

LIPA

Paper Retention Program

Legal Information Preservation Alliance

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The LIPA Print Retention Program has been developing over the last few years to encourage participating institutions to save jointly five or six copies of selected titles enabling them to preserve the core materials of United States law in their original paper format.

This should allow other institutions to discard paper versions that are now essentially unused in our increasingly digital environment.

- Although developed independently, the LIPA-PRP fits in with a range of programs evolving to respond to an increased need for “last book” retention programs, most notably the North American Storage Trust.

(<http://www.oclc.org/programs/ourwork/collectivecoll/sharedprint/nast.htm>)

- A “summit” meeting on this issue, called *When the book hits the fan*, was convened by the RLG unit within OCLC last October.

See <http://www.oclc.org/programs/events/2007-11-12.htm>

- LIPA-PRP participants agree to place collections of print legal materials into a protected environment, often a local High Density Book Storage Facility (HDBSF), for the indefinite future and to record that decision at a central site so everyone who is interested can check to see if a print item has been retained according to the principles of the program.
- Participation is open to anyone who has appropriate materials and access to something that can be used as a secure and climate controlled book storage space.
- Query: If the institutions that have appropriate facilities don't generate a minimal core of materials, what are the alternatives?

Participants

ACTIVE	Diamond Law Library at Columbia Harvard Law School Library Law Library Microform Consortium
FUTURE	University of Chicago Law Library University of Michigan Law Library

- While the institutions who might be able to do it now are likely to be Universities with off-site storage operations, there may be other programs that are appropriate, such as institutions that are participants in storage consortia such as the state-wide program in Missouri

Record Keeping

- LIPA has established a preliminary informal agreement with the Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC) to set up a control website.
- Initial record information from Columbia and Harvard can be seen at www.llmc.com/lipa/home.htm
- Under a title it shows:
 - Holding institution
 - Item (Usually volume)
 - Quality:
 - S(atisfactory), I(mperfect), N(none), Blank



Alabama Supreme Court Reports

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[Search Holdings](#)->[U.S. States](#)->[Alabama](#)->Alabama Supreme Court Reports

Title: Alabama Supreme Court Reports
Description: 1840-1926, Vol. 1-214. Cite as Ala. (The pre-NRS portion: Vol. 1-80, 1840-1887.)
OCLC Number: 60492418
URL: <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/lmc.82980>
Notes: This title may still grow. Please contact LLMC for current fiche count.
LLMC Title #: 82980

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VOLUME	LLMC Holdings				LIPA Holdings	
	Fiche Count	LLMC Needs	Online	Paper Backup	<u>COL</u>	<u>TBA</u>
Volume 1, 1840	9	X			S	
Volume 2, 1841	9	X			I	
Volume 3, 1841-42	9	X			I	
Volume 4, 1842-43	9	X			I	
Volume 5, 1843	9	X			I	



Alaska Reports

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[Search Holdings](#)->->[Judicial](#)->Alaska Reports

Title: Alaska Reports

Description: 1884–1923, Vol. 1–6. Cite as Alaska (There are no pre-NRS volumes). The Alaska Reports prior to 1959 contain the decisions of the U.S. Federal District Court for the capital territory of Alaska. From 1959 on, this series contains the decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska, and the series is titled Alaska Supreme Court Reports.

OCLC Number: 62883436

URL: <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/lmc.86101>

Notes: This title may still grow. Please contact LLMC for current fiche count.

LLMC Title #: 86101

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VOLUME	LLMC Holdings				LIPA Holdings		
	Fiche Count	LLMC Needs	Online	Paper Backup	COL	HARV	TBA
Volume 1, 1884-1903	3		Y		S	S	
Volume 2, 1903-06	3		Y		S	S	
Volume 3, 1906-10	2		Y		S	S	

- Dear Jerry,
- The following is an updated list of our state reports (plus 2 ALRs) in off-site storage.
- Item level info:
- Status = NONE or blank indicates satisfactory condition.
- Status = DAMAGED indicates imperfect condition.
- Regards,
- Mary
- 3. TITLE = REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA.
- AUTHOR = Alabama. Supreme Court.
- IMPRINT = New York, Collins & Hannay.
- LIB. HAS = v.1(May 1820 - July 1826).
- VOLUME = v.1(May 1820- July 1826).
- STATUS = DAMAGED.
- 7. TITLE = REPORT OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
- DURING ..
- AUTHOR = Alabama. Reports. Supreme court.
- IMPRINT = St. Paul, Minn., West publishing co., 1840-1976.
- LIB. HAS = 1(1840) - 295(1975).
- VOLUME = 1 1840.
- STATUS = None.
- VOLUME = 2 1842.
- STATUS = DAMAGED.
- VOLUME = 3 1842.
- STATUS = DAMAGED.
- VOLUME = 4 1843.
- STATUS = DAMAGED.
- VOLUME = 5 1843.
- STATUS = DAMAGED.

- At this stage there is no need to get more complicated. In the long run procedures would have to be developed to handle more difficult materials, such as compiled statutes, administrative law texts, etc.
- Participants in the program have taken donations of better quality materials from outside their collection to insure that materials in storage are the best versions that can be found. In particular, the Brooklyn Supreme Court Library's donation to Columbia should be acknowledged as having filled many gaps in the Columbia collection.

Priorities

- 1st: Official state case reporters.
- 2nd: Session laws.
 - (This is proving problematic, since so many institutions have already discarded their paper statute runs as they became available in microfilm versions.)
- 3rd: Law Reviews
 - (Logical fit with the availability of the PDF versions within Hein Online)

Technical issues

- Participants should strive to hoard the best copy they own and they should review it for text block soundness, etc. Full collation would be ideal, but is not necessary. Shrink wrapping has proven useful for physically battered items.
- The local bibliographic control and item recording should be to national standards.
- The storage facility should follow NISO TR01-1995 *Environmental Guidelines for the Storage of Paper Records* (Storage parameters addressed include temperature, relative humidity, exposure to light, gaseous contaminants, and particulates, etc)

The program builds on the principle that the participant's decision to retain paper copies is something the institution would have done for itself in any case. Thus, it exploits internal actions by the participants in order to keep things as simple as possible and avoid a formal legal framework. The assumption has been made that trying to establish a formal commitment to keep materials only to satisfy LIPA-PRP obligations is too vulnerable to outside pressure.

Next Steps

- 1. Keep loading books into HDBSFs and data into the LLMC coordination page.
- 2. Let everyone know what materials are appropriate beyond the official state reports.
- 3. Persuade other LIPA members to put designated materials into their local HDBSF.
- 4. Explore the possibility of recording some kind of preservation commitment made by institutions that don't have HDBSFs.
- 5. Developing a role for State Law Libraries within this structure to retain local materials unlikely to be held by anyone else

Making this work involves relatively simple coordination of activities that are planned or are already taking place to solve space problems at a number of institutions. In the long run, LIPA-PRP should actually reduce the amount of work participating institutions think they have to do.

Thanks for listening.