



Colorado Association of Law Libraries
Annual Report 2018-2019
Prepared by Deborah Hamilton, President 2018-2019

Executive Board Members for the 2018-2019 term were as follows:

Deborah Hamilton, President; Diane Forge Bauersfeld, Vice President/President-Elect; Jane Thompson, Treasurer; Keslie Kandt, Secretary; Michele Masias, Member at Large; Holly Pinto, Past President

This past year CoALL offered a number of educational, social, and professional development opportunities for our members.

On October 9, 2018, Diane Forge Bauersfeld gave a tour of the library and the court building for the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver.

Later in the month, on October 19, 2018 CoALL partnered with Rocky Mountain SLA for the annual Rocky Mountain Mini-Conference. CoALL member, G. Patrick Flanagan was one of the featured presenters.

In December, CoALL hosted their annual holiday party at the CU Boulder Law School.

Then in the spring, CoALL partnered with the Colorado State Library to offer a three part webinar series on different aspects of legal research process. These webinars are part of the “CSL In Session” series and are geared toward public and academic librarians. It was a great way to reach out to other types of librarians in order to connect them with legal research resources and techniques. Each session had fairly sparse attendance for the initial viewing, but the archived recordings have seen substantial use.

February 21, 2019, Session I “Legal Research Basics” by Deborah Hamilton:

<https://cslinsession.cvlites.org/past/helping-patrons-with-legal-questions-part-1-legal-research-basics/>

Ten attendees; 154 views of the recording

March 27, 2019, Session II “Researching State and Local Laws” by Keslie Kandt:

<https://cslinsession.cvlites.org/past/helping-patrons-with-legal-questions-part-2-researching-state-and-local-laws/>

Two attendees; 27 views of the recording

April 25, 2019, Session III “Researching Federal Laws and Secondary Sources” by Michele Masias:

<https://cslinsession.cvlites.org/past/helping-patrons-with-legal-questions-part-3-federal-laws-and-secondary-sources/>

Two attendees; 16 views of the recording

CoALL awarded the following grants this year for members to attend conferences or pursue other professional development opportunities:

Martha Keister Grants: Anne Lucke and David Selden

CoALL Membership Educational Grant: Jill Sturgeon

CoALL Student/Newer Grant: Michael Whitlow

The "Legal Research Corner" Committee authored columns that appeared in the *Colorado Lawyer*:

August 2018 - "Bloomberg's Points of Law: Can they Compete with Headnotes?," by Jill Sturgeon

December 2018 - "Tracking Colorado Legislation," by Robert Linz

February 2019 - "Evaluating Research Technology," by Patrick Flanagan

March 2019 - "Casemaker Version 4.0," by Norman Woolworth (Mr. Woolworth works for Casemaker and the TLC desired that Colorado lawyers be informed of the new features.)

May 2019 - "Dictionary Research for Lawyers," by Nick Harrell

August 2019 - "Here comes the Judge: Judicial Analytics," by Margi Heinen and Jan Bissett

Lastly, we wrapped things up with our annual meeting on August 8, 2019 where CoALL celebrated its 35th anniversary of becoming a chapter. AALL Board Member, Karen Selden visited our chapter and gave some remarks at our reception.