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AALL President To Testify Before U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee On GPO Needs

CHICAGO – April 10, 2018 — Gregory Lambert, president of the [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) and chief knowledge services officer with Jackson Walker LLP in Houston, is scheduled to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee on April 17.

Lambert is expected to focus on the needs of the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) and the Library of Congress and Law Library of Congress. Specifically, Lambert will address AALL's support for proposed funding of \$32 million for the Public Information Programs account, which supports the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Approximately 200 law libraries participating in FDLP, including academic, state, court, county and government law libraries. Those libraries rely on GPO for distribution of specific tangible materials, such as core legal titles in print, as well as access to official, authentic material online through GPO's website.

In addition, Lambert will testify in support of an additional \$1.8 million in funding for the Law Library of Congress as well as the Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, or ACMRA (H.R. 4631) that would direct GPO to maintain a central repository for agency reports submitted to Congress. Lambert is also expected to voice support for establishment of the Congressional Bulk Data Task Force to coordinate improved access to legislative information.

"Equitable and permanent public access to government and legal information is a key priority for AALL," notes Lambert. "Our hope is the subcommittee will provide adequate funding to these agencies so they can invest in programs and technologies that will help them continue to meet their responsibilities to Congress and the public to increase permanent public access to information."

Elected to the AALL executive board in 2015, Lambert first served as vice president/president elect beginning in July 2016. He assumed the role of AALL president in July 2017. In addition to leading the library and research teams at Jackson Walker, Lambert is a frequent blogger with [3 Geeks and a Law Blog](#).

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the only national association dedicated to the legal information profession and its professionals. Founded in 1906 on the belief that people—lawyers, judges, students, and the public—need timely access to relevant legal information to make sound legal arguments and wise legal decisions, its nearly 4,500 members are problem solvers of the highest order. AALL fosters the profession by offering its members knowledge, leadership, and community that make the whole legal system stronger. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.