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

CHICAGO – May 23, 2023— The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announces the recipients of its 2023 awards, including the Emerging Leader Award, Minority Leadership Development Award, New Product Award, Public Access to Government Information 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:

- **Cas Laskowski**, Head of Research, Data & Instruction, University of Arizona Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, Tucson, Arizona
- **Mandy Lee**, Head of Research & Instruction, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois
- **Patrick Parsons**, Associate Director for Legal Technology & Innovation, Georgia State College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia

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 **Rebecca Chapman**, undergraduate law outreach librarian & indigenous outreach librarian at The University at Buffalo State University of New York, Charles B. Sears Law Library in Buffalo, New York.

AALL’s New Product Award honors new commercial information products that enhance or improve existing law library services or procedures—or products that improve access to legal information, the legal research process, or procedures for the technical processing of library materials.
This year’s winner of the New Product Award is **LexisNexis**, based in Miamisburg, Ohio, for Lexis+® Fact & Issue Finder.

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 the University of Wisconsin Law Library for “Digital Publication of Tribal Laws Pilot Project,” in partnership with the National Indian Law Library, the Open Law Library, the Great Lakes Indigenous Law Center, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians.

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 Michelle Trovillo, director of information resources at BakerHostetler in Cincinnati, Ohio.

“These outstanding award winners are shining examples of the excellence and commitment that exist within the legal information community,” said AALL President Beth Adelman. “Their passion, expertise, and tireless efforts to advance the profession have enriched the field and have had a positive impact on the communities they serve. 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.

**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.