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The American Association of Law Libraries Names
2023 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award Recipients

Michael G. Chiorazzi and Sarah E. Ryan honored

CHICAGO – May 18, 2023 —The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announces the 2023 Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award recipients. Editor Michael G. Chiorazzi, the James and Beverly Rogers professor emeritus of law at the University of Arizona received the award for The Role of Citation in the Law: A Yale Law School Symposium.

Additionally, author Sarah E. Ryan, director of law librarianship program and associate professor, University of North Texas received the award for Empirical Legal Research Services.

Awarded annually, the Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award recognizes significant contributions—works of legal bibliography, legal research texts, and works that advance the field of law librarianship more generally—to legal literature. Nominations are evaluated on their creative elements, and the extent to which originality and judgment factored into the work’s creation.

“This year’s winners of the Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award, Empirical Legal Research Services and The Role of Citation in the Law, provide a deep dive into empirical legal research and a thorough examination of the key issues of interest to law librarians and faculty surrounding analyzing, creating, and publishing works of scholarship,” said AALL President Beth Adelman. “These titles get to the very heart of what law librarians excel at—performing legal research and supporting the endeavors of law librarians and their work. Congratulations to the authors for creating these important literary works.”

The Role of Citation in the Law: A Yale Law School contains contributions from over 20 AALL member authors and examines many applications of citation analysis in law.

“This symposium, Citations and the Law, and this book, are the first of what we hope to be an ongoing series of endeavors to promote scholarship,” said Chiorazzi. “This first effort wildly exceeded our expectations. The editing of this book was also a group effort. If there was ever an example of “it takes a village,” this is it. Citation in the Law, which
clocked in at just over 700 pages, consisted of 21 chapters written by 27 law librarians. Another dozen librarians workshopped the chapters with the authors, and almost that many helped me with the editing.”

_Empirical Legal Research Services_ covers all aspects of empirical legal research services, from the reference interview, empirical bibliography, literature review, empirical legal research study design, and data acquisition, to evaluation, project planning, and project management.

“I am honored to receive an award held by legends of our field, including the late Dr. Yvonne Chandler, the founder of the law librarianship program I direct at the University of North Texas (UNT),” said Ryan. “My goals in writing this book were similar to many prior award winners: to preserve specialized knowledge, to foster diversified services, and to highlight the important work of diverse colleagues. The UNT Libraries offered me a platform and training so that I could publish this work as a lasting, open educational resource. I am grateful that the Awards Committee saw value in what we created.”

For more information about AALL’s Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award, visit bit.ly/AALL-andrews.

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