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AALL Launches Body of Knowledge as Industry Benchmark for Professional Success

CHICAGO – July 19, 2018 – The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announced the launch of the AALL Body of Knowledge (BoK). The BoK serves as a universal benchmark for legal information professionals’ career development by defining the competencies and skills—within each of six domains of expertise—needed for success.

“As the only national association dedicated to keeping law librarians and legal information professionals ahead of the curve, AALL is proud to release our Body of Knowledge,” said AALL President Femi Cadmus. “The BoK serves as a blueprint for our members’ professional growth and as a tool in their myriad roles.”

The BoK covers six crucial domains where law librarians need to excel: professionalism and leadership at every level, research and analysis, information management, teaching and training, marketing and outreach, and management and business acumen. Each domain is defined by the requisite competencies and skills for mastery. Through these elements, the BoK assists legal information professionals in identifying strengths and opportunities. Members will also find enormous value in the application of these standards in crafting job descriptions, writing performance evaluations, designing curricula, and developing training programs.

All AALL professional development content will be designed around the BoK’s domains including AALL Annual Meeting & Conference programs, publications, webinars, and resources.

As the profession evolves, the BoK will be updated to reflect any changes. For more information about the BoK, please visit www.aallnet.org/bok.

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 more than 4,100 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.