

LAW LIBRARIANS' SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, DC

Annual Report (2022-2023)

2021-2022 LLSDC Executive Board

The incoming LLSDC officers were, President, Keith Gabel; Vice President/President-Elect, LiMin Fields; Corresponding Secretary, Kris Roth; Recording Secretary, Jeremy Gainey; Membership Secretary, Katherine Lowry; Treasurer, Eva Marie-Nye; Assistant Treasurer, Konrad Riecke; Board Member at Large, Christine Moua; Board Member at Large, Angela Krulc; and Immediate Past President, Megan Kelleher.

Selected Events

The number of events continued to be limited in the 2022-2023 year, due to the ongoing and evolving pandemic and its effects on our professional routines. Hybrid work schedules has kept most non-social events virtual, while the social events have returned largely to an in-person format. LLSDC began our year with an Opening Ceremony, a cocktail party, that was very well attended. Under LiMin Fields' leadership, the Law Library Managers' Group hosted several roundtables for managers and those interested in the topics being discussed. The Legal Research Institute continued its streak of successes. It took place virtually in March over two weeks and had many attendees, including many from outside the jurisdiction of LLSDC. Our annual Town Hall was held virtually, but we hope to migrate to a hybrid format for next year. Finally, we ended our year with an intimate Closing Ceremony. We were honored to have FastCase generously sponsor our Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Initiatives

Catholic University LIS Alumni Board

Realizing that our law librarianship is not attracting enough new librarians into the field, LLSDC has partnered with this alumni association to participate in its roundtable discussions. The hope is that we can share our experiences and attract recent graduates to consider a professional track similar to our own.

Law Library Lights

It has been decided to breathe life into this publication again, but as an annual edition.

Membership & Budget

Both the LLSDC membership and budget have remained steady. Our accounts still remain healthy and stable.

Challenges

The Board continues to struggle to secure volunteers to fill positions at the Board, SIS and Committee levels. Some positions remained vacant for the year, especially on the committee level. This led to an unforeseen delay in our elections. The Nominations Committee had difficulty securing candidates for the election and all of the positions except one were uncontested.

Submitted by Keith Gabel, LLSDC President (2022-2023)