

# MEMBER PROFILE

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### WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AND HOW HAS IT SHAPED YOU?

Being chosen for the AALL Emerging Leader Award inspired me to think more about pursuing a leadership role, which led to me successfully applying to the Library of Congress's Leadership Development Program.

### FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

I have the great fortune to have access to incredible resources in my work here, including some of the most expert law librarians I have ever met and the world's largest collection of legal materials.

### A SKILL YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN?

Woodworking—my grandfather loved to do this, and it seemed to be a great way to be creative, as well as relax.

### FAVORITE ITEM IN THE LAW LIBRARY OF CONGRESS?

It is almost impossible to pick just one, but I would probably have to say Thomas Jefferson's rough draft of the Declaration of Independence. It includes Jefferson's handwritten text of the Declaration, along with modifications by John Adams and Benjamin Franklin.

**FAVORITE QUOTE?** "Find the simplicity beyond the complexity." I learned this from a mentor early in my law school career. It relates to the experience of mastering a subject—when you begin to understand the principles underlying a complex body of knowledge. (It's a shorthand version of a longer Oliver Wendell Holmes quote.)