

President’s Message

Deborah Darin, Marquette



Dear LLAW Colleagues,

As the holidays wind down, I hope everyone has been enjoying the season, including some very hospitable weather. LLAW has had two of our four annual program meetings already with another one on the horizon for late February.

The first program of LLAW’s fiscal year featured librarians who have expanded their professional calling in some interesting ways. We met three law librarians who branched out to other professional endeavors, grown from their library and research experience and personal interests and ambitions. It is perhaps a sign of the times that some library professionals are becoming entrepreneurial or moving beyond a traditional library setting. And, as the three speakers amply demonstrated, the personal career choices they have made (full-time author, medical researcher, and chamber of commerce executive director) were empowered and inspired by their research and public service experience in the library profession. It’s fair to say that curiosity, a trait that librarians share and appreciate, played a role, too.

LLAW had its second gathering of the year on December 4th in Milwaukee. Special thanks to our program committee chairs, Karlee VanLaanen and Carol Schmitt, and to Mary Koshollek and the folks at Godfrey & Kahn

for hosting the catered dinner program! We met over delicious food from Cubanitas and learned something from the invited speakers about blockchain and its many potential uses, including how it enables cryptocurrencies. The legal issues presented by blockchain and cryptocurrencies are varied, and most are just developing. Lawyers increasingly will be concerned with transactional applications and litigation involving these emerging mechanisms – including probate, tax, securities, and commercial issues, and a wide range of regulatory questions.

In addition to host support for our programs from law firms every year, LLAW also receives underwriting from legal database vendors. Bloomberg Law, Lexis, and Westlaw each have helped sponsor a business meeting program in the last twelve months. LLAW could not continue to bring the level of programming and networking we do each quarter without this kind of support. We are very appreciative.

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Last July, when I attended the Chapter Presidents workshop at AALL in Baltimore, I was struck by the differences among AALL chapters – including but not limited to membership size, frequency of chapter meetings and their content, public service components of chapter work, and, of course, budgets and financial challenges (or a relative lack of challenges).

Among chapters with fewer than 100 members, LLAW provides more opportunities to meet and more programming than is available within most of these smaller groups. Every chapter has its geographic landscape and personality, of course, and LLAW has been successful developing ties among its members across job descriptions and distance in miles. The programmatic component of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin continues to stand out as a unifier and an educational benefit.

I hope we can continue to grow our membership by reaching out to more people in complementary wings of the legal information profession. We already do this in many ways, including public speaking, writing, and resource sharing.

Many of our members contribute their knowledge directly to the legal community in professional publications. For example, every month, LLAW members publish articles in the Wisconsin State Bar's online publication, *Inside Track*. These research "spotlights" offer context and practical research tips for attorneys. More than half the lawyers in Wisconsin are solo or small office practitioners, and LLAW keeps them in mind when choosing topics and resources to feature in *Inside Track*. Massive hat tip here to Jenny Zook, reference librarian and instructor at the UW Law School, who collaborates with the editors at the State Bar and her fellow LLAW contributors to keep these high-quality articles coming. If you would like to write something for *Inside Track*, please contact Jenny!

I've been a law librarian for 11 years, about equal time in Chicago at Loyola and now in Milwaukee at Marquette, since I made the switch from lawyering. One reason I chose to become a law librarian was to participate in the formative phases of training lawyers. Chapter work at LLAW and CALL during those years has added to my understanding of the work done by library professionals who work in law firms and other, non-academic, settings. Coming from a mostly public-interest, non-profit experience as a lawyer, I know how important it is for practitioners to be able to have access to legal materials and get research support when needed. I learned this in part because I did not always have the benefit of that support in my first jobs as an attorney.

Librarians bring so much value to the legal profession, whether in public interest settings, law or business firms, or in academic and government environments. We also offer a lot to the non-lawyer public. Sharing our successful strategies with others, inside and outside the profession, is challenging, every-day work that we love.

A new legislative session is about to begin. I hope we see progress toward comprehensive, fully authenticated, securely downloadable Wisconsin primary law materials from the state legislative website. The state of Michigan just became the twentieth state in the U.S. to enact uniform legal material legislation ("UELMA") in December. Wisconsin could join the ranks of states that have created full access for the public to its validated primary law.

Just as we celebrated so many good things during the holidays, I hope we'll also add our professional contributions to that list. LLAW is relatively small, but its impact is mighty. Let's celebrate that as we continue our work and advocacy moving forward.

Happy New Year

Member News

Kris Turner, UW Law Library, has been appointed the UW Law Library's Assistant Director of Public Services. His appointment took effect on Aug. 2.

Jenny Zook, UW Law Library, authored the October issue of InsideTrack article [Legal Research: Resources for Reviewing Employment Policies on Harassment](#) and the December article about Fastcase, [Legal Research: Fastcase 7.3: New Look, New Tools, New Data Visualization](#).

Mary Koshollek, Godfrey & Kahn, published in InsideTrack's November issue an article on driverless cars resources. [Legal Research: Autonomous Vehicles: Resources for Law and Policy](#)

Command Master Chief Petty Officer **Julie Tessmer**, retired from the US Navy Reserve Law Program on Dec. 1, 2018 after serving 23 years. Her retirement ceremony was held at the Wisconsin State Capital in the Supreme Court Hearing Room. Below is a picture of her with Rear Admiral Carol Lynch, receiving a letter of recognition from George W. Bush for her service. Congratulations, Julie. And thank you for your service.





LLAW Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Eligibility: Nominations may be submitted by any Chapter member or members of the legal community. To be eligible for the award, a nominee must be a current Chapter member, active or retired, in good standing.

Statement: Please attach a statement detailing the contribution of your nominee using the criteria below, including all relevant service, activities and positions held in LLAW, or bibliographic information for any work product. We encourage you to be as complete in your nomination statement as possible. Remember that the LLAW archives area is available as an information resource in documenting a nomination as is the *LLAW Briefs*. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Criteria: The following criteria will be used to select the recipient.

Achievement in a particular area of law librarianship, service to LLAW, and/or the legal community, or contributions to the professional literature. Particular attention should be given to local involvement and LLAW contributions. The following broad criteria will be considered in the selection process. Nominees may excel in one or more areas.

- *Outstanding leadership in LLAW, at meetings, and in committee work.*
- *Special and notable service to the chapter, such as participation in special projects.*
- *Participation in seminars, teaching courses, and public speaking activities.*
- *Publication and editorial contributions to professional literature.*
- *Innovations at the worksite.*
- *Mentoring activities which encourage others in the profession.*
- *Extracurricular activities which provide the profession and/or LLAW with commendable publicity and acclaim.*
- *Other achievements indicating noteworthy dedication to the profession of law librarianship/information science.*

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ILTACON 2018 – A Librarian’s Perspective

Mary Koshollek, Director of Information and Records - Godfrey & Kahn

The “new normal” of the private firm Librarian’s role includes managing digital library platforms, supporting knowledge management services (including firm intranets, expertise databases, enterprise search, etc.), contributing toward law practice management efforts, and expanding business development and competitive intelligence services. ILTACON 2018 presented a wonderful chance to learn about the latest innovations in law related technology for these areas.

ILTACON is the largest annual legal tech event with attendees from a large cross-section of the law-related community. Held this year at the Gaylord National just outside Washington DC, the conference was an intensive four day educational experience involving law firm, corporate law departments, vendors and other technology experts. With “Innovation” as a common and often repeated theme, the conference provided attending Librarians a unique way to sharpen the technology aptitude needed to grow professionally and take on the new and evolving roles noted above.

I attended ILTACON to learn more about Knowledge Management (KM) and its place in the modern law firm. KM collaboration events allowed attendees wanting that focus to meet at the very beginning of the conference to discuss pain points and then again at the very end to share takeaways from the week. In between, many educational sessions touched on KM services. I particularly enjoyed a program entitled “Me, Myself and I: Starting Sustaining and Focusing a KM Department of One” which detailed some of the services that a KM professional could offer with limited staffing. While the KM programming did not disappoint, there were many more opportunities at ILTACON for inspiration and ideas.

A key benefit of ILTACON is the networking and the ability to expand professional contacts beyond the Library community. I met several KM professionals with a variety of backgrounds and went through my stack of business cards very quickly. There were many occasions to talk with and learn from technology professionals from system designers to C-suite “Chiefs.” Futurists and technology visionaries during the key note sessions also predicted trends and described the firm of the future.

There was also plenty to learn in the vast exhibit hall. Many of the top team members at pioneering tech companies were available and very willing to demonstrate products and take suggestions for improving current tools. Familiar Library vendors were present including Thomson Reuters, Lexis, Fastcase, CCH and Bloomberg (even some familiar faces at the booths). AALL also had a booth and it was great to see the cross marketing.

Below are some of the ILTACON programs with interest to information professionals. One excellent session focused on research tools (A Whirlwind Tour of the Hits and Hyperbole in Legal Research, Workflow and Other Products. Major topics included legal AI, privacy and security, blockchain, data science applications, Information Governance and knowledge sharing. The ILTACON 2018 website has the complete list including the slide decks and even some recorded sessions.

If the budget allows, plan to attend next year as an alternative to your conference options. ILTA membership is by organization rather than individual. This means that if your employer is already a member, you can join at no additional cost. Check the Member Search on the ILTA website to find out if your firm or organization is already a member and take advantage!

Sessions of interest to Librarians (to view/listen <https://www.iltacon.org/iltacon2018/downloadmaterials>):

- New Frontiers in Enterprise Search
- Data Analytics in Law: A Primer
- Me, Myself and I: Starting Sustaining and Focusing a KM Department of One
- Building and Institutionalizing Data Analytics Capabilities
- Legal Operations and Law Firm KM Collaboration

- If You Build It, Will They Communicate? Driving Social Collaboration
- Successfully Implementing Law Firm Experience Management
- A Whirlwind Tour of the Hits and Hyperbole in Legal Research, Workflow and Other Products
- How Knowledge Management is Achieving Its Goals in a Security Centric World
- Transforming Records Managers: Assessing and Adapting to the Changing Skill Needs for Information Governance.
- Conflicts and Matter Intake Best Practices: Accelerating the Process and Reducing Risks

LLAW Meeting Minutes and Reports

Meeting minutes will be available on the LLAW website.

- [2018-2019 First Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, September 20, 2018, Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI](#)
- [2018-2019 First Quarterly Business Meeting, October 4, 2018, Rosati's Pizza, Oconomowoc, WI](#)
- [2018-2019 Second Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, November 28, 2018, Conference Call](#)
- [2018-2019 Second Quarterly Business Meeting, December 4, 2018, Godfrey & Kahn offices, Milwaukee, WI](#)

Events Calendar

2018-19
<u>SLA Annual Conference</u> June 14-18, 2019 Cleveland, OH
<u>AALL Annual Meeting</u> July 13-17 Washington DC

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March 1, 2019

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