

LEADER PROFILE

AN INSPIRED JOURNEY

Former AALL special
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his career has taken
him from coast to
coast—and back
again.

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currently belongs to the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries and is also chair of the Society of Academic Law Library Directors.

AALL Spectrum recently spoke with the Oklahoma City native about working in higher education, the skills law librarians will need in the future, and the key factor that motivates law students to work in legal information.

[What inspired you to pursue a career in higher education at a law library?](#) /GS0 C /T1.

Reeves has moved six times to pursue degrees and new positions. Law school took him from Oklahoma to Philadelphia; obtaining his MSILS took him to New York's Pratt Institute School of Information. His career as a legal information professional began as a reference librarian at Brooklyn Law School and was followed by a cross-country move to Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Reeves returned to New York in 2005 to work as an adjunct associate professor and reference librarian at Fordham University's School of Law. In 2008, he relocated to the Washington, D.C., area to serve as associate director at the George Mason University School of Law Library in Arlington, Virginia. He's made one more move since—to Nashville in 2012—where he is currently associate dean, associate professor of law, and director of the Alyne Queener Massey Law Library at Vanderbilt Law School.

One constant amongst all the change has been Reeves's involvement in the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) at national and local levels. He chaired AALL's Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section in 2009 and 2010 and served on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee from 2002 to 2004. He

