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## **AALL Honors Three With 2019 Emerging Leader Award**

**CHICAGO – May 22, 2019** –The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces its 2019 Emerging Leader Award honorees, who include:

- Kristina J. Alayan; law library director & assistant professor of law; Howard University School of Law; Washington, D.C.
- Michelle Hook Dewey; legal research services manager; BakerHostetler; Atlanta, Georgia
- Anna C.B. Russell; Anchorage branch librarian; United States Courts Ninth Circuit Library; Anchorage, Alaska

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes newer AALL members who have made significant contributions to the Association and/or law librarianship and who have demonstrated potential for leadership and continuing service.

“The Emerging Leader Award honorees this year have taken great strides in the furtherance of AALL’s core values of lifelong learning, intellectual growth, and equitable and permanent access to legal information,” said AALL President Femi Cadmus. “Kristina Alayan, Michelle Dewey and Anna Russell, have each displayed exceptional leadership skills within the Association and dedicated themselves to the advancement of the legal information profession.”

“In my time as a member of AALL, I have had the privilege to work with colleagues in the private, academic, and government sectors to advance the role of law librarians and the communities we serve,” said Alayan. “I am honored to be recognized as an emerging leader and look forward to continuing to contribute to the profession at the local, national, and international levels.”

“I’m grateful to AALL for this honor,” said Dewey. “I have worked hard to play an active role in a profession I love, and I am excited to see my contributions recognized and look forward to continued opportunities to help lead our profession.”

“AALL has provided a wonderful opportunity for me to grow into my leadership abilities and collaborate with a great group of professionals who all want the best for the future of law librarians,” said Russell. “I’m extremely grateful to receive this award, and I thank the members of AALL for considering me as another in a long line of emerging leaders within AALL.”

Alayan, Dewey and Russell will be recognized for the honor at the upcoming 112th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C., from July 13-16, 2019.

For more information about the Emerging Leader Award, visit [bit.ly/AALL-emerging](http://bit.ly/AALL-emerging).

To learn more about the 2019 AALL Annual Meeting and to register, visit [www.aallnet.org/conference](http://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](http://www.aallnet.org).