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NELLCO Welcomes Corie Dugas as its next Executive Director

ALBANY, NY – Ms. Corie Dugas, current Executive Director of MALLCO, has been named the next Executive Director of NELLCO Law Library Consortium, Inc. by the NELLCO Board of Directors. Ms. Dugas will officially assume this new role on July 24, 2017.

“The members of the Board were pleased to select Ms. Dugas from an excellent field of candidates,” said Raquel M. Ortiz, NELLCO President. “As a mature library consortium, NELLCO is fortunate to be in a stable financial position, while continuing to innovate by bringing law libraries together to collaborate on projects that foster preservation of legal materials (PALMPrint), contribute to library assessment and benchmarking (ALLStAR), and most recently to provide open access to legal scholarship (LawArXiv). As NELLCO begins a new era of organizational development, it needs an executive director that can continue to lead and develop these projects, and keep the finger on the pulse of developments in the legal industry that may affect law libraries, while leading the organization through a period of intense self-evaluation started at our fall 2016 retreat. Corie Dugas will provide the leadership that NELLCO needs to accomplish these objectives,” Ortiz further stated.

Teresa Miguel-Stearns, chair of the NELLCO Transition and Search Committee, commented: “NELLCO's Transition and Search Committee (TSC) embarked on a national search for its next Executive Director with high standards and high expectations following the leadership and legacy of Tracy L. Thompson, NELLCO's revered director of 16 years. NELLCO drew an extremely competitive pool and Corie Dugas rose to the top due to her vision, skills, sharp intellect, and energy. Corie comes to NELLCO with over a decade of law library experience, most recently with the Saint Louis University Law Library, and she is already a proven consortial leader of the Mid-America Law Library Consortium (MALLCO). We are thrilled to have Corie at the helm as she skillfully leads NELLCO into its next generation!”

Ms. Dugas serves as the Executive Director of the Mid-America Law Library Consortium since 2015. She is also the Head of Outreach and Access Services and Assistant Professor of Legal Research at Saint Louis University's Vincent C. Immel Law Library, where she had previously served as the Access Services Senior Associate. As Executive Director of MALLCO, Ms. Dugas has worked closely with the Executive Directors of the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA) and NELLCO as part of the LMN steering group that fosters collaboration between these library consortia.

Reflecting on her appointment, Ms. Dugas states: “I am both thrilled and honored to be joining NELLCO. In an age when law libraries face rapid changes, I am dedicated to the collaboration and innovation that will move us into the future. This is an exciting time to work with a diverse international group of law libraries, and I look forward to building on what its current Executive Director, Tracy Thompson, accomplished.”

Dugas holds an MA in Information Science and Learning Technology from the University of Missouri. She has chaired and served on a variety of committees and special interest sections of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL), and the St. Louis chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Ms. Dugas has written and presented on library marketing and public relations at the annual meetings of AALL and MAALL. Her most recent article, on collaboration among library consortia, was co-authored with the Executive Directors of LIPA and NELLCO and appeared in the *Serials Review*.

NELLCO Law Library Consortium, Inc. is an international consortium of law libraries, founded in New England in 1983. Its membership includes academic; state, court and county; and private non-profit law libraries in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia. NELLCO is a 501(c)(3), incorporated in Massachusetts, with offices located in Albany, NY.