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American Association of Law Libraries Names 2020 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award Winners

HeinOnline, Ed Edmonds, Frank G. Houdek and Ellyssa Kroski honored

CHICAGO – May 4, 2020 —The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces it has named the 2020 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award winners. Co-editors Ed Edmonds, professor emeritus of law at Notre Dame Law School, Frank G. Houdek, emeritus professor of law at Southern Illinois University School of Law, and HeinOnline, have won for *Business and Legal Aspects of Sports Entertainment (BLASE)* (bit.ly/HeinBLASE).

Additionally, Ellyssa Kroski, director of information technology & marketing at The New York Law Institute, has won the award as author and editor for *Law Librarianship in the Age of AI* (bit.ly/KroskiAI).

Presented annually, the Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award recognizes significant contributions—a book, pamphlet, periodical, website, database, or other publication—to legal literature. Nominations are evaluated by their creative elements, and the extent to which originality and judgment factored into the work’s creation.

“Both *BLASE* and *Law Librarianship in the Age of AI* are invaluable works that contribute to the literature of law librarianship and the legal information community,” said AALL President Michelle Cosby. “These pieces provide valuable insight into what the future may hold for the field of law librarianship, as well as delve into scholarly articles and federal and state legislative documents from the past to better understand their significance today. Congratulations to the authors and editors for creating these compelling literary works.”

HeinOnline’s *Business and Legal Aspects of Sports Entertainment* aims to illuminate the critical issues in these two subject areas. *BLASE*’s backbone is its collection and arrangement of scholarly articles. Its database also offers federal and state documents, including legislative histories, House and Senate hearings, reports and committee prints, as well as reports from the Comptroller General, the Congressional Research Service, and the Government Accountability Office, among other things.

“AALL’s Andrews Award is a singular honor and I’m thrilled to receive the 2020 award with my dear friend and colleague Ed Edmonds for a work that focuses on our shared passions—sports, entertainment, law, and research,” said Houdek. “That success in these fields is achieved only through a concerted team effort and is particularly appropriate because *BLASE* was a collaborative achievement from start to finish, not only between Ed and me as co-editors and chief researchers, but especially with the critically important contributions of so many at Hein

who envisioned the product, helped in its design, and have now made it available to researchers around the world through HeinOnline.”

"Frank and I are truly honored to receive the Joseph L. Andrews Award, named for the Reference Librarian of the Bar of the City of New York who established a standard for excellence in supporting the work of legal researchers," said Edmonds. "That standard has served as a model for both of us. This award from AALL, the professional organization that has enriched our professional and personal lives, is also meaningful because it links us with many other Andrews Award recipients who we hold in high esteem for their work. We also share this honor with our great friends at William S. Hein & Company."

Law Librarianship in the Age of AI examines how artificial intelligence is changing the profession, including the benefits to the various library working groups, the associated risks, how access to justice will improve with new natural language products, and ways that legal innovation will force the development of new library skill sets.

"I'm thrilled that I had the opportunity to work with so many talented librarians and information technology professionals to create this resource," said Ellyssa Kroski. "Thank you to AALL for recognizing the book and its importance to the law library field. Myself and all of the contributors are honored by this acknowledgment."

For more information about AALL's Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-andrews.

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.