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## **American Association of Law Libraries Announces 2023 Gallagher Award Winners**

### **AALL Honors Law Librarians for Service to the Profession**

**CHICAGO – May 9, 2023** — The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) announces the 2023 recipients of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, the association’s highest award for exemplary service to the Association.

The 2023 AALL Gallagher Award recipients are:

- **Joyce Manna Janto**, Director of Public & Instructional Services, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, Virginia
- **Keith Ann Stiverson**, Retired Director of the Law Library and Senior Lecturer, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois
- **Gail Warren**, State Law Librarian, Virginia State Law Library, Supreme Court of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia
- **Carol A. Watson**, Director of the Law Library Emerita, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia

“This year’s Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award recipients are beacons of light in the legal community,” said AALL President Beth Adelman. “Their unwavering dedication to promoting access to legal information and advancing the field of law librarianship is truly inspiring. Through their tireless efforts, they have made a lasting impact on the profession. Congratulations to the recipients.”

Established in 1984 to acknowledge sustained service to law librarianship, exemplary support to AALL, and outstanding contributions to significant professional literature, the Gallagher Award is presented to individuals who have completed, or are nearing completion of, an active professional career.

Joyce Manna Janto thanked her colleagues for their support and AALL for the opportunities to learn and grow in her career.

“I am deeply honored and would like to thank both my colleagues who nominated me and the Awards Committee who thought I was worthy of receiving the Gallagher

Award,” said Janto. “Law librarianship has been a huge part of my life. Personally, I met and worked with so many talented librarians, some of whom became lifelong friends. Professionally, through my service on AALL committees and on the Executive Board, I was given the opportunity to learn and grow, develop skills, and to have experiences I never would have had otherwise. I am grateful to AALL for the opportunities it gave me to be a better law librarian.”

Keith Ann Stiverson was honored to receive the Marian Gould Gallagher Award and was grateful for the benefits she received through her membership in AALL.

“I am surprised and very grateful to receive the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, and I want to thank my colleagues who nominated me,” said Stiverson. “I cannot overstate the range of benefits I received from AALL throughout my career. It was part of every new position, every promotion, and every honor I received, because it gave me so many opportunities to learn more about how to be a better librarian, mentor, and manager, regardless of where I worked. Thank you, AALL!”

Gail Warren expressed deep gratitude for her colleagues and fellow AALL members for their support over the years.

“There’s no doubt Marian Gould Gallagher was a champion of law librarians and law libraries. To receive this award is humbling and a great honor, and for that I thank the Awards Committee and my colleagues in AALL,” said Warren. “I am grateful to everyone who has been a part of my journey as a law librarian, from my family to the staff of the Virginia State Law Library, the members of the Virginia Access to Justice Commission, and my AALL family. I appreciate the opportunities I was given to chair a committee, serve in a leadership role, present a program or workshop, or work on a new and exciting initiative. None of this would have been possible without the guidance and mentoring of many groups and individuals within AALL who inspired me, supported me, and sustained me throughout my career.”

Carol Watson expressed gratitude toward her friends and colleagues.

“I’m deeply honored to receive the Marian Gould Gallagher Award,” said Watson. “AALL has been a large part of my professional life and I am humbled by this recognition. I have learned so much from everyone I have worked alongside. I am grateful for the wisdom, encouragement, and friendship of my colleagues who have inspired me in so many ways throughout my career.”

For more information about AALL’s Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award, visit [bit.ly/AALL-gallagher](https://bit.ly/AALL-gallagher).

### **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).