER FAILURE!)

At some point in our careers, many librarians will have to speak publicly in some capacity. In this webinar, three librarians impart their views on how to become a more effective public speaker, helping you reach your audience. The webinar begins with the speakers sharing their personal histories of performing and storytelling. They also describe different tasks you can do to practice your public speaking, while sprinkling tips and advice throughout the webinar.

Find many more continuing education programs and webinars on [AALL eLearning](#).

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## QUICK LINKS

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## GRANTS

### LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 1

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is **accepting applications through May 1, 2022** 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."

If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, [review the complete guidelines](#) and [apply](#). Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

[LEARN MORE & APPLY](#)

### 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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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### UPCOMING SIS WEBINARS

Several of AALL's special interest sections (SISs) feature webinars every month that are open to all AALL members. Be sure to visit the [AALL Calendar of Events](#) page to stay up to date on future topics and to register. Upcoming webinars include ALL-SIS and FCIL-SIS.

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