

2008 Legislative and Regulatory Update

AALL Advocacy Agenda: Successes and Challenges

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Overview

- 2007-2008 Successes
- Remaining Challenges in the 110th Congress
- Key Priorities for Washington Affairs Office
- Advocacy Goals for Washington Affairs Office

Successes in 110th Congress

- House and Senate oversight hearings
- Ann Fessenden and ABA leaders testified at LC oversight hearing on funding for the Law Library
- OPEN Government Act of 2007 (P.L. 110- 175)
- Congress ordered EPA to reopen 5 closed libraries
- Testified at Public Witness Hearing in support of GPO's FY 2009 budget request

Other Key Successes in 2007-2008

- Collaboration between GPO and AOUSC results in launch of PACER Pilot Project
- GPO authenticates Public and Private Laws of the 110th Congress and 2009 Federal Budget
- Uniform Law Commission to create new “Study Committee on Online Authentication of Legal Materials”

Challenges Remain...

- NARA decision not to capture agency web sites at end of Bush Administration
- NARA and agencies partner to digitize legacy materials
- Lofgren draft bill to improve funding for Law Library of Congress
- Reauthorization of E-Government Act of 2002 (S. 2321)
- Continued monitoring of EPA's actions to reopen libraries

2008-2009 Priorities for WAO

- Improved funding for the Law Library of Congress and the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP)
- Continued collaboration with GPO to develop incentives for a robust 21st Century FDLP
- Government responsibility for e-life cycle management
- Collaboration with new ELIAC Committee on digital authentication and citation issues

2008-2009 Advocacy Goals

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- Please continue to communicate your concerns with your elected representatives and respond to AALL action alerts
- Please keep us informed about issues in your state
- And please, send us “stories” to tell on the Hill and with the media

We Need to Hear From You!

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Thank you!