

Memorandum

To: Marcy Cox, Megan Grenda
From: Kathleen I. Gilloran
Date: January 31, 2013
Re: American Association of Law Libraries Liaison Report

This report is broken into two sections. The first highlights interesting and valuable information that can be found on the American Association of Law Libraries website and the second section discusses some of the current activities of the association.

I. www.aallnet.org

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) recently published a document that should be of interest to those involved in training and evaluating law student and junior associate research skills. **AALL Legal Research Competencies and Standards for Law Student Information Literacy** is a comprehensive outline of the legal research skills new lawyers should possess. Find this publication at www.aallnet.org/main-menu/leadership-governance/policies under the **Public Policy** section.

Embedded librarianship is an emerging profession that law students may want to explore as an alternative to the practice of law. An embedded law librarian specializes in a particular area of research. Law firms are recognizing the value of embedded librarians as they tailor legal services to meet client needs. To learn more about embedded librarianship, visit the **Career** section of the AALL website.

II. Activities

AALL is working on its next strategic plan. The key components of the plan will be authority, advocacy and education. Among other things, the plan will advance AALL's efforts to increase recognition of law librarians as an essential part of the legal profession.

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AALL is closely monitoring the state by state implementation of the ***Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act***. This uniform act provides for state governments to transition to a common and trustworthy electronic legal information environment that is easily accessible by all citizens.

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