I can see why Sarah Bernhardt called Chicago “the pulse of America”! Our evening reception, hosted by the Cook County Law Library, provided stunning 360 degree views of the City and was something I will never forget. Thank you to Jean Wenger and all of the staff for making all aspects of that event so spectacular! This section has a list a mile long of wonderfully dedicated and passionate members. I could probably thank each one for something, so bear with me as I try to give a shout out to those who went above and beyond for this section, most recently.

First, I have to thank Kelly Browne for showing us all how to lead with grace, wit and loads of humor, last year. I’d like to give a special thanks to outgoing Board member, Coral Henning, who has a knowledge base bigger than the Grand Canyon and doesn’t mind sharing with others. Maryruth Storer, thank you for putting up with all of our questions… and then some. You are a true rose among the thorns. Thank you to last year’s Committee Chairs: Larry Meyer, Sara Galligan, Joan Bellistri, Jason Blevins, Stacy Etheredge, Regina Smith, Terry Long, Holly Gerber, Barbara Fritschel, Janine Liebert, Claudia Beth Jalowka, Mary Jenkins, Jessie Burchfield, and Kate Fitz. Some of you are such gluttons for punishment you agreed to continue on for another year. Thanks in advance for that! A great big “THANK YOU!” to Mary Jo Lazun for continuing on as webmaster and John Barden for taking over as Editor of this fine newsletter. Last but not least, to every single person who served on a Committee – from those of you who dedicated time and energy to the Silent Auction, updating the Standards, creating New Resource Guides and on and on – Thank You!

Last year, a group was formed to respond to questions regarding county law library closures and takeovers. This group eventually narrowed their focus to the partnerships and other opportunities arising from these occurrences across the country. Informally, this group has been referred to as “The Partnership Group”. This year, it will continue as a special committee. You
View from the Chair, continued

Jennifer Dalglish, Chair

might have seen the Survey this group sent to prepare for the Monday Morning Coffee Talk: “Public Law Libraries: Opportunities and Challenges.” Over 150 people responded to that survey. Let Mark Estes know if you’d like to see the results. Another effort resulting from the work of this group is an article I coauthored with Mark Estes and Dan Cordova that will be published in the next issue of The Spectrum: “Managing Government Law Libraries Today: Challenges and Opportunities”. Please join the AALL Community discussion on this topic: http://community.aallnet.org/communities/community-home?CommunityKey=3a1ba427-f273-4bb5-a45d-14ae48caa788. Finally, thank you to the members of this group: Kelly Browne, Dan Cordova, Coral Henning, Mary Jenkins, and Larry Meyer! If you haven’t already done so, please take a look at our Committee charges and let me know if you’d like to help out with anything in particular, this year. There’s a lot going on and it’s sure to be another great one!
From the Editor’s Desk

John Barden, Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

As I move into the editor’s seat, I want to thank Holly Gerber for her outstanding service as newsletter editor these past several years. I am grateful for her guidance and support during this transition. In this issue we reflect on the 2016 AALL annual meeting. Grant recipients Taryn Rucinski and Mary Jenkins provide complementary views on what new attorneys need to know about legal research to be effective practitioners, while Cornell Winston offers perspectives on coming to grips with legislative history research. I share some observations from the 2016 IALL annual course and meeting in Oxford, England. Finally, we celebrate with the Harris County Law Library as the 2016 Law Library Advocate Award is presented to Harris County Attorney, Vince Ryan.

AALL Announcements

Vote for AALL’s Future Leaders | Election is Now Open

The 2016 Executive Board Election is open—online voting for the next AALL vice president/president-elect, secretary, and Executive Board members runs through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Monday, October 31.

AALL elected members of the board represent you and your interests as law librarians. We encourage you to learn more about the candidates before voting by reading their biographies and statements on AALLNET and Q&As with the candidates featured in the September/October 2016 issue of AALL Spectrum. You can also listen to the recordings from the vice president candidates forum and the secretary and Executive Board members candidates forum.

Vote today and help shape the future of AALL!
AALL Announcements (continued)

Register Now | National Conference on Copyright of State Legal Materials

[Link to National Conference on Copyright of State Legal Materials]
Friday, December 2, 2016 | 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (EDT)
Boston University School of Law
Register by Tuesday, November 2, 2016
Registration is $75

AALL and Boston University School of Law are pleased to host a first-of-its-kind conference on the copyright of state legal materials. Keynote speaker Corynne McSherry, legal director at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, will kick off the conference. We invite you to join other legal information professionals, policymakers, and copyright experts to explore policy and practical issues related to copyrighted state legal materials and to discuss possible solutions to ensure more state legal information is in the public domain.

Save the Date | AALL Management Institute

[Link to 2017 AALL Management Institute]
March 30-April 1, 2017
Palomar Hotel | Chicago, IL
Registration will open in early October

The AALL Management Institute provides participants with the opportunity to build management skills. Working in small groups with colleagues from different library types, participants will develop techniques to manage with confidence. Maureen Sullivan, an organizational development consultant, will serve as lead faculty. Sullivan's practice focuses on the delivery of consulting and training services to libraries as well as other organizations. She has extensive expertise on organizational development, strategic planning, management skills development, and leadership development. Additional information is forthcoming.
Recap GLL Annual Silent Auction & Fund Raising Campaign

Regina L. Smith, 2015/2016 GLL Grants Chair

This year’s Silent Auction raised $833 for grants. Last year we started something new and began an actual Fund Raising Campaign for travel and continuing education grants for our members. This year we received $3,205 in cash contributions. So, the total amount of money raised for grants this year is $4,038! This is more than 2 times what we brought in last year. Cash donations are tax-deductible and this year, 19 GLL members contributed from $5 to $1,000. Following are those who made cash donations this year:

- Anita M. Anderson
- Steve Anderson
- Donna K. Bausch
- Kelly Browne
- James Durham
- Sara Galligan
- Mary Jenkins
- Catherine Lemann
- Sandra Levin
- Sandra Marz
- Christine Morton
- Regina Smith
- W. Clinton “Buck” Sterling
- Maryruth Storer
- Julie Tessmer
- Betsy Vipperman
- Gail Warren
- Carol Williamson
- Jean Willis

We are appreciative of the efforts of those who assisted with the auction, those who donated items and those who purchased items, as well as those who made cash contributions.
2016-2017 GLL Grants

Christine E. Morton, 2016-2017 GLL Grants Chair

The GLL Executive Committee has approved the following grants for 2016-2017:

- One $1,000 grant to attend the AALL Management Institute to be held in Chicago, IL, March 28-April 1, 2017.
- One $1,000 grant to attend the Equal Justice Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, May 4-6, 2017.
- Two $1,000 grants to attend the AALL Annual Meeting to be held in Austin, TX, July 15-18, 2017. One grant is designated for a new librarian with less than five years' experience and one grant is designated for an experienced librarian with more than 5 years' experience.
- One AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant funded by Thomson Reuters.

The monetary amount of the grants may be increased at the discretion of the GLL Executive Committee. Any increase in award amounts will be reported in the GLL Newsletter, website, and listserv.

Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians

Taryn L. Rucinski, Branch Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

For the last several years one of the biggest themes in legal education has been the development of “practice-ready” skills for new law school graduates. Whether you agree that the phrase “practice-ready” is appropriate or not, what is indisputable is that with the new ABA Standards 302(b) and 303(a)(3)(i), law students must graduate with a higher level of practical skills that will enable them to transition more easily into the working world of today. To that end, law librarians have answered this call to arms by facilitating discussions between academic and law firm librarians to solidify the breadth, depth and context of attorney research skills.

One of the chief venues for these discussions has become the AALL Annual Conference. One of the first of these sessions occurred in 2015, in Philadelphia and was titled Attorney Research Skills: Join the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians. That program was moderated by Susan Nevelow Mart, University of Colorado Law School and
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featured academic law librarian Shawn G. Nevers of Brigham Young University with two firm librarians, Laurel Evans from Lane Powell PC and Kathy Skinner at Morrison & Foerster LLP. The program was a success, presenting information from the ALL-SIS Task Force on Legal Skills and Knowledge for Practice in the form of three reports based on surveys of more than 600 attorneys and 150 law librarians. As an extension of the 2015 roundtable, these presenters returned to Chicago in 2016 to continue the conversation and to work toward developing tangible ways to improve teaching techniques for legal research skills in the classroom.

Sponsored by ALL-SIS, the 2016 program, 

Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians, was a good mix of short panel discussions and roundtable breakouts where tables were given a list of topics to discuss. In a packed house, conversations were lively, as tables were assigned a mix of academic, firm, government and “other” types of law librarians. As the session progressed, attendees were encouraged to tweet about their ideas and results so that the moderators could gauge where the discussion was headed. While the tweet format was novel it was not terribly successful (due to technical issues); however, attendees seemed encouraged with the connections that were being made.2

Despite working as a federal courts librarian, I attended both the 2015 and the 2016 sessions, as practice-ready skills for judicial law clerks and interns has become a topic near and dear to my heart. Although there was some overlap between skills that firms were looking for and those that might be applicable to GLL librarians, for the most part I thought that the skills relevant to were both distinct and different. For example, working with dockets, PACER, and state court e-filing systems was a priority for firm librarians (and court librarians alike); however, legislative history research which is needed all the time in GLL positions was not even on the radar for most academics and firms. With the growth of alternative legal careers and the increases in court and government agency-bound law graduates, I think it would be valuable to start a GLL dialogue of our own. Looking ahead, we would have to conduct several surveys; however I think the process of identifying and inventorying our own set of GLL related practice-ready skills would be highly beneficial both to ourselves and to our academic/firm law library colleagues.

Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians (continued)

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outcomes,” states that a “[a] law school shall establish learning outcomes that shall, at a minimum, include competency in . . . [l]egal analysis and reasoning, legal research, problem-solving, and written and oral communication in the legal context” (emphasis added). Standard 303 discusses law school curriculum and states that “[a] law school shall offer a curriculum that requires each student to satisfactorily complete at least . . . one or more experiential course(s) totaling at least six credit hours . . . and must:(i) integrate doctrine, theory, skills, and legal ethics, and engage students in performance of one or more of the professional skills identified in Standard 302.”

2The twitter feed from the session will be available from the AALL My Communities group, Teaching Legal Research: A Collaboration.

Hitting the Mark? Legal Research Competency

Mary Jenkins, Director, Hamilton County Law Library (Cincinnati)

The 2016 AALL Annual Meeting in Chicago offered a number of opportunities to consider legal research competency: how we teach it, how we assess it, how we value it, and how we promote it, both within and beyond our profession. As a member of several iterations of AALL task forces or special committees charged with responsibilities related to standards for and promotion of legal research competency, I gravitate to programs on the topic. I designed a poster called AALL Legal Research Competencies: From Classroom to Practice, essentially a companion piece to a lively program entitled Research Competencies: From Classroom to Practice (B4). I was also able to participate in Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians (F1).

In Research Competencies: From Classroom to Practice, speakers employed a lightning-round approach to highlight the Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency as a checklist for the knowledge and skills that one should acquire and demonstrate. The speakers illustrated the various means by which they incorporate the standards into their instructional programming and assessment in a variety of settings. Whether offering a course or a training session, whether evaluating competency by grading assignments or by auditing workplace performance, law librarians across our profession can benefit from the examples mentioned by the speakers.

Attorney Research Skills: Continuing the Conversation Between Law Firm and Academic Law Librarians offered significant audience participation and encouraged us to ponder together the frustrations and opportunities related
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to teaching legal research skills in school and work settings, from both the
librarian/employer standpoint and the student/associate perspective.
Academic and firm librarians comprised the majority of the audience but
government law librarians also attended and brought additional workplace
experience to the discussion. You will find participant comments on Twitter
with #attyresearch. We were able to identify actionable steps for raising the
visibility, teaching, and value of research competency in the legal profession.

Since the work of the AALL Legal Research Competency Special Committee
ended this summer (see its final report, starting on page 145 of the Board
Book, for a summary of its work), it is encouraging to speak with so many
professional colleagues committed to developing research capabilities
through teaching and training, via law school curricula, continuing education,
using audits, assignments, and assessment methodology. When we share
our experiences and approaches, regardless of work setting, we offer
encouragement and concrete examples, something that can benefit not only
law librarians, but also professional development staff, bar examiners, legal
administrators, and others across the legal profession, and also establish
the expertise of law librarians and the credibility of our standards for legal
research competency.

Two resources, in particular, provide us all with ways for continuing to learn
and share best practices beyond the annual meeting. First, AALL online
communities, including RRLS - Research Ready Law Students and Teaching
Legal Research: A Collaboration, offer opportunities for AALL members to
engage with one another about developing and supporting capable legal
researchers. Second, the RIPS Legal Research Competency Committee plans
to offer a series of webinars and to develop an online one-stop shop for
material related to legal research competency, continuing the intent of the
AALL Legal Research Competency webpages. It’s encouraging to witness the
conversations and sharing happening across library types. I encourage any of
us government law librarians who offer legal research training and care
about the research competency of practitioners to engage in the dialogue
and share our experience.
“The Times, They Are A-changin’”: A Revised Look at Legislative History

Cornell H. Winston, Law Librarian & Records Center Supervisor, United States Attorney’s Office, Los Angeles, CA

I would like to thank the GLL-SIS Grants Committee for awarding me a travel grant to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting in Chicago. I have been a member of AALL since 1992, and a GLL member since 2001. It has been a privilege to attend every Annual Meeting, except 2014, since I have been a member. During this time I have coordinated programs, spoken at programs, served on the Executive Board and been a candidate for president. A question might be asked “Why should a person attend, especially a 24-year member, and a librarian of 29+ years?” The answer is simple. There is more to learn and in this environment librarians must take ownership of their continuing education and professional development.

During this year’s meeting, a program was held on legislative histories. To be honest, I hate doing a legislative history. If I had the option of having a root canal with no anesthesia, or walking through a field of cactus barefoot, or doing a legislative history, the legislative history would be the least desirable. I was informed at work that I was the office expert on them, although I’m not sure why. I might be in the same camp as the late justice Antonin Scalia, who wrote in a concurrence in Koons Buick Pontiac GMC Inc. v. Nigh, 543 U.S. 50, 72 (2004): “I have often criticized the Court’s use of legislative history because it lends itself to a kind of ventriloquism. The Congressional Record or committee reports are used to make words appear to come from Congress’s mouth which were spoken or written by others (individual Members of Congress, congressional aides, or even enterprising lobbyists).” But because I am not Justice Scalia, I need this job, and I took ownership of my continuing education, I decided to attend.

What does a law librarian with 29 years’ experience, who is recognized by his office as an expert, have to learn? Apparently a whole lot! We were not 10 minutes into the presentation that I realized I was doing a legislative history in reverse. What was the most important document available? What is the easiest to find? What holds greater weight with the court? Many of us remember the song from Schoolhouse Rock played during our Saturday morning cartoons “I’m just a bill.” It gave a path to doing a legislative history, but it gave the steps in reverse. The primary speaker for the program Professor Victoria F. Nourse from Georgetown University Law Center recounted this exchange from a Supreme Court Oral Argument:
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If the Supreme Court justices could get it wrong, is there any hope for the researcher? Professor Nourse proceeded to explain where the justices were inaccurate and enabled the librarian to have a firm starting point to do a legislative history. She proceeded to give several myths about histories including: (1) any statement in the legislative record is equivalent to any other statement; (2) you can best find legislative history by starting from the first bill; and (3) Committee reports are the best legislative history. Professor Nourse instructed the attendees to initiate performing a legislative history by working backwards from the public law

1) Committee action (proposed text, report, hearings if any)
2) Substitute text in the Senate before cloture
3) Floor debate by the senate and the House
4) Texts of bills passed by the Senate and House
5) Conference report & joint explanation
6) Debate on the conference report (if there is one)

When I first started in the legal information profession in the 1980’s, I would ask the attorney, “Good, fast, cheap?” Pick two of the three because you could not get all three. As our profession has grown, additional research streams have become available, so the question is no longer valid. The attorney expects all three simultaneously.

With a legislative history, what is most important? The conference report. The conference report is the proposed text and is voted on all the time. What might be the least important? The bill as introduced. What is the easiest to find? The Congressional Record testimony. Spending your time on the least important, rather than focusing on the materials with greater
value is a practical step in legislative history research. Having the opportunity to hear from speakers who are experts in that arena is a benefit of attending AALL.

As a government employee, I often bemoan the lack of support that I am given by my institution. During my tenure at the USAO, I have had to self-fund my attendance at continuing education events. Should I not try to advance my education? What I learned will ultimately benefit the office, but not me. However, it has been my conviction that the same way we took ownership of our undergraduate and graduate degrees, we must take ownership of our continuing education. To borrow a line from Bob Dylan “the times – they are a changin’.” As librarian we must keep up with new developments. I excel not because my employer forces me to, but because I am a professional. Our careers are more than just what our employers concede is important for us.

But the Annual Meeting is not all...
"The Times, They Are A-changin'": A Revised Look at Legislative History (continued)

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serious. In Chicago I was honored to be asked to introduce the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Award recipients. I did not know the recipients beforehand. Interviewing the recipients, leaders in their profession and at their institutions, allowed me to have a greater appreciation for the differences one can make at his or her own workplace.

I am proud to be a law librarian and glad I am an AALL & GLL member.

Report from Oxford: International Association of Law Libraries 2016 Course and Meeting

John Barden, Director, Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

This past summer I attended 35th Annual Course on International Law and Legal Information sponsored by the International Association of Law Libraries and held at Keble College, Oxford, England, July 31-August 3, 2016.

The theme of this course was originally set forth as "Common Law Perspectives in a Global Context." However, historical events overtook us, and by the time of the conference it seemed that every third word was "Brexit." With a plurality of the attendees being UK and continental European academics, the notion of Brexit was not very popular.

The thirteen sessions of the course ranged from an introduction to the origins of law reporting in England, 1550-1650, by Emeritus Professor Sir John Baker to examinations of trans-border issues in family law, labor, data protection, and refugees. Here is a sample of the major points I took away:

- Associate Professor Jeremiah Prassl looked at changes in work patterns in response to the "Gig Economy." When work is increasingly available only by the task, whether it's the piecework jobs of the early Industrial Revolution or the Uber economy of today, that employment is increasingly precarious and unprotected due to lagging legal responses. Wages are low and insecure, the worker is not protected against liability or injury on the job, and the owners of the applications that connect these "Gig Economy" workers often refuse to be held accountable as employers. Furthermore, consumers who are not directly connected to a supplier may be stuck with low-quality products or results and nowhere to turn to complain. Prassl called for "gig" and task work to be treated
less like contract labor and to be regulated more as employment in order to build in protections for workers and consumers.

- Professor Karen Yeung examined "big data" and the use of algorithms as a means of manipulating huge data sets. Processes derived from these algorithms can examine incoming data in real time and make adjustments to desired outcomes based on the values written into the program. Ms. Yeung raised the question of "algocracy," in which the algorithm rules aspects of many people's lives (i.e., an algorithm setting the number of hours that contract laborers are called on to work), as well as loss of personal privacy as the "big data" mechanism collected information on individuals from a wide array of sources. She also pointed out that the algorithm is seldom transparent, discriminatory patterns may be built into the algorithm (but who would know?), and there is no due process or appeal for redress.

- Dr. Judith Townend informed us about the "General Data Protection Regulation" (EU 2016), which will be applicable in May 2018. She also explored "erasure rights" (a.k.a. "the right to be forgotten"), already established in EU law, which enable users to require data controllers such as Google to remove links for privacy and identity protection. She also noted the countervailing interests of accuracy and thoroughness of online records and questioned whether a system that requires users to make requests for link removal and relies on data controllers to provide a timely and conscientious response will be a workable mechanism on a worldwide basis.

The 2016 course was very successful, attracting about 150 attendees from more than 25 countries, plus 25 book vendors. AALL members, including President Ron Wheeler, were very much in evidence. The small size of the conference (at least, relative to AALL) allowed participants to visit easily among themselves and


Associate Professor Dan Awrey, speaking on the regulation of the financial sector, cited this 1997 example of a cat (named Schrödinger, of course) outperforming professional fund managers in picking investments. (Photo courtesy of Ruth Bird)
Report from Oxford: International Association of Law Libraries 2016 Course and Meeting (continued)

John Barden, Director, Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

connect with new professional friends.

Ruth Bird, Bodleian Law Librarian, did an exceptional job as head of the local organizing committee. Keble College, with its handsome Victorian Gothic architecture, was a wonderful meeting site; having breakfast in the Great Hall every morning gave us a sample of what Oxford college life is like. The Oxford University Press hosted the opening reception at their landmark building, complete with local entertainment and a talk on the history of law publishing at Oxford. The annual banquet in the Great Hall at Balliol College (think Lord Peter Wimsey, you Dorothy Sayers fans) was a lovely "white tablecloth" occasion without being the least bit stuffy. Oxford itself, even crowded with summer visitors, remains a scholar's wonderland. We were treated to a wonderful tour of the Divinity School and Duke Humfrey's Library at the Bodleian. My small group was also welcomed into the Ciddrington Library at All Souls College. I wish that more of the libraries had been open to the public (admittedly, the conference occurred during summer vacation), but I was interested to observe that use of Oxford's libraries is limited chiefly to faculty and students. No distracting sightseers!

In short, I had a wonderful time. To be quite honest, I joined the International Association of Law Libraries in order to attend the Oxford conference (yes, the tail wagging the dog). However, having gotten to know this fine group of international law library professionals, I will be maintaining my membership and look forward to seeing them at future IALL meetings.
Harris County Attorney Ryan Wins Award for Revitalization of Law Library

Released by the Office of the Harris County Attorney

Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan received the prestigious Law Library Advocate Award from the Government Law Libraries Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) at its annual conference in Chicago earlier this week. The award recognizes Ryan’s efforts to promote, support and improve the Harris County Law Library.

Under Ryan’s leadership, the Harris County Law Library has become a nationally recognized, 21st century library with improved access to legal information for both lawyers and Harris County residents.

“I am honored to receive this award on behalf of everyone in Harris County who worked so hard to improve services to our local lawyers and residents,” Ryan said.

The Harris County Law Library, established in 1915, is a public library open to both lawyers and non-lawyers. Approximately 63,000 patrons visited the library in 1998. By 2010 the annual gate count had fallen to 32,073, despite the fact that Harris County has the busiest court system in the state with more pro se (self-representation) filings than any other Texas county.

In 2011, at the direction of the Commissioners Court, the Law Library became a part of the County Attorney’s Office. Work then began to develop a more focused mission and higher profile in the community for the library.

In 2012, Mariann Sears, formerly the Research Services Manager for the Greenberg Traurig law firm, was hired as Library Director.

Commissioners Court then approved the move of the library from the 17th floor of Congress Plaza to the more accessible first floor, where it opened in January 2013. The redesigned facility includes research computers and a copy center, as well as conference space and offices for volunteer attorneys.

By 2014, the Law Library was back to its 1998 gate count, recording more than 60,000 patron visits per year. The Library has continued to improve by redesigning its website, launching a social media presence and planning a variety of programs for attorneys and self-represented litigants.

The Houston Chronicle said in a November 30, 2012 editorial that the County Attorney’s Office deserved “high praise” for taking the initiative for bringing the Law Library back from the brink of closure. “It falls on elected officials to ensure that access to justice isn’t merely something that happens before a judge, but that every party can get at the documents and expertise that make sense of the legal matrix in which we live,” the Chronicle said.
Harris County Attorney Ryan Wins Award for Revitalization of Law Library (continued)

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Chief Justice Nancy E. Rice of the Colorado Supreme Court received the award last year. Other recipients include Robert Bell, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals and William Lavery, Chief Judge of the Connecticut Appellate Court.

The American Association of Law Libraries is the leading professional organization for law librarians and legal information professionals with more than 4,500 members located throughout the United States and countries around the globe.

County Attorney Vince Ryan is presented with the Law Library Advocate Award from the Government Law Libraries Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) at its annual conference in Chicago earlier this week. From left: Harris County Law Library Director Mariann Sears, Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan, Harris County Law Library Deputy Director Joe Lawson, Kelly Browne, 2015-2016 Chair of the AALL Government Law Libraries Section, and Holly Gale, Chair of the AALL GLL Awards Committee. (Photo courtesy of Joe Lawson)
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