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Adapting to Change: Compensation and Staffing in Today’s Law Libraries

Comprehensive American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) survey looks at salaries, benefits, and staffing within the legal information profession

CHICAGO—November 20, 2023—The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) has released the 2023 AALL Biennial Salary Survey & Organizational Characteristics report (AALL Salary Survey), which provides the only comprehensive, comparative salary information designed by and for legal information professionals serving in academic, law firm/corporate, and government settings.

“The AALL Salary Survey provides a blueprint for navigating compensation and benefit trends for legal information professionals at each stage in their career. Amidst the dynamic shifts in the job market, including the need to hire qualified candidates for open positions, this publication serves as an indispensable resource for seasoned professionals, newcomers, and aspiring law librarians alike, offering crucial insights,” noted AALL President June Hsiao Liebert. “As new technologies such as AI drive advancements in our profession, this comprehensive industry analysis underscores the pivotal role law librarians play as experts at the forefront of technology adoption within their organizations.”

In the 2023 edition, salaries for nearly all positions experienced growth. For instance, academic directors witnessed a 4.73 percent salary increase, law firm/corporate directors saw a rise of 5.3 percent, and government directors experienced a 3.3 percent increase.

The survey was distributed to over 600 law libraries with a response rate of 45.5 percent. The complete survey report is available as a complimentary digital edition to AALL members. Print and digital editions are also available for purchase by nonmembers; visit bit.ly/AALL-salary.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only association representing over 3,600 law librarians and legal information professionals globally. The mission of AALL is to advocate for access to legal information and support the legal information profession by cultivating the growth of our members, connecting them with each other, and championing the value of legal information and legal information professionals. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.