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## MADISON AND MARBURY 2.0 TAKE ON BEALE STREET

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By now, most of you have heard of the “Great Prairie-Dog-Napping of AALL 2018.” Yes, that’s right. It actually happened. Our dear Marbury was taken from us in a heinous act of thievery, the likes of which has never been seen in the history of MAALL. Though we searched high and low, and embarked on a brave social media prairie dog hunt, our efforts were in vain. Poor Marbury has been lost to us forever. Fear not, fellow MAALL mascot lovers! Through the marvels of modern genealogical research, the

local arrangements crew at the University of Memphis was able to locate the next best thing. May I introduce to you Marbury’s nearly identical cousin, Marbury 2.0!



*Marbury 2.0, "Man in Black"*

Now, while we appreciated his whole Johnny Cash inspired, “Man in Black” vibe, it was time to give this country prairie dog a Memphis makeover. Luckily, his cousin had a spare sequin jumpsuit lying around the burrow.

The really hard part was convincing him to get rid of that truly awful mustache, but once he did, we could tell he was feeling his new look. See him to the right strutting for the camera.

It was now time for a night on the town, and in Memphis, there is no better place than Beale Street.

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*The transformation of Marbury 2.0 to his Elvis persona*

Officially named the “Home of the Blues” by an act of Congress in 1977, Beale Street is located about half a mile away from the conference hotels and is lined with blues clubs, restaurants, and gift shops. It is a “must see” place for those traveling to Memphis, but it can get very crowded at night. If you prefer a more relaxed experience we encourage you to check out Beale Street during the day! One of the coolest spots to check out in the daytime is A. Schwab’s, located at 163 Beale Street. This is the only remaining original business on Beale Street, and it houses a small Beale Street Museum.



*Madison and Marbury 2.0 at the entrance to Beale Street*

After a brief photo op at the entrance to Beale, the pair headed to Silky O’Sullivan’s, one of the few Irish bars you’ll find in Memphis. Madison and Marbury 2.0 grabbed a drink to share, enjoyed some dueling pianos, and snuck a picture with Silky’s famous goat.



*At Silky O'Sullivan's Irish Bar*



*Taking a selfie with Silky's famous goat*

These two rascals ended the evening at the Blues City Café. This restaurant features live music every night at the Blues City Café Band Box, located right next door to the café. Most of the blues clubs on Beale Street feature live music every night, so if you’re in the mood for blues, rockabilly, or soul, Beale Street is a safe bet. Be sure to bring cash with you as many of these places do charge an entrance fee, and many of the bands make their livings on tips! These boys had the time of their lives and even got a free drum lesson from local musicians, Seth Moody and Graham Winchester.



*Drum lesson with Moody & Winchester*

As if you could possibly need more reasons to come visit us in October, check out this article (<http://ilovememphisblog.com/2018/08/bragging-rights-20-more-reasons-to-be-proud-of-memphis/>) listing 20 of the city’s most recent accolades. **Remember, the early bird deadline for registration is September 10!** That’s right around the corner. Regular registration ends October 2. We can’t wait to share our city with you.

# INTERVIEW WITH 2018 AALL INNOVATION TOURNAMENT WINNER AYYOUB AJMI

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At the AALL 2018 Annual Meeting, MAALL's own Ayyoub Ajmi from UMKC won the coveted Innovation Tournament for "Open Course Case Management System for Law School Clinics." I asked Ayyoub to tell us about this project.

**S. deMaine:** Tell me about your project. What does this case management system do?



*Melanie Heller, Vice President and Chief of Staff at Bloomberg Law (left) presents the Innovation Tournament award to MAALL member Ayyoub Ajmi (right) at the AALL Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland*

confidential information. Faculty are expected to effectively assign cases, securely communicate with the clients, and have an effective way to measure and assess the performance of the students and the overall operation and productivity of the clinic as a whole.

There are several commercial case management solutions built for law firms, but most of them are very expensive and simply out of reach for many law school clinics that are already running on increasingly tight budgets. Faced with this dilemma, faculty and administrators have often relied on off-the-shelf solutions to organize and streamline their work. The lack of compatibility between these applications often results in labor-intensive workarounds and increases the risk of inadvertently exposing confidential records.

We wanted to build a product specifically suited to law school clinics.

**A. Ajmi:** Our goal is to build a comprehensive case management system appropriate for law school clinics. Our hope is that this system will increase customer satisfaction, provide students with a complete hands-on-experience, and allow faculty and administrators to make informed decisions while being both affordable and reliable.

**S. deMaine:** What prompted you to undertake this project?

**A. Ajmi:** In law school clinics, students are asked to collect, process, and securely preserve

**S. deMaine:** Can you describe, in layman's terms, how the technology works?

**A. Ajmi:** The system will be built using an open source constituent relationship management (CRM) program called CiviCRM. CiviCRM is used by thousands of nonprofit organizations all over the world. Out of the box, CiviCRM provides core case management features such as intake forms, custom search, contact records, conflict check, document automation, file management, email notifications, and custom reporting. Like many other open source programs, however, CiviCRM can be overwhelming for first time users. Plus it lacks direct support, which can also be an issue. Our goal is to customize CiviCRM by focusing only on the features important to law clinics and making it easy to deploy, operate, and support.

**S. deMaine:** When did you begin this project? Do you consider it complete or is it an ongoing, evolving work?

**A. Ajmi:** Our plan is to build this new system in three phases, and are just now approaching the implementation of phase one. Phase one is to build and evaluate the system with core features. This is scheduled to launch in the fall of 2018. In phase two, we will improve existing features and build new ones. In phase three, we will share improved and newly developed features.

**S. deMaine:** Have you had the institutional support you needed for the project?

**A. Ajmi:** Yes. UMKC has been very supportive of this project since its inception.

**S. deMaine:** What other projects have you worked on?

**A. Ajmi:** At UMKC School of Law, I introduced video-based portfolios to graduating students as a portable solution to gather and share their work at the school with potential employers. I used Mediasite by Sonic Foundry as a platform. Each portfolio starts by a video where the students introduce themselves and talk about their goals. The portfolios include video clips from class exercises, competitions, and testimonials as well as links to other materials and relevant work.

I've also helped develop a recording studio in one of our study rooms, complete with sound-proofing panels, audio, video, and lighting equipment. And speaking of study rooms, I'm also working on a study room availability display that will provide real-time synchronization with the university room scheduling system. This project is part of the Leon E. Bloch Law Library's ongoing initiative to collaborate with graduate computer science students in developing web and mobile applications to improve productivity and communication.

**S. deMaine:** Ayyoub, thank you for taking the time to share your project with *Markings*. Do you have any parting suggestions about what law librarians should be thinking about for the future?

**A. Ajmi:** Libraries in general, and law school libraries in particular, are going through a major shift driven by budget cuts, but also driven by changing user expectations. At UMKC for example, we are seeing fewer and fewer students at our reference desk, but our computer lab, databases, and Wi-Fi usage are through the roof. As librarians, we should be open to these changes and adapt our offerings and skills to improve the academic success of our students.

You don't have to be a computer science major to get involved in artificial intelligence, virtual reality, or any of the new technologies making waves in the legal field. In fact, most students are still struggling with what we consider basic productivity tools such as email and word processors. Anytime you can connect a student to a tool or a resource, it will help them be better prepared for their future.

# COLLABORATIONS AT YOUR LAW LIBRARY: A WIN-WIN

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No matter what type of law library you work in, autumn feels like the start of a new year. If you are looking for a way to jumpstart new ideas or programs at your library, consider collaborations. Joining with another library or organization on a joint program or volunteer effort can positively impact how your library is viewed and can bring more people through your doors.

Below are a few collaborations I am proud to be a part of at the library I run, the Law Library Association of St. Louis (also known as the Civil Courts Library).

## **One Time Collaboration:** *Trial Practice Essentials: Perspectives from the Bench and Bar*

When planning a new series of continuing legal education programs at the library, I thought it would be important to have at least one program with a joint sponsor. This past April, we co-hosted a Trial Practice Essentials CLE and Happy Hour with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. By collaborating in this way, our two organizations were able to divide up the work and costs while reaching a broader number of attorneys than if we had each planned an event on our own. By holding the program at the Law Library Association, we were able to introduce the library to lawyers who had not been here before and who were not previously aware of our services and resources.

## **Volunteer Effort:** *Summer Food Drive*

I have a background organizing community service projects and charity drives, so when I learned about St. Louis Attorneys Against Hunger, an initiative of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), I recognized an opportunity to partner on a project with an immediate impact in our region. The Law Library Association held a food drive in partnership with this BAMSL initiative over the summer. We collected 418 pounds of nonperishable canned goods for Operation Food Search. In addition to leading to good publicity for and raising the profile of the library, the food drive helped people in need during a time of year when pantry donations typically are down in number.

## **On-Going Program:** *Legally Reading, a Joint Book Discussion Group*

The newest collaboration at our library began just a few weeks ago. After several meetings with library staff at the Central Branch of the Saint Louis Public Library (just a few blocks away) and approval at higher levels within that institution, we began a quarterly book discussion group focused on books with a legal or social justice theme. We had a small but engaged group for our first discussion and hope to grow the group in the coming months. We have picked some great titles and look forward to introducing the law library to new patrons and to using our space for events accessible to the general community.

I hope these examples inspire you to think creatively about collaborations that could work in your library. Collaborations truly are a win-win for all concerned if you take the time to find the right partners and the right programs.



*Gail Wechsler, Library Director, Law Library Association of St. Louis, and Dan Barnett, BAMSL Assistant Executive Director, at the Summer Food Drive for Operation Food Search*

# DAZED & INSTRUCTED

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## **WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES**

When I started teaching in 2017, I felt that as a brand new professor I had to prove myself by being the best professor that has ever professed, thus gaining the respect of the students and fulfilling the confidence the university and library placed in hiring me. I quickly (and painfully) realized that there was a lot more to teaching than my knowledge about the subject matter. It took time, but I eventually found my footing and developed a process I was comfortable with, and with that my confidence grew.

One year later, something has changed. Certainly I have grown as a professor: I've become more confident and more discerning about relevant content, and I have gone through the process of trial and error necessary to become an effective teacher. However, that is only part of it. Could it be the students themselves? Certainly, every class is different, and this current class came in with unique characteristics, but they were no more or less ready to be law students than the previous class. Then it hit me: the difference between my first class and current class was not my confidence, but the students' confidence.

A bit of backstory. At Northern Illinois University, the Basic Legal Research program had transitioned from teaching our full-year course in the fall and spring of the 1L year to teaching it in the spring of the 1L year and the fall of the 2L year. We then switched back last year but in so doing, we had overlapping classes: the 2Ls and 1Ls were both taking Basic Legal Research. During the fall of 2017, the 2Ls were taking the second semester of the course (BLR II), and the 1Ls were taking the first semester (BLR I). For purposes of scheduling, I taught only the 2L students my first very semester.

This is why it was so difficult for me to identify the confidence factor: I experienced student confidence "backwards." My first class, comprised entirely of 2Ls, had a full year of law school under their belts and knew a fair amount. They were therefore perfectly willing to point out my mistakes, ask questions I had not considered, and generally make a first time professor feel quite out of his depth. Normally, a new professor's confidence grows with the new class because they are both brand new to the experience. Conversely, my first class's confidence was high just as mine was at the lowest point, leaving me with a deficit in the "confidence gap." But now I am teaching 1L students who have just started law school and are uncertain about a great many things, while my confidence has gone straight up, leading to a complete inversion of the confidence gap. Experiencing the change in confidence in reverse really drove home just how much difference a year makes in the confidence of a law student.

This understanding of the effect on law students of a single year is something professors can lose sight of fairly quickly, although for me it doesn't take long before the memories come screaming back: my first semester of law school when there was so much information I was expected to know that I felt as if I were running in place at times. Of course, I got the hang of it, just like my students and many thousands of other students, but now that I am on the "professor side" of things, I am struck by how profound the difference can be, not only to the students themselves, but to the professors and the law school. It is wonderful to see the confidence of my students grow (in the proper order) and as long as I am given the ability and opportunity to reach out and teach new students, I'll happily take it, regardless of how much or how little things change from year to year.

# MANAGING THE CIRCUS: TIPS FOR JUGGLING STAFF REQUESTS, PATRON ISSUES, AND YOUR OWN NEEDS

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## **WHEN BEING A TEAM PLAYER GOES A BIT TOO FAR**

I once had an employee who had performance and behavior issues. She was very passive-aggressive (though leaning more toward the aggressive side), and I had the feeling that she didn't entirely carry her fair share of the workload. Tasks were completed on time for the most part, so I didn't have just cause to have a written reprimand sort of meeting. Or so I thought. Once a few more of my staff members left for post-graduation jobs after law school, it became quite evident that these staff members had been covering for the problem employee. With these former staff members no longer doing the work for her, tasks did not get completed, reference questions did not get answered, and I had a much bigger problem on my hands.

While I understand that my former staff members were trying to help, they actually did a disservice to both me and the problem employee. If I had known earlier that she was having issues, I could have stepped in sooner with additional training or otherwise mitigated the coming disaster. In their effort to prop up the team, they actually ended up hurting it.

I do understand the desire for coworkers to cover for one another. Doing so can show support and build community when it's reciprocated. Problems arise when the relationship is one sided. Consistently being forced to do the work of a colleague has the potential to lead to burnout for the covering employee. This sort of one sided effort isn't actually about providing short term assistance to a coworker in need; it's about helping to cover up that coworker's incompetence.

If you find yourself in this frustrating situation, consider some steps you can take. Is your coworker aware that he isn't fulfilling an essential portion of his job? This can be step one in offering your coworker assistance before alerting your boss. Offer some guidance on the task that is giving the coworker issues, in an effort to bring him up to speed. Do this once or twice, but not every time the issue arises; remember that the goal is to make this coworker self-sufficient, not to continue the cycle of reliance.

When you've offered all the assistance you can and still haven't seen results, it may be time to alert your supervisor. Think of it less as tattling and more of informing your boss of a serious issue that is undermining your ability to do your job. Personally, I wish my employees had told me that they were doing work for my problem employee, instead of just covering for her. It would have made things much easier when those employees eventually left, if the remaining problem employee had already received the extra training that she apparently needed. When you do bring this issue to your boss's attention, provide clear cut examples of the issues with your coworker's performance, staying impersonal and unemotional. Provide any documentation you may have been keeping (spoiler: you should be keeping documentation of this stuff!)

One caveat: understand that there is a difference between covering for a coworker during a leave of absence and doing some of her work for her on a regular basis because she is incapable. Consider whether you are being asked to cover for a short term issue, such as maternity leave or an unusually heavy short term workload, and don't confuse this occasional need to cover for incompetence.

If you are the supervisor and one of your employees brings an issue like this to your doorstep, be prepared to

take action. Your employee shouldn't be made to feel that covering for her coworkers is actually part of her job. Do some investigation and find out why the poorly performing employee isn't completing her job duties. Is it a lack of training? Maybe a miscommunication of job duties? Whatever it is, get to the root of the problem, and document all your efforts. This will go a long way in providing evidence of attempted rehabilitation should you ultimately decide you need to part ways with this employee. And remember, even if the poorly performing employee's incompetence isn't directly impacting the performance of others, poor performance from even just one employee can bring down team morale.

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## AFFIRMATIONS

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### **YELLOW BRICK ROADS: CAREER STORIES IN LAW LIBRARIANSHIP**

We bond with our colleagues over stories – while grabbing morning coffees, between meetings, and at the lunch table – and share our opinions about everything – the television reboot phenomenon, the best (and worst) La Croix flavors, and the foods that should be banned from shared microwaves. Stories weave through our work days, helping us form richer relationships and contributing to workplace culture. They also offer glimpses into the professional paths of others and can help us progress to increasingly sincere, knowledgeable, and effective expressions of our individual career goals. The following are three career stories from colleagues at Littler Mendelson.

*What's your story? Let us know for the next installment of AfFIRMations.*

#### **Barb Gonzalez**

My grade school years were spent at a school too small to have a library, so we relied on the city's public library bookmobile. Visits from the bookmobile were the highlight of my week, and when I was in kindergarten, I determined that I wanted to be a librarian so I could drive around all day in a vehicle loaded with books, visiting schools to share the joy of reading with kids.

Fast forward a few (a lot of) years. After spending most of my professional career in the benefits consulting field, I finally had a chance to go back to school part-time and obtain my Master of Library and Information Science degree. The library field wasn't looking very good as far as job prospects after graduation, but that didn't stop me from pursuing my long-time dream of becoming a librarian.

I searched for library jobs, tried to do something part-time just to get my foot in the door, volunteered, networked, etc. – all the things they suggest you do. Then the recession hit, and I was laid-off from my full-time benefits consulting job. I continued to look for any type of library work I could find, but mostly I had to focus on finding a job, period. After several moves to different cities to pursue work, I finally found a job with a benefits company in Chicago. Once in Chicago, I started my library job hunt again. That job search ultimately led me to Littler, working not as a librarian but as a proposal coordinator with their Business Development team. That position came up in my search because they wanted someone with a business and research background who also had library experience.

To make a long story short, the firm opened their global services center in Kansas City, I transferred with my job and, shortly thereafter, I was given the opportunity to join the library team on a full-time basis. So my first



actual librarian job came many years after graduating from library school, and while I'm not driving around in a bookmobile all day, I am happy with the challenges of learning in-depth business and legal research. And who knows? That bookmobile might still be out there, waiting for me, someday.

### ***Jill Kilgore***

In January 2019, I will begin my fourth year at Littler, where I currently work as a research librarian. I joined Littler as an assistant librarian during the second year of my MLIS program after a few of my fellow students who worked at Littler encouraged me to apply. Prior to my master's degree, I studied art history and studio art at the University of Kansas, where I also worked as a resident assistant all four years.

I'm glad to have this opportunity for storytelling in the MAALL community. Sharing my narrative is an exercise in perspective – combining my penchant for discovery and critical examination with my passion for craft and artistic tradition. Since joining the library and information field, professional communities such as MAALL have been an integral facet of my career. During the first cohort weekend of my master's program, a panel of librarians offered their career wisdom to the incoming students. I didn't recall much of the advice this group offered afterward other than their strong urging to pursue professional development during and after the program. This advice has secured for me the majority of tangible and intangible benefits in my career. I would have shaken their hands had only I known then that this advice would come to define my professional ambitions. The time and energy demonstrated by the panelists that afternoon modeled the thoughtful professionalism I hope to return as I progress in my own career.

### ***Autumn Collier***

I am less than one year into my first full-time library position. In my undergraduate degree, I studied music and history. I moved from Iowa to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City's graduate program for history. During the master's program, I realized that I loved research and critical analysis. I wanted to continue a career in research, libraries, or publishing. I finished my M.A. and looked for work. I became the assistant manager for a local game shop, cataloging and maintaining their card and figurine collections. I also did freelance editing and proofreading for Fantasy Flight Publishing.

Through an acquaintance, I met someone who worked in Littler's law library, and when she described her job, I knew immediately that I wanted to work for Littler. As an Assistant Librarian, I get to help attorneys by pulling case files, doing case validations, pulling litigation histories and background information, and finding books and articles. I also work on special projects as they arise, send out case filing alerts, and pull daily legislation related to Littler's labor and employment specialty.

Although I am at the start of my library career, I can see that there is a future with various paths and duties encompassed under the term "Librarian." It is not necessarily an easily defined position and is constantly evolving with the advancement of technology and the company's needs. I'm excited to have so many opportunities in front of me.

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## MOMENT WITH MALLCO

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MALLCO is putting together a great slate of programs and activities for the MAALL conference coming up in Memphis! Many of our programs will take place the morning of Thursday, October 11, before the MAALL welcome lunch. Any MAALL attendee is welcome to attend MALLCO programming free of charge, even if you're

not from a MALLCO library. The more the merrier!

We'll kick off Thursday morning with a breakfast and brief plenary session where I'll give an update about what MALLCO is currently working on and what we have coming up. Following that, we'll have paper workshops and roundtable sessions leading up to the MAALL Welcome Lunch. At the paper workshops, you can experience both accepted papers and in-progress works of scholarship from your law library colleagues. MALLCO's four roundtable discussions will cover: Acquisitions and Collection Development; Institutional Repositories; Reference and Faculty Services; and Resource Sharing. The roundtables are a great time to pick up some new ideas from other libraries and share what great things you are doing in your library!

In addition to the early Thursday programming, MALLCO is sponsoring three programs during the MAALL conference itself. On Friday, October 12, scheduled for 9am, Heidi Kuehl of Northern Illinois University and I will present *Learning to Exhale: Simple Mindfulness Solutions for Every Law Library*. Join us to learn how you can adopt mindfulness tools into your daily work and services to patrons. You'll even get to start the day off right with a brief mindfulness exercise!

Later on Friday, during the 3:45 session, join a host of academic librarians presenting *Winning Strategies for Effectively Tracking and Using Data*. This session will cover the best practices for collecting, compiling, and reporting statistics along with techniques for using this data to make decisions for strategic initiatives and library services.

Our final MALLCO sponsored session will be part of a two-part workshop on Saturday, October 13. Robert Dugan, the ALLStAR Project Manager at NELLCO will offer an introduction to the ALLStAR benchmarking tool during the first hour and will spend the second hour digging into reports in a hands-on workshop. Attendees should plan to bring a laptop or other device along with their ALLStAR log-on credentials to participate in these hands-on sessions.

I can't wait to see everyone in Memphis. I hope you'll make it to a few of our MALLCO-sponsored sessions!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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It is hard to believe this is my last column as MAALL President. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to hold this position and for working with me while in it. It is truly an honor to be able to work with and represent MAALL. The chapter is filled with people with so many varied talents. I appreciate the willingness of each of you to share those talents with the group and the profession. These contributions are highlighted in our annual report to AALL, which states "[f]ourteen MAALL members presented at least one program at the [AALL] conference and three members presented posters." Thank you, MAALL members, for representing us so well in Baltimore.

Speaking of annual meetings, I hope to see many of you at the MAALL Annual Meeting this October in Memphis. I am looking forward to a great conference and spending time with colleagues. Some of you may recall that, at last year's meeting, I indicated that my approach to projects was one of reflection followed by spurts of activity. I think Karen Wallace can attest to the accuracy of that statement. Thank you, Karen, for having graciously dealt with this trait of mine over the past year. What I have learned about Karen is that she is very organized, thoughtful, and proactive in her approach to projects. I am excited to be turning over the helm

to her. Karen's energy and leadership are a great asset to MAALL.

Lastly, sometime in the next several weeks you will be getting a request to sign-up for committees for the 2018-2019 MAALL year. We are trying to get ahead of schedule for the upcoming year, so when that email comes out, please seriously consider sharing your talents with the organization. Committees are a great way to get involved and work with members you might not otherwise have a chance to meet.

MAALL contributes great things to the library profession because of our members' willingness to participate. Thank you for a great year.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

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Have you [registered](#) for the 2018 MAALL Annual Meeting, *Develop a Winning Strategy!*, ahead of the Sept. 10 early bird deadline? If not, don't delay. The spoils are not worms, but savings. Even if you miss the early bird date, you can still register through Oct. 2.

Please check the detailed [program descriptions](#). The conference kicks off with the MALLCO roundtables and paper workshop (all included in the conference rate). Eight posters and 21 programs covering an array of topics to help you develop a winning strategy complete the educational sessions. The programming discusses ways to engage patrons, tackle thorny work problems, improve collection access, effectively teach legal research and provide reference services, manage facilities, implement data-driven planning processes and new technological solutions, cultivate professional skills, conduct empirical research, explore social issues, and guide yourselves and your patrons to a happier, more mindful life. All this for one relatively low registration rate (that includes many of your meals).

But wait, there's more! You'll also have the chance to connect with colleagues and AALL. Attend the [keynote address](#) by Professor Demetria Frank, an expert in systemic bias and inequity. Tour the [National Civil Rights Museum](#) at our Friday evening reception, and spend some time grooving in [Memphis](#). Register now, and we'll see you in October.

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## STATE MEMBER NEWS

### Wheat Law Library

Our "News" (as a noun) are new 1Ls, 6 new student assistants (for a total of 11), and several new study tables & desks including 2 new bike desks! Adjustable-height study furniture had been mentioned on library surveys for the last several years; thanks to a donor we were able to provide them this year. Otherwise we're gearing up and forging ahead with all the activity that comes with a new semester. And of course we're looking forward to MAALL in Memphis...see you there!





*New bike desks at the University of Kansas Wheat Law Library*

**Jackson County Law Library**

Kelly Lynn Anders, Executive Director of the Jackson County Law Library, contributed to the “Ask a Director” column in AALL Spectrum. The column appears in the July/August 2018 issue. Read a copy [here](#). She was also recently featured on Mizzou’s “Alumni Spotlight” page. Read the Q&A [here](#).



**Washington University Law Library**

After 27 years with the Washington University Law Library, Mark Kloempken, Public Services Librarian and Lecturer in Law, retired on August 15, 2018.

**Littler Mendelson, P.C.**

We have lots of news at Littler. Our Assistant Librarian Jeannine Linnane welcomes baby Aisling (Ash for short) to her family.



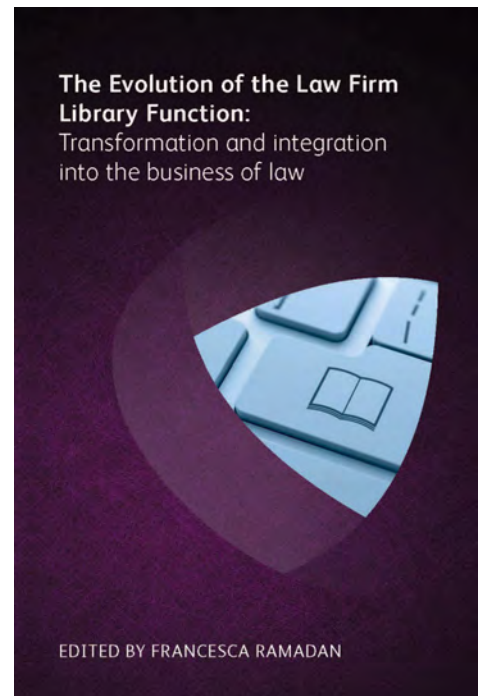
*Welcome Aisling!*

Littler is also celebrating the promotion of Allison Murphy to Research Librarian and welcoming new Assistant Librarian, Joshua Bruegger, to the team. Congratulations, Allison! We’re glad to have you, Josh!

Library Manager Allison Reeve received an Emerging Leader award from AALL. Congratulations, Allison!

Director of Research Services Cynthia Brown and Research Librarian Jill Kilgore published a chapter together in The Evolution of the Law Firm Library Function: Transformation and Integration into the Business of Law. Their

chapter is called “How Strong Relationships and Expertise Get Your Library’s Foot in the Door with Clients – A Case Study.”





### **Koley Jessen**

Koley Jessen welcomes Annette Parde-Maass as the new Legal Resources Assistant. Annette is new to law librarianship coming to us from Creighton University where she was a coordinator with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. She brings additional knowledge through her experience at Midland University, Nebraska Wesleyan and participation with the Nebraska Library Association. Koley

Jessen P.C., L.L.O. is a 70+ attorney firm in Omaha, NE.

### **Schmid Law Library, University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

The Schmid Law Library is welcoming a new hire and saying good-bye to a friend. We are happy to announce that Keelan Weber is our new Head of Cataloging and Resources Management. Keelan is currently working at the University of Nebraska Libraries and will begin work here in mid-September. With our good news, however, comes a bit of bad news. Emily Dust Nimsakont, our former Head of Cataloging and Resources Management, left in July to move to North Carolina. We wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavors.

### **Marquette University Eckstein Law Library**

Jim Mumm was elected Treasurer of Innovative Law Users Group (ILUG). Congratulations, Jim!



## MAALL AT AALL: PHOTOS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



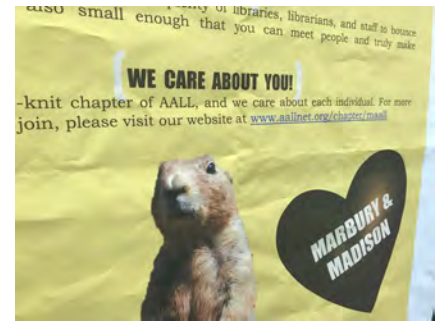
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Left: CS-SIS poster honoring MAALL Past President Susan Boland as the winner of the Kenneth J. Hirsh Distinguished Service Award and Past President Cindy Bassett as a recipient of the Experienced Law Librarian Grant



MAALL Poster featuring our fearless mascots

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