

★ 10:30 a.m.

**E-1 AELIC's Survey on Authentication of Government Information: A Year Later and Still Challenging**

**Level:** Intermediate

60 Minutes

**Competency:** Library Management

**Target Audience:** All law librarians concerned about authentic and official government information

**Learning Outcomes:**

- 1) Participants will better understand the current status in authenticating digital government information.
- 2) Participants will be able to apply advocacy skills and substantive knowledge when attempting to affect policy decisions in their states about authenticating government information.

Can lawyers, law students and professors, and members of the public rely on legal information posted at most government Web sites as official and authentic? During the past year, AALL President Sally Holterhoff convened a National Summit that focused on a follow-up to the authentication survey completed in 2005-06 by the Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC). An executive summary of the report was presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting, and the full report has since been published. Now you can hear more detailed survey information about how states and the federal government are dealing with authentication of legal information. Learn how AALL has proactively risen to the challenge to educate legislators, judges and others about the need for digital information and how AALL is challenging all levels of government to implement standards to authenticate properly their electronic legal information. Joining President Holterhoff and Mary Alice Baish, Associate Washington Affairs Representative, will be the Honorable Herbert B. Dixon, Jr., a delegate to the National Summit and the Co-Chair of the ABA Judicial Division's Court Technology Committee. Judge Dixon will discuss his experiences at the National Summit and will discuss what actions AALL and other groups might take as follow-up to the Summit.

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