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Beth Adelman Assumes Role as President of the American Association of Law Libraries

CHICAGO—July 21, 2022—The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) announced today that Beth Adelman will lead the organization as the 2022-2023 president. Adelman, whose term as president officially began at the conclusion of the Association’s July 16-19 Annual Meeting & Conference in Denver, is currently director of the law library & vice dean for legal information services at the Charles B. Sears Law Library at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. Adelman was elected by her fellow AALL members in October 2020.

As AALL’s president, one of Adelman’s goals is to focus on outreach by increasing awareness on the broad roles of law librarianship to attract students and future colleagues to the profession. “My priorities are increasing the pipeline to the profession, which also ties in with ensuring there is more diversity in the profession,” said Adelman. “The first step will be to identify and build relationships with key stakeholders, such as library school and law school leaders to understand the steps that need to be taken to increase students’ awareness of law librarianship as a profession.”

Adelman, along with the 2022-2023 Executive Board, will strategize effective ways for the Association to work toward the five goals in the [2022-2025 AALL strategic plan](#). These goals are Championing Excellence; Professional Growth; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Pipeline to the Profession; and Advocacy.

“My theme for the 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference in Boston—Map Our Future—is a call to the membership to be creative and innovative in building a stronger and more diverse AALL now and in the future,” said Adelman. “I am excited to engage with members on the new strategic plan and I am energized to begin working on the ambitious goals we have identified to move the Association forward.”

Having been an AALL member for 21 years, Adelman served as chair of the Appointments Committee and Executive Board Strategic Directions Committee, and as a member of the Executive Board Finance & Budget Committee. She also served as chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee, leading the charge for several innovative process changes to make the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference educational

programming more responsive to the needs of law librarians and legal information professionals.

She received her BA and master of library science degrees from the University at Buffalo and earned her JD from Albany Law School. She currently resides in Amherst, New York, and enjoys traveling, taking long walks, playing Rummikub every Friday night with her family, and spending time with her grandchild, Amy (8 months old).

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

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The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) advocates for access to legal information and supports the legal information profession by cultivating the growth of our members, connecting them with each other, and championing the value of legal information and legal information professionals. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.