

AALL Representative Plan for 2009

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Goals and Objectives for 2009-10: Liaison emphasis for 2009-10 primarily involves participation in NCSC conferences. During the corresponding AALL fiscal year, one conference should occur in September 2010. This is the Court Solutions Conference which normally takes place in Baltimore. The conference offers law librarians an opportunity to network with court personnel as well as gain needed understanding about court processes. If the AALL Representative to the NCSC is unable to attend, the representative should recruit another SCCLL law librarian to attend.

The AALL Representative will ensure that other members learn about 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.

It's important to note one change for 2009. This involves a slight revision for the 2008-09 fiscal year plan. It was anticipated that 2008 E-Courts Conference would be included as an event the representative would attend in December 2008. However, the Court Technology Conference (CTC), which usually occurs in October of every other year, will take place in September 2009. This places expenses for the conference into AALL's 2008-09 fiscal year. Since the Court Technology Conference is the preferred event (as compared to the E-Courts Conference), the existing budget should be used to cover attendance at the CTC in 2009. Also attended by Rep. Sara Galligan in September 2008 was the Court Solutions Conference in Baltimore. This was most worthwhile as one track was devoted to Self Represented Litigants, and law libraries were included in one of fifteen modules that were featured as methods for courts to better serve self represented litigants. A report of the conference is included in the SCCLL Newsletter.

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Liaison Function: This could include possible communications to SCCLL and 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 Court Solutions Conference in 2008, AALL members were heavily involved in explaining ways law libraries serve pro se litigants and how they help courts serve this clientele.

Resources: For the 2009-10 fiscal year, financial support would be needed so the representative could attend the Court Solutions Conference in September 2010. The cost would be approximately \$1800.00.