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AALL Adds Fellowship to George A. Strait Scholarship Through Partnership with Thomson Reuters

CHICAGO – March 12, 2019 — The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) today announces it has added a fellowship to its 29-year-old George A. Strait Minority Scholarship. Established by AALL in partnership with Thomson Reuters, the endowed scholarship honors the memory of longtime AALL member and distinguished law librarian George A. Strait.

“This new fellowship will give underrepresented minorities, studying in an accredited graduate library and information science program or law school, a unique opportunity to obtain meaningful and practical experience at a law library,” said Femi Cadmus, president of AALL. “During his many years as an AALL member, George held a number of significant positions and was a pioneer in the field of law librarianship. It has been an honor continuing his legacy through the Strait scholarship, and now this fellowship, which wouldn’t be possible without the generosity of Thomson Reuters.”

Each fellow will receive a paid fellowship in a law library, membership in AALL for one year, and free registration for AALL’s Annual Meeting. The host institution will also assign a mentor to the fellow. Applicants may specify their geographic preference, as well as the type of law library where they wish to receive their training. The time commitment for the fellowship would be determined by the host institution and the fellow.

The George A. Strait Minority Scholarship was established in 1990, one year after Strait’s passing. It is annually awarded to members of a minority group who are degree candidates in an accredited library or law school, and who intend to have a career in law librarianship. The George A. Strait Fellowship will match a host institution with each selected fellow based on interest and availability.

“Supporting the American Association of Law Libraries for nearly three decades, Thomson Reuters is very proud of the fellowship addition to the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship as it will afford a valuable opportunity to students to advance the start of their careers,” said Neil Sternthal, managing director, Global Law Firms for Thomson Reuters. “We are proud to stand alongside AALL in support of strengthening the legal community through greater diversity and inclusion.”
For more information about the George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship, go to http://bit.ly/AALLScholarships.

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.