

AUGUST 25, 2022**FEATURED EDUCATION****MANAGING YOUR WORK ENVIRONMENT / REGISTER BY SEPTMEBER 12**

Effective management skills are an invaluable asset to all aspects of your career and a must for the effective implementation and execution of any organizational strategy.

AALL's four-week virtual course "Managing Your Work Environment," allows you to expand your interpersonal and team development skills from the comfort of your own home or office—no travel required. These skills include communication, mindfulness, and working with groups and individuals. Each module provides participants with an asynchronous webinar; reference materials; an interactive discussion board prompt to facilitate peer learning; and a reflective practice essay or video allowing for thoughtful consideration of the week's key points. The final week features a virtual group discussion moderated by our facilitator.

Put yourself first and master the skills that will help you grow in your organization.

- **Dates: Sept.13-Oct. 4, 2022**
- **Cost: AALL Members \$549 / Nonmembers \$749**

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ON-DEMAND LEARNING**INCREASE YOUR STRATEGIC THINKING SKILLS**

Strategic thinking is the ability to think on a big and small scale, long and short term, and into the past and the present. While strategic thinking is a valuable skill for everyone in an organization, it becomes increasingly essential as you continue to grow your career. AALL's "**Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians**" self-paced course will introduce the concepts of strategic thinking and how to leverage these skills, regardless of the situation, for superior results and successful outcomes.

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TUNE INTO AALL'S MICROLEARNING VIDEOS

AALL's Microlearning Videos Series are short-form-focused videos 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. 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 next month, including the September 6th Virtual Coffee Chat: "**Future of the Federal Depository Library Program**." Be sure to visit the **AALL**

Is there a topic you want covered in an AALL webinar? Please submit the [webinar proposal form](#) or email Fiore Barbini, AALL director of education and learning at fbarbini@aall.org. If you have any ideas or topics for a future coffee chat, please email elarning@aall.org.

WEBINARS NOW AVAILABLE ON-DEMAND

- [The New "State" of the Litigation Analytics Market](#)
- [Shaping the Future of IMLS Programs with Law Library Needs in Mind](#)
- [LSAC's Bold Alternative to the LSAT & How It Benefits Law School Candidates](#)

PICK OF THE MONTH

Selected by AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee

LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA SHARPEN YOUR WRITING TOOLS?

This webinar provides insight into a unique professional position in a law firm and offers concrete writing advice that anyone can apply in their own work life. During the interview, Jesse Katz shares how he went from working as a journalist to becoming the first litigation editor at O'Melveny. Kat offers advice about writing, including how to tackle writer's block, crafting informative and captivating introductory sentences, and how to write in way that "shows" rather than "tells" the reader about your topic.

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Introduction to Law Library Budgets

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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.

Jeremy Sullivan
Manager, Competitive Intelligence & Analytics
DLA Piper
Sacramento, CA



What does leadership mean to you?

For me, leadership means making yourself (and your team) a go-to resource. I have worked for several large firms and enjoy being identified as "the person who might know the answer." Obviously, librarians are nothing if not service-oriented, but to deliver service, we have to be recognized as an authority in the first place. I believe that going into an organization and developing a clientele because you can be counted on to solve problems connects you to leadership more than any title or credential.

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

Being asked to co-chair the 2016 PLLIP Summit was a definite turning point on my leadership journey. I had served on chapter and SIS committees before, but this was my first real opportunity to lead the development and organization of a full day's worth of programming for my peers. Summit leadership is rewarding for a host of reasons, but there's a mentoring component that I benefited from in my first year, that I hope I continued with my co-chair the following year.

Which leadership skills were the most difficult to develop?

I can be very opinionated, but I generally keep my opinions to myself (excluding social media, where I probably say too much). I think one of the hardest things for me to learn was how to stand up for myself and

my department in contentious situations. Once you get to a "if not you, then who?" inflection point, you sort of end up just doing it, and it gets easier each subsequent time.

What are the most important attributes of successful leaders today?

Empathy and active listening, tireless advocacy, and essential expertise balanced by the recognition that there are some things that you just don't know.

What advice would you give someone going into a leadership position for the first time?

No one is good at a new thing on day one. I think there is such a thing as a *natural*, but to me, a natural is just someone who learns the ropes a bit more quickly. If you find yourself moving into a leadership position, it's probably because someone sees something in you that you yourself might not even see. That confidence in your abilities comes with space to fail, but also to learn and grow.

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 [Holly M. Riccio](#), Chair, Leadership Development Committee.

2022 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

AALL 2022 PROGRAM RECORDINGS AVAILABLE

At last month's AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, attendees gathered to learn, network, and share knowledge. As an AALL member, you may access the [program recordings on AALL eLearning](#), whether you joined us in Denver or not. Take advantage of this complimentary member benefit—easily listen to sessions from your desktop or on the go.

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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 Monday, October 31, 2022.**

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

AALL MEMBER BENEFIT / FREE CALI LESSONS

Did you know that AALL members have [free access to the full set of online lessons](#) hosted by the [Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction \(CALI\)](#)? Written by expert law professors and law librarians, CALI lessons are computer-based, interactive tutorials that cover narrow topics of law.

- over 600 lessons covering 32 legal subject areas
- ideal as a refresher or as an introduction to a new legal subject
- beneficial for law librarians in both academic and non-academic settings

AALL encourages all members to use this valuable resource offered to you as a member benefit.

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COMMUNITY CORNER

UPCOMING SIS WEBINAR

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 the September 20th PLLIP-SIS webinar "[Introducing USPTO's Patent Center](#)."

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