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PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AWARD WINNER

CHICAGO, June 24, 2015 — The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) announced today that Mary Alice Baish, superintendent of documents at the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) in Washington, D.C., has been honored with the 2015 Public Access to Government Information Award.

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.

As superintendent of documents, Baish has general supervision over the distribution of public documents and access to government information published by all three branches of the federal government. She also oversees the Federal Depository Library Program, which provides geographically convenient access to government information through participating libraries, including law libraries. Baish has dedicated her career to ensuring that the public has ready access to authentic, preserved government information, including serving as AALL’s director of government relations prior to being appointed to the GPO in 2011.

“I am honored to have been chosen for the 2015 Public Access to Government Information Award,” Baish said. “Both the American Association of Law Libraries and the Government Publishing Office share a common goal — to ensure permanent public access to trustworthy legal and government information. I have been very fortunate throughout my career to work with colleagues at depository libraries, AALL, and GPO who are dedicated to these goals that are fundamental to our democracy. Government information is a national asset, and I would like to thank all of you who helped and mentored me on this rewarding journey.”

AALL 2015 award recipients will be recognized at the 108th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, to be held in Philadelphia July 18-21, 2015.

For more information about the Public Access to Government Information Award, visit bit.ly/AALLpublicaccess. For more information about AALL and the upcoming AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, please visit www.aallnet.org.

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