

**OCTOBER 12, 2021****FEATURED NEWS****MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD / VOTE FOR AALL'S 2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS BY OCTOBER 31**

**Online voting** for the 2022 AALL vice president/president-elect, treasurer, and Executive Board members is open and runs through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Sunday, October 31.

Members of the AALL Executive Board ensure that decisions made are consistent with **AALL's mission, vision, and strategic plan** while continuing to increase the value proposition of the Association. It's important to make an educated decision, and we encourage you to learn more about the candidates by listening to the Candidates' Forum recordings for **vice president/president-elect**, **treasurer**, and **Executive Board member**.

Vote today and help shape the future of AALL.

**CAST YOUR VOTE****REGISTER FOR AALL'S 2021 VIRTUAL COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE FOUNDATIONS / NOVEMBER 9-10**

Competitive intelligence (CI) is quickly becoming one of the must-have skill sets at many organizations. Be the person who defines, gathers, analyzes, and distributes intelligence about products, clients, and competitors at your organization. The **2021 Virtual Competitive Intelligence Foundations (CI)** course is designed to prepare professionals to establish a CI function in their organization, and to create processes and learn effective analysis frameworks to maintain it.

- **November 9-10, 2021**
- **Members \$349 / Nonmembers \$549**
- **Registration Deadline: Friday, November 5**

**WHY INVEST IN COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE (CI)?**

- CI is about anticipating surprises and forecasting for the future
- CI involves getting information on business rivals and markets for the purpose of developing actionable recommendations
- CI can deliver powerful client/customer insights
- CI practitioners use public—but not necessarily published—information
- CI is the synthesis, analysis, and presentation of these insights and findings

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Law librarians and legal information professionals in any library types seeking to learn how to build a competitive intelligence strategy at their organization; upon completion of the program, attendees will have concrete tools and steps for practicing and advocating for CI at their institutions.

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## QUICK LINKS

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## AALL UPDATES

### FALL 2021 COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to the AALL members who participated in last month's survey, "The Continued Impact of COVID-19." **Of the 391 respondents**, 54.7 percent work in law schools, 22.3 percent work in law firms, 15.4 percent work in government law libraries, 1.3 percent work for a corporation, 1.3 percent work for a vendor/publisher, and 5.1 percent do not work in any of the previously mentioned organizations. Key survey findings included:

- A majority of respondents (54.2%) think that their employer's professional development budget could currently support their attendance at an in-person conference such as [AALL 2022](#).
- When asked about their employer's current travel policy, 28.1 percent of respondents selected "Limited, essential travel only," 14.3 percent selected "Restrictions on certain destinations," and 6.7 percent selected "No travel allowed." In addition, 22.3 percent selected "No restrictions," and the remaining respondents selected "Not sure" (22.8%) or "Other" (5.9%).
- A majority are somewhat likely (38.7%) or highly likely (32.9%) to attend AALL's Annual Meeting if it is held as an in-person event.
- A majority of respondents would feel more comfortable attending the in-person Annual Meeting if a number of measures were implemented, including mask requirement for all attendees/staff, requirement of proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for all attendees/staff, and an attendee agreement not to attend if they have COVID-19-related symptoms.

The health and safety of conference attendees remains AALL's main priority and will continue to guide our decision making. You will be invited to retake the survey at a later time to provide updated information as things continue to change.

### COMING SOON / 2021 AALL SALARY SURVEY

The [2021 AALL Salary Survey](#) is **scheduled to be released on November 22, 2021**. The digital edition is free to all current AALL members. Members can purchase print copies, and nonmembers can buy print and digital editions, as well as the print + digital bundle. Details are available on [AALLNET](#).

The [Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee](#) revised the 2021 edition to capture COVID-related compensation information and updated position descriptions. If you have any questions, please contact [Megan Mall](#), AALL's director of content strategy.

### AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY OCTOBER 15

[AALL's New Voices](#) gives you the opportunity to share your story and expertise. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your insights on any aspect of law librarianship.

Possible subjects include a legal interest of your choice, favorite resource, go-to stressbusters, starting a new role, leadership tips, and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on Members Open Forum, in the monthly eNewsletter, and on AALL's social media feeds (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn). If you're interested in being involved in the next round, please share your post with [Megan Mall](#), director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by **5:00 p.m. (CDT) on October 15, 2021**.

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

### SUBMIT A PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR THE 2022 AALL ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE / DUE NOVEMBER 30

Contribute to and help advance the legal information profession while positioning yourself as a thought leader by [submitting a program or workshop proposal for the 2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference—Advancing Justice for All—to be held July 16-19, 2022, in Denver, Colorado](#).

We are currently planning an engaging, in-person Conference in Denver, but proposers will be asked to indicate whether their program could be offered virtually as well. Please go through the [quick guide for getting started](#), explore additional [resources for program proposers](#) (including the [must-have program topics](#) identified by AALL members), and use the online [Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs. We look forward to seeing your proposals.

SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

## AALL'S 2022 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY / APPLY BY OCTOBER 29

Apply to become a fellow of the [2022 AALL Leadership Academy](#), to take place March 31-April 1, 2022, in Chicago. The Academy is an intensive learning experience designed to prepare you with core skills and strategies to handle leadership challenges, and provide you with tools to grow your career as an effective leader.

- **Cost: \$699; if accepted**
- **This event will be held in person, following COVID-19 safety protocols**
- **Application deadline: Friday, October 29, 2021**

### ATTENDEE BENEFITS

Participants will be subscribed to a private online community, be matched with a mentor (an AALL member) for one year to support continued growth, and receive ongoing leadership development opportunities. The application process is now open to current AALL members only.

### WHAT PAST PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING?

"The AALL Leadership Academy helped me become a better leader through improving my communication skills, learning how to better motivate co-workers, and recognizing the various attributes that leaders display. I was able to go back to my institution with concrete skills that I could immediately implement in my day-to-day job responsibilities, and my mentor continued to develop my leadership skills with helpful conversations after the Academy ended." - **TJ Striepe, Director of the Law Library at the University of Georgia Alexander Campbell King Law Library (2016 Fellow)**

**Don't miss out—the next Leadership Academy will not take place until 2024!** If you know an AALL member who would be a great candidate for the Academy, please let them know about this opportunity.

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## 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 Friday, October 29, 2021.**

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## UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

### LAW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEBINAR: ORIENTATION TO LEGAL RESEARCH SERIES: U.S. CASE LAW / OCTOBER 14

The [Orientation to Legal Research Series of webinars](#) are designed to give a basic introduction to legal sources and research techniques. Join us on **Thursday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (CDT)** for an overview of U.S. case law research, including information about the U.S. federal court system, the publication of court opinions, methods for researching case law, and information about locating records and briefs.

Check out even more [upcoming webinars](#) from the Law Library of Congress.

Free and open to the public.

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## AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: CHECK IN WITH YOUR AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD / OCTOBER 19

As we start this new AALL leadership year, join us on **Tuesday, October 19 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to catch up with your 2021-2022 AALL Executive Board. We want to hear how you are doing, what AALL can assist you with, and what issues AALL should focus on in the months ahead.

**Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.**

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## YOUR CRISIS IS NOT MY EMERGENCY: MINDFULNESS TECHNIQUES TO MANAGE STRESS / OCTOBER 28

Many legal information professionals are busy with new students, attorneys, judges, and clerks. This is in addition to the regular stresses we encounter in our jobs, both internal and external. Join us **Thursday, October 28 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn a variety of mindfulness strategies and techniques to manage your stress, including some optional chair yoga. The webinar will also discuss the amendments to ABA Standard 508 regarding law student well-being resources.

**Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60**

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## AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: PROPOSING A PROGRAM FOR AALL 2022 / NOVEMBER 2

The [AALL 2022 call for proposals](#) is open throughout October and November—do you have a great program topic in mind? Perhaps you are wondering what makes a strong proposal, or you have general questions about the proposal process itself. Or maybe you have a past experience to share that could benefit first-time proposers. Join Annual Meeting Program Committee Chair [Joe Lawson](#) on **Tuesday, November 2 from 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. (CDT)** for an informal conversation about putting together fantastic program proposals for next year's conference.

**Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.**

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## THE JANE SÁNCHEZ MEMORIAL LECTURE ON THE FUTURE OF LAW LIBRARIES AND LAW LIBRARIANSHIP / NOVEMBER 9

The late Law Librarian of Congress and Deputy Librarian for Library Collections and Services [Jane Sánchez](#) worked to advance the Law Library of Congress by advocating for new initiatives that helped expand the Law Library of Congress' ability to assist patrons across the world. On **Tuesday, November 9 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST)**, AALL and the Law Library of Congress will cosponsor a webinar to honor Jane's legacy by examining the future of law libraries and law librarianship with a panel of experts that draw on their experience as leaders in academic, government, and law firm libraries.

The discussion will be moderated by Law Librarian of Congress [Aslihan Bulut](#). Panelists include [Emily R. Florio](#), AALL immediate past president and senior research services manager at Hogan Lovells; [Kurt Carroll](#), chief of the Law Library of Congress Collections Services Division; [David Mao](#), chief operating officer of the Georgetown University Law Center and the former law librarian of Congress, deputy librarian of Congress, and acting librarian of Congress; [Jennifer McMahan](#), deputy director of the United States Department of Justice Law Library; and [Kim Nayyer](#), Edward Cornell Law Librarian, associate dean for library services, professor of the practice at Cornell Law School and Cornell University Library, and president of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL).

**Cost: Free and open to the public.**

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## THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: A BETTER LEGAL NEWS EXPERIENCE: REUTERS LEGAL NEWS / NOVEMBER 16

*Reuters Legal News (RLN)*, available now at no cost, offers award-winning business and market news alongside deep legal practice area content—and new opportunities for business development and client engagement. Join us **Tuesday, November 16 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST)** to learn about *RLN*'s onboarding portal and personalization

features, and how to introduce your patrons to a legal news experience with business, market, and legal content, all in one place.

**Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60**

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## LAW LIBRARIANS ARE TECH EXPERTS—WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT / NOVEMBER 18

Law librarians are constantly adopting new technology skills and enhancing existing ones—but how often do they take stock of these skills? Join us **Thursday, November 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** and learn how to use the skills law librarians already have to boost teaching and reference services. In addition, learn how to improve current

programs—from reference interviews to formal classroom instruction—and impress even the most tech-savvy administrator.

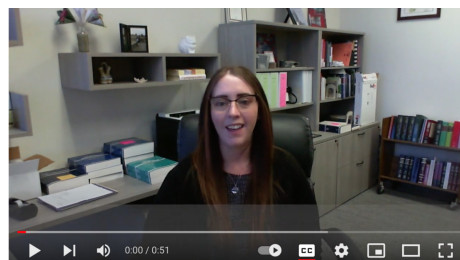
**Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60**

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### #WEAREAALL / GET TO KNOW EMILY DONNELLAN

AALL has created a fun video campaign to get to know our members. These video spotlights provide an opportunity for members to share a little something about themselves, what they love about AALL, and their hopes for the profession. [Watch this month's video](#) featuring [Emily Donnellan](#), Idaho branch librarian, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and AALL member since 2015. Donnellan shares how she discovered law librarianship and explains why she enjoys working in the profession. If you'd like to participate in this project, please contact [Heather Haemker](#), AALL's director of marketing & communications with the subject line “#WeAreAALL.”



### FCIL-SIS WEBINAR: CANON LAW 101 / OCTOBER 26

This webinar introduces canon law: the administrative code of the Catholic Church. Attendees will learn about the historical development of canon law, focusing on the first universal canonical code, the “Pio Benedictine” Code of Canon Law of 1917, and Pope St. John Paul II’s order to revise this code, culminating in the promulgation of the current 1983 code of canon law. Join us **Tuesday, October 26 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (CDT)** to learn how canon law is enforced through the canonical court system, one of the most complete unified systems of courts and legal systems in the world, covering all parts of the globe where Roman Catholics live. Attendees will also learn how canonical research is conducted and how the lack of modernization and intense secrecy that pervades the canonical system hinder the ability to conduct canonical research and enable abusive and inequitable application of canon law.

**Open to all AALL members.**

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## **SHARE YOUR POSITIVE STORIES WITH AALL**

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities and each other. Stories may be related to mentorship, workplace camaraderie, AALL friendships, changes at your law library, COVID-19, diversity and inclusion, etc. If you have a story to share or have received any feel-good responses or feedback, please email [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications, and tell us about it. Your story may appear in a future Weekly eNewsletter. **If you have any stories to share, please send them by 1:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, October 15, 2021.**

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