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MEETING**

April 13, 2011

**AALL Board Member Ron
Wheeler**

11:45 a.m.

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From the President

I am extremely proud of the collaborative effort with SWALL to provide such outstanding programs. I would like to congratulate Saskia Mehlhorn and Mon Yin Lung for a job well done. I also want to thank all of the speakers and committee members that were involved in organizing the joint seminar. It certainly was a successful collaborative effort.

I would also like to thank Monika Miura for coordinating a HALL Build Day through Habitat for Humanity. Unfortunately I was not able to attend, but I have heard only great things about the event! Great job Monika!

Spring also brings our elections. Caren Luckie has worked very hard to present a great slate of candidates to serve on the HALL board for the next year. Please make every effort to attend the general business meeting to vote. We will also be announcing our volunteer of the year. This award is meant to recognize a member that has provided exemplary service to HALL. Please submit your nominations to the Board as soon as possible.

We are close to wrapping up another successful year of HALL activities. I'll see you all at the next meeting!

*HALL Vice-President
Saskia Mehlhorn*

Continuing Education

Over sixty law librarians came together at the University of Houston Law Center for the HALL/SWALL joint meeting March 11-12, 2011. Everyone I spoke to commented on the high quality and wide variety of the programs, how they were learning new and exciting ideas, and that they wished they could have attended all the programs. With programs ranging from new technologies and applications for law librarians, to corporate bankruptcy law, and to Chinese IP law, everyone was able to find programs that fit their professional needs and curiosity. I especially want to thank Mon Yin Lung, Vice-President/President-Elect of SWALL for joining forces with us and making the meeting a huge success and all the other HALL/SWALL members who helped in the months and weeks before the meeting.

Before the summer break we invite you to attend two more meetings. On April 13, 2011 AALL Board member, Ron Wheeler, Law Library Director and Professor of Law at the University of San Francisco will join us and talk about AALL business, WestlawNext and miscellany. The evening before, Tuesday, April 12 at 6pm everyone is invited to join Ron and the board for a Dutch treat dinner at Backstreet Café on Shepherd Drive.

Our annual business meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2011, and we will present awards and elect new officers. We look forward to seeing many of you.

*HALL President
Natalie Lira*



HALL Treasurer's Report

HALL Treasurer's Report (unaudited) March 31, 2011

Balance forward 02/09/11			\$15,100.53
	Income	Expenses	
Dues			
2011-2012	\$25.00		
Newsletter	\$460.00		
Luncheons/Receptions/Seminars			
Jan-11	\$100.00	\$239.39	
Feb-11	\$370.00	\$389.97	
Mar-11*	\$2,995.00	\$82.50	
Scholarships/Grants			
Administrative			
Postage		\$5.73	
Total	\$3,950.00	\$717.59	
Balance 03/31/11			\$18,292.94

* HALL only income=\$865
 SWALL only income=\$640
 HALL/SWALL joint income=\$1,450
 HALL/SWALL joint expense=\$82.50

Mariann Sears, Treasurer
 March 31, 2011

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Membership form is available here: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/dues.pdf>

HALL Meeting Minutes—February

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
HALL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 9, 2011
South Texas College of Law

Meeting called to order: At 11:55 a.m. Guests, new members, students recognized and welcomed.

Minutes approved: As printed in newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: On tables approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Habitat House is here for donations. HALL/SWALL seminar planning proceeding apace.

NEW BUSINESS: Start thinking about candidates for Volunteer of the Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Continuing Education: HALL/SWALL program will go out this week and will be e-mailed through the listserv. AALL Board member will visit in April and a Dutch treat dinner will be planned.

Community Service: Info provided about Habitat HALL House from Monika Miura. HALL will be involved in building one or two Ft. Bend Habitat houses.

Government Relations: Texas Legislature is in session. Budget process - they will "unfund" State Law Library. AALL is writing a report. HALL is asked to stand down temporarily, we'll be called if we need to do anything.

Library School Liaison: No report.

Membership: No report.

Nominations: No report.

Placement: No report.

Newsletter: Deadline after next meeting - pictures from HALL/SWALL meeting requested

Publications: No report.

Scholarships and Grants: Deadline is April 1.

Vendor Relations: No report.

Website: No report.

Meeting was adjourned 12:10 p.m.

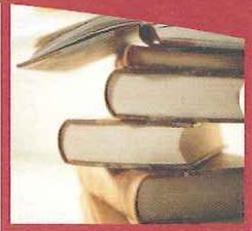
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HALL Member Spotlight: Caren Luckie (and Sarah Luckie)

Favorite Fruit: Apples (Sarah: Strawberries)

Birthplace: Berkeley, CA

Age when arrived in Texas: 12

Color: Blue (Sarah: White)

Dream Vacation: Anywhere with a spa

Starbucks go-to Drink: Mocha Frappachino

How did you meet your husband? Blind date

Favorite Cuisine: Steak (Sarah: Mexican)

Furthest from home you have ever been?

Chita, Siberia

First Pet: Penny (cat)

Next Trip Planned: Bandera, TX with Sarah's first grade class

Choice of Drink on a Hot Day: Gin and Tonic

Three Things Always in Pantry: Cheerios; Peanut Butter; Chocolate

Favorite Holiday: Christmas (Sarah agrees)

Reese's Cup or Twix? Twix

Favorite animal? Horse (Sarah agrees)

First Horse? Holly Venture

Do you read the newspaper every day? Yes, the *Chronicle* and *Wall Street Journal*

What do you do on your bus commute? Sleep

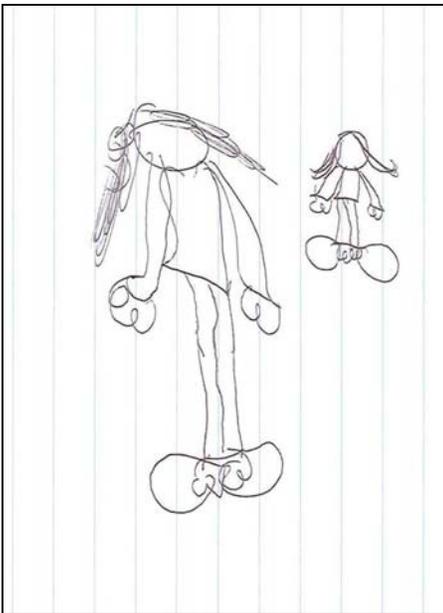
Favorite pie? Chocolate Cream

How long in your current job? 17 years

Favorite piece of jewelry: Silver D-bit bracelet

Did you go to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo this year? Yes

Guilty pleasure: Kit Kat and hot tea for breakfast



Foods most disliked: Liver; biscuits and gravy (OK, I'm not a southern girl!)

Random item from your bucket list: Horseback trek through England or Ireland

Favorite Smells? Fresh cut grass; horses

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Movie last seen? "Rango"

True or False?

Caren won a lawsuit for Steve Wyatt (of the Fergie scandal fame).

Caren used to groom collies as a part-time job.

Caren once read *The Odyssey* in the original Greek.

Artist's (Sarah) rendering of Caren and Sarah

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Web 2.0 Challenge.
<http://www.softconference.com/aall/sessionDetail.asp?SID=178216>

Need a refresher on blogs or RSS? New to creating wikis? Want to know what colleagues are saying about the value of social networking for your library? AALL2go offers you solutions.

The AALL Computing Services Special Interest Section (CS-SIS)'s Web 2.0 Challenge is an online course for law librarians about social media and how to use it in their libraries. It is a comprehensive and social learning opportunity designed for law librarians based on hands-on use of these technologies.



Each of the five sessions includes:

- An introduction to the topic and suggested learning outcomes for the week
- A screen cast explaining the technology with step-by-step instructions on its use
- Links for further learning
- Examples of libraries/librarians using the featured tool
- An assignment with activities designed to give you hands-on experience with each tool

Whether you're just browsing some of the articles listed or you're looking for additional ideas for a particular social networking solution, you have the flexibility to decide how much or how little information meets your needs.

From Judith Jackson, Chair of HALL Scholarships and Grants Committee

Every year, momentous events happen on April 1st.

On April 1, 1991, the Warsaw Pact officially dissolved.

On April 1, 1999, Nunavut was established as a Canadian territory carved out of the eastern part of the Northwest Territories.

On April 1, 2004, Google introduced its Gmail product to the public.

On April 1, 2009, CBS announced the cancellation of the daytime drama "Guiding Light" after 72 years.

Joining this stellar listing is THE event of 2011:

April 1, 2011, is the application deadline for all 2011 HALL scholarships and travel grants.

Please check the HALL web site for the application and the qualifying rules for the scholarship and the grant.

<http://www.houstonarealawlibrarians.com/6415/41212.html> (have password handy)

Signs of Spring Bring This Friendly Reminder to Renew Your Current HALL Membership



The 2011-12 Membership form is now available on-line.
 Simply complete, print, and mail with check.

See the HALL website for details.
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/dues.pdf>

For questions, please contact Jeannie Mazzone.
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Unraveling the Mysteries of the Law Firm Marketing Department

How much do you know about the marketing department in your firm? What does your chief marketing officer (CMO) envision as the biggest challenges and opportunities in this tough business climate? And most importantly for you, what is your role in helping your firm win new business and sustain longstanding and profitable client relationships?

In this installment of the Private Law Libraries (PLL) Change as Action Summit, you will hear from Joe Calve and Kelly Brown of Morrison & Foerster. Calve is MoFo's chief marketing officer, and Brown is the director of client relations. For the past year, the MoFo Research and Intelligence Group (the library) has reported to Calve and Brown in the Marketing Department. Calve and Brown bring a deep understanding of the capabilities of the MoFo Research and Intelligence team, and they are in a unique position to share their thoughts about how libraries can position themselves to become active participants in the practices of their firms by providing research at the highest level, both for business development and for client work.

This program will be videotaped and posted on the PLL website and will be available for free beginning on March 28 on AALL2go. It can be viewed by individual members or by groups. You may want to suggest that your chapter or SIS plan an educational program around the video. For example, tap a marketing director from a local firm to attend a brown bag lunch and watch the video with you; then, follow-up with a Q&A session.

This is the third in a series of five programs moderated by PLL members to provide a primer in law firm management from the view point of firm managers and administrators. The series is part of a two year program undertaken by the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section (PLL-SIS) of AALL. The goal is to identify significant changes taking place in the legal world, to understand how these changes provide opportunities for assuming leadership roles, and to develop concrete plans for librarians to become leaders within their organizations. The culmination of these efforts, the Change as Action Summit, will take place in Philadelphia on July 23.



Save the Date: April 28 AALL Webinar on Library Technology

The Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section will host AALL's April webinar, Library and Technology: Finding Common Ground on April 28 at 11 a.m. Central Standard Time. Check the AALL Calendar of Events for more details.

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Caralinn says she is touched and grateful to HALL members for sending e-mails expressing concern about her recent "transition"!

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Renew Your AALL Membership Early for a Chance to Win a Free 2011 AALL Annual Meeting Registration

In March, AALL dues invoices for 2011-2012 will mail out to all library directors for their institutionally paid memberships and to all other individual members. The deadline for membership renewal is May 31.

When you renew early – by May 1 – you will be entered in a drawing for a free 2011 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference registration. If you renew on time – by May 31 – you'll be entered in a drawing for a free AALL webinar of your choice in 2011-2012. Following is the 2011 membership renewal schedule:

- **March:** First dues invoices mailed out.
- **May:** Second dues invoices mailed out.
- **June:** Final dues invoices mailed out.
- **July:** Expiration notices e-mailed to all members – individuals and those paid by institutions.
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- **August 1:** Expired members deleted from the AALL membership database and access to the AALLNET Members Only Section and *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* subscriptions discontinued.

For more information or to renew your membership online, view the application form on AALLNET.

<http://www.aallnet.org/about/join.asp>

If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312/205-8022.



Unleash Your Inner Leader October 28-29

New law librarians in the early stages of your career – achieve your leadership potential by attending the **2011 AALL Leadership Academy, October 28-29 in the Chicago area**. Designed as an intensive learning experience aimed at growing and developing leadership skills, the academy program will help you discover how to maximize your personal leadership style while connecting with other legal information professionals.

The program will feature speakers Gail Johnson and Pam Parr. Johnson is a widely regarded leadership and communications expert and holds a Master of Arts in Communication Studies. Parr has extensive business management and customer service expertise. They have conducted many leadership programs for library organizations and will speak at the 2011 American Library Association Annual Conference.

The application period will start April 1, and applications will be due by June 30. Watch for more details coming soon.

Photos from HALL/SWALL Meeting

March 11-12, 2011



Clockwise from left: Paula Howe, Mary Lippold and Riva Laughlin enjoy a snack; the food at the reception was delicious!; Sarah Williams; HALL President Natalie Lira and Mary Ann Wacker; Monica Ortale samples the hot wings!

-Photos courtesy of Saskia Mehlhorn





Clockwise from left: Presenter (and one of the Three Geeks) Lisa Salazar; Spencer Simons; Presenter Bob Hu

-Photos courtesy of Saskia Mehlhorn



HALL Goes to Work: Habitat for Humanity!

HALL Community Service Chair Monika Miura organized a work day for HALL Saturday March 26 with Fort Bend Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is simultaneously building three homes next to each other in Fresno. Monika stayed the whole day, while Mary Ann Wacker and Joe Lawson had the morning shift. Elizabeth Black Berry (and honorary HALL member husband Dolph Simon), Candice Kennington, and Kristina Lambright worked in the afternoon. Dee Dee Mulligan and Elise McCutchen contributed snacks, along with Elizabeth.

The morning work included hammering hurricane strips on the walls and spraying foam insulation (Mary Ann and Monika) while Joe worked on the porch ceiling. In the afternoon the gang worked on marking for Hardiplank installation (Candice, Elizabeth, and Dolph), hammered more hurricane strips (Kristina and Monika), installed doorknobs and locks (Monika), helped erect walls (everyone), and cleaned up (everyone). It was a really fun day and the people working with us were super nice and friendly. There was plenty of good cheer and snacks and it was a gorgeous day.

With member contributions and a match from the HALL Board we contributed almost \$2000 to this worthy cause.

HALL Helping Others—YAY! Thanks to Monika for organizing such a worthwhile event.

-Mary Ann Wacker



Monika Miura, Mary Ann Wacker, and Joe Lawson with the HALL board we signed. The board was placed near the back door of the house.

-Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Wacker



Elizabeth Black Berry, Dolph Simon, and Kristina Lambright put up a wall!

-Photo courtesy of Monika Miura



Left, Monika hard at work with Candice (in beige hat), Elizabeth (white t-shirt and baseball cap) and Dolph (in orange hat and green shirt)!
-Photo courtesy of Monika Miura



Above, Candice lends a helping hand.
-Photo courtesy of Monika Miura



Monika hammering hurricane strips!
-Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Wacker

Below, one of the three houses in progress. It looked much better by the end of the day!
-Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Wacker



Mary Ann before hammering hurricane strips for three hours!
-Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Wacker



Recap: HALL Panel Discussion - Alternatives to Lexis and Westlaw

The idea behind the panel discussion was to get an overview of a few legal research products that are outside the large Westlaw and Lexis wings of the industry. We had Sharon Kube and Karen Ditsch from Loislaw (Wolters Kluwer), Ed Walters from Fastcase, and Dave Harriman from Casemaker. It wasn't set up as a bash Wexis session, but rather to highlight what's good about the alternatives, and what factors may exist that would encourage law firms, law schools, and court law libraries to use these products. The format was pretty straightforward; five-minutes each on discussing the products, followed by a scenario, then field questions from the crowd.

Product Intros: Sharon and Karen discussed the value of Loislaw as a flat-rate subscription with a wealth of primary law material, but also highlighted the ability to add in up to 200 treatises from the Wolters Kluwer collection, that integrates the Loislaw collection through hyperlinking of caselaw and statutes. Loislaw has a citation system that allows you to see the cases cited and any cases that cite to this case. There is also a find and print type option in Loislaw that allows you to pull all the citations out of a brief or document and then read or print any of those cases or statutes.

Ed Walters of Fastcase took a broader method with his five-minutes of discussion of his product. He discussed the issues of having large conglomerates of Thomson Reuters and Reed Elsevier controlling such a large percentage of the legal publishing market. Walters says one of the biggest problems is that law firms and law librarians are not speaking the "corporate" language of the big vendors. If you complain about the service and products, but re-up your subscriptions at a 12% increase, the message that the vendors hear is "they are willing to re-up at 12%." The answer, according to Walters, was that if the community wanted to really change the way things are with Wexis, then "you've got to build it... you've got to invest in it... Complaining on the [law library] listservs is not going to do it." Walters did go on to talk about Fastcase and the way they are building the interface to be "easy, powerful, compelling, beautiful." They are building iPad and iPhone apps; building free access to limited portions of the collection through the Public Library of Law; and, the Forecite tool built in to Fastcase to point out cases that might be overlooked through traditional search methods.

Dave Harriman from Casemaker took a much more traditional approach of explaining his product by talking about his background of 40 years of legal editing while he was at Michie, and was the President of Michie Publishing when he left after Lexis acquired Michie. Harriman pointed out that when it comes to primary law, Casemaker compares very well to products like Lexis. Harriman's biggest point of why Casemaker is a great product is that they are focused on the editorial process. Casemaker also has a citator system, called CaseCheck+, for some states that works like a Shepards or Keycite. They also have a case summary resource that produces summaries for newly released cases in some states. Of course, the biggest draw is that Casemaker is free for those states where the bar has purchased licenses for the members of those bars.

Scenario: I had given each of the panelists the scenario I was going to ask previous to them appearing on the panel.

My boss came to me and said that they were looking to reduce our current Westlaw and Lexis subscriptions down to one vendor only. I was given the names of the three vendors (Fastcase, Casemaker and Loislaw) and was told to investigate if any of these would be a good alternative to the product we are dropping. The panelists' should give me some good talking points to take back to my boss on why we should bring in their product as an alternative to the product we are dropping.

Loislaw's panelists went first and explained that Loislaw is a flat-fee product, so you pay one price, and no surprises. One benefit of Loislaw, over some of the other non-Wexis products, is that all the materials are housed within the Loislaw databases. This means that their citation system, Global Cite, (which is not a Shepards or KeyCite replacement) works extremely well because all the material is there. If portions of the state statutes are not housed within the system, then a citator system like this is basically useless. Sharon Kube also mentioned the ability to pull all of the cites out of a brief or document, and the ability to add in treatise materials that integrate into Loislaw (at an additional fee). The biggest pitch was that Loislaw is affordable when compared to Wexis.

Once again, Ed Walters took a unique approach to answering the scenario. Walters started discussing the user experience that Fastcase brings, more than how it battles head-to-head with the Wexis products. Fastcase is designed to get researchers focused on the tools, and not attempting to get bogged down in the different databases. This is done, according to Walters, through smart sorting tools, research options, data visualization tools, and through new search results options that Fastcase's "ForeCite" brings to the final results. The pitch for Fastcase was what Walters mentioned in his introduction; Fastcase is "easy, powerful, compelling, beautiful."

Dave Harriman from Casemaker finished up the scenario by focusing on Casemaker's content, and editorial production team. Casemaker uses a combination of editorial staffers based in Mumbai, India (Indian based lawyers) and Charlottesville, Virginia (former Michie editors.) Whereas, Fastcase discussed its interface, Harriman talked about Casemaker's content, and the ability to keep things like state and federal statutes updated as soon as laws are signed. Since Casemaker is only available through the state bar, if your state bar has an agreement (the Texas Bar does, by the way) then members of the bar can have access for free. So, if cost is a factor, and your bar has an agreement, then that may be the big selling point to take back to your boss.

Are the non-Wexis products viewed by Courts as a "trusted source?"

This question actually came in from an academic law librarian, but it really had a Court librarian angle. The vendors talked about how they work very hard to make their products dependable and trustworthy. Loislaw pointed out that they include pagination on all of their resources; Fastcase talked about the fact that over 500K lawyers had access to Fastcase; and, Casemaker said that they are a trusted sources because they supply the material to the state bar associations.

What about proprietary citations that Westlaw and Lexis use when citing to new decisions? Will an increase in non-Wexis provider usage break the court's reliance upon these?

This was an interesting question on the issue of those ___ WL ___ or ___ LEXIS ___ cites that go up on new cases until a print version of that case appears in the National Reporter System (sometimes months later.) This question got Ed Walters back up on his soapbox about how there is a need for libraries, librarians, researchers, lawyers, and the associations that represent them to stand up and demand a neutral citation system. No one said that the "WL" or "LEXIS" cites were going away anytime soon, however.

The conversation did expand to include the issue of the copyrighting of the "catchlines" (titles) of state statutes. In some states, the actual title of a statute is copyrighted by the vendor that prints the official state statutes. I ran into this problem in Oklahoma when it came to Westlaw claiming copyright. Ed Walters discussed this about Lexis owning the copyright to the Georgia state codes. Walters said he was stunned that when he asked Lexis to license the catchlines to the statutes, he was told that they would never do that... at any price. Casemaker's Harriman added that when Michie was publisher of the state codes, they gave the copyright of those catchlines back to the 26 states that they covered. Harriman explained that publishers had to create those catchlines, and thus claimed copyright on them, but in Michie's case, they wanted to give that back to the states to build goodwill. Walters said that the copyright should be viewed as a "work for hire" and should never go to the publisher. I think that everyone in the room agreed that the issue of catchline copyrighting is one that no one (except the vendors that hold that right) view favorably.

How about mobile versions of your products?

I think this question may have made Ed Walters squeak out a little cheer of joy. Walters jumped in and discussed the free iPad and iPhone versions of Fastcase (both the app and the content are free.) Harriman was not sure of the mobile apps that Casemaker offers, but since I had written about this before on this blog, I mentioned that Casemaker's approach was to build a mobile web version of their product that would work on any mobile device, not just the iPad or iPhone. Kube from Loislaw said that they were about to beta-test a new mobile version in the next few months and something should be out later this year.

What about court briefs? Are you going to offer those?

Casemaker works with specific attorneys to put their briefs on their system, but is not working directly with the courts to pull that information. Ed Walters mentioned that Fastcase is working with the Law.gov folks on the 9th Circuit briefs. Loislaw (from what I remember) didn't have any plans to put those on because of the issue of trying to obtain them from the courts. The issue of copyright was brought up again by Walters about the use of these briefs without getting permission from the lawyers that actually wrote the briefs. Harriman said that all of the copyrights of the briefs on Casemaker were cleared by the authors directly. There was also some murmuring about the coziness that courts have with the Wexis vendors on briefs, especially from courts where you cannot get access to the briefs online from the court themselves, but you can through the paid services of Wexis. We left it an open issue.

Any chance for International Materials?

Kube and Deitch from Loislaw said that international materials are part of the overall Wolters Kluwer collection, but currently not available directly from Loislaw. Casemaker is currently discussing the idea of adding international and foreign materials, but does not have any at the moment. My notes actually fail me on what Fastcase's answer was to this. I don't believe they currently have foreign or international materials, but Ed Walters may clarify that with me if I am mistaken.

End of Panel: It was a great panel discussion, and I was glad that Ed, Dave, Karen and Sharon took the time to talk with us.

- Greg Lambert

Learn to Collaborate and Find Common Ground with Your IT Department

Law firm library and information technology professionals share similar goals and struggle with many of the same issues. As we are all asked to do more with less, the skills that both of these groups bring to the table can be leveraged to increase value and produce results that are not only more effective but also more efficient.



Please join Scott Preston, CIO with Fulbright & Jaworski, and Sarah Clark Kavanagh, CEO of Cable & Clark, for “Technology and the Law Firm Library: Finding Common Ground”, on April 28, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CST.

This webinar will discuss:

- Perceptions of the law firm technology (from the firm’s library point of view)
- Perceptions of the law firm library (from technology’s point of view)
- Discussion of barriers between groups, common goals, and needs
- Discuss methods of effective collaboration

Register by April 21.

Webinar calendar link: <http://www.aallnet.org/calendar/eventdisplay.asp?eid=348&arc=no>

Registration link: http://www.regonline.com/lib_tech

May AALL Webinar: Copyright issues in Distance Education and Training

Join Tomas Lipinski, professor and executive associate dean at the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University-Purdue University, on May 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CST, for Copyright Issues in Distance Education and Training as he answers common copyright questions that arise in virtual classes and training sessions. Issues covered during this webinar will include handouts, video usage, participant comments, and post-virtual session issues.

Due to the expansion of distance learning to both the academic and commercial realms, the webinar will look at situations that arise in nonprofit academic institutions as well as law firm online trainings and online professional development sessions.

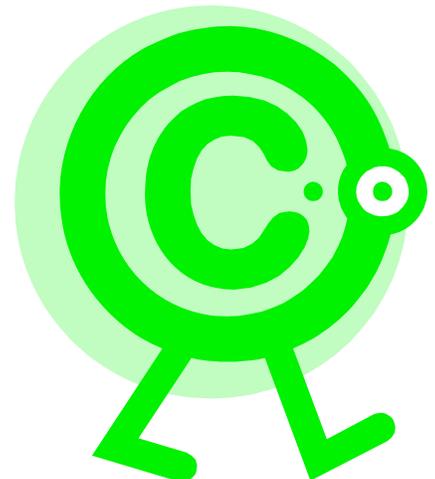
Learning objectives:

- Discuss how to determine which aspects of U.S. copyright law apply to your institution
- Learn types and amounts of materials that can be circulated to virtual session attendees
- Learn permission requirements and limitations for continued use of recorded online sessions

Register by April 28.

<http://www.aallnet.org/calendar/eventdisplay.asp?eid=351&arc=no>

Register: https://www.regonline.com/copy_distance



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Houston Area Law Librarians is a chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians.

Our monthly meetings are held at the South Texas College of Law. We present a half-day seminar in the Fall and a full-day seminar in the Spring on legal topics.

There are close to 200 members of HALL. We are librarians in firms, law schools, and courts as well as vendors and Library School students.



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