



105 West Adams Street, Suite 3300  
Chicago, IL 60603  
312.939.4764  
[www.aallnet.org](http://www.aallnet.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:** Rod Hughes  
(610) 559-7585 Ext. 101  
[Rhughes@kimballpr.com](mailto:Rhughes@kimballpr.com)

## **AALL Names Keith Ann Stiverson as the 2019 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award Winner**

**CHICAGO—June 4, 2019** —The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces it has awarded Keith Ann Stiverson, retired director of the library and senior lecturer at Chicago-Kent College of Law, with the 2019 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award. Stiverson is also a past president of AALL.

Established in 2008, the award recognizes the outstanding efforts of an AALL member, or group, who has contributed significantly to AALL's policy agenda at the federal, state, local, or international level. The award honors the memory of Robert L. Oakley, AALL's Washington affairs representative from 1989 to 2007.

“It is a great honor to receive the AALL Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award, especially as we celebrate the Association's 30th year of a very successful advocacy program,” said Stiverson. “Our members serve the public well by advocating for issues such as permanent access to government information, protection of privacy and access to justice, to name just a few. I am proud to be one of ‘the village’ it takes to bring our policy issues to the fore.”

In selecting Stiverson to receive this year's Oakley Award, AALL considered her dedication to advancing the field of law librarianship and advocacy for making government information widely available, as well as her many leadership positions throughout AALL on multiple committees and her tenure as AALL president from 2015 to 2016. An expert in policy issues affecting law libraries, Stiverson's career includes countless achievements as a quintessential AALL member.

“Keith Ann Stiverson has been an unwavering supporter of AALL, participating vigorously in AALL advocacy programs for more than 20 years, and is an institutional treasure,” said AALL President Femi Cadmus. “Her years of volunteering on committees to lead AALL's access to legal information initiatives have included twice serving as chair of both the government relations and copyright committees. In addition, she has worked tirelessly from the earliest years to advance AALL's position in developing the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA), and has succeeded in inspiring others to follow. I congratulate Keith Ann for this well-earned honor.”

Stiverson earned her master of library and information science degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. She went on to receive her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center. In addition to this, Stiverson completed 30 of 36 hours toward a master's degree in English language and literature/letters at Georgetown University.

The Robert L. Oakley Advocacy 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 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award, visit [bit.ly/AALL-oakley](http://bit.ly/AALL-oakley).

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).