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## **AALL President To Testify Before U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee On GPO and Library of Congress Funding**

**CHICAGO – April 1, 2019** — Femi Cadmus, president of the [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) and Archibald C. and Frances Fulk Rufty research professor of law, associate dean of information services and technology, and director of the Michael J. Goodson Library, is scheduled to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee on April 2. The focus of her testimony will be funding for the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) and Library of Congress.

Cadmus' testimony is expected to call for full funding of the requested \$31.3 million for the GPO's Public Information Programs account that supports the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Approximately 200 law libraries participate 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 govinfo.gov website.

Cadmus will also express AALL's special interest in the Law Library of Congress, requesting full support of the Law Library's \$18 million request so that it may complete its project to archive its global legal research reports and continue its digitization efforts.

"AALL members rely on GPO, the Library of Congress, and the Law Library of Congress for access to and preservation of official, trustworthy government information," noted Cadmus. "Adequate funding for these agencies ensures access to information, which supports access to justice and preserves the rule of law."

Cadmus assumed the role of AALL president in July 2018.

### **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](http://www.aallnet.org).