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AALL Announces 2019 Public Access to Government Information Award Winner

CHICAGO – May 30, 2019 – The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces Public.Resource.Org, a nonprofit based in Sebastopol, California, and its President and Founder Carl Malamud as recipients of the 2019 AALL Public Access to Government Information Award.

A principal tenet of AALL is the right of equal access to information for all to ensure an informed citizenry and to promote a just and democratic society. Established in 1998, the Public Access to Government Information Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to protect and promote greater access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.

Public.Resource.Org, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, was created to disseminate government information by publishing and sharing articles and public domain materials in both the United States and internationally. This process supports the public domain, digitizing information found in court documents, laws, legal resources and a multitude of other media produced by the U.S. government.

“The activism of Carl Malamud and Public.Resource.Org in the public domain has been crucial in providing the public with vital access to essential government information,” said AALL President Femi Cadmus. “For his critical work and advocacy in advancing government transparency, AALL is proud to recognize Carl and his organization with the 2019 Public Access to Government Information Award.”

Malamud founded Public.Resource.Org in 2007, following his tenure as chief technology officer for the Center for American Progress. An author of eight books, he founded the Internet Multicasting Service, a nonprofit that started the first radio station on the internet and was responsible for making the SEC EDGAR database available. A graduate of Indiana University Bloomington with a MBA in business economics and public policy, Malamud is the recipient of Harvard University’s Berkman Award, the Pioneer Award from the Electronic Frontier Foundation and the Bill Farr Award from the First Amendment Coalition.

“It’s an honor to be recognized by AALL for our dedication to making the laws of the United States available to all citizens,” said Malamud. “This award is particularly timely given Georgia’s recent petition to the Supreme Court asserting copyright over the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.”

The Public Access to Government Information Award winner will be recognized at the upcoming 112th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C. from July 13-16, 2019.

For more information about AALL's Public Access to Government Information Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-PAGI.

To learn more about the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting and to register, visit www.aallnet.org/conference.

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.