PETITION TO SUPPORT THE BLACK CAUCUS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES (BCAALL)

In becoming the **Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section** as is required by [Article 10, Section 3 of the AALL Bylaws](#).

The **Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section** (BLL-SIS) is submitting this petition to form a Special Interest Section to help Black Law Librarian members of AALL become to be more active participants in the organization and profession. It is our goal to further the professional development, recruitment and social interests of Black Law Librarians and our affiliate members while ~~to~~ educating AALL leadership on matters affecting the interests to Black Law Librarians.

The Black Caucus was formed in 2005 and has maintained its existence as a close-knit small community in a profession that lacks a significant presence of Black members. In order to accomplish our goals, this section will focus its energy on:

- Providing opportunities to increase the professional knowledge and abilities of our members through educational and leadership training and programs;

- Encouraging collaboration and exploration of new methods, resources, and technologies with other members, caucuses, and SISs;

- Providing mechanisms for active recruitment and retention of Black Law Librarians while providing networking and mentoring opportunities for newer and established members; and,

- Promoting and highlighting the contributions and innovations of our membership to the broader organization and profession.

BLL-SIS is committed to providing a conducive environment for Black Law Librarians and other affiliate law librarian members to connect with one another, to encourage and support each other while developing lifetime learners and innovators in the profession. The intention of this section is to build upon the work of the caucus by providing an important additional voice in the AALL organization, increasing the knowledge and abilities of our members, and assisting them in their growth as they build rewarding careers.