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**AALL President to Testify on Capitol Hill  
Michelle Cosby will appear before U.S. House Appropriations  
Subcommittee regarding funding for GPO and Library of Congress**

**CHICAGO – March 2, 2020** — Michelle Cosby, president of the [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) and director and associate professor at Temple University Law School Library, is scheduled to testify before the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee on March 4. Her testimony will focus on funding for the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) and Library of Congress.

Cosby's testimony is expected to request full funding for the GPO's Fiscal Year 2021, with AALL having a particular interest in the \$32 million request for the Public Information Programs account, which will support the cost of providing federal government publications to the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). More than 1,100 libraries participate in the FDLP.

Additionally, Cosby will advocate for Congress' full support of the Library of Congress' request for \$23 million in funding for the Law Library of Congress. AALL also supports funding for the ongoing development of [Congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov), the official website for federal legislative information and an essential tool for legal research.

“The Library of Congress and Government Publishing Office play a critical role in maintaining and safeguarding government information in both tangible and electronic forms that should be available to the public,” said Cosby. “The financial requests from these organizations are essential, making it imperative that we, as stewards of the legal information industry, offer our full support.”

Cosby assumed the role of AALL president in July 2019.

**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 4,000 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).