

AALL Representative Plan for 2008

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Goals and Objectives for 2008: There are two conferences scheduled for the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in 2008. One is a Business Solutions Conference that will take place in Baltimore in September, and the other is an E-Courts Conference that will take place in Las Vegas in December. The NCSC's major conference, the Court Technology Conference, will be offered again in 2009.

In 2006, Sara Galligan, as the AALL representative to the NCSC, recruited seasoned law librarians to attend the Business Solutions and the E-Courts conferences. The law librarians were in close proximity to the conference sites. Both law librarians reported on their conference attendance in the SCCLL Newsletter. Another law librarian attended the Court Technology Conference (CTC) in October 2007. Apparently, the NCSC rotates these conferences by offering Business Solutions and E-Courts during even numbered years, while it offers the CTC during odd numbered years.

As of September 2007, the specific programs for both Business Solutions and E-Courts were still unknown. However, since they offer law librarians an opportunity to network with court personnel as well as gain needed understanding about court processes, the AALL Representative to the NCSC should plan to participate in these conferences in 2008. If she were unable to attend, the representative should recruit another SCCLL law librarian to attend.

The AALL Representative will ensure that other members learn about the 2008 NCSC programs by publishing a report in either the SCCLL Newsletter or Spectrum, if a broader audience is warranted. The AALL Representative should also keep in contact with NCSC staff listed below to obtain current information related to upcoming NCSC programs.

Involvement with the NCSC is especially important for SCCLL members as it provides a venue for advocating for our law libraries and an educational forum where we can learn about new court developments. As law library leaders, we can learn what's new in the courts and develop programs, resources, and services that benefit court users and help make courts operate more efficiently. This participation aligns with both AALL and SCCLL strategic directives.

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Liaison Function: This could include possible communications to LISP regarding court related programs for the public. Also, new NCSC developments related to law libraries, and/or access to legal information, should be noted and communicated to AALL members. At the CTC this year, AALL members will present a program on the AELIC authentication summit; SCCLL will have a member attending this program to report on reactions from the court community; future consideration of this subject matter by NCSC would be significant and should be communicated to AALL members.

Resources: Financial support would be needed to attend two conferences in 2008. For each conference, the cost would be approximately \$1700.00, with a total cost of \$3400.00.