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AALL RELEASES THE 2023 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT

CHICAGO – May 1, 2023 — The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) has released the *2023 AALL State of the Profession* report, which provides a data-driven overview of the legal information landscape in law libraries. It is intended to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, strategic planning—as well as for personal and professional development. The report covers demographics, budgets, user services, collections, operations, technology, and more. This edition highlights how law libraries have evolved following the pandemic, with increased reliance on technology, hybrid work models, and more.

“The law library profession has seen a lot of change in the past few years. Responsibilities of law librarians include legal research, data analysis, legal tech, and more,” shares AALL President Beth Adelman. “One takeaway from the report is how organizations have developed different strategies to cope with the impact of the pandemic. For example, in law schools, 36.5 percent expect to hire additional staff, 74.6 percent of law firms permanently expanded remote working practices, and 35.7 percent of government law libraries created new services as well as new policies. Through it all, law librarians have met these changes head on, adjusting to their working environments and leading their organizations into the future.”

The report is broken down by three main library types—academic, law firm/corporate, and government. Following are a few insightful highlights from the report.

Academic: The law library is responsible for the following areas of technology: research platforms and databases (70.6%), library website (54.4%), ILS or library management system (45.6%), course management and law practice technology/case management systems (10.3%), classroom technology (4.4%), and the law school website (2.9%).

Law Firm/Corporate: Firm/corporate law librarians play a crucial role in bringing new technology and research products to their organizations. Nearly 90 percent (89.1%) of respondents report that staff is involved in testing technology/research products (89.1%), recommending technology/research products for purchase (94.5%), and negotiating contracts (100%).

Government: More than 53 percent of government law libraries (53.3%) have a self-help center and 33.3 percent provide educational programs and legal clinics for self-represented litigants.



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This report is the culmination of the [State of the Profession Report Committee's](#) work. The Committee created customized surveys for each main law library type—academic, firm/corporate, and government—to address the services, accomplishments, and challenges within each group. The complimentary [AALL State of the Profession 2023 Executive Summary](#) provides main highlights to the full report. Purchases of the full report (print, digital and print + digital bundle) are available through AALL's website at bit.ly/AALLSOTP.

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