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## **AALL Recognizes Achievements in Law Librarianship and Contributions to the Legal Information Profession**

**CHICAGO – June 2, 2022**— The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) announces the recipients of its 2022 awards, including the Emerging Leader Award, Minority Leadership Development Award, Public Access to Government Information Award, Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award, and Volunteer Service Award.

The Emerging Leader Award recognizes newer members who have made significant contributions to AALL and/or to the legal information profession, and have demonstrated the potential for future leadership and continuing service.

This year's winners of the Emerging Leader Award are:

- **Sabrina Davis**, Associate Law Librarian for Digital and Educational Services, Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library, Houston, Texas
- **Alyson Drake**, Instructional Services Librarian, Fordham University Law School, The Maloney Library, New York, New York
- **Taryn Marks**, Associate Director of Research and Instructional Services, Stanford University, Robert Crown Law Library, Stanford, California

The Minority Leadership Development Award was created in 2001 to nurture future leaders by introducing minority law librarians to leadership opportunities within AALL. This award provides recipients with an experienced AALL leader serving as their mentor for at least one year and the opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the award.

This year's winner of the Minority Leadership Development Award is Ana Rosa Ramirez Toft-Nielsen, professional development innovation manager at Greenberg Traurig in Miami, Florida.

Established in 1998, the Public Access to Government Information Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to protect and promote greater access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.

This year's winner of the Public Access to Government Information Award is Deborah Hamilton, strategic services librarian - law collection for Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Established in 2008, the Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award is given to recognize an AALL member or group who has contributed significantly to AALL's advocacy priorities. The award honors the memory of Robert L. Oakley, AALL's Washington affairs representative (1989-2007).

This year's winner of the Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award is Lewis M. Giles, assistant director of library services for UNT Dallas College of Law in Dallas, Texas.

AALL's Volunteer Service Award, established in 2009, honors volunteers who have made significant contributions to the work of AALL.

This year's winner of the Volunteer Service Award is Joseph D. Lawson, director of the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library in Houston, Texas.

"AALL is proud to be represented by so many outstanding individuals who continue to advance the legal information profession," said AALL President Diane M. Rodriguez. "These individuals have each made significant contributions to AALL and to the legal information profession through their service and leadership. We are proud of their ongoing advocacy to advance the legal profession and their dedication to innovation and advancement. Congratulations to each of this year's winners for their well-deserved recognition."

For more information about the AALL Awards Program, please visit [bit.ly/AALL-awards](http://bit.ly/AALL-awards).

### **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 3,500 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).