



Dallas Association of Law Librarians

Annual Report 2016-2017

2017 does mark the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the chapter. While we acknowledged the anniversary at our spring institution, a true celebration was deferred to next program year.

Executive Board members for the 2016-2017 term were as follows:

- Edward Hart, President
- Lee Bernstein, First Vice President/President-Elect
- Donna Bostic, Second Vice President/Newsletter Editor
- Corrine Latham, Treasurer
- Jocelyn Sagherian, Secretary
- Nancy Scibelli Bouthilet, Past President

As DALL members have come to expect, our educational programming was excellent in 2016-2017. Lee Bernstein, First Vice President/President-Elect, led the charge as our Programming Chair.

- In October, Stacy Rowe of Manzama spoke on “Cross-Department Collaboration; Working Together to Boost Business Development Success” hosted by Vinson & Elkins, LLP.

- In November, Margie Maes, AALL Vendor Liaison, visited DALL to speak about vendor relations.
- In January, Blythe McCoy and Patrick Barry of Thomson Reuters presented a program on “Cybersecurity Trends: The Threat, Impact, and Awareness of Law Firm Security” hosted by Vinson & Elkins.
- In February, Jordan Higgins of LexisNexis Digital Library spoke on LexisNexis Looking to the Future of Law Libraries at a program hosted by Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP.
- In March, Kris Niedringhaus skyped in for a conversation on “Librarians as Published Authors” hosted by UNT Dallas College of Law.
- In April, DALL’s Spring Institute was hosted by the Underwood Law Library at Southern Methodist University.
 - Keynote: Allen Pusey, Senior Editor of the Texas Lawbook, former editor and publisher of the ABA Journal, who spoke on “Fake News: A Love Affair – Why ‘Fake News’ Is More Dangerous When It Isn’t”
 - Cassie DuBay, Kevin Miles, and Shanna Pritchett - Program: Practice-Ready”: It’s what everyone in the legal field is talking about, from the ABA to private employers. But for academic librarians to effectively teach legal research skills, they need a clear understanding of the research expectations and technologies faced in practice. To bridge this gap, past AALL programs have included conversations between academic, firm, and government librarians discussing research skills, expectations, and more. This program continues that conversation at the local level.
 - Stewart Caton and Edward Hart - Program: Incorporating research instruction into doctrinal classes helps students develop legal information literacy, connecting their understanding of legal information with the law they are learning. Attendees will hear how UNT Dallas College of Law adopted a graduation requirement calling for students to complete research lessons (called research segments) during their upper class studies, and how the librarians partnered with doctrinal faculty to carry out assessments of students.
 - Luis Campos of Haynes Boone - Program: The Role of Soft Law in International Law and Business: A Compelling Case for Non-Binding Law, Sources, and Materials

DALL’s networking and social events were well received and well attended by members this year. In Chicago during AALL in July, DALL supported a joint reception with HALL, SWALL, and UNT College of Information. DALL held a December holiday luncheon at the Dallas Chop House that was the best attended event of the whole year. Our May spring social was at Tortaco. The spring social was especially remarkable as it commemorated the end of the 2016-2017 year

and the beginning of the 2017-2018 year. The gavel was passed and the new Executive Board was introduced to the membership.

DALL continued its tradition of supporting a member's attendance to AALL in Chicago by awarding a grant to Jennifer Stephens of HaynesBoone. We recruited two chapter VIPS for the Austin AALL meeting, more details in next year's report.

DALL continued to develop its new website. The new website was designed to be easier to maintain and to provide quick access to critical information to members. It also includes three notable new features the organization determined would be useful to members and DALL administration:

- completely online membership renewal system
- a Research Corner to help members locate research information and submit research tips
- digital access to *Advance Sheet* archives

DALL continued to publish the *Advance Sheet* under the guidance of Newsletter Editor, Donna Bostic. The organization published the 41 volume of the *Advance Sheet* this year. The newsletter is published electronically only.

Consistent with DALL's history, 2016-2017 was a productive year and the organization continued to focus on programs and initiatives that directly benefit members.

Respectfully submitted by Edward Hart, DALL President, 2016-2017