



**GOVERNMENT LAW LIBRARIES
SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION**



REPORT OF THE GLL-SIS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Chair: Anna Russell

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Gail Wechsler

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For the 2023-2024 GLL year, the Advocacy Committee sustained a generally subdued year. The committee continues to be impacted by the departure of a staff, AALL Government Relations Director. The Government Relations Director, based out of Washington, D.C. had coordinated several national AALL advocacy programs, training, and policy communications. These efforts have, to a lesser extent, been carried on by the Government Relations Committee, which is a volunteer body. The GLL Advocacy Committee, however, continued its practice of monitoring public access issues related to Government Law Libraries. We moved to providing biannual news posts to GLL members. We participated in and marketed to members, the fall AALL virtual Legislative Advocacy Training as well as monitoring and sharing updates about GPO's FDLP digital futures news.

Related to advocacy, the committee is available to support the annual meeting's GLL/LISP/SR Roundtable on Services for Pro Se patrons and Prisoners. The Chair for the Advocacy Committee is on her seventh 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.

Our committee 2021 - 2025 Advocacy Priorities will be updated with the next AALL strategic plan advocacy priorities:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Russell
Anna Russell, Chair