

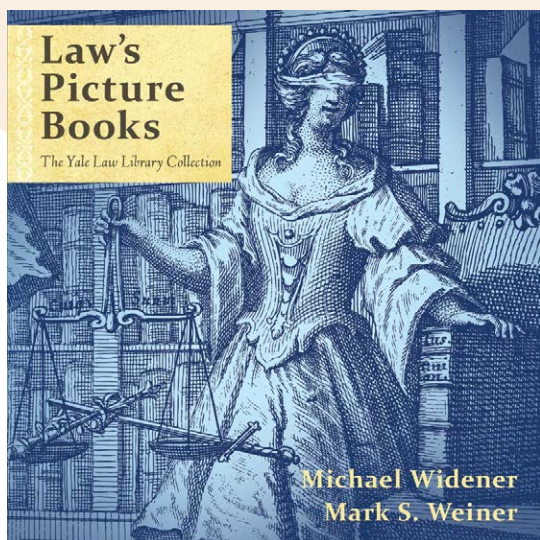
AWARD SEASON

Achievements in Legal Literature

Michael Widener & Mark S. Weiner Honored for *Law's Picture Books: The Yale Law Library Collection*

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Awards Committee is honored to present the 2018 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award to Michael Widener and Mark S. Weiner for *Law's Picture Books: The Yale Law Library Collection*. Presented annually, the award recognizes authors whose publications have made a significant textual, and in this unique instance, pictorial, contribution in the area of legal literature.

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Law's Picture Books: The Yale Law Library Collection, published by Talbot Publishing, is a catalogue companion to a groundbreaking exhibition of the same name, sponsored by Yale Law School's Lillian Goldman Law Library at the Grolier Club in New York City. As stated in a nomination letter, "It is not a collection of law-related artwork, nor a study

of legal iconography. It is a detailed assessment of the role of illustrations in legal literature, and a reflection of innovative collection development by an academic law library. It includes all the genres of professional legal literature—statutes, case law, practitioner manuals, textbooks, treatises, and litigation documents—and a broad range of popular literature about the law." The book defines how illustrations

or images (for example, Lady Justice) bridge the gap between the words or text of legal books and their use and understanding from the fourteenth century to present.

Widener has been the rare book librarian at Yale Law School's Lillian Goldman Law Library since 2006, after serving for 14 years as head of special collections at the Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas in Austin. He is also on the faculty of the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia, where he has taught a course on "Law Books: History & Connoisseurship" since 2010. He served as the chair for AALL's Legal History & Rare Books Special Interest Section from 2012–2013, and has given several talks at conferences on the topic, and in 2017, he delivered a rare books lecture at the University of Melbourne in Australia. In addition to this book, he edited the book *Public Services Issues with Rare and Archival Law Materials* (Haworth Press, 2001).

Weiner has been a professor of law at Rutgers Law School since 2002, and is an active author and lecturer on legal, historical, and humanistic topics. He holds a JD from Yale Law School, a PhD in American Studies, also from Yale, and an AB in American Studies from Stanford University with honors and distinction. He is the author of *The Rule of the Clan: What an Ancient Form of Social Organization Reveals about the Future of Individual Freedom*, which received the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order. His book *Black Trials: Citizenship from the Beginnings of Slavery to the End of Caste*, received the Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association, and the Social Science History Association awarded *Americans without Law: The Radical Boundaries of Citizenship* with the President's Book Award. He has been a Fulbright Scholar to Iceland and Austria, and this year will serve as Fulbright Uppsala University Distinguished Chair in American Studies in Uppsala, Sweden. ■

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