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AALL Releases Inaugural State of the Profession Report

CHICAGO – April 16, 2019 — The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today releases its *AALL State of the Profession 2019*, a data-driven exploration of current legal information professionals’ contributions. It covers research platform expertise, contract and vendor negotiation, AI development and implementation, metadata management, legal writing and research instruction, competitive intelligence, customer and client relations, and leadership. The report provides quantitative insights on user services, technology services, operations, budgets, and partnerships. Additionally, the report features an inventory of expertise—including current skills held by law librarians and competencies for library and law school graduates.

The report is the first of its kind from AALL—a leading voice in the legal information field. “We are pleased to release the *AALL State of the Profession 2019*. It captures the ways in which law librarians use their adaptability, ingenuity, and dedication to make their organizations smarter,” said AALL President Femi Cadmus. “In addition, it’s a valuable tool for benchmarking legal information services and strategically planning for the future for law firms, law schools, government agencies, and corporations alike.”

This report is the culmination of the State of the Profession Advisory Group’s work. The group created a survey for each main law library type—academic, government, and firm/corporate—in the legal information community. The surveys were sent in November 2018. A total of 883 responses were received. The complimentary [AALL State of the Profession 2019 Snapshot](#) provides an introduction to the full report. The *AALL State of the Profession 2019* is available in print and digital formats. Purchases of the full report are available through [AALL’s website](http://www.aallnet.org).

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.