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**ALA ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee**

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**Report from the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)**

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**AALL Annual Meeting 2019**

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting was held July 13-16, 2019 in Washington, D.C. The Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) held a Hot Topic session entitled *Making the Case for Structure—Bringing Order to the Magic: Structured Data as a Way of Advocating for Cataloging and Metadata*. Discussion included whether we should make subject headings more nimble to adjust to rapidly changing vocabulary. LSCH is by design slow to change, and thus takes time to add new terms or update existing ones—should we use alternate means to enrich keyword access to our records?

Jolande Goldberg, Senior Law Classification Specialist at the Library of Congress Policy & Standards Division, was inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame for her many years of dedication and service to law librarianship.

The Metadata Management Standing Committee meeting included breakout discussion groups. One discussed the need for updating and harmonizing LC Classification schedules with regard to environmental law. In some K schedules environmental law falls under public health, while in others it has its own section. Jolande Goldberg provided a history of those sections as well as the proposed changes to move environmental law out of public health. There was also a discussion on whether environmental impact charges should stay under environmental law or tax law.

**Technical Services Law Librarian**

The latest issue of the Technical Services Law Librarian (TSLL) includes an article by George Prager discussing the distinction between K or KZ when classifying materials on international law and human rights. The article includes an analysis of existing uses in OCLC of KZ1266 and K3240, along with clarification of those uses from LC’s Aaron Kuperman. Ultimately, Mr. Prager suggests new scope notes be added to both, as well as an alteration to the KZ1265-1266 hierarchy and captions. He also suggests adding similar scope notes to the two corresponding Library of Congress Subject Headings: *Human rights* and *International law and human rights*. To read the full article, see <https://www.aallnet.org/tssis/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2019/12/Technical-Services-Law-Librarian-45-2-December-2019.pdf>.

**AALL Annual Meeting 2020**

A TS-SIS program proposal on the LSCH Illegal aliens issue was accepted for the AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans. One of the directors of the documentary *Change the subject* will participate in the panel and show the film at a nearby venue.