

William H. Manz Wins Andrews Award

Author of Guide to State Legislation, Legislative History, and Administrative Materials to be honored at AALL Annual Meeting

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The 2009 Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award honors William H. Manz for the seventh edition of *Guide to State Legislation, Legislative History, and Administrative Materials*. Manz is a senior research librarian at St. John's University Law School in Jamaica, New York.

The seventh edition of the *Guide* comes six years after the 2002 edition and reflects the almost complete transition of state legislative and administrative materials from paper to electronic format. The preface itself states, "The most notable change for the researcher... was the remarkable plethora of no-cost information available at countless law-related Web sites."

There is a wealth of information packed in its 465 pages. The *Guide* is organized in a straightforward manner alphabetically by jurisdiction. Users might be surprised to learn that legislative and administrative materials from the commonwealths and former territories such as the Virgin Islands and the Panama Canal Zone are included. Each jurisdiction, in turn, is further subdivided into nine different organizational categories including a "legislative history" category. Sources

within each category are further subdivided into "online," "paper," and "microform" sources. When directed to online sources, the *Guide* refers users to relevant LexisNexis and Westlaw databases and to the appropriate official state Web site URL.

There is also an evaluative aspect to the *Guide* that provides guidance when one is trying to decide whether or not to consult particular sources. After all, time is money. For example, the Iowa legislative history section has an introductory sentence that states, "It is not regarded as possible to determine legislative intent from the available documents." So why waste time compiling a legislative history to try to divine the meaning of

the text of a statute?

In addition to the *Guide to State Legislation*, Manz is the author of a number of other books and many journal articles dealing with legal research and a variety of other legal topics. He states that there are no plans to keep the *Guide* up-to-date. However, there are tentative plans for a new edition of *Gibson's New York Legal Research Guide*, which won the 2005 Joseph Andrews Award.

Manz received an AB in history from College of the Holy Cross in Wooster,

Massachusetts; an MA in history from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; an MLS from Long Island University; and a JD from St. John's University School of Law in Queens, New York.

Manz is an active participant in AALL and the American Bar Association. Since 2007 he has served as the editor of *Lawlines*, the newsletter of the Law Library Association of Greater New York. He has also served in various editorial capacities for the *Journal of the Copyright Society of the U.S.A.*, including a stint as acting editor from January to September 2008.

Established in 1967, the Andrews Award honors Joseph L. Andrew, reference librarian at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Each year the award recognizes the author of a significant work of legal bibliographical literature. The members of the 2009 Andrews Award Subcommittee are Richard Leiter, Carol Rogers, Dee Wood, and Phil Berwick, chair.

The award will be presented at the closing banquet on Tuesday, July 28, at the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Please join the Awards Committee and the Association in congratulating the 2009 Andrews Award recipient. ■

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