

AALL Seeks Vendor Liaison

AALL seeks an individual to serve as its liaison for fostering knowledge and information sharing between the law library community and legal information vendors. This individual will also work to develop programs or initiatives for sharing expertise and creating a dialogue about library-vendor issues and to communicate about legal information policy issues from the law librarian perspective.

Term of

Appointment: Three years; part-time appointment; may be renewable.

Duties and

Responsibilities: Identify areas where improved communication would serve important educational functions between information vendors and law librarians.

Develop expertise in the appropriate roles of a non-profit membership association in the areas of information policy and vendor pricing issues.

Create opportunities for vendors and law librarians to discuss and educate themselves on the information policy issues of the day that affect both.

Serve as the Association's consultant on library-vendor relations issues and draft appropriate information policies for AALL Executive Board approval.

Skills Required:

Depth of knowledge of various types of law libraries and the ability to articulate both the similar problems and the unique issues they face.

Expertise in legal information creation and dissemination and other relevant legal information policy issues as they relate to the business of publishing legal information.

Thorough understanding of the legal publishing industry and its current practices in pricing, marketing, product development, customer management, and negotiating strategies.

Demonstrated record of innovation in and contributions to the profession.

Earned status in the law library and legal publishing communities through presenting, publishing, and leadership activities.

Ability to work effectively and collaboratively with both law librarians and legal publishers.

Strong understanding of the business side of libraries and legal information vendors.

Strong communication skills with the ability to engage all of the stakeholders in an informed dialogue.

Effective negotiating, analytical, and evaluation skills.

Other

Requirements:

Bachelor's degree and MLS or substantial experience in the law library profession.

Member of the American Association of Law Libraries with record of involvement and active participation.

Occasional travel to the AALL Annual Meeting, chapter and other meetings.

Honorarium provided.

To be considered for this position, please send a cover letter and resume to Kate Hagan, Executive Director, American Association of Law Libraries, at khagan@aall.org or 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 940, Chicago, IL 60604. To ensure full consideration, your application must be received no later than March 1, 2009.