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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES NAMES
2016 PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION
AWARD RECIPIENT**

*Award Acknowledges Florida's Academic Law Libraries'
Collaborative Effort to Publish State Legal Materials Online*

CHICAGO, June 8, 2016—The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announced today that this year's Public Access to Government Information Award will be given to the Florida Academic Law Libraries for its *F.A.L.L. Digitized Legal Collections*, in recognition of the libraries' outstanding, long-term cooperation to make state legal information available electronically.

Established in 1998, the award recognizes individuals, or organizations, who have made significant contributions to protect and promote greater access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.

The *F.A.L.L. Digitized Legal Collections* cover Florida's primary legal materials, including Florida Supreme Court briefs and opinions, Florida statutes, and Florida administrative code. The project was a collaborative effort by all of the academic law libraries in Florida.

Content was assembled by the Florida State University College of Law Research Center, with financial support from the law libraries of Ave Maria School of Law, Barry University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida Coastal School of Law, Florida International University, Florida State University, Nova Southeastern University, St. Thomas University, Stetson University, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, University of Florida, and University of Miami.

"This project was a joint effort by the Florida Academic Law Libraries and shows when libraries work together, we can create amazing resources that really improve access to legal information," said Elizabeth Farrell Clifford, interim director at the Florida State University College of Law Research Center, who served as a coordinator on the project. "We are proud to have been named this year's Public Access to Government Information Award winner and hope our digitization work continues to prove valuable to

the legal community for years to come.”

“I am happy to report that the Florida Academic Law Libraries will receive this year’s Public Access to Government Information Award,” AALL President Keith Ann Stiverson said. “Their joint effort to make Florida’s legal materials available online supports one of AALL’s primary goals—to make legal information more readily available to the general public.”

The award winners will be recognized at the 109th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Chicago from July 16-19, 2016.

For more information about AALL’s Public Access to Government Information Award, visit bit.ly/AALLpublicaccess.

To learn more about the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting and register, visit bit.ly/AALL16reg. Full conference registrants who are not AALL members will receive a complimentary one-year AALL membership.

About AALL

The American Association of Law Libraries was founded in 1906 to promote law libraries’ value to the legal and public communities, foster the law librarianship profession, and provide leadership in the legal information field. With nearly 4,500 members, AALL represents law librarians and related professionals who are affiliated with law firms; law schools; corporate legal departments; courts; and local, state, and federal government agencies. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org.

About AALL Annual Meeting & Conference

The AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is the premier educational and networking event for more than 1,500 legal information professionals. In its 109th year, the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting will be held in Chicago, July 16-19, 2016, and offer three days of must-have educational programming featuring more than 70 sessions in six content areas. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org/conference.

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