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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES TO TESTIFY BEFORE
THE ABA COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL SERVICES

AALL’s President Will Share Information This Week about Law Libraries’
Impact on the Judicial System

CHICAGO, February 6, 2015—American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) President
Holly M. Riccio will address the American Bar Association’s Commission on the Future of
Legal Services on February 7, 2015, about libraries’ integral role in expanding access to
justice for all individuals and communities. The hearing will be held in Houston at the George
R. Brown Convention Center from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Riccio’s comments will highlight how law libraries help the judicial system function
effectively by providing resources for members of the public who are trying to preserve their
legal rights.

Law libraries have an interest in and duty to promote the effective functioning of the legal
system by providing citizens with the resources needed to preserve their legal rights. Law
libraries are the principal providers of legal information and are key contributors to ensuring
access to justice. With the number of self-represented litigants steadily increasing, law
libraries have an integral role to play in providing assistance to the underserved, by
providing access to legal information and referrals to legal service providers.

“AALL appreciates the opportunity to share our input on the future of legal services and law
librarians’ integral role in expanding access to justice to all individuals and communities,”
Riccio says. “We look forward to working with the ABA Commission on the Future of Legal
Services to improve the delivery of, and access to, legal services in the United States.”

To view AALL’s testimony to the ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services,
visit www.aallnet.org/Documents/Government-Relations/Formal-Statements/2015/
testimony020715.pdf. For more information about AALL, its advocacy work, and other
initiatives, visit www.aallnet.org.

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With nearly 5,000 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.
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