

## 2009 AALL Awards: Call for Nominations

Law librarians are on the forefront when it comes to assuring access to legal information. AALL recognizes individual members and others who excel in that endeavor through awards highlighting their accomplishments. Information for all awards, including application instructions and forms, contact information, and previous recipients, is listed on AALLNET at [www.aallnet.org/about/awards.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/awards.asp). Award recipients will be recognized at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. **All nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2009, unless otherwise noted.**

The **AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award** is selected by the AALL Call for Papers Committee. The award's objectives are threefold: (1) to honor scholarship among practicing law librarians and in areas of interest to the profession; (2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and (3) to recognize scholarly efforts of established members, new members, and potential members of AALL. Eligibility is open to active and retired AALL members of five or more years; active and retired AALL members of fewer than five years; and currently-enrolled students in library school, information management school or the equivalent, or law school. Student nominees need not be members of AALL. No papers, or portions of a paper, published or accepted for publication before March 1, 2009, will be eligible for consideration. Each submission must be accompanied by a cover letter describing the purpose of the paper, a short abstract, and a completed application form. Submit the paper, application, cover letter, and abstract (and for the Student Division, instructor's letter) as attachments in an e-mail to the Call for Papers Chair **James S. Heller**, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, College of William & Mary, Wolf Law Library, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187-8795; 757/221-3252; fax 757/221-3051; [heller@wm.edu](mailto:heller@wm.edu).

The **AALL/Thomson West Excellence in Marketing Award**, selected by the AALL Public Relations Committee, honors outstanding achievement in public

relations activities by an individual, group of individuals, library, chapter, special interest section, consortium, caucus, or any other group affiliated with AALL. Awards may be given in five categories: Best Brochure, Best Campaign, Best Newsletter, Best PR Toolkit, and Best Use of Technology. Please submit four copies of the entry, e.g., brochure, newsletter, handbook, PR toolkit, or map. In the case of a campaign or home page, please submit four hard copies of all supporting documentation: a campaign notebook or printout of at least the main page and introductory material of a home page. Entries must be signed and dated, and the submission itself must have been used or implemented during 2008. Send entries to **Lucinda MacDonald**, Marketing Specialist, Thomson West Librarian Relations, 610 Opperman Drive, D5-N193, Eagan MN 55123; [lucinda.macdonald@thomson.com](mailto:lucinda.macdonald@thomson.com).

The **Chapter Professional Development Award**, selected by the Awards Committee, recognizes significant achievements in designing outstanding professional development programs by AALL chapters. Two awards are given: one for a single program or workshop of one-half day or more and the other for a more comprehensive professional development program up to one year in length. Send five copies of the application and documentation to Chapter Professional Development Award Subcommittee Chair **Carmen Brigandi**, Head of Acquisitions and Serials Control, California Western School of Law Library, 225 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101-3046; 619/525-1437; fax 619/685-2918; [ceb@cwsl.edu](mailto:ceb@cwsl.edu).

The **CRIV New Product Award**, selected by the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors, honors a new commercial legal information product that has been in the library marketplace for no more than two years. The product must be commercial, enhance or improve existing law library services or procedures, and be an innovative project that improves access to legal information, the legal research process, or procedure to technical processing of library materials. Projects that have been re-introduced in a new format or

with substantial changes are eligible. To submit nominations, send eight copies to CRIV New Product Award Subcommittee Chair **Joseph P. Hinger**, Associate Director for Technical Services, St. John's University, Rittenberg Law Library, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Jamaica, NY 11439; 718/990-1582; fax 718/990-6649; [hinger@stjohns.edu](mailto:hinger@stjohns.edu).

The **Joseph A. Andrews Bibliographical Award**, selected by the Awards Committee, is presented to honor a significant contribution to legal bibliographic literature. To be eligible, a work must be a compilation of titles, published in any format, and organized to serve as a reference tool or finding aid for such publications. Each nominated work will be measured primarily by its creative, evaluative elements and the extent to which judgment was a factor in its formation. The works must have been published since 2008 to be considered. Send the nomination, including a complete description and five review copies, to Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award Subcommittee Chair **Philip C. Berwick**, Associate Dean for Information Resources, Washington University Law Library, Campus Box 1171, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130-4899; 314/935-6440; fax 314/935-7125; [berwick@wulaw.wustl.edu](mailto:berwick@wulaw.wustl.edu).

The **Law Library Journal** and **AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Awards**, selected by the *LLJ* and *AALL Spectrum* Committee, honor outstanding writing in each of those publications. Recipients will be chosen from articles published in *Law Library Journal* and *AALL Spectrum* during 2008.

The **Law Library Publications Award**, selected by the Awards Committee, recognizes achievement in creating outstanding in-house library materials. There are two categories for the award: print and non-print. Recipients of the award may be any individual or group affiliated with AALL. Entries are judged according to the quality of the materials, creativity, and usefulness to the target audience. Send five copies of the application and supporting documents to Law Library Publications Award Subcommittee Chair **Camille**

**Broussard**, Deputy Director, New York Law School Library, 57 Worth Street, New York, NY 10013; 212/431-2354; fax 212/965-8839; cbroussard@nyls.edu.

The **Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award**, selected by the Awards Committee, is presented to an individual nearing or following completion of an active professional career and recognized extended and sustained distinguished service to law librarianship and AALL. Honorees may be recognized for achievement in a particular area of law librarianship, for service to the Association, or for outstanding contributions to the professional literature. The individual must be or have been a member of AALL. The award may be given posthumously. Nomination applications should include either additional supporting letters or the names of the other persons to contact for further information concerning the nominee. Each candidate shall be considered individually and confidentially and will be judged according to the criteria listed above. Petitions and letter writing campaigns (beyond those letters included with the application) are

discouraged and will not be considered in the evaluation process nor will they influence the committee. The Awards Committee shall forward its recommendations for this award to the AALL Executive Board by March 1 for discussion at the spring Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board will select the recipient after considering the recommendations of the Awards Committee. No more than one award will be made in any given year except at the discretion of the AALL Executive Board. Unless a qualified candidate is put forward, the award will not be given. To submit a nomination, complete the application form and send the nomination packet, including supporting documents, to Marian Gould Gallagher Award Subcommittee Chair **Michele Finerty**, Assistant Director for Technical Services, Gordon D. Schaber Law Library, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, 3282 Fifth Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817; 916/739-7010; fax 916/739-7273; mfinerty@pacific.edu.

The **Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award**, selected by the Government Relations Committee, honors significant contributions by

persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of great public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians, nor members of AALL, and may not be staff members of the AALL Washington Affairs Office. Criteria for selection include: (1) a contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government; (2) the extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to government information; and (3) the extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy. All nominations are considered on an individual basis, with complete confidentiality, and according to the criteria listed above. Nominations (one copy, preferably in electronic format) are to be sent to Government Relations Committee Chair **Stephen Mirsky**, Library Specialist, Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06109; 860/757-6537; fax 860/757-6594; smirsky@cslib.org.