

President's Message

Deborah Darin, Marquette Law Library



Lots of spring showers (snow and rain) finally have yielded May flowers, as LLAW finishes another cycle. I feel like the year went by incredibly fast as I give the gavel over to Karlee VanLaanen. I am delighted to be flanked on either side of my LLAW term by millennial presidents! It was a pleasure working with Kris as his Veep last year

and this year alongside Karlee as she gets ready to take LLAW's helm in June. The organization is in good hands with young leadership, a fully supportive board, and steady membership.

In 2018-19, LLAW stayed on track with committee work, attention to issues of transparency and access to legal information, solid programming, and good attendance at quarterly meetings.

Despite several retirements, our membership numbers held nearly even. With 72 members and a budget in the black, we are ending the year well. LLAW has some new librarians who I hope will bring their ideas forward and possibly bring more new members, too. We certainly can feel the generational winds blowing and there is nothing bad about that! I, for one, anticipate seeing some great ideas launched as we grow a little younger.

This year, Kris Turner and his crew got the LLAW listserv righted, via UW-hosting. Since then, we have experienced seamless listserv communications – no more lost messages! Thank you so much!

Plans are underway to commandeer the LLAW website onto a new platform, too. The goals are fewer outages and glitches, easier updates, and creating a more responsive news resource for members than has been possible on the AALL platform. Karlee VanLaanen, our incoming president and current web committee chair, will assemble an ad hoc committee this summer and has secured the Board's approval to investigate and nail down a website overhaul strategy. Stay tuned for more details this fall, once the 2019-20 year takes off. If you have ideas and would like to work on the ad hoc committee for the new website, please contact Karlee.

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Programming events this year were informative and fun. During this second half, we mixed it up in February and had a luncheon & video-conference for the 3rd quarter meeting, at the offices of Michael Best in Milwaukee and Madison. Speakers Julie Wood and Rebecca Hall demonstrated ideas for more effective slides, reports, and documents, including tips for formatting and presenting information in a visually engaging way. Truly, there was something for everyone in the audience. This midday meeting was a nice change of pace and went over well. Thank you to everyone at Michael Best who made the connected two-city meeting possible for the winter meeting, and also a big thank you to CCH for help with funding!

On May 16th, LLAW closed its program year with a 4th quarter meeting near Madison, featuring Nicholas Davis, Chief Information Security Officer for the University of Wisconsin system. Nick is a very informative and compelling speaker, educating the group about the Deep Web and all the issues that phrase conjures. Thank you, Thomson Reuters, for help funding our final meeting again this year, upping the level of the festivities – including, but not limited to, cheesecake desserts!

At the May gathering, it was my pleasure to present Mary J. Koshollek, of Godfrey & Kahn, with the 2019 LLAW Distinguished Service Award. This award expresses thanks and offers well-deserved recognition of Mary's nearly 40 years of creative and ambitious (and continuing) work as a law librarian, including steady support and generosity to her librarian colleagues.

LLAW is appreciative of the underwriting support for programming we received this year from Thomson Reuters, CCH, and Bloomberg. Dining and programming requires some financial help beyond LLAW's membership dues and meeting registration fees. These programs are points of connection for us to learn, socialize, and discuss our work. All year, LLAW committees & officers work hard to inform members, facilitate networking, and create chances for professional development. We are glad to work with our partners who help grow these opportunities.

In an active year that brought many changes to state government, the Wisconsin Supreme Court, local governments, and the national legal and political scene, we recognize an increased need for reliable access to critical information that facilitates participation by citizens and lawyers in the public arena. In addition to our "day jobs," as law librarians, we take the access & transparency mission very seriously. Dynamism is the nature of our business, whether it's because of new tech, tight budgets, or unexpected external events. The legal community and others we serve need our expertise and support. So, LLAW will remain vigilant for the broader community as a vocal advocate for transparency and access to legal information.

Thank you, LLAW members, for the contributions you make in your professional work every day and for what you add to our librarian community. I am honored to have served as LLAW's president. Working with the Board has been fun and enlightening again this year! Thanks, every officer and committee member on this Board for all the excellent work you are doing to keep LLAW thriving and active.

Best wishes to a few folks who are rotating off the board, at least for now. Some of you will be continuing with ad hoc committee projects and thanks for that, too. One is Kris Turner, who wrapped up May with the arrival of a baby! Felicitations to Kris, his wife, and their new daughter.

Here's to a wonderful summer for us all! Stay in touch this coming year, bring ideas, and help LLAW do great things with Karlee and the Gang.

Deborah

Member News

Jenny Zook, UW Law Library, published *Check it out here: While Putting Your Boots On — Fake News Detection Tools & Strategies* in both [Thomson Reuter's Legal Practice Innovations](#) and [LLRX](#).

BJ Ramsay, UW Law Library, appeared on the popular legal blog, [3 Geeks and a Law Blog](#) in a podcast on how academic law libraries are helping to reduce end of semester stress for law students. The segment described UW Law Library's stress relief activities which included mandalas, origami, jigsaw puzzles, and an afternoon tea and hot chocolate served by Law Library staff.

Bonnie Shucha, UW Law Library, has been appointed to a two year term on the UW Milwaukee School of Information Studies MLIS Advisory Board.

Congratulations to **Olivia Jaskolski**, von Briesen & Roper, a recipient of the 34th Annual Black Excellence Award. Olivia is featured on page 26 in the Milwaukee Times [article](#).

Recent InsideTrack articles:

Sandra Whitney, Quarles & Brady, authored a primer on patent resources
[Legal Research: A Primer on Patent Resources](#)

Elana Olson, Marquette Law Library, published an article on Entertainment and Sports Law Resources
[Legal Research: Entertainment and Sports Law Resources](#)

Emma Babler, UW Law Library, published an article on artificial intelligence
[AI: Helping to Streamline Your Research](#)

Announcement

LLAW is in the process of deciding on a new platform to host our website. We've been given approval by the Board to research options and report back to them with a plan of action by this fall. If you're interested in volunteering for this ad hoc committee to help decide what platform to use, please contact Karlee VanLaanen (KVanLaanen@reinhartlaw.com). The more the merrier!

Distinguished Service Award – 2019

Vicky Coulter, UW Madison Law Library



On May 16, Deborah Darin awarded the LLAW “Distinguished Service Award” to Mary J. Koshollek, Director of Information and Records Services at Godfrey & Kahn for her contributions to LLAW and the legal profession.

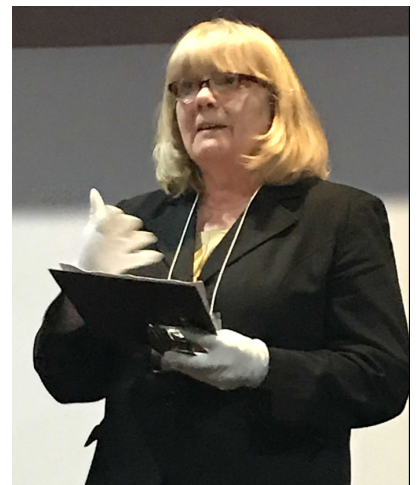
Julie Tessmer Robinson nominated Mary, citing her 26 years of active involvement in the organization. An excerpt states: *I can attest that, as long as I have been involved with LLAW, Mary has been one of the key members of the organization and has been instrumental in its longevity and its success. She has the highest commitment to the organization, its members and the law library profession. She has demonstrated that by being the creator of this very award to recognize outstanding achievement by LLAW members.*

I consider Mary one of the most influential mentors I’ve had the fortune to have in my career. I remember being new to LLAW and Mary took time to get to know me and encouraged me to attend meetings and programs. Next, she suggested that I join a LLAW Committee. A few years later, Mary was there again pushing me ever so gently to join the LLAW Board and I became the Membership Chair. I was only one of many librarians Mary encouraged over the years.

In 1998, Mary was elected by the membership to be the Board President. During her term, LLAW hosted Libraryfest Midwest, held in Milwaukee. Mary congratulated LLAW members on this successful event but that type of success does not happen without a strong leader and visionary at the helm. That was Mary.

I always enjoyed going to events where Mary was the presenter. A favorite memory for me was when Mary was part of a program at the State Law Library. Afterwards, I asked how she developed her skills as a presenter. She told me “practice, practice, practice” and again encouraged me to get out there and try something I hadn’t done before. Mary is the very best at encouraging people to try new things! As you can see, Mary has had quite an impact on me and I know I am not alone. To me, she is the embodiment of what it means to be a Law Librarian!

The committee wishes to thank Julie Tessmer Robinson for her work on the nomination. Nominations for the 2020 award will open in January.



2018 Annual Meeting

Julie Tessmer Robinson, State Law Library

A big thank you to the Grants Committee for awarding me the 2018 AALL Annual Meeting Grant! It made it possible for me to attend the meeting in Baltimore last July.

As I started looking forward to AALL in Washington DC, I took some time to look back to the 2018 Annual Meeting. Last year, the number one thing that got me interested in attending was the announcement of John Waters as the Keynote Speaker.

John Waters! I was dancing like Rikki Lake in Hairspray! Why was I so excited about Mr. Waters being the Keynote Speaker? The reason was that - to me - AALL took a chance on doing something unexpected. That's one thing I love about being a librarian – the continued “newness” and unpredictable nature of the work I do. Digging for an answer in a new topic of law like CBD oil or helping someone navigate a that has recently changed like GPO.gov is exciting to me.

To hear Mr. Waters' musings on libraries and librarians most certainly was going to be fun! Fast forward to the opening day of the conference, I'm walking to the main hall with my tickets for mimosas. That's right, now I get an adult breakfast beverage and John Waters – oh, thank you LLAW! I find a table with a great view and suddenly music starts to play and lights are spinning. If only I had put my hair in a bouffant style and worn a poodle skirt instead of this navy blue suit.

When John took the stage the audience erupted (most of the audience). He spoke about going to the library to read about all sorts of taboo topics and how he got an education by flipping through the images in Life magazine. He went on to detail how his native Baltimore inspired his movie and writing careers and how much he loved the city. His passion came through in every word. He was funny, entertaining and irreverent.

I left that big room dancing! I was ready to start the conference with an open mind, looking forward to meeting people who may be different than me and excited to learn and talk about things that might be just a bit uncomfortable.

Thank you John Waters and LLAW for making that possible!

LLAW Meeting Minutes and Reports

Meeting minutes will be available on the LLAW website.

- [2018-2019 Third Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, February 18, 2019, Conference Call](#)
 - [2018-2019 Third Quarterly Business Meeting, February 27, 2019, Michael Best Offices in Milwaukee & Madison](#)
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Events Calendar

2018-19

SLA Annual Conference

June 14-18, 2019

Cleveland, OH

AALL Annual Meeting

July 13-17 Washington DC

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articles for the next**

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is

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