

President's Message



When in doubt, chat about the weather. Or how fast time is going and how Christmas is right around the corner. On a more serious note, time is seriously flying by and we are upon the holidays, which means we are upon our second Business Meeting of 2019.

Our first program went off with only a few minor technology issues and a great atmosphere. The Christmas twinkle lights that were featured at the Delafield Brewhaus venue fit right into my holiday themed article. Travis McDade, Curator of Law Rare Books and Associate Professor of Library Service at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign joined us and talked about rare book theft. Thoughtful questions were asked and a good time was had by all. Thank you again to Carol and Laura for putting on a great first program, and to Lexis for sponsoring the event.

Up next, we have a presentation on the State of the Information Professional to look forward to. This is reminiscent to a session I attended at AALL that talked about the State of the Profession, where the speakers talked about development areas and areas where law firm and academic law librarians are lacking.

Academic law library development areas are: data analytics, data visualization and staying current with technologies. Law firm development areas are: AI (Artificial Intelligence), data analytics and blockchain.

While these development areas are not necessarily surprising to me, what is surprising is the areas that we, as law librarians, are lacking in. During the session the panel spoke on emotional intelligence, teaching and legal research as key traits that law librarians are lacking. I'd like to talk a little bit about how a community like LLAW can hugely impact and improve on the lack of these skills within us.

Emotional Intelligence

This is probably the hardest one to decipher and hopefully with our upcoming program we can hear from the experts on how the library school curriculum is comparing to our skills as law librarians and we'll be able to align more closely to our libraries values and missions. I can speak for myself in saying that a community like LLAW is hugely beneficial in developing emotional intelligence within my job. It's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day duties of our job and to focus on what we are familiar with such as: education or experience.

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But if we work on using emotions to facilitate our thinking, and understand emotional meanings then this can make us more effective at meeting our own needs and interacting with others. This makes us more credible both within our job and within the communities we are a part of.

One of my favorite things about calling myself a librarian is the fact that I am comfortable with problem solving and thinking on my feet. These are crucial skills to have when you are taking research requests or are on a reference desk. You never know what's going to come at you and you have to have a basic knowledge of many different topic areas, where to start and when to know that you've looked everywhere. I think it's easy for people who don't work in libraries to not even realize what skills we possess and so it's a source of pride to be able to be comfortable with the unknown because of the great support I have from my fellow librarians. This is why a community with a listserv is essential in a field of work that does a lot of research, such as ourselves. If we don't have the right resources, or if we've gone down every avenue with no answer we can feel comfortable asking our community for help.

Teaching

As a newer law librarian if there's one thing I've learned it's that teaching a subject you aren't familiar with results in you being very familiar with that subject by the end of it all. Again, I'm not saying anything new here or re-inventing the wheel but sometimes it's nice to reflect back on honing these skills that are so important to our jobs. The path you took in library school can be very one dimensional and you can end up in a library job that doesn't align with that path at all. For example, I didn't take any reference or academic classes and so I came into a job without solid teaching experience. Those soft skills of thinking on my feet and being a critical thinker really came in handy when it came to figuring out how best to teach a room full of lawyers. Attending programs that LLAW puts on is another extremely beneficial thing that our community offers. These programs can be educational or more fun but either way they are a great way to learn and take in different presenting styles.

I would be remiss if I didn't offer more thanks in this season of giving thanks and being grateful. Thank you to everyone's continued efforts in updating our procedures, moving forward on a new website and submitting a comment on the proposed amendment to the WI Statutes relating to online access.

I continue to be grateful for a community such as LLAW and I hope we can continue this year increasing the benefits that are already so great to make us an even stronger and well-supported organization.

Member News

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau, featured Pinnacle CLE webinar speaker, [Using Innovative Google Methods in Legal Research](#).

Congratulations to **Amy Crowder**, Deputy Director at the Wisconsin State Law Library, **Jennie Dedolph**, Senior Legal Research Specialist at Quarles & Brady and **Laura Olsen**, Senior Legal Research Specialist at Quarles & Brady. Three winners for Unsung Hero award for 2019. See the article in Wisconsin Journal, *Unsung Heroes of Wisconsin's Legal Community* at <https://wislawjournal.com/unsung-heroes/>

The UW Law Library recently launched a new podcast called *Wisconsin Law In Action* in which law librarians interview UW Law School faculty about their latest research and scholarship. New episodes are posted monthly and typically range about 15-30 minutes in length. The podcast is available through SoundCloud, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, and Stitcher and transcripts are available for each episode. <https://wilawinaction.law.wisc.edu/>

December 2019 AALLNET Monthly Member Profile is **Kris Turner**, assistant director of public services at The University of Wisconsin Law Library in Madison, discusses the importance of continuing education and AALL's vast opportunities for professional growth. <https://www.aallnet.org/member-profile/kris-turner/>

Recent InsideTrack articles:

Diane Duffey, Habush Habush & Rottier, article on Accessing Digital Collections, [Legal Research: Accessing Digital Collections](#)

Laura Olsen, Quarles & Brady, [Legal Research: Considerations When Gathering Evidence on Social Media](#)

***If you would like to write an article for the Wisconsin Bar's InsideTrack, please submit your ideas to Jenny Zook at zook@wisc.edu. The topic should be broadly of interest to Wisconsin attorneys. Past topics include traditional legal resources, the latest legal trends and technology tips for attorneys. Length is approximately 750 words. Please take a moment to send Jenny a note on a topic and/or volunteer to write an article.

LLAW comments to Rule Petition 19-19

Diane Duffy, Habush Habush & Rottier

LLAW member Bonnie Shucha had contacted certain Board members to make us aware of Supreme Court Rule Petition 19-19: Proposed Amendment to Wisconsin Statutes § 809.86 -seeking comment. Currently in the WSCCA (Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Case Access) system, briefs are made available electronically. Wis. Stat. [809.86](#) addresses crime victim privacy concerns that result from public access by prohibiting the use of their names in these appellate briefs. Petition 19-19 asks the court to extend this statute to apply to petitions for review and responses to petitions for review, as those documents become available via the WSCCA site.

The LLAW Board voted to submit a comment in support of that petition.

The text of LLAW's comment is as follows:

On behalf of the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin, I submit the following comment to Rule Petition 19-19.

As information professionals, we are generally in vigorous support of public access to government information; however, we also believe it is important to protect the identities and privacy of victims of crimes. Therefore, we agree with the proposed amendment to Wisconsin Statutes § 809.86 to expand protection for crime victims by prohibiting use of their full names to include petitions for review and responses posted on the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Case Access website. It would be an unintended and undesirable loophole in electronic access freedoms to expose the identity of people who have suffered by making these documents available publicly online without the same safeguards which are already required in the original court documents.

THANKS to Laura Hafeman for collaborating on drafting the comment! The petition, supporting memo, comments and other material related to petition 19-19 can be viewed here: <https://www.wicourts.gov/scrules/1919.htm>

LLAW Meeting Minutes and Reports

Meeting minutes are available in PDF

- 2019-2020 First Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, September 16, 2019, Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI
- 2019-2020 First Quarterly Business Meeting, October 15, 2019, Delafield Brewhaus, Delafield, WI
- 2019-2020 Second Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, December 3, 2019
- 2019-2020 Second Quarterly Business Meeting, December 11, 2019, Quarles & Brady – Milwaukee/Madison

Events Calendar

2019-20

Leadership Academy

Learn to Lead Effectively

March 27-28, 2020

Oak Brook, IL

CI Strategies & Analysis

May 7-8, 2020

Chicago, IL

(Early Bird Pricing before March 16, 2020)

SLA Annual Conference

June 6-9, 2020

Charlotte NC

AALL Annual Meeting

Unmasking Our Potential

July 11-14, 2020

New Orleans LA

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articles for the next**

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is

March 1, 2020

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