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# EDITOR'S CORNER

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edition of *The CRIV Sheet*.

Originally expected as a February issue, this one needed a bit more time. I sought to summon an outstanding slate of authors to deliver a variety of timely and informative pieces, and I am excited by the result. Thanks for your  
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procurement program for your institution as a concrete, meaningful imple&  
mentation of diversity, equity, and inclusion principles that we should all aspire  
to.

Next, Brittany Kolonay and Christos Pamboukes—librarians with experi&  
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Ben Keele shares his expert insight on the ways governments are provid&  
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the legal and librarian communities that is increasingly being adopted across  
the country.

The Association of American Law Schools held its Annual Meeting in  
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the article.)

Finally, we include the minutes from the winter semiannual conference calls  
between AALL and the four largest vendors of our profession: Bloomberg,



## FROM THE CHAIR

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legal research, or a characteristic of legal information you would like to understand better, such as systems function.

productive and prodigious year!

## THE NEXT STEP: IMPLEMENTING A VENDOR DIVERSITY PROCUREMENT PROGRAM

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workplace have experienced a surge of interest in the past couple years as the Black Lives Matter movement has received national and global attention. Some corporations their DEI programs by turning an eye to their vendors and implementing procurement programs with a focus on vendor diversity.

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### Why a Vendor Diversity Procurement Program?

Reasons for developing a vendor diversity procurement program in the workplace. For some, the reasons derive from altruistic, humanistic, and ethical motivations: It is about the genuine desire to do the right thing and to be more inclusive. A vendor diversity procurement program helps generate economic opportunity for underrepresented communities, which develops a strong DEI program. **Kerri Mesiah**, the author of *Extending Diversity into Your Vendor Procurement* are.” Extending diversity into your vendor procurement aspects of your workplace, reassuring employees they are valued and important.


Additionally, there are compelling commercial reasons, backed by data, to develop a vendor diversity procurement program—for example, reports by **McKinsey & Co.** and **Glassdoor**. The McKinsey report found that companies with a diverse vendor base are 35 percent more likely to experience above average prof&



or group that is part of a traditionally underrepresented or underserved group. While the percentage requirements may attach depending on the vendor category. For example, [13 C.F.R. § 1223.1](#) requires that a vendor be at least 51 percent owned, controlled, and operated by a person who is a member of a traditionally underrepresented or underserved group. See [Guidance on Title 1 of the American with Disabilities Act](#).

### Establishing a Successful Vendor Diversity Procurement Program

Central to developing a vendor diversity procurement program is demonstrating its importance. Involve your stakeholders from the beginning. Invite their thoughts and input.



with all stakeholders and ask for feedback and suggestions. Include it in your annual DEI report.

### **Final Thoughts**

Keeping up the momentum can be taxing. Fatigue can set in and threaten progress and continuity. Remember





## General Beta Testing Considerations

While it is impossible to outline every consideration



involved in any trial process involving attorneys, even when the attorneys are the ones providing the feedback.

First, being involved allows you to be your user's advocate, just as you are in the contract process. You can help advocate for reasonable time constraints and make sure individual testers are being treated fairly. Second, you can help drive which users may be the best testers in a way that may be less burdensome to them. Third, the information provided may be useful to future acquisitions or contract negotiations and you will want to be aware of it.

You may also want to prohibit the vendor from contacting any of the attorneys directly. Consider having attorneys relay their feedback through you instead. Then you can present their feedback to the vendor. This would ensure that vendors would not be able to pitch additional products to an attorney in their role.





companies that verify the identity and authority of the publisher. Once the publisher has completed the

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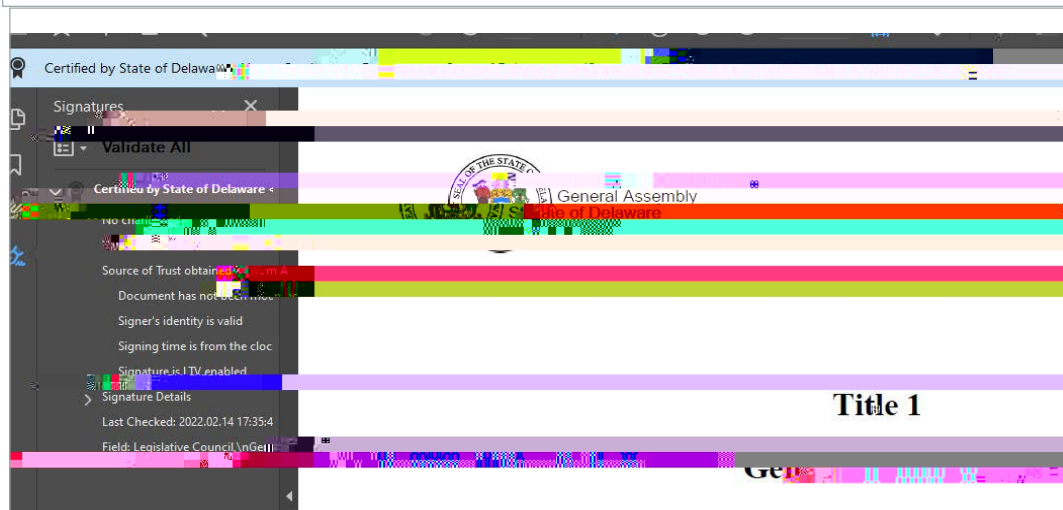
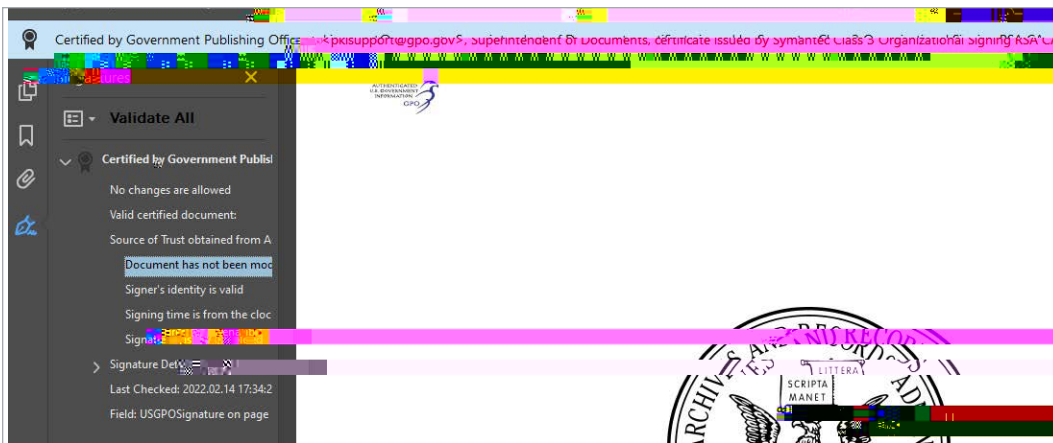
Delaware has also chosen to use digital signatures to authenticate its **statutes**

checked and visually displayed. The main downside

of this approach is cost. The vendors charge for digital  
California Legislative Counsel produced a **report on authentication options** that provides further explanation and cost estimates. A **recent report** by the New York Office of General Services provides more detail on how New York state agencies and some other states handle digital publishing of legal materials.

## Final Thought

A variety of options is available for authenticating legal materials. As more states enact UELMA, additional methods of authentication may be developed. UELMA's technological change for the long term.





# CRIV SHEET SUMMARIES: A REVIEW OF AALS ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAMS

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I will fully admit: When it comes to foreign and comparative legal research, I often feel like I am up a creek without a paddle. This session at the virtual 2022 AALS Annual Meeting, therefore, was of great interest to me. The majority of panelists are research experts at the Law Library of Congress who spoke about recent updates to their many online research tools, with special attention on their foreign, comparative, and legal research tools. Each presentation was presented in turn, and each presentation seemed to build upon the last, as if growing the Law Library of Congress's collection before my very eyes.

Barbara Bavis began by describing the Law Library of Congress's collections; with 2.9 million volumes, they are the largest law library in the world. About half of that collection is FCIL materials, representing 267 nations and jurisdictions in 140 languages. Bavis then proceeded to provide updates on several of the Law





## CRIV / BLOOMBERG LAW SEMIANNUAL CALL

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Date: Thursday, December 9, 2021, via Zoom

Zoom Meeting: Please dial in using the following information:  
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### Lex Machina® Capabilities

- Released the **2021 Consumer Protection Litigation Report**, **2021 Contracts Litigation Report**, and **2021 False Claims Litigation Report**
- Released the new **False Claims Module**, which provides Legal Analytics for litigation related claims under state law; false claims litigation centers on the allegations of fraud against the government by a person or company.

### Intelligize® Tools and Content

- Released two new tools for researching **Public Companies' Performance on ESG Issues**:
  - ESG Risk Radar**: A tool that helps companies, advisors and researchers evaluate legal and regulatory risks, devise disclosure strategies and tell their ESG story.
  - A new ESG tab added to the Company Insights tool.



## CRIV / THOMSON REUTERS SEMIANNUAL CALL

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Reuters)

### Practical Law Dynamic Tool Set

Emily Colbert, vice president of Practical Law, presented on Practical Law's Dynamic Tool Set, which includes Knowledge Map, Quick Compare, What's Market Analytics, and Matter Maps Interactive.

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- **Self-paced Tutorials:** Short videos designed as an introduction to basic functionality that helps users get started quickly and improves research or

