WPLLA members and friends gathered for an evening of fine dining at Caffe Amante in celebration of our 35th anniversary as an AALL chapter.

December’s annual holiday event featured special guest AALL President Steven P. Anderson who spoke about the challenges and goals of AALL, and invited member input on how the association can better serve their needs. Steven was presented with a Pittsburgh Gift Basket on behalf of the chapter.

Holiday party raffle prizes included a free registration to the 2014 AALL Annual Meeting won by Amy Lovell, and a wine bottle and bag won by Cindy Cicco. Dessert was a special 35th anniversary cake decorated with poinsettias.

Special thanks go to this year’s event sponsor, Thomson Reuters.

Useful Online Business Intelligence Resources

Linda Tashbook recently alerted members to a post on The Law Library Resource Exchange (LLRX.com) providing an annotated list of resources and Internet sites for gathering business intelligence.

Editor’s Note

The WPLLA Chapter marked another milestone with its 35th Anniversary Celebration (1978-2013). These many successful years are a testament to the dedication of members who contribute their time, energy and creativity toward achieving chapter goals, organizing professional programs and supporting charitable organizations. The chapter’s longtime members are uniquely positioned to preserve the past while charting a course for the future. The chapter’s newer members bring a fresh perspective to the profession as they embrace new technology. Still other members provide reliable and consistent support to ongoing chapter activities and programs. We are lucky to have such a diverse and talented membership working to make our chapter one to be proud of!

Looking ahead, many members will be heading “south by southwest” to attend the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in San Antonio. This issue announces the WPLLA grant recipient and provides some quick facts for your upcoming San Antonio visit. Also in this issue, we provide links to important professional resources, summarize useful apps for mobile devices and introduce two of our newer WPLLA members.

I’d like to extend a HUGE thank you to Pat Roncevich, whose creative talents make each issue of the newsletter come alive with colorful and exciting layout designs and photographs.

As you go about your activities this spring and summer, please think about contributing content to future issues of our newsletter.

Sallie Smith
Cataloging/Systems Librarian
Barco Law Library

Executive Board Wants YOUR Feedback!

Dear Members:

In the upcoming weeks, the Executive Board will be reaching out to individual members in an attempt to gather feedback about WPLLA. We greatly value your opinions, and want to incorporate your ideas when planning the events that are scheduled throughout the year. We would love to hear about what we’re doing right and should continue to do, as well as how we can better serve the membership. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time and energy to share your comments and ideas with us. We look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Thank you! - - The Executive Board
Please vote for the 2014-2015 WPLLA Board!

Our 2013-2014 WPLLA year is nearing an end, but we’re not finished with chapter business! It’s time to cast your vote for the 2014-2015 WPLLA Board.

Please take a few moments to review the candidates and submit your vote: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFhmV1Y5U3psnEZxQmdUbkn6OTN6Vnc6MA.

Be sure you click “Submit” to receive an acknowledgement that your response has been recorded.

Thank you! - - Your Nominations Committee Karen Shephard & Stosh Jonjak
**Chapter Milestones**

1977 - The process to organize the chapter is begun by Joel Fishman and others.
1978 - The first chapter meeting is held at Duquesne University.
1979 - Membership is 30 strong.
1983 – Possible newsletter names include **Whooplla**.
1984 – A new chapter brochure is created; membership increases to 99 people.
1985 – Members discuss the use of email and microcomputers for online searching.
1989 – The newsletter includes a survey of software at area law libraries.
1991 – The chapter presents a program on CD-ROM technology.
1993 – WPLLA forms an Internet Committee.
1995 – The chapter hosts the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Pittsburgh; the event ranked 12th in the Pittsburgh Business Times list of Largest 1995 Pittsburgh-area conventions with some 2,500 people in attendance.
1996 – A WPLLA listserv is started, and members talk about creating a web site.
1997 – Email addresses are added to chapter directory entries.
2005 – Membership stands at 98 members.
2008 – WPLLA celebrates its 30th anniversary at Six Penn Kitchen.
2013 – Membership is still strong at 70 members, as traditional law librarian roles transform to serve today’s changing legal environment.

**WPLLA Holiday Party and 35th Anniversary Celebration**

*Members extend a special thank you to program planners—past, present and future—who work tirelessly to plan memorable WPLLA events.*
Legal Research Guides

In a recent volume of *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*, Ingrid Mattson of Ohio State did law librarians a great service in compiling all the legal research guides provided by academic law library websites across the country. There are 5,698 guides available and the number continues to increase; the article’s appendices give detailed information. Mattson makes the excellent suggestion that research guides should be catalogued so librarians wouldn’t have to reinvent the wheel every time a new research guide is needed for patrons. Keeping research guides up-to-date is a time-consuming job and collaboration would improve both quality and efficiency. Some highlights: Mattson divides the guides into 4 categories: lists of legal resources, pathfinder-style guides, instructional or process-oriented guides, and eclectic “other” guides. The number of research guides per law library varies; Georgetown has the most (209) and over half of law libraries have fewer than 20 research guides. LibGuides, unsurprisingly, is the most commonly used hosted solution embraced by law libraries. Introduced in 2007, the software provides a standard format comprised of tabs and customizable boxes.

Here are ten interesting research guides referenced in the article, in no particular order:

- **Japanese Law Research Guide**, from the University of California Hastings Law School Library
- **Women in the Law Guide**, from the Tarlton Law Library, University of Texas
- **The Database Troubleshooting Guide**, from the Charlotte Law School Library
- **The Church Property Law Guide**, from the Santa Clara Law School Library
- **French Law Guide**, from the Cornell Law School Library
- **AZ Traffic and DUI Laws**, from Arizona State Law School Library
- **Suggested Readings for Entering Law Students**, University of Wyoming Law School Library
- **The Food Law Research Guide**, from the University of Arkansas Law School Library
- **The Mexican Legal System**, from the University of Arizona Law School Library
- **Art Law Guide**, from Cardozo Law School Library

Finally, one of my favorite research guides that isn’t in the article- because it’s not from an academic law library- is probably the best resource guide for federal legislation. LLSDC (the Law Library Society of Washington, D.C.) has been publishing the *Legislative Source Book* online since 2000, and it is awesome. It’s a trove of guides, histories, directories and information about federal lawmaker that is updated regularly.

SEPTEMBER
In the Balance: Tools to Increase Your Personal & Professional Productivity, presented by John DiGilio via webcasting from his Chicago office location.

OCTOBER
WPILLA’s Annual Business Meeting, hosted by the Allegheny County Law Library. Reports were presented, followed by member discussion. A cake was presented to George Pike marking his departure from Pittsburgh to assume his new position as Director of the Pritsker Legal Research Center, Northwestern University School of Law.

Anatomy of a Civil Lawsuit: Document from Start to Finish in Dockets, hosted by Pepper Hamilton. Bloomberg Law’s Kevin Skrzysowski explained dockets, how to find them and how to use them for business development and performing due diligence.

NOVEMBER
Drafting Proposed Legislation, Legislative Procedure & Administrative Law, hosted by Eckert Seamans. Vince DeLiberato, Acting Director, Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau, presented a program on the development and drafting of legislation in Pennsylvania.

DECEMBER
WPILLA Annual Holiday Banquet, at Caffe Amante, Pittsburgh. Special guest AALL President Steven P. Anderson joined members to celebrate WPILLA’s 35th Anniversary.

FEBRUARY
Cloud Computing, Mobile Technology, & the Best Legal Apps for Mobile Devices, hosted by Reed Smith. Stosh Jonjak explained the role of cloud computer and mobile devices in our current technological environment.

HeinOnline Lunch and Learn, hosted by Reed Smith. The William S. Hein & Company presented a “lunch and learn” program on new content and search techniques.

APRIL
LexisAdvance Update, at the River’s Club. Librarian Relations Consultant Gayle Lynn Nelson and the LexisNexis Account Team presented a review of the latest enhancements.

Photos by Karen Shephard
Message from the President

The 2013-2014 WPLLA year has been an exciting and productive one. Serving as president has been an absolute honor, and I am proud of everything the WPLLA board and membership were able to accomplish. Vice President Cindy Cicco worked extremely hard to put together an exceptional assortment of programs; I thank her for her efforts as chair of the Programming Committee and her work on the Executive Board. I also thank Past President Karen Shephard for her mentorship and guidance, as well as her work on the Nominations Committee. I want to thank Treasurer Amy Gillin for transitioning, organizing, and reporting on WPLLA’s financial records and her work on the ad hoc Bylaws Committee. I also thank Secretary Amy Lovell for recording the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and heading the Grant/Scholarship committee, and thanks to Executive Board Members Yan Yu and Sue Megarry for their input and perspective throughout the year. I am thankful to those members who reached out with suggestions and concerns, and alerted us to important issues—your feedback is important and greatly appreciated. I thank Linda Tashbook for her work as WPLLA webmaster and administrator of the WPLLA listserv. And thanks to Sallie Smith for chairing the Newsletter Committee. Lastly, I thank those members who hosted programs this year and those vendors who provided generous contributions to our association. The success of WPLLA certainly depends on the efforts and hard work of many individuals.

This year featured many exciting events and developments. We were honored to have current AALL President Steven P. Anderson visit in December to attend WPLLA’s combined holiday banquet and 35th anniversary celebration at Caffé Amante. He spoke about the changing roles of law librarians, how AALL can benefit our career aspirations, and the AALL ROI study to empirically show the value of law librarians. President Anderson commended our chapter on our 35 years of law librarianship advocacy, service and leadership, and presented us with a celebratory letter. Many members worked together to ensure the success of his visit—a special thanks goes out to Marc Silverman, Yan Yu, and Joel Fishman for hosting library tours for AALL President Anderson.

We met our goals of utilizing technology and collaborating with like-minded associations during our programming this year. We invited members of ILTA, SLA-Pittsburgh, and PLAA to our kick-off September program “In the Balance: Tools to Increase Your Personal & Professional Productivity” presented by John DiGilio via webcasting from his Chicago office location. Building on this momentum we broadcast our November program, “Drafting Proposed Legislation, Legislative Procedure & Administrative Law” by the Pennsylvania Legislative Reference Bureau’s Acting Director Vincent DeLiberato, to law students at both the University of Pittsburgh and Duquesne University. We filled the rest of the WPLLA year with strong and topical programs. Our February programs included “Cloud Computing, Mobile Technology & the Best Legal Apps for Mobile Devices” presented by yours truly, and a lunch and learn program sponsored by The William S. Hein & Company featuring news about updates to HeinOnline. Our April program was a Lexis luncheon at the River’s Club featuring presentations on the latest Lexis updates. Our closing event will take place May 15 at Buca Di Beppo and will feature Jeffrey Bauman, who is currently the law clerk for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd. We explored many topics this year, soliciting valuable feedback from the membership on programs concerning eBooks and eLibraries. Through our programming we made many wonderful connections with similarly-focused associations, individuals in the legal information industry, and AALL as a whole.

WPLLA housekeeping tasks included opening a CD to mature in early winter at a time when the association’s annual budget is more finalized. This timing will enable future boards to better assess WPLLA’s expenses against its income. We also are updating our constitution and by-laws to incorporate details on officer duties and powers, as well as the uniform Antidiscrimination by-law recently modified and passed by AALL in early 2014.

The year’s success required the service of many hard-working WPLLA members. If you wish to become a more active member, please reach out to us. WPLLA offers opportunities for professional development and leadership positions, with long-lasting benefits to your career and the profession. I look forward to working with next year’s Executive Board and am certain another successful year is in store for us.

Stosh Jonjak is the WPLLA President for 2013-2014 and Knowledge Management Specialist at Reed Smith, LLP.
I recently asked members, “What blogs, listservs, websites, etc. do you routinely consult to stay up to date on professional and institutional concerns?” Thanks to those of you who responded to my question. The results, listed below, are limited to free sources and are grouped in broad categories.

**GENERAL CURRENT AWARENESS**

Most of these entries are blogs. The contributors represent academic and private law firms, and the topics range from keeping up with the legal industry to legal issues of the day, library management, research, and everything else that we do! Those marked with an asterisk (*) were contributed by more than one librarian.

**ABA Journal Blawg** - A good source to check for content and for building your “go to Blawgs” toolkit. This is a blog-ranking site; the last voting was November/December. One librarian also uses the daily ABA Journal, http://www.abajournal.com/news, to keep up on legal news and the legal profession.

[www.abajournal.com/blawg100](http://www.abajournal.com/blawg100)

**Robert Ambrogi's Law Sites** - A site that tracks new and intriguing websites for the legal profession.


**Dewey B Strategic Blog** - “Risk, value, strategy, libraries, knowledge and the legal profession.” Addressed to information professionals, but a good source for industry trends and the big (more theoretical) picture, by Jean P. O'Grady.

[http://deweybstrategic.blogspot.com](http://deweybstrategic.blogspot.com)

**IBrary Guy Blog** - “The Future of Info is Now” - Not only great content and graphics, but the team is Reed Smith’s John DiGilio and Stosh Jonjak. Recent posts included ALM being up for sale and “The Perils of PACER.”


**3 Geeks and a Law Blog** - This blog has a technology focus, but it does touch on big picture issues in knowledge management, internet marketing and library science. More tongue-in-cheek than others, it just announced the addition of more geeks. It’s worth a look, because you never know when a topic of interest may pop up. (For instance, the NOCALL Spring Institute on *Think Different and Context is everything: Cost Recovery Models in Electronic Legal Research.*)


**PinHawk Blog** - Experienced law librarian and consultant Nina Platt maintains this blog about research, management, resources and more. There are links to other sites and blogs, as well as a section devoted to law librarian news.


**A note about resources on legal industry trends:** ALM’s American Lawyer/National Law Journal and LexisNexis’s Law360 are examples of fee-based subscriptions for full access to legal industry coverage. While not comparable to the fee-based services, here are three free resources that provide perspectives on legal industry trends:

- **Adam Smith, Esq.** – A longstanding legal economics site

- **Inside Counsel** – Legal news and legal services trends

- **Law21 Blog** – Insights from Canadian Jordon Furlong
TECHNOLOGY CONCERNS

Or, should I say “More Technology Concerns” since some entries listed above already touch on this!

iPhone J.D. - http://www.iphonejd.com/
The Droid Lawyer - http://thedroidlawyer.com/

LEGAL RESEARCH – GENERAL

Below are two examples of research guides offered by academic, public, and government libraries. (Editor’s Note: See also this issue’s Technology Corner). For law firm librarians, the guides are a reminder of useful resources as well as techniques to use when compiling guides.

Georgetown Law Library Research Guides - This site offers guides on basic and substantive areas of law as well as state-specific guides. A variety of relevant topics are covered, such as bar exams, court documents, free and low cost legal resources, jury verdicts and instructions, legal ethics, and much more.
https://www.law.georgetown.edu/library/research/guides/

Cleveland Marshall College of Law Library Research Guides – This site includes a comparison of Bloomberg Law, Lexis, and Westlaw, distinguishing the unique features of each platform.
http://guides.law.csuohio.edu/index.php

LEGAL RESEARCH - FOREIGN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Peace Palace Library - This library catalogs each article in every journal received. Interested librarians can sign up for weekly alerts listing new acquisitions in the areas they want to monitor.
http://www.peacepalacelibrary.nl/

EU Commission’s Delegation to the U.S. Library Catalog – A good site to check when searching for journal articles or conference papers about EU law. http://ec.europa.eu/libraries/homepage/index_en.htm

SUMMARY – WRAP UP AND WHAT’S NEXT?

In the beginning of the Internet, librarians devoted much time and effort to just finding and displaying “worthwhile sites” for patrons and professional awareness. The challenge now is to keep up with the multitude of sources and web sites that can help us in our work and our careers. For part 2 of this series, I tentatively plan to survey members on these “keeping up” questions:

What association blogs, listservs etc. do you find useful? Don’t assume the obvious (i.e. AALL). Let’s take a close look at association resources.

Did we omit any significant blogs, current awareness websites, etc. in this part 1? This article was based on voluntary responses. Now that you have this list, let me know if there are other significant resources I should add.

When and how do you review the blogs, alerts, etc.? Can you suggest any work efficiencies for “keeping up?”

Anything else? Just drop me an email with your suggestions on topics to address.

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Member News

Law Firms Have Libraries? by Wendy Fossum

Are you saying that law firms have libraries? To WPLLA members this may seem like a silly question but it’s one I frequently encountered when I began my job at Reed Smith, LLP. Just to give everyone a good understanding of the lack of awareness of library jobs, here is a sampling of amusing questions/comments I received during and after my MSLS education:

“You need a Masters for that?”

“Libraries are dead; Google killed them.”

“I thought you wanted a real job.”

And my personal favorite, “Librarian . . . so you’ll be sitting around reading books all day?”

I did look exhaustively for that elusive “sit-around-and-read-books-all-day” job, but it was not posted anywhere I looked. Instead, I’m happy to have begun my librarian career as Library Systems Specialist in the unfamiliar (to me) territory of Reed Smith’s technical services department.

Clarion is a wonderful school, and I am proud of the degree I received. The all-online program I attended, however, attracts many people already working in the library field -- people who know what they’re doing but want to learn more in a graduate program. I, on the other hand, had little library experience. But the on-line program provided the flexibility to be a full-time student as well as do other things -- like keeping my day job in order to pay rent and buy food. All I had to do was forgo sleep!

My graduate curriculum laid a solid foundation, but didn’t offer a concentration or class in law librarianship or technical services. My prior work experience, however, provided several valuable skills. Previously, I worked at a small company that did background checks and tax credits related to new hires. I dealt with vendors and missing products or services. I worked with a large database system and understood the importance of information security and privacy. I handled invoicing and data management. So where my library science knowledge in an area is theoretical, I can often rely on my work experience to “fill-in the gaps” or provide a basis on which to build more specialized law library knowledge. So I am learning as I go (which, hopefully, I am doing well).

Because I lacked library experience, I initially felt inadequate when applying for library jobs. Since starting work at Reed Smith, however, I realize that knowledge is essential, but it is also transferrable. My combined experience and knowledge has helped me as a new librarian. I enjoy learning new things and using new technology, and I have abundant opportunities to do both at Reed Smith. I plan to continue adding to this foundation as I take on new professional roles and challenges.

Wendy Fossum is Library Systems Specialist at Reed Smith, LLP.
Joseph Paul Justice Burke III is Director and Law Librarian-in-Chief of the Max Rosenn Memorial Law Library in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The law library, founded in 1855, has grown to be the largest and oldest law library in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It is owned and operated by the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association, a voluntary organization of lawyers and judges that was formed in 1850 and incorporated in 1866 by a Special Act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

In addition to being the law library “Keeper of the Books,” Joe is a licensed practicing Pennsylvania attorney and a member of the Wilkes-Barre Law & Library Association for which he serves as Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director. Joe also serves the local courts as Reporter of Decisions for the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County.

While an undergraduate at King’s College in Wilkes-Barre, Joe worked as a student-employee in the busy circulation department of the college library. It was there that his passion for libraries earned him the nickname “Books.” After King’s College, Joe earned his J.D. degree from the Dickinson School of Law. He completed a summer clerkship at (what was then) the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, and a second summer clerkship at the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. Combined, these experiences led to a research paper on the important issues of the historic preservation of cemeteries (genealogical, historical, educational, cultural, environmental, and recreational). Joe also holds a Master’s degree in History with an emphasis in Public History and Historic Preservation. He is an active member in numerous library organizations, bar associations, and historical groups.

As a practicing attorney, Joe handled a mix of corporate work as well as intellectual property matters. He did some pro bono work for local bands and rap musicians (having been an accomplished rhythm guitarist in high school). More recently, Joe has worked with fellow legal and history scholars and organizations to develop a high school education program, Ashley Special: The Train that Changed the American Common Law. Joe is also part of a new education and technology program known as Orange Justice – a legal wellness initiative.

Joe is honored to be the Director of the Max Rosenn Memorial Law Library. The library’s namesake, Judge Rosenn, served as Joe’s mentor and informal preceptor. The two would often lunch together while discussing jurisprudence and the legal profession. Joe fondly recalls learning the law from the Judge’s legal volumes. Despite the speed and convenience of online research, books continue to be a source of great interest and inspiration to Joe. He considers public libraries to be vital gathering centers and intellectual hubs for communities across the Commonwealth and the country.

Photo courtesy of Joseph P.J. Burke III
In January, several WPLLA members viewed a free webinar, *Thinking About Changing from Two to One Legal Database Vendor: How Do You make That Decisions?* The briefing, featuring instruction from experts in library management, was conceived and created in cooperation with the Law Library Association of Greater New York (LLAGNY) and Practising Law Institute (PLI). The program is part of the PLI and LLAGNY Law Library Series of One Hour Briefings offering free programs for librarians, researchers, attorneys and allied professionals.

The briefing is now available free on-demand, [http://www.pli.edu/Content/OnDemand/Thinking_About_Changing_from_Two_to_One_Legal/_/N-4nZ1z12ctq?fromsearch=false&ID=212714](http://www.pli.edu/Content/OnDemand/Thinking_About_Changing_from_Two_to_One_Legal/_/N-4nZ1z12ctq?fromsearch=false&ID=212714). Lecture topics include: how many legal databases can or should be provided; what steps should be taken when making the decision to select one vendor; reviewing database usage and content to maximize the offerings in the contract; and issues that may arise after the decision to go to one vendor.

The one-hour program features three experienced librarians. **Susan Mc Kenna** presents the analysis process completed by her firm’s management committee when deciding to change to one vendor. An experienced law librarian who has spent most of her career as an administrator and research librarian, Susan is Director of Library Services for the New Jersey law firm of Budd Larner where she has been trimming the budget and creating a cost-effective “lean and mean” librarian machine.

**Tanya Whorton** discusses what internal information should be gathered for decision-making, and how to prepare for contract cancellation if you decide to go to one vendor. Tanya heads the Research and Library Services department at Crowell & Moring, an international law firm with over 500 attorneys. Over her career, Tanya has held a variety of law library positions and has specialized in areas such as managing online resources, collection development, building intranets and wikis for special projects and research needs, and knowledge management.

**Nancy A. Hancock** recommends establishing a timeline and conducting detailed database evaluations as part of the decision-making process. Nancy heads a full-service library management company based in Austin, Texas. Her firm offers services to business, engineering and law professionals in private practice as well as local, state and federal government agencies.

*Information provided by Alexa Robertson, PLI Director of Library Relations & Electronic Publishing, and LLAGNY chairs Patricia Barbone, Janice Henderson and Jill Gray. For more ‘Just for librarians’ information and free programs, check PLI’s Librarian Blog The Library Ledger.*
WPLLA Programs

Cloud Computing, Mobile Technology & the Best Legal Apps for Mobile Devices presented by Stosh Jonjak

The February WPLLA program featured presenter Stosh Jonjak for a program on cloud computing and mobile devices. Stosh has graciously provided this annotated list of popular apps for you to try.

Fastcase
- Most popular legal app, according to the ABA’s 2013 Legal Technology Survey Report
- Allows users to conduct case law searching for free
- Supports Boolean, natural language, and citation searches

WestlawNext
- Quickly log into WestlawNext, and have the WestlawNext environment conform to your device
- 15th most used app at law firms, according to the International Legal Technology Association (ILTA) 2013 Technology Survey
- Save and access research locally

Lexis Advance
- Quickly log into Lexis Advance and have the interface adjust to your device
- Remotely access saved research, alert results, and folders
- Synchronizes across your devices

Bloomberg Law
- News and analysis about user-defined companies
- Receive docket and news alert updates, set-up on web-based Bloomberg Law
- Access documents saved to your queue

DkT
- Access PACER via a user-friendly interface
- Enables bookmarking of dockets and documents; updates your requested docket from its last update, rather than re-downloading the entire docket

Time Master + Billing
- Great for solo practitioners and smaller firms
- Stop-watch enabled time tracking synced to specific clients and matters
- In-app software purchases can generate invoices

Dropbox
- Used by 15.2 percent of respondents of the ABA’s 2013 Legal Technology Survey Report
- Free cloud storage: back-up pictures, video, and music for free
- Share your backed-up media between different devices

Evernote
- Used by 9.8 percent of respondents of the American Bar Association’s 2013 Legal Technology Survey Report
- Enables you to take notes and share notes across devices
- Excellent voice recognition software simplifies note-taking process
Quick Facts for your San Antonio visit

The Convention Center is named after Henry B. Gonzales, a former San Antonio city council member and the first Hispanic citizen to be elected to the US House of Representatives.

The historic Menger Hotel is adjacent to the Alamo. It was in the Menger Bar that Teddy Roosevelt recruited his famous Rough Riders.

The career of John Warne Gates began in San Antonio in 1876 when, as a salesperson for the Washburn-Moen wire company, he demonstrated a new product called 'Barbed Wire.' In less than 10 years, large cattle ranches using this product had replaced the open plains, and the west was changed forever. Gates also founded The Texas Company, which later became Texaco Oil.

The Hilton Palacio Del Rio was built on the River Walk for the 1968 World's Fair. The hotel was erected using modular construction in an unprecedented period of 202 working days. The hotel's rooms were built and fully furnished off-site, complete with carpeting, furnishings and automatic coffee makers. The modules were then transported downtown where they were stacked atop each other by crane to complete construction of the hotel.

Mount Rushmore sculptor Gutzon Borglum lived in San Antonio in the 1920’s and 1930’s while designing a statue to commemorate the Texas cattle ranching heritage. It was at his San Antonio studio that Borglum worked on his preliminary designs and models of the four presidents represented in the Rushmore monument. In 1937, Borglum left San Antonio to begin the actual carving of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

The Southwest Craft Center in downtown San Antonio was originally home to the Ursuline Academy School of Girls. If you look up at the Center’s clock tower, you will note there is no clock on the north side because, when built, no development existed north of the school. It later became legend that the clock wasn’t installed on the north side because no proper southern girl would give the time of day to a northerner.
Grant Winner: Antoni “Stosh” Jonjak

The WPLLA Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce Antoni “Stosh” Jonjak as the 2014 grant recipient to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The grant provides free registration to the annual meeting (a $549 value, generously provided by AALL), as well as a $250 travel stipend contributed by the WPLLA Chapter. Applicants submitted a brief essay describing the goals they hoped to achieve by attending the conference.

Stosh exemplifies the objectives of WPLLA. He is a Research Services Librarian at Reed Smith and the current WPLLA President. Since joining WPLLA just four years ago, Stosh has been extremely active in our local chapter. He is known for his interest in the technological aspects of law librarianship, and he readily shares his expertise with others. His contribution to the iBraryGuy blog [http://www.ibraryguy.com](http://www.ibraryguy.com) is just one example of his many outreach activities.

This will be Stosh’s first time attending the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference. We have no doubt that he will share with us everything he learns in San Antonio.

**Congratulations to Stosh!**

WPLLA Scholarship Committee (Barbara Alexander-Klein, Amy Lovell)

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WPLLA Chapter needs Table in AALL Exhibit Hall!

An “idea” person is needed to create a table display for the WPLLA Chapter at the AALL Annual Meeting exhibit hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote our chapter and its activities.

The creative effort could include Pittsburgh-themed items, a display board with pictures of chapter events and activities, free candy and perhaps a raffle item. Last year WPLLA was the only chapter without a table! If you are willing to help, please contact Cindy Cicco, ciccoc@pepperlaw.com

Display picture courtesy Cindy Cicco
In support of The Pittsburgh Foundation’s 2013 Day of Giving, WPLLA donations helped two local nonprofit organizations achieve their mission of providing literacy resources to our community.
**Save the Date**

**WPLLA SPRING BANQUET**
The WPLLA Spring Banquet will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 15 at Buca Di Beppo, Station Square. The featured speaker will be Jeffrey Bauman, law clerk for Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Debra Todd. Cost is $20 for both members and guests; checks payable to Treasurer Amy Gillin. An invitation will be forthcoming; please RSVP via email to Cindy Cicco ciccoc@pepperlaw.com.

Many thanks to our banquet sponsor, Bloomberg Law!

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**Spring Banquet Featured Speaker - Jeffrey P. Bauman**

Mr. Bauman is deputy law clerk to the Honorable Justice Debra Todd of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. He served Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy in that capacity prior to his retirement from the bench. Mr. Bauman is also an Adjunct Professor at Duquesne University School of Law where he teaches Labor and Employment Law. Mr. Bauman graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law where he was elected Order of the Coif and served as Topics Editor of the Law Review. He received his B.S. from Allegheny College. Prior to serving on the legal staff of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bauman practiced in the areas of labor and employment law and civil litigation.

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The University of Pittsburgh School of Law recently unveiled a room dedicated to Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy (Pitt JD 1968). Located adjacent to the Teplitz Moot Courtoom, the Chief Justice Ralph J. Cappy Room is filled with memorabilia from the Justice’s distinguished thirty-year career on the bench. Equipped with the latest technology, the room provides a rich backdrop for law student seminars.
**Members, We Need Your Input!**

Please consider becoming an active part of our organization by serving on a committee. The committees are an integral part of our organization. Committee members work to promote our profession. They provide continuing education events, offer scholarship opportunities, and sponsor a few social events as well. WPLLA has a number of committees that are open to all current members.

To join the committee of your choice, simply contact the Chair of that committee or the President.

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### WPLLA Committee Membership 2013-14

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