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Julie Pabarja Wins AALL's 2019 Volunteer Service Award

CHICAGO – June 18, 2019 –The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces Julie Pabarja, research and library supervisor at Latham & Watkins in Chicago, as the 2019 recipient of AALL's Volunteer Service Award.

Established in 2009, the AALL Volunteer Service Award honors members who have made a significant contribution to the Association's work. The first award was presented at the 2010 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Denver, Colorado.

To be nominated, recipients must have been active AALL members for at least 10 years and contributed significantly to the Association as evidenced by volunteering or presenting at the AALL Annual Meeting; volunteering for special projects; chairing a special interest section (SIS) or SIS committee; serving as a chapter president; or representing AALL in an official capacity.

For more than a decade, Pabarja has been donating her time and expertise in service of advancing the field of legal information. She has done so as a member, and eventually as chair, of both AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee and its Annual Meeting Program Committee. Her other contributions to the profession include volunteer roles at the local and national levels, as well as representing other organizations within the legal profession. Rising through the ranks of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries, Pabarja served as president of that organization from June 2015 through May 2016.

"Julie's contributions to her local AALL chapter and at the national level have been numerous over the years. She has demonstrated commitment to AALL initiatives targeted toward developing newer law librarians, diversity and inclusion issues, leadership development and continuing professional education," noted AALL President Femi Cadmus. "It is through the work of dedicated professionals like Julie that we not only advance our profession, but ourselves as well. I congratulate Julie on this well-earned recognition."

Pabarja earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Northern Illinois University and her master's of library science from Dominican University. She also holds a paralegal certificate from Roosevelt University.

"Some of the most accomplished moments of my career as a law librarian have come about as a result of my work with the members of AALL and the Chicago Association of Law Libraries," said Pabarja. "The relationships that I have developed with so many colleagues and the experiences that I have gained by being involved in a volunteer organization are invaluable. I would like to thank all those with whom I have served as this award is in part a reflection of their contributions as well. I am deeply honored to be this year's recipient of AALL's Volunteer Service Award."

Pabarja will be recognized at the upcoming 112th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Washington, DC, from July 13-16, 2019.

For more information about the Volunteer Service Award, visit bit.ly/AALLvolunteer.

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.