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## **American Association of Law Libraries Announces 2025 Gallagher Award Recipients**

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

**CHICAGO – May 15, 2025** — The [American Association of Law Libraries](http://www.aallnet.org) (AALL) is proud to announce the 2025 recipients of the [Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award](#)—the Association’s highest honor. Established in 1984, this prestigious award recognizes individuals for their exceptional and sustained service to the Association or their significant contributions to the professional literature. Honorees are individuals who have recently concluded or are approaching the culmination of a distinguished and impactful career in the field.

The 2025 AALL Gallagher Award recipients are:

- **James E. Duggan**, Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law, Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana
- **Marci Hoffman**, Retired Director & Lecturer in Residence, University of California Berkeley Law Library, Berkeley, California
- **Anne Klinefelter**, Henry B. Brandis Distinguished Professor of Law Emerita, Former Director of the Law Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- **Lawrence R. “Larry” Meyer**, Retired Law Library Director, Law Library for San Bernardino County, San Bernardino, California

“The Marian Gould Gallagher Award represents the highest honor in law librarianship, and this year’s recipients exemplify the dedication, leadership, and lasting impact we strive for as a community,” said AALL President Cornell H. Winston. “Their contributions have shaped the field and inspired generations of law librarians. On behalf of the Association, I am honored to celebrate their extraordinary careers and unwavering commitment to excellence.”

James E. Duggan expressed deep gratitude for receiving this award and reflected on a fulfilling 40-year career.

"I had the great pleasure of meeting Mrs. Gallagher a few months before her death in 1989, when she spoke at the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, and I cannot imagine a greater honor than receiving an award named after her in the company of such wonderful law librarians," said Duggan. "I am grateful not only to my amazing colleagues who nominated me for this recognition, but also for the many friends I have made throughout my career. It confirms that law librarianship was the right choice for me when I joined AALL 40 years ago, and it is still a profession that teaches me something new every day."

Marci Hoffman shared appreciation for the recognition, noting how meaningful it was to be honored by peers whose support and encouragement have shaped her career.

"Receiving the Gallagher award was quite unexpected, and I want to thank those who supported my nomination for this distinction," said Hoffman. "I also want to express gratitude to my colleagues and fellow librarians who motivated me to work hard throughout my career and enabled me to make some worthwhile contributions. Warmest congratulations to the other award recipients."

Anne Klinefelter reflected on the influence that others in the profession have had on her career, and how meaningful it is to now be part of that ongoing legacy.

"Throughout my career, I found inspiration in the varied paths to impactful law librarianship that the Gallagher Award highlighted, and I am deeply honored to now have my own path recognized," said Klinefelter. "Recently, someone asked whether I would choose this career if I were choosing now, given all the challenges we face. I said yes. Law librarians still have wonderful opportunities to be responsible for a long view of knowledge management, to have real collaborators, and to examine relevant values like the privacy of research and reading. I am grateful to my AALL colleagues for highlighting the many ways that Gallagher honorees have advanced our collective goals and hope others find encouragement in our stories."

Lawrence R. "Larry" Meyer reflected on a meaningful career in law librarianship and expressed gratitude for receiving the award.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to receive AALL's distinguished Gallagher Award," said Meyer. "Law librarianship has been a rewarding career, offering the opportunity to support access to legal information for a wide range of individuals while giving back to both the librarian and legal communities in meaningful ways. Thanks to the wonderful people I have worked with along the way as well as the supervisors and Board of Trustee members who encouraged and appreciated my work within the profession."

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

### **About AALL**

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