



AALL Annual Meetings Feature Stellar Authors & Speakers: 1999 Is No Exception

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Those attending AALL Annual Meetings always are treated to outstanding speakers and authors, often our colleagues in law libraries and other types of libraries. But AALL Annual Meetings also draw many non-librarian speakers and authors who deliver exciting and provocative presentations for us. Remember Tom Davenport, John Perry Barlow, and G. Burgess Allison from the 1998 Anaheim meeting, Stephen Carter in Baltimore in 1997, and Michael Gorman in Indianapolis? The 1999 Annual Meeting promises more exciting speakers and authors.

The plenary session speakers in Washington, D.C., for the 1999 Annual Meeting include **Roberta R. Katz** (formerly Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Netscape Communications Corporation), who will

deliver the first plenary session presentation, "Civil Justice System at the Crossroads in the Information Age," on Sunday, July 18, 1999. Katz, author of *Justice Matters: Rescuing the Legal System from the 21st Century*, spoke at the ABA TechShow in March 1999, where she addressed the technology issues facing lawyers practicing in the new millennium and the issues raised in her book. The other plenary sessions include great speakers as well. Join Professor **Bob Oakley** of the Georgetown University Law Center at the second plenary session (Monday, July 19), "Digital Information at the Crossroads: Debating 'Access' vs. 'Pay-Per-View,'" where he will direct questions about tough copyright and intellectual property issues to a stellar panel, including Congressman **Rick Boucher** (D-VA) former Congresswoman **Patricia Schroeder**, and Professor **Peter Jaszi**. The third plenary session (Tuesday, July 20), "Revitalizing the Constitution," features African-American attorney **David Baugh**, who will discuss his representation of an Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

The 1999 Annual Meeting programs include many other well-known speakers and authors. Judge **Robert E. Payne** (E.D. Va.) wrote the first opinion acknowledging that attorneys have a duty to stay "abreast of developments in the law." Judge Payne will discuss his opinion and the ABA Model Rules in "It's All in the Books, Right? The Ethical Perils of Ignoring Electronic Legal Resources in the Information Age" (E-2).

Marc Rotenberg (compiler of *The Privacy Law Sourcebook*, one of the organizers of the grassroots campaign against Lotus Marketplace, and Director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center) will offer his perspectives during "Encryption at the Crossroads" (F-1). Joining Rotenberg on this program is **Jerry Lawson** (author of *The Complete Internet Handbook for Lawyers*).

Rotenberg participates in another program, "Information Policy at the Crossroads: The

Challenge of Globalization" (I-5), where he will examine the international information policy environment and will look at international initiatives dealing with copyright and privacy policies.

"The Unauthorized Practice of Law 1999: Two Views from Two Different Pews" (C-7) will feature author **Stephen Elias** of Nolo Press, which is currently under investigation by a subcommittee of the Supreme Court of Texas for producing materials that assist individuals who do their own legal work.

Scott Armstrong (a noted journalist who was instrumental in litigation that prevented the destruction of some Bush administration electronic files) will discuss this issue with **Lewis Bellardo** of the National Archives and Records Administration in "Federal Information Policy and Agency Recordkeeping at the Crossroads: Debating the Preservation of and Access to Agency Electronic Records" (K-4).

Don't miss **Ray Suarez** (the nationally respected host of National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation") as he discusses concerns about legal news and talk shows and how these shows impact society, government, and the political process: "Broadcasting Ethics at the Crossroads" (G-8).

Then, proceed to a discussion of the media from a different perspective in "All the News That's Fit: A Look Inside the News Media Libraries" (H-7). You will hear librarians from print and radio media discuss how information is collected, analyzed, verified, and archived in the media libraries.

"Gumshoe Librarians: Using Investigative Sources and Techniques" (J-4) features **Joan Feldman** (Computer Forensics, Inc., and a noted lecturer on investigative research), who will share some of her secrets. Feldman was interviewed about investigative research recently in a May 1999 *Wired* magazine article, "Daemon Seed: Old Email Never Dies." **Connie Kaplan** (Kroll Associates) joins Feldman on this panel to discuss how to find those hidden and obscure facts.

Rodney Smolla (noted constitutional law scholar, professor of law at University of

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Richmond School of Law, and the author of the recently published *Deliberate Intent: The Behind-the-Scenes Story of the Infamous Hit Man Case*) will participate in the discussion of the activities and legality of the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission in "Access vs. Privacy: The Case of the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission" (D-3).

We all know the fine work that **Elliot Chabot** did with the U.S. House of Representatives Internet Law Library. Come hear Chabot and other speakers as they discuss "CyberCongress: Its Future and the Public Interest" (C-3).

Louis Rosenfeld (whose *Information Architecture for the World Wide Web* won the Amazon.com award for the Best Computer Book of 1998) will discuss the principles of information architecture and their application to the design of Web sites that support growth, management, and ease of use in "Information Architecture for the World Wide Web" (C-2).

Maureen Sullivan will add her considerable expertise about change, management, and libraries to "Crossing the Road: Helping Legal Support Staff Understand the Traffic Patterns of Basic Legal Research" (L-1).

Although many judges are participating in the 1999 Annual Meeting, it is important to single out a very special judge who is both a guest and a speaker—the Honorable **Thomas Zlaket** of the Arizona Supreme Court. Chief Justice Zlaket serves as co-chair of the National Conference on Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System. This National Conference, a joint effort of the American Bar Association, the Conference of Chief Justices, the League of Women Voters, and the National Center for State Courts, was held in Washington, D.C., in May and featured many local law librarians as reporters in the small group discussions at the National Conference. Justice Zlaket will offer his expertise in the program

"National Action Plan to Improve Public Trust and Confidence in the Justice System: Defining a Role for Law Libraries" (A-3).

But, lastly, don't forget your colleagues, the many librarians, who will present expert advice and insightful information for our education and enlightenment. Come to the "Crossroads" in Washington, D.C. The program planners promise you an enjoyable and challenging educational experience featuring an exciting array of speakers and authors.

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