FEATURED NEWS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR AALL 2022 / JULY 16-19

Register for the 2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference—Advancing Justice for All—to be held July 16-19 in Denver, Colorado. AALL 2022 will include preconference workshops and more than 60 educational programs on topics such as teaching critical and alternative legal research; providing access to justice with remote services; and managing news and information overload. Gain valuable networking opportunities with your legal information peers and access to a bustling exhibit hall, where you can interact with vendors and discover the latest marketplace innovations.

Get a sneak peek of this summer’s preliminary schedule, including the program lineup. 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.

BOOK YOUR HOUSING

Book your accommodations in Denver early at the Hyatt Regency Denver at discounted room rates for AALL 2022 attendees. These reduced rates end June 23 or while availability lasts. Make your reservations online or call 1.800.233.1234 and reference Group Code: G-LIBR.

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

AALL President Diane M. Rodriguez shares what she is most looking forward to at the Annual Meeting this summer in Denver.

QUICK LINKS

AALL Events Calendar | AALL Career Center | AALL News | AALL COVID-19 Resources | AALL Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
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.

JOIN A SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION
Connect with others that share your professional interests through AALL's 14 special interest sections (SIS's). Joining an SIS provides you with the opportunity to participate in groups dedicated to specialized areas of law librarianship, maximizing your membership.

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

ADVOCACY

AALL MONITORS NEW BILL ON ONLINE COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

AALL has reviewed the Strengthening Measures to Advance Rights Technologies (SMART) Copyright Act of 2022 (S. 3880), to determine its potential impact on legal information professionals and on law libraries. The bill, introduced in the U.S. Senate (Senate) on March 17, 2022, would require online service providers to implement standard technical measures (STMs), such as content filters, to prevent copyright infringement. The bill has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, but that Committee has not yet taken any action on it through a hearing or mark up. There has been no similar bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill must pass both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives and be signed by the President before it becomes law.

Law libraries may qualify as service providers under this bill if they host institutional repositories, provide access to course management software, or store other materials at the direction of users. The bill would create a new public rulemaking process to identify STMs that service providers must accommodate and not interfere with, or otherwise be subject to financial liability.

Advocating for balanced copyright laws that enable law libraries to lend, digitize, and preserve copyrighted materials is one of AALL’s legislative priorities. We will keep you informed of any changes to copyright laws that may impact you or your law libraries.

LAW LIBRARIES MAY NOW OPT OUT OF PROCEEDINGS BEFORE NEW COPYRIGHT CLAIMS BOARD

The U.S. Copyright Office has launched a new website for the Copyright Claims Board (CCB), a new tribunal within the Copyright Office that will resolve certain copyright disputes that involve less than $30,000. The website includes a new form for libraries and archives to preemptively opt out of proceedings before the CCB. AALL encourages eligible law libraries who are interested in opting out of CCB proceedings to review the information on the CCB website. The CCB is expected to start accepting claims in spring 2022.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

REGISTER FOR AALL’S CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / MAY 16-17
EARLY BIRD DEADLINE ENDS APRIL 15!

Expand your competitive intelligence (CI) knowledge and learn strategic skills to take your CI game to the next level during AALL’s CI Strategies & Analysis program, to take place May 16-17, 2022, in Chicago. Attendees will learn skills core to growing a competitive intelligence function, and will also have an opportunity to examine, practice, and discuss techniques with other professionals and network with peers from various settings. Don’t miss out—gain the deeper market insight needed to make informed strategic decisions to give your organization a competitive edge.

- Date: May 16-17, 2022
- Location: 230 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60606
- Cost: AALL Members $795 / Nonmembers $1,100 (Price increases $100 for members & nonmembers after Friday, April 15, 2022).
- Registration Deadline: Monday, May 9, 2022

WHY ATTEND?

- Gain a deeper understanding of key CI concepts and methodology
- Convert research into analysis
- Tailor how you present your analysis to your audience
- Establish, organize, and implement a CI function at your organization
- Work with other departments to reach business development goals
- Learn how to frame your CI reporting and communicate your results
- Integrate CI into firm strategy

SECURE YOUR SAVINGS—REGISTER NOW

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

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

WE ARE ALL PROFESSIONALS: INCLUSION, OTHERING, AND THE CHANGING NATURE OF LIBRARY ROLES / APRIL 27

Automation, moving away from print, and shrinking staffs have resulted in major transitions in library assistant roles over the past few decades. Yet in many workplaces' library assistants continue to be treated as a separate class of workers, and persistent attitudes about “paraprofessionals” and their work abound. Join us Wednesday, April 27 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT) to discuss the changing nature of the typical library assistant, illuminate the ways that othering these colleagues can create a discouraging work environment, and articulate a vision for moving past this bifurcation to a future where the knowledge and expertise of all colleagues is valued, respected, and celebrated.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

LEARN MORE & REGISTER
TRELLIS PARTNER WEBINAR: MAXIMIZING LEGAL ANALYTICS IN STATE TRIAL COURTS / MAY 10

Join AALL and Trellis on Tuesday, May 10 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT) for an engaging presentation that covers how legal analytics enables your team to analyze the behavior and history of your judge, competitive counsel, prospects, and clients to gain crucial insights into litigation history and ruling tendencies. You will also learn how to maximize legal analytics for your firm to gain a competitive advantage, win cases, and bring in more money when litigating in state trial courts.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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MEMBER NEWS

- Joseph D. Lawson has been appointed the new director of the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library. Lawson served as the deputy director of the Law Library since 2014 and has focused on increasing access to the justice system and legal information for the residents of Harris County.

AALL seeks more news about members' achievements, job changes, and connections with the legal information community. Please send your news to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications.

COMMUNITY CORNER

ALL-SIS WEBINAR: HYBRID LEGAL RESEARCH INSTRUCTION / APRIL 21

Join the ALL-SIS Continuing Education Committee Thursday, April 21 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT) for a virtual, informal conversation on teaching in a hybrid environment. Speakers will share lessons learned with advice on what to do and what to avoid in delivering hybrid education.

This webinar is free and open to all AALL members.

FCIL-SIS WEBINAR: IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL LAW NATIONALLY: INCORPORATING INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ARGENTINA, CHILE, AND COLOMBIA / MAY 20

International treaties have real impacts on people's lives, but how do we incorporate this international legislation into domestic law? This presentation will show us, through practical examples, how this incorporation takes place in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia. On Friday, May 20 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT) speakers will analyze the similarities and differences in how these countries incorporate treaties into domestic law, discuss the resolution of legal conflicts between treaties and domestic law, and explain how to research international treaties signed by each of these countries. This webinar is sponsored by the FCIL-SIS Latin American Law Interest Group. All registrants will receive a recording of the webinar.

This webinar is free and open to all AALL members.

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