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Somehow it is already April. The bulbs are up, the cherry blossom is out, and—in less than a month—the summer students will be arriving. With that in mind, VALL's April seminar was a well-attended panel discussion on the subject of "Orientation Tips & Tricks for Articling Students". It was fascinating to hear the other speakers talk about their approaches to student training. Food is clearly an integral part of the orientation process. Working with our students has always been one of my favourite parts of my job; the library has such an important role in providing students with the support (research or otherwise) they need to be successful during their articles.



Susannah Tredwell
VALL President
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And once the summer students arrive, that means conference season is around the corner. If you are planning to attend the Canadian Association Law Libraries conference in Edmonton, the SLA Conference in Ohio, or AALL in Washington DC, I hope you will consider writing something for the next issue of the *VALL Review*.

This issue of the *VALL Review* features two articles that centre on large scale research projects undertaken by librarians. Yolanda Koscielski, a librarian at Simon Fraser University, discusses her sabbatical project on which she focused on the Belarusian diaspora of post-World War II refugees to Canada. Equally interestingly, Megan Smiley writes about a research project that focused identifying gaps in services and resources experienced by rural and remote community libraries.

Also in this issue is a summary of the VALL Archives Project. Teresa Gleave, Past President, is heading up a committee to establish an archive of VALL's records, ably assisted by a number of VALL's Past Presidents.

As ever, I would like to thank Stef Alexandru and Emily Nickerson for their hard work in putting together this issue of the *VALL Review*.

Susannah.

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From the Editors

Stef Alexandru, Lawson Lundell
Emily Nickerson, Norton Rose Fulbright

Spring has arrived and we expect those of you in firms and courthouse libraries are all getting ready for busy season, that is, the arrival of articling students! We are often so busy getting our students up to speed at this time of year that it is hard to imagine having time to work on any special projects. With that in mind we have two feature articles in this issue that focus on large research projects undertaken by our members. Research is such a central part of the work of law librarians, but for many of us the research we undertake is a small piece of a larger puzzle for someone else, and rarely of our own design. Read on for two projects that break this mold!

Rounding off our research theme is our two regular columns: *Courts on Research* by Sarah Richmond and *From the Webmaster's Screen* by Joni Sherman, as well as VALL's upcoming June event on marine oil spills which will be sure to sharpen your research skills in environmental law.

As always, we love to hear from you—whether general feedback, ideas for future content, or a wish to contribute an article. With conference season right around the corner, we encourage you to share your experiences and what you've learned with colleagues. Please contact us at vallreview@gmail.com.

Happy conferencing and a great summer to all!

Stef and Emily

Feature article: A sabbatical in filmmaking and Belarusian history

Yolanda Koscielski, Liaison Librarian for Criminology, Psychology & Philosophy | SFU Library

After working as a Liaison Librarian at SFU for close to 9 years, I was very fortunate in the fall of 2017 to have the opportunity to pursue a professional development sabbatical at SFU. Up until my leave, I'd been working primarily as a subject liaison, specifically as Librarian for Criminology, Philosophy and Psychology. Each of these subjects has a legal and/or forensics focus, and I have also been developing the legal collection and provide legal research support for SFU Library, all of which I enjoy immensely.

For my proposed sabbatical, I had the opportunity to work in a totally new area outside of my liaison portfolio. This presented both advantages and challenges. I proposed a humanities-based project, increasing my knowledge and expertise in developing digital documentary heritage projects, in particular, by focusing on the Belarusian diaspora of post-World War II refugees to Canada. These refugees would be former Ostarbeiters (forced/slave labourers taken by the Nazis).

This topic was particularly compelling to me as studies of non-Western European history are not intensively covered in Canada. As such, there was a great deal of ambiguity around the topic and excitement for having the opportunity to be

able to learn more. As a bit of background, Belarus is a little-known landlocked Eastern European country, often mistaken for being part of Russia (although it was once part of the Soviet Union). Belarus shares its borders with Poland, Ukraine, Latvia, Lithuania, and Russia. Its location—bordering so many countries—has made it vulnerable over the years to competing powers, both east and west.

During World War II, the country suffered the most casualties per capita of any country; some estimate approximately 1 out of every 3 or 4 people perished. This included mass extermination of the Jewish population by the German Einsatzgruppen and their collaborators. Additionally, many non-Jewish Belarusians were exported for slave labour, approximately 380,000. When the war ended, most slave labourers were repatriated to Belarus; however, a small number never returned home. Those who did return home were usually persecuted. I wanted to try and capture some of these stories while there was still time.

The first portion of my study leave was largely technical and creative. I studied documentary film-making through a full-time documentary program at Langara College. The program was comprehensive, covering both technical and theoretical skills. We covered camera and lighting, digital editing (Final Cut Pro), storytelling and narrative structures, interviewing techniques, shooting schedules, directing, pitching, and project management. During this time, I produced a short documentary, and helped my cohort shoot their documentaries as well. Many of the skills I used during the program translate well into library work, such as planning projects, learning new technology, and working on teams.

A few take-aways from the program stand out. For one, shooting footage can take an exceptionally long time. I now have a sense of why film crews work such long hours. Second, it took a bit of time to block out the feeling of self-consciousness while filming in the street, but that feeling did go away for the most part, after some practice. Third, it is hard to make content look good. We live in a lush multimedia era where highly curated, edited content is ubiquitous. However, the world can look fairly haphazard on its own. Accordingly, staging interview backgrounds took hours. Even the smallest natural detail became magnified into the distasteful when caught on film: a barren coffee table, a half-drunk cup of tea, a few dead leaves on a houseplant, etc. And, fourth, when interviewing subjects, the best information usually came after the formal interview is over. Always keep the cameras rolling (with proper consent)!

The second portion of my study-leave focused on humanities research. I was a humanities researcher for several months—reading dense academic history texts, emailing with other international researchers and archives, and trying to track interview participants down (which proved quite difficult, unfortunately). I visited archives and historical sites in Belarus, Poland, and Germany, and worked from the other side of the research desk.

One of the highlights during this time was having the opportunity to travel (solo) to Belarus, both to Minsk and to remote, rural Belarus. It was exceedingly challenging to arrange for this journey, as the country does not have a well-developed infrastructure for international tourism. For instance, I needed to apply for a travel visa to leave the Belarussian border by train into Poland, and was unable to buy my train ticket using a North American credit card. Once I found my way into Belarus, though, everyone was extremely friendly and helpful. Now back at SFU Library, I look forward to continuing my liaison work with a broader perspective from the past year.

LawMatters 2018 Research on Rural & Remote Community Libraries

Megan Smiley, LawMatters Program Coordinator | Courthouse Libraries BC

LawMatters is the Courthouse Libraries BC outreach program for public libraries. Funded by the Law Foundation, we work in partnership with libraries to increase access to legal information in communities throughout the province. As the program coordinator, my responsibilities include: administering grant funding to help libraries build and maintain their legal collections, providing collection support and guidance, and offering training for library staff on finding and using legal information resources. This past fall, we additionally worked on a research project that focused on rural and remote community libraries; my role was to support the consultant running the project, primarily supporting communications, survey question development, and conducting interviews.

This research built on a 2016 program evaluation in which we learned that the needs of smaller libraries were different from their larger counterparts. We wanted to learn more about those differences and identify gaps in services and resources so that we might better support them. I learned a lot throughout this process—about the communities we work with and about conducting research. What follows are some key lessons and the basic structure we followed in planning and implementing the research. The good news is that in response to the research findings, the Law Foundation approved a very generous increase in funding that will enable us to build and maintain a significantly enhanced program!

Key Lesson #1: Get help! Hire a consultant with research expertise and relevant experience.

We had the benefit of having Meg Kwasnicki as our consultant, who has extensive research expertise and an MLIS. She brought invaluable knowledge to this research project, and her experience working as a librarian meant she understood libraries, the perspectives of library staff, and the environments in which we work. This knowledge was especially valuable in survey design and implementation. She knows firsthand how many conflicting priorities librarians juggle with limited time and staffing resources, which was essential in crafting a strategy, research questions, and a survey that would get us the information we needed in way that wasn't too onerous for library staff.

Another important point to make here is just how much work a research project is. From start to finish, it takes a lot of energy, brainpower, and time. We could not have accomplished this work—especially in the timeline we had—without Meg. As it was, I struggled to keep up with regular day to day tasks.

Key Lesson #2: Stay focused on what you are researching and why, but don't lose sight of what matters most.

We started from an understanding that the needs of BC public libraries are as diverse as the communities they serve. Our end goal was to identify those needs, find the best ways to respond to them, and design a program that has the flexibility and resources to support all libraries effectively. It's important to keep coming back to your overarching goal as you design your research strategy, develop interview questions, and devise your communication plan. There are always many competing priorities and interests that can draw your focus away, but I found (with Meg's help) that focusing on our end goal helped keep us on track and safely guided us through challenges and difficult decisions.

By way of example, we were under pressure to deliver results on a tight timeline. Meanwhile, BC was in the midst of a terrible fire season and many communities were in crisis, several in the very areas we were most interested in learning how to support. Above all, we value the relationships we have with our library partners—the success of the program depends on it. We knew this research had the potential to significantly benefit libraries in the long term, but we also knew that supporting them in the moment was crucial, and necessarily meant not asking more of them in a time of crisis. We asked the funder for more time—to which they graciously agreed—and put our research on hold until the fires were under control.

Key Lesson #3: Devise your plan, consult your audience, allow for flexibility, and share your results.

One of the most valuable lessons I learned in research methods courses was about reciprocity. If you are asking for people's insights and time—especially when time is in short supply—you should be prepared to do something with the information they give you. You must provide something in return while being careful to not make promises you can't keep. I saw how this works in practice with this project, and I found reciprocity figures in at almost every point throughout the process.

When devising our plan, we considered what would work best for libraries in terms of format, timeline, and ways to engage (i.e. online survey vs. 1:1 interviews). We wanted to invite meaningful engagement without being too burdensome so we offered both options: a 10-minute online survey or a longer phone interview. To acknowledge the extra time involved in giving interviews, we proposed a draw for a \$100 gift card (many thanks to Virginia at Kitimat Public Library for all her time and congrats on winning the draw!).

After we had a draft of the survey, we tested it with CLBC staff who also work in public libraries, as well as select public library staff. Consulting your audience gives them a chance to provide input into what they believe will work best, and responding to their input is a good way of showing you value their time, and will do your best to deliver. Allowing for flexibility in your plan means you have more latitude to incorporate participant feedback as you move forward, and finally, sharing the results directly with participants is a simple but critical aspect of reciprocity in that you are being transparent and accountable with how you are presenting data and your findings, and it also gives you a chance to publicly recognize their contributions.

The Process:

Step 1: Research Design

- Identify key considerations: who, why and how
- Identify target audience; include a small sample of comparative data (i.e. focus on smaller rural libraries, but include a small sample of larger urban and regional library systems)
- Draw an achievable overall timeline
- Select the right tools; e.g. internal and external communication tools, a survey platform, etc.
- Brainstorm survey and interview questions

Step 2: Communicating and consulting

- Identify a smaller sample to test; send out test survey to select recipients
- Incorporate feedback; plan communications
- Plan communication schedule: initial & reminders
- Plan timelines for survey and interviews

Step 3: Implementation

- Send out communications
- Open survey & schedule interviews
- Conduct interviews (allow time for coding)
- Gather & analyze results

Step 4: Preparing and sharing the results

- Prepare initial draft
- Submit to funder; incorporate feedback and finalize draft.
- Share the report with participants along with any outcomes or related news.
- Announce the winner of the draw

Column: Courts on Research

Sarah Richmond, Library Manager/Research Lawyer | Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang

Costs reduced where senior counsel performed legal research

Gibb v. Pereira, [2018 ONSC 12](#) (January 4, 2018)

Gibb v. Pereira, 2017 ONSC 4762 is a recent Ontario case involving a property dispute between the owners of two adjacent residential properties; at issue was the law of adverse possession.

In its related costs decision (indexed at 2018 ONSC 12), the court looked at Rule 57.01(1)(0.a), which “permits the court to consider, in exercising its cost discretion, “the principle of indemnity, including, where applicable, the experience of the lawyer for the party entitled to the costs as well as the rates charged and the hours spent by that lawyer” (para 58). The plaintiff had submitted a Bill of Costs that said that all of the work on the file had been done by the lawyer, Mr. Dewar, who had more than 46 years of experience at the bar. Hence, Mr. Dewar was considered senior counsel.

In assessing the Bill of Costs, the Court had particular concerns “in relation to matters where more legal training and skill inherently were required; e.g. to research application legislation, texts, articles and precedents relation to the law of adverse possession, through electronic research and law library attendance” (para 74).

Although the Court acknowledged that the plaintiff was entitled to have that work done by Mr. Dewar, and that he “performed such research work admirably” (para 75), the Court “question[ed] whether the defendant should be expected

to pay for having all such work done personally by very senior and expensive legal counsel on an extended basis; e.g. as opposed to the making of arrangements to have some or all of such work done by a junior lawyer or articling student (...) and presented to senior counsel for review” (para 76).

In the end, the Court fixed the plaintiff’s costs at an all-inclusive amount of \$45,000, which was far less than the plaintiff had requested on a partial indemnity basis (being \$72,772 + \$4,575, inclusive of HST).

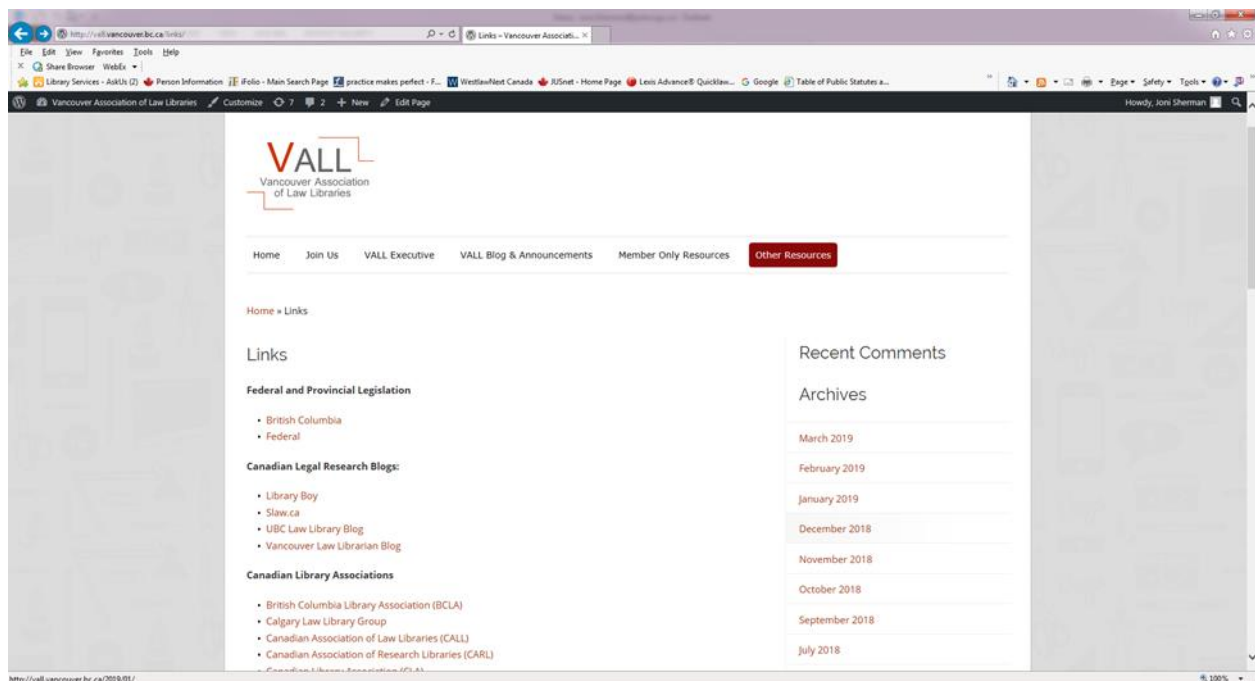
The take-away from this decision is that the courts will likely take into consideration the level of experience (and billable rate) of the legal professional who has performed the legal research. Thus, since legal research is generally a time consuming task, it is recommended that someone with a lower billable rate perform the work, to be reviewed by senior counsel.

Column: From the Webmaster’s screen

Joni Sherman, Library Technician | Department of Justice

We researchers are always looking for new resources to help us keep current.

With that in mind, I want to highlight the *Other Resources* page. It can be accessed by clicking on the last tab of the [VALL Homepage](#).



From here you will find many direct *Links* to federal and provincial legislation; legal research blogs full of interesting and current information; and other library and law associations from around the globe.

It is a rich banquet of information but if you notice something of note that should be added (or even broken links), please send me an [email](#).

Happy researching!

VALL Archives Project

Teresa Gleave, Director, Knowledge Services | Fasken Martineau DuMoulin

VALL has struck a committee to preserve our history by establishing an archive, building on the historical materials we already have and creating a process to maintain them going forward.

We anticipate most of the materials will be digitized and made available on the members' only area of our website. If you have photographs or other materials you would like to share, please send them to a committee member.

The Committee is:

- Teresa Gleave, VALL Past President and liaison to the VALL Executive
- Gillian Crabtree
- Elizabeth Kinersly
- Katherine Melville
- Sarah Richmond
- Larisa Titova

Member Announcements

Alexandra Krakus is an MLIS candidate at UBC's iSchool in her second year of studies. She is currently working in a government co-op position and will be doing a law library internship over the summer months. In her coursework, she has explored academic and public library settings as well as management and archival topics. She is also volunteering with the UBC chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA@UBC) as an Events Coordinator. Prior to her MLIS studies, Alexandra taught Writing, English, Theory, and Cultural Studies as a sessional instructor at numerous BC and Ontario institutions.

Catherine Lau is a Research Librarian at Gowling WLG (Canada) LLP as of January 2019. She has over 10 years of experience in legal and government libraries including MLT Aikins LLP (formerly MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP) and the Canada Revenue Agency. A member of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL), Catherine obtained her MLIS from San Jose State University in San Jose, California in 2008.

VALL also welcomes the following new members:

- Bronwen McKie, student member
- Liam McConachy, Guild Yule

News from LexisNexis

Christine Rocheleau, Segment Marketing Manager, Mid and Large Law | LexisNexis

LexisNexis is pleased to announce the following Lexis Advance® Quicklaw® enhancements:

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- [New Expand All/Collapse All Table of Contents Feature](#)
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We would also invite you to subscribe to the [Law Librarian Newsletter](#) and read the [Fall 2018](#) and [Winter 2019](#) Editions.

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News from Thomson Reuters

Luisa Moncada, Segment Marketing Manager, Legal and Tax & Accounting, Canada | Thomson Reuters

Thomson Reuters continues to evolve their solutions to help legal and tax professionals meet the increasing demands of their clients. In March, they announced the launch of [Practical Law Canada – Commercial Real Estate](#), a new module that provides expert guidance and tools to cover all aspects of commercial real estate practice, including acquisitions, leasing, and financing.

Like previous Practical Law Canada modules, Commercial Real Estate is designed to help law firms and legal counsel be more productive by making it easier and faster to orient on any matter at hand, so they can shift time spent searching for a precedent toward more profitable and productive use. [Read the full announcement](#).

The Practical Law service also integrates with WestlawNext Canada and ProView. The integration of WestlawNext Canada and Practical Law Canada provides users with a seamless experience between the two products and drives efficiencies in a lawyer's workflow. This follows the integration of WestlawNext Canada and ProView in 2017, which enabled users to search both platforms simultaneously.

For Tax Professionals, Thomson Reuters Taxnet Pro continues to deliver unparalleled content and functionality. The latest additions are Bédard's InfoGraphics and Answer Path. Bédard's InfoGraphics is a unique content-set, which provides accurate and clear illustrations of corporate structures and complex tax transactions that are outlined in many of Canada Revenue Agency's technical interpretations. These graphics enhance the understanding of these unique tax situations.

Answer Path is enhanced functionality within Taxnet Pro that provides the user a fast path to finding relevant documents. Answer Path reduces research time by providing direct routes to comprehensive, reliable tax research. Typing a specific term will access an Orientation document, which contains a summarized description, interpretation or definition of the topic, legislative references, relevant commentary lists, government documents, forms, checklists, tax rates, and tax tips. To learn more about Thomson Reuters solutions, visit www.thomsonreuters.ca

News from CanLII

Sarah Sutherland & Alisa Lazear | CanLII

A lot has happened since our last *VALL Review* update this past fall. Here is a short post to catch you up on all the developments at CanLII.

A range of content has been added to the collection with our secondary sources growing with more success than even we, ever the optimists, anticipated. We are now planning how to continue to improve access to legal materials for all the regions in Canada. Here are some of the improvements we've made over recent months:

Case law

CanLII's case law collection now includes over 8,000 decisions from Canadian Criminal Cases from 1898 to present that were missing from our databases.

Legislation

Last September, we were happy to announce that the annual statutes of New Brunswick have been added to CanLII. They join the Federal, Quebec, and Saskatchewan annual statutes, which were already on the site. The additions of these documents have been funded by CAIJ, The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick Law Foundation. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with supportive organizations that make projects like this possible.

Commentary

CanLII's commentary section now has many resources written by authors from various backgrounds. Since the launch of the CanLII Authors Program, we have received submissions from lawyers, legal scholars, and law students, who see the value in open legal commentary. We have already loaded over 5,000 pieces of commentary and have a long list of new content to be added in the coming months. You can browse what's there from here: <https://www.canlii.org/en/commentary/>. Thanks to the help of the team at Lexum, CanLII now has subject facets to help you find commentary by subject area. Subject terms will continue to be added to new and existing content in the coming months.

CanLII Connects

The CanLII Connects site now has over 55,000 summaries and commentaries. That is more than double the number of documents since its launch on April 4, 2014. These documents relate to over 45,000 cases from all the provinces and territories across Canada.

We are also happy to have Christina Hendricks on the CanLII Board of Directors. Christina has an impressive background in open educational resources development, and we look forward to having her input on our programs.

CanLII is dedicated to developing a strong understanding of how people use legal information, and working in collaboration with members of the legal community to continuously improve. If there is certain content or features you would like to see more of on CanLII, we would love to hear from you!

Programming Review

December 2018

Members met at the elegant Sutton Place Hotel for our annual December luncheon just as the cold descended on Vancouver. Presenters Kayla Strong and Nathan Lapper are dispute resolution and litigation lawyers at Norton Rose Fulbright, whose practices both involve public law and include Charter and other constitutional issues. They presented an interactive session on prominent SCC decisions from 2017/18 and asked the audience to guess which way the court went on some of the toughest decisions faced by our Supreme Court in the past year. After being treated to a sumptuous holiday lunch, members felt that the holidays had truly begun.



January

On a dreary January evening, members met to reminisce about the holiday season at the Per Se Social Corner. After shaking out drenched umbrellas, members settled into a long table near the warm pizza oven for some excellent beverages, food, and comradery. Due to confidentiality reasons no part of anything discussed can be posted in the review. See you next time!

February

Back into the full swing of things (with some unexpected February flurries), VALL members were treated to the first brown bag of 2019. Life coach and joy enthusiast Dorothea Hendriks gave an educational and personal look at managing our

emotions and taking the first steps to becoming more emotionally accountable. Do your emotions influence what you think and the decisions you make? Do you think becoming more aware and making an effort to control your emotional reactions can make a difference in your behaviour and your outcomes? These were questions Dorothea put to us to guide us into the positive changes we can make to deal with our emotions. "It's almost impossible to handle any conflict or upset productively without opening ourselves up to the other person's point of view". Members walked away knowing a little more about themselves and how to better deal with the challenges that sometimes come with working in our profession.

April

Members met at the Scotiabank Tower on Friday, April 5 for the Orientation Tips & Tricks for Articling Students panel.

Our moderator for this panel was guest Veronika Kollbrand, Reference Librarian at the University of British Columbia Law Library. In addition to her reference law librarian's hat, she also teaches one of the Introduction to Legal Research courses. Veronika's unique insight answered members' questions about the extent of legal research training first-year students receive at UBC's law school. As expected, members heard that law students take on a heavy course load and are stretched.

Our panelists included Debbie Millward of Lawson Lundell, Susannah Tredwell of DLA Piper, Carolyn Petrie of Norton Rose Fulbright, and Roman Lanzarotta of the Vancouver Courthouse Library. They gave us a summary of their orientation model and process, answered questions about triumphs and struggles, and offered insights into preparing students for their law careers. We saw similarities and differences between orientation models in revitalizing the legal research instruction, collaborating with online product trainers, and other firm departments.

Finally, panelists fielded questions from the audience and members eagerly shared their own experiences with orientation, insightful methods for success, and resources for training. It was clear that the role of library professionals is vital as articling students transition into legal careers.

Upcoming VALL Events

Stay tuned for details on our May Social event. Always a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues in a comfortable, and chill atmosphere.

We will wrap up the 2018/19 Programming season with a June Substantive Law session in the area of environmental law. Last year's survey told us our members are interested in environmental issues like marine oil spill response and fishery conservation across BC's Lower Mainland.

When: Tuesday, June 18, 2019, registration 11:45am, session begins 12:10pm

Where: Sutton Place Hotel Vancouver, 845 Burrard St, Vancouver

Who: Stephanie Hewson, Staff Lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law. Stephanie is part of West Coast's Marine Program, working to strengthen ocean protection provincially and nationally.

Watch out for our Annual VALL Member Survey coming in July when we ask for your feedback on the programs held in 2018/19 as well as your suggestions for the upcoming 2019/20 year. Your feedback is important to us, and will help

ensure that future programming meets your needs and expectations.

Don't forget to check out the [VALL website](#) for future events.

Upcoming Conferences

Save the date for these upcoming 2019 annual conferences!

CALL

The [CALL/ACBD 2019 Conference](#) will be held May 26–29, 2019 in Edmonton, AB.

SLA

The [2019 Annual Conference](#) will be held June 14–18 in Cleveland, Ohio.

AALL

The [112th AALL annual meeting and conference](#) will be held July 13–16, 2019 in Washington, DC.

If you are going to any of these conferences, please consider writing a review for the summer issue of the *VALL Review*! Contact Stef and Emily at vallreview@gmail.com.

VALL Review Newsletter Article Content Submission Guidelines

Please take a look at the guidelines below and contact the *VALL Review* Editors if you have any further questions. You do not have to be a VALL member to write for us. Anyone is welcome to contribute to the *VALL Review* as long as you meet the guidelines below. Thanks for your support and interest!

Purpose of *VALL Review*

- To provide short news and articles on library information and knowledge management developments of interest to VALL members with a priority focus on legal information and related issues concerning the legal sector.
- To highlight resources of interest to VALL which would be useful to the legal community and for professional library staff development.

Authors are advised to submit their draft articles that meet the minimal criteria:

- 1) In Microsoft Word, plain text or RTF.
- 2) Maximum of up to 800 words for full articles.
- 3) Single spaced with paragraphs.
- 4) Functional URLs and corresponding footnote bibliographic information for further reading.
- 5) Identification of author, their official position title and parent organization.

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