



GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARIES
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION



ADVOCACY COMMITTEE 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

COMMITTEE ROSTER

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REPORT

For the 2020-2021 GLL year, the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic remained front and center throughout the entire period. The Advocacy Committee continued the practice of monitoring issues related to Government Law Libraries. We participated in two advocacy trainings: in the Fall, AALL Virtual Legislative Advocacy Training 2020 and in the Spring, Government Law Library Funding: Advocacy Training for Law Libraries.

Related to advocacy, the Chair of the committee typically supports the programming committee for the annual GLL/LISP/SR Roundtable on Services for Pro Se patrons and Prisoners. We anticipate the Roundtable will remain on hold until the annual meeting returns to an in-person meeting.

The Chair for the Advocacy Committee is on her fourth year. The previous Chair was Larry Meyer.

The Chair continues communication practices with the Government Relations Committee to support communication of advocacy issues related to GLL members.

In June, the GLL Board met and approved Advocacy Priorities. Our committee set a goal to have broad priorities that would dictate what efforts GLL advocacy gets involved with first and most significantly. The 2021 – 2025 GLL Advocacy priorities are as follows:

- Government Law Library Funding/Budget Issues.
- Government Law Library Access to Information/Access to Justice Issues.
- Government Law Library Technology.

In addition to the Chair, members of the committee were Angela Baldree, Sarah Sherman Walangitan, and Gail Wechsler. Amy Small was the GLL Board Liaison.

Respectfully submitted, Anna Russell, 2020-2021 Chair.