

Annual Report 2015 - 2016

Law Library Association of Maryland (LLAM)

The LLAM officers for 2015 – 2016 were James Durham, President; Camilla Tubbs, Vice-President / President Elect; C.J. Pipins, Secretary; Thea Warner, Treasurer; Pat Behles and Elizabeth Lukes, Members-at-Large; Kate Martin, Past President.

The LLAM year began with a dine-around event at Alma de Cuba on Walnut St during the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Philadelphia. LLAM offered two educational events and one social event in the fall of 2015. In October, Scott Stevens of the Baltimore County Law Library presented “Shadow Laws: How to find laws that are not directly published anywhere, but govern our daily lives” at the University of Baltimore. Jason Hawkins from the University of Maryland Thurgood Marshall Law Library hosted the November program on International Arbitration Research. The Annual Holiday Party was held at Crush Kitchen and Winehouse in Annapolis. Members enjoyed a lovely spread of heavy hors d’oeuvres, drinks and a silent auction that raised over \$400. A portion of the proceedings from the annual holiday party silent auction were donated to the Maryland Food Bank.

The Honorable Judge Lynne Battaglia provided the first educational program of 2016 on February 3 with a discussion of her book *Finding Justice: A History of Women Lawyers in Maryland Since 1642*. That same day LLAM took part in Maryland Library Legislative Day which began in the Anne Arundel County Public Law Library with a LLAM-sponsored breakfast.

LLAM’s bi-annual flagship educational event also known as the Legal Research Institute was April 8. The title of the conference was Cybersecurity and You: Issues in Higher Education and Beyond. It was organized by LLAM, the Health Sciences and Human Services Library and Center for Information Technology Services at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. A link to the event’s website with program information and videos is [here](#). This program was made possible by a grant from the AALL/Bloomberg BNA Continuing Education Grant Program, and was also funded with Federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No. HHS-N-276-2011-00004-C with the University of Maryland Baltimore.

This year’s LLAM service project took place on March 11, 2016. Several LLAM members volunteered at the Maryland Food Bank sorting and boxing food and toiletry donations for distribution. The annual spring fling began with a tour of the newly restored Baltimore Washington Monument in Mount Vernon Place. Those who braved the climb to the top were rewarded with breathtaking views of Baltimore from 13 stories high. After the monument tour we had a wine and cheese reception at Spirits of Mount Vernon. During the reception, LLAM board members were recognized for their service during the 2015-2016 year.

A special committee to review LLAM procedures, bylaws, and committee descriptions presented a proposal for changes to the LLAM board in April. The board approved these new guidelines and they have been posted to the LLAM website. LLAM also voted to amend the LLAM Bylaws to include “gender identity” in its anti-discrimination clause.

Submitted by Charles A. Pipins II, LLAM President 2016 - 2017