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Diane M. Rodriguez Assumes Role as President of the American Association of Law Libraries

CHICAGO—July 26, 2021—The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) announced today that Diane M. Rodriguez has become the organization’s president for 2021-2022. Rodriguez, whose term as president officially began at the conclusion of the organization’s [second Virtual Conference](#) on July 23, is currently assistant director of the San Francisco Law Library in California. Rodriguez was elected by her fellow AALL members in 2019 and became vice president/president-elect in July 2020.

The mission of AALL is to advance the profession of law librarianship and legal information and to support the professional growth of its members through leadership and advocacy in the field of legal information and information policy. As AALL’s 2021-2022 president, one of Rodriguez’s goals is to advocate for access to legal information which supports access to justice. Law librarians and legal information professionals are in an excellent position to help close the growing access to justice gap by providing access to legal materials.

“Many people realize the value and importance of having access to quality legal information when they are faced with a legal problem,” said Rodriguez. “Public law libraries are often an important resource available to the general public while at the same time supporting judges, legal aid organizations, and attorneys in all types of practice. The role of law librarians and legal information professionals in law schools, law firms, and government settings has continued to evolve and expand. Law librarians play a critical role within their organizations by providing legal reference services, conducting legal research trainings for attorneys and students, evaluating electronic resources, and more.”

Later this year, Rodriguez, along with the Executive Board, will begin working on a new 2022-2025 AALL strategic plan. Additional priorities for Rodriguez include continuing to build on the Association’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

“The last year and a half have been incredibly challenging for all of us in so many ways. I have seen my colleagues rise to the challenge by innovating remote access, enriching their networks, and changing the way we operate and the way we provide services,” said Rodriguez. “As we continue to look ahead, I am looking forward to continuing AALL’s

work on diversity and inclusion, creating a pipeline to our profession that reflects our country's rich diversity, and raising awareness about law librarians' crucial role in access to justice.”

Having been an AALL member for 26 years, Rodriguez served as chair of the Appointments Committee and Executive Board Strategic Directions Committee, and as a member of the Executive Board Finance & Budget Committee. In addition, Rodriguez is a former president of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL), an AALL Chapter, was a member of the AALL Body of Knowledge Development Special Committee and is a member of the AALL Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section (GLL-SIS).

She received her BA from San Francisco State University and earned her master of library and information science (MLIS) degree from San Jose State University. She currently resides in Oakland, California and enjoys spending time with her family and friends and listening to live music.

For more information on the AALL Executive Board, please visit bit.ly/AALLEB.

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.