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**American Association of Law Libraries Announces
2021 Hall of Fame Award Inductees**

**John D. Edwards, Michele Finerty, and Kevin M. Marmion
honored by AALL**

CHICAGO – June 2, 2021 —The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) today announces three longtime association members have been honored with the 2021 Hall of Fame Award.

This year's inductees are:

- **John D. Edwards**, Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology and Professor of Law, Drake University Law School
- **Michele Finerty**, retired
- **Kevin M. Marmion**, CEO, William S. Hein & Co., Inc.

The Hall of Fame Award was established in 2009 to recognize AALL members who have made significant, substantial, and long-standing contributions to the profession of legal information management—such as writing for legal publications, serving in AALL leadership roles, working with outside organizations on behalf of the profession, or serving as an exceptional role model for their colleagues.

Inductees have been AALL members for a minimum of 25 years and have contributed significant service to the legal information profession in association leadership positions.

“All three of the 2021 AALL Hall of Fame inductees are longtime, dedicated AALL members whose significant contributions have advanced the profession of legal information,” said AALL President Emily R. Florio. “Their dedication to law librarianship, legal information, and the Association and its members is well-known and appreciated by all of us. They have each dedicated their career to the betterment of the legal information industry, and we are proud to be able to recognize them for their efforts.”

Edwards, Finerty, and Marmion each offered their thoughts on what it means to be a 2021 AALL Hall of Fame Award winner.

“Being selected for the AALL Hall of Fame is truly an honor, especially in light of the amazing colleagues in this class of inductees and those previously selected,” said Edwards. “For more than four decades I have been blessed to work with mentors and colleagues who have unselfishly shared their wisdom and insights. AALL played an invaluable role in connecting me with members who have become life-long friends and supporters. This award would not have been possible without the exceptional support from the library and law school staffs with whom I work. I am surrounded by exceptional personnel who make it a pleasure to come to work every day. Receiving this award is incredibly humbling. Thank you.”

“Being the recipient of the 2021 AALL Hall of Fame Award is a distinct honor,” said Finerty. “To have had the opportunity to serve by supporting AALL’s important initiatives, both while working and in retirement, has been significant and delightful. Throughout my career AALL provided many opportunities to be part of a community carrying out rewarding and meaningful work. There is something special in working with others toward an outcome that benefits our membership by enhancing and strengthening our Association. Furthermore, the friendships that developed through these endeavors have continued in my retirement.”

“I am both humbled and incredibly honored to be selected for the AALL Hall of Fame Award,” said Marmion. “I am extremely grateful to be recognized along with the exceptional men and women who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame before me. AALL has been a wonderful source of support and information throughout my time at the Hein Company. Most importantly it provides an opportunity to establish relationships and meet lifelong friends. Thank you again for this award.”

For more information about the Hall of Fame Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-hof.

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.