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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ANNOUNCES
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION NAME CHANGES

CHICAGO, June 18, 2015 — The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announced today that it has approved the name changes of two special interest sections (SISs) — member groups with specialized areas of interest in law librarianship and legal information.

The AALL Executive Board approved the following SIS name changes:

• Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section (GLL-SIS) is the new name for the former State, Court, & County Special Interest Section (SCCLL-SIS).
• Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section (PLLIP-SIS) is the new name for the former Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section (PLL-SIS).

The SIS name changes reflect the interests of their members and required member votes, SIS bylaw amendments, and final approval from the AALL Executive Board.

“AALL’s special interest sections represent the interests of more than 2,800 of our members who belong to one or more group,” said AALL President Holly M. Riccio. “It is important for our SIS members to feel that the names of their sections represent the types of institutions in which they work, their areas of expertise, and their roles within those areas.”

“Changing our name to GLL-SIS reflects the multiple levels of government where our members serve the public, the practicing bar, and the judiciary,” said GLL-SIS Chair Maryruth Storer. “Maintaining access to justice is imperative to a democratic society.”

“The PLLIP-SIS name change reflects the expansion of new roles undertaken by legal information professionals in law firms including competitive intelligence, practice alignments, analytics, knowledge management, pricing, and business development,” said Jean O’Grady, immediate past chair of the PLLIP-SIS. “As the legal industry has changed, our members have been at the forefront of driving innovation in the development of information strategies and the delivery of knowledge to all facets of the business and practice of law.”

AALL will gradually implement the name changes on the AALL website and in forthcoming publications and communications.

For more information about AALL Special Interest Sections, visit bit.ly/AALL-SISs. For more information about AALL, visit www.aallnet.org or contact AALL Member Services at membership@aall.org.

About AALL
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