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# GDSIS News

## Convention Preview

The GDSIS activities at the Washington Convention have been specially designed to take advantage of some of the "packaged" resources of the Capitol City.

First, your SIS is sponsoring the Monday evening workshop being presented by the Washington Monitor, Inc. This workshop is based on the highly successful and informative workshops on monitoring the legislative process and administrative agencies offered by the Washington Monitor throughout the year in Washington, DC. This should be a very popular workshop; early arrival is strongly recommended!

Second, the Office of the Federal Register will present "The Federal Register: What It Is and How To Use It," their peripatetic educational workshop, on Tuesday afternoon at the convention site. Their guide to the Federal Register - CFR system, of the same title as the workshop, will be distributed to attendees. Susanne Thevenet made the arrangements for hosting this workshop, and will introduce the speakers.

This program will be repeated on Thursday, July 2, at 9:00 a.m., at the Office of the Federal Register, 1100 L Street, NW, Room 9409. Since this workshop has been planned especially for conference attendees who will be unable to attend the Tuesday session, reservations are required. King Banks, at the Office of the Federal Register, should be called for further information (202-523-5235). Seating is limited for this special workshop, so prompt reservations are suggested.

Third, our second annual "Documents Update" will be held Tuesday afternoon following the Federal Register workshop. This information exchange/buzz session will feature news on recent documents legislation and other developments in the documents world, with guest speakers who will be announced later. Colleen Pauwels will organize this session, and would appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Finally, there will be an SIS business meeting Tuesday morning, at which the election results will be announced, and the Section's activities for the past and coming year will be discussed. We look forward to seeing you at all of these events.

Michael E. Gehringer

## CCRR Update

When the 13th edition of the BLUEBOOK is published (possibly June 1981), the note that is printed on page ii in the present edition should look quite different. Some mention about the purpose of citation should appear along with a guideline for citing materials not addressed in the BLUEBOOK. In addition, a method for citing non-print and/or computer-printed materials is likely to appear.

This small, but not insignificant, change is the result of work done by the CCRR in coordination with the present BLUEBOOK editors.

More changes might have resulted had it not been for the fact that the bulk of the 13th edition was already completed at the time that the CCRR was established (August 1980). Nonetheless, procedures which permit continued coordination with BLUEBOOK editors are now in effect. In fact, the AALL (GDSIS) is invited to suggest minor changes to this citation manual which can be implemented between printings of this 13th edition. Furthermore, advice with regard to major changes in future editions is solicited by the four schools responsible for this publication.

This last point (four schools) suggests that continuing coordination is not necessarily automatic. Even in this first effort, contacting the appropriate law journal students was not easy. This is because the four schools each have one or more individuals responsible for BLUEBOOK editing. These individuals are given this assignment for a period of only one year with actual editorial function passing to a different school with each new edition. The actual editor-in-chief for the 13th edition is, in fact, no longer a student. He is a recent graduate of the Columbia Law School who is working at the U.S. Court of Appeals in Seattle.

The work of the Committee continues. Preparing suggestions for change is not as easy as recognizing the need for change. The Committee, therefore, invites suggestions for improving the BLUEBOOK. If you recognize the need for change, please send us your suggestion. However, we request that all suggestions be accompanied with logical explanations. Remember, law students are not librarians. What may seem obvious to you, is not always apparent to students or even your colleagues. Address all suggestions to: Stuart Basefsky, Documents Dept., D.H. Hill Library, N.C. 27650 Tel. (919) 737-3280. cont'd

Persons interested in serving on this Committee (working), should express their intentions to either Michael Genringer or me. In the meantime, all of us should keep in mind that the purpose of citation is to "...(1) identify who or what is the source of the information being cited; (2) describe the source in a manner which distinguishes it from other or similar references; and, (3) provide information, in the description, which will allow a reader to locate the source with relative ease."

Stuart M. Basefsky, Chairperson  
Committee on Citation Reform and  
Revision  
(previously referred to as the  
"Bibliographic Citation Project")

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Executive Board approved CCRR as the defacto representative of the AALL at its Midwinter Meeting.

## BEST BETS

### CRS Issue Briefs

The Congressional Research Service publishes and records on cassette tape hundreds of major issue briefs which are used by members of Congress and their staff to keep informed about important current issues.

Some of the subjects reported are

- Product Liability: A Legal Overview (IB77021)
- FOIA Cases (IB79125)
- Computer Crime and Security (IB80047)
- Privacy: Concepts and Problems (IB74123)
- Attorneys' Fees: Awards by Federal Courts and Federal Agencies (IB76032)
- Oil Spill Liability and Compensation (IB78080)

A complete list of issue briefs as well as the briefs themselves are available through your Congressman's office.

### D.C. Guides

If you are planning to attend the AALL Convention this year in Washington, D.C., you will find these two FREE items most helpful.

The first is one of the best street maps available for the entire metropolitan D.C. area. To obtain, send a self-addressed 7x10 inch envelope with 53¢ postage to MAPS/ Room 519, 415 12th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004/ (202) 727-6562.

The second is a guide to more than 200 D.C. area restaurants. It provides information on price, location, parking facilities, hours of operation and types of credit cards accepted. For a free copy of the 1981 Guide to Dining, contact: The Washington Convention and Visitors Association/ 1575 I Street, N.W., Suite 250/ Washington, D.C. 20005/(202) 857-5500.

### 101 Telephone Numbers

101 Telephone Numbers For People Who Use Federal Information Publications is handy pocket sized pamphlet (2½ x 4) which lists the most frequently needed U.S. Government phone numbers from Washington, DC.

Included are: executive offices, legislative offices, judicial offices, research assistance & libraries, hotlines, publication inquiries, recorded messages.

Compiled by the Congressional Information Services and Washington Researchers, it is available free of charge by writing to CIS/ 4520 East-West Highway, Suite 800/ Washington, DC 20014/ (301)654-1550.

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## Depository Library Council by Nancy Johnson

The Depository Library Council to the Public Printer met in Alexandria, Virginia on September 29-October 1, 1980. Nancy Johnson and Richard Hutchins are members of the Council. The next Council meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas on April 12-15. All librarians are encouraged to attend the Council meetings.

The following portions of the meeting transcripts are of interest:

As of 9/28/80, 1,342 libraries hold depository status with four designations pending. Included in the total count are 49 regionals and 107 newly designated law libraries.

PRF's spinoff, the exhausted PRF, covers publications no longer sold, from 1975 to December 31, 1978. There will be yearly adds to this file and cumulations. The 1980 cumulation is for three years and should be retained.

GPO will stand as the authoritative source for federal documents and will begin entering catalog copy into OCLC on the master mode.

The July Monthly Catalog features the first appearance of the KWIC index. It will also appear in the semi-annual index for January through June of 1980 which is expected to be in distribution on October 24th.

Depository librarians may call Bob Barnes at (703) 557-2025 when you find titles that are not in the system that you would like investigated or when you notice missing issues of continuing type materials, but a letter to the Director of LSDS (Jay Young) giving him as much information as possible is preferred.

The Depository Library Council made the following recommendations of interest to law librarians:

The Depository Library Council recommends that depository libraries be surveyed to determine their individual selection needs for each Committee's publications in either hard copy or microfiche format, distribution of all Committee Hearings and Prints in the format selected to begin with the 97th Congress, 1st session.

The Depository Library Council recommends that GPO resurvey the micro offering of the GAO Legislative History File, in the variety of options feasible, with a clear description of its physical limitations and file size.

The Depository Library Council recommends that GPO offer dual media editions of the Congressional Record (bound edition) with text in micro-fiche and the index in bound form and this item be resurveyed.

The Depository Library Council recommends to the Public Printer that he communicate to the Joint Committee on Printing with a view toward making the Congressional Research Service publications, such as the reports and issue briefs, available for depository distribution.

The Depository Library Council recommends the following enhancements to the microfiche edition of the Congressional bills, beginning with the 97th Congress.

- 1) The microfiche should be numbered consecutively throughout both sessions of Congress, rather than starting the numbering over at the beginning of the second session;
- 2) In order to produce the interim Finding Aid rapidly, and thus expedite shipment of the bills, the paper Finding Aid should cumulate throughout the first session, then begin a new cumulation with the second session, as is the current practice;
- 3) At the end of the 97th and subsequent Congresses, a final cumulation of the Finding Aid for the two sessions of Congress should be produced in microfiche;
- 4) A user's guide to the Finding Aid should appear in each issue. cont'd p.36

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## Council cont'd

Ray Gulick, G.P.O., reported on the GAO Legislative History File:

The highly controversial GAO Legislative History File was placed in a hold status earlier this year, when unacceptable GAO produced camera masters were rejected by the GPO contractor. The GAO produced camera masters contained numerous problems. From the late 1940's up until the 1960's clippings from the Record, Register and newspaper articles were secured to bond paper with shiny transparent tape. The tape was applied across the top - middle and bottom and at each location obliterates approximately 5 - 6 lines of data. This occurs on approximately 6 - 10 data frames of the fiche. In many instances the typed reference information on the bond paper was too weak making it impossible to determine the reference source. In many instances the tape cracked, peeled, wrinkled and changed color causing a high reflectance when copied. The good news - the clippings in the more recent laws in the past 10 - 15 years were secured with the newer less reflecting mending tape. In addition many fiche titles are weak and the contrast falls off in the upper left corner making it difficult to retrieve the fiche by the law number. GAO is presently proceeding with their requirement to obtain a limited number of second generation diazo's for in house use. At present GPO is in a hold - waiting to see the quality of the second generation diazo that will be delivered to GAO in mid October. We will eventually distribute the Legislative History File that we inherited however, we will be required to place a disclaimer notice along with it as it does not meet any of the stringent quality attributes. GPO will not be able to provide assistance in obtaining better copy of lost information and GAO does not desire to answer information requests. We understand your desire to receive this reference file, but feel that you would desire to receive the best possible quality end product and hope that you will bear with us until the test results are obtained and evaluated. The fiche should be distributed early in 1981.

### SPECIAL NOTE

Nancy Johnson has been appointed to the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. Her term will last three years and, together with Richard Hutchins, they will represent depository law librarians. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Public Printer and the Assistant Public Printer (Superintendent of Documents) on the following matters: needs of depository libraries; cataloging and indexing of documents; shipping and handling publications; and general administration. The Council consists of 15 members of the Library Community. The fall meeting will be held September 29 through October 1, 1980 at the Old Town Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Virginia. All librarians are invited to attend Council sessions and contribute to the meetings. Please drop Nancy or Dick a note about any matters dealing with documents. The only way that we can actively represent the members of the Government Documents Special Interest Section is to hear about your problems.

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The Government Documents SIS and the AALL Committee on Exchange of Duplicates are currently exploring the desirability of initiating an exchange of government publications. To determine how much interest there is in doing this, we have developed the following questionnaire. Some government publications are omitted from this questionnaire because they are already included in the existing exchange lists (some agency periodicals and court reports). Please take the time to fill our questionnaire in and return it to:

Margaret Lundahl  
Isham, Lincoln & Beale  
1 First National Plaza  
Chicago, IL 60603

For the responses to be acted upon at the 1981 annual meeting, they must be received by May 1, 1980. We would appreciate receiving responses as early as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Margaret Lundahl*

Margaret Lundahl  
Documents Exchange List  
Project Coordinator

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14. \_\_\_\_\_      Any agency  
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and states if not all or most):  
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- 20. \_\_\_\_\_ 20. House committees
- 21. \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Senate Committees
- 22. \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Joint committees

Documents

- 23. \_\_\_\_\_ 23. House Committees
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Senate Committees
- 25. \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Joint committees
- 26. \_\_\_\_\_ 26. Serial set

Committee prints

- 27. \_\_\_\_\_ 27. House committees
- 28. \_\_\_\_\_ 28. Senate Committees
- 29. \_\_\_\_\_ 29. Joint committees

Particular committees only (please specify):

- 30. \_\_\_\_\_ 30. House \_\_\_\_\_
- 31. \_\_\_\_\_ 31. Senate \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. \_\_\_\_\_ 32. Joint \_\_\_\_\_

Monographs

- 33. \_\_\_\_\_ 33. Any agency
- 34. \_\_\_\_\_ 34. Particular agencies only (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. \_\_\_\_\_ 35. Technical reports (please specify areas) \_\_\_\_\_

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND INDEXES

- 36. \_\_\_\_\_ 36. Monthly catalog of government publications
- 37. \_\_\_\_\_ 37. Monthly checklist of state publications
- 38. \_\_\_\_\_ 38. CIS - bound or unbound (circle which)
- 39. \_\_\_\_\_ 39. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

STATE DOCUMENTS

Administrative regulations

Codes

- 40. \_\_\_\_\_ 40. All states
- 41. \_\_\_\_\_ 41. Particular states only (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Registers

- 42. \_\_\_\_\_ 42. All states
- 43. \_\_\_\_\_ 43. Particular states only (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_



# CHECKLIST

ANALYSIS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS - 1980 Edition, 45 pages, is available from Chamber of Commerce of the United States/1615 H Street, NW/ Washington, DC 20062 for \$6.00.

Ready reference to the workers' compensation laws of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Canadian provinces. Charts and information on benefits, coverage, insurance and state requirements.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 47 pages, is available for \$3.50 from: Superintendent of Documents/ U.S. Government Printing Office/Washington, DC 20402. (stock no. 052-070-05355-1).

DIRECTORY OF FEDERAL STATISTICS FOR LOCAL AREAS, A GUIDE TO SOURCES: URBAN UPDATE 1977-1978, 144 pages, is available from: Superintendent of Documents/U.S. Government Printing Office/Washington, DC 20402 for \$4.50 (stock no. 003-024-2167-6)

Comprehensive list of titles, with address for every Federal source. Also describes new tables from over 100 reports issued through 1978.

DIRECTORY OF RESOURCES, 100 pages, is available free of charge from: International Communication Agency/ 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W./ Washington, DC 20470/ 202-724-9103.

Describes organizations, in both the U.S. and overseas, interested in international affairs.

DOCUMENT DRAFTING HANDBOOK, 66 pages, is available for \$1.50 from Superintendent of Documents/ U.S. Government Printing Office/ Washington, DC 20402 (stock no. 022-001-00088-4).

Designed to help Federal agencies prepare documents for publication in the Federal Register.

GOVERNMENT REFERENCE BOOKS: A BIENNIAL GUIDE TO U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, 1978/1979 edition, is now available for \$25.00, from Libraries Unlimited/ PO Box 263/ Littleton, CO 80160.

Annotates 1,845 atlases, bibliographies, compendia, dictionaries, guides, handbooks, indexes, directories, and manuals published by the U.S. government during 1978 and 1979.

GUIDE TO U.S. GOVERNMENT DIRECTORIES is tentatively scheduled for publication in early 1981 with a price of \$27.50. Contact: The Oryx Press/ 2214 N. Central/ Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Annotated bibliography of directories published by U.S. Government. Includes: coverage of the directory, information available, arrangement and where and how the directory may be ordered.

HIGHLIGHTS: EXPANDED 9-DIGIT ZIP CODE PROGRAM is available free of charge from: Office of Zip Code Expansion/ U.S. Postal Service/ 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW/ Room 6624/ Washington, DC 20260/ 202-245-5024.

Details on how the new 9-digit zip code may affect businesses.

LAW VOLUMES MICROFILMED BY THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, 280 pages, is free to institutions upon request from: Law Library/ Library of Congress/ Washington, DC 20540. Compiled by Kimberly W. Dobbs.

SENATE PROCEDURE, 1076 pages, is available from: Superintendent of Documents/ U.S. Government Printing Office/ Washington, DC 20402 for \$9.60 (stock no. 052-071-00401-7).

Compilation of the rules, laws, rulings and practices that govern the parliamentary conduct of the U.S. senate.

SUBJECT COMPILATIONS OF STATE LAWS: RESEARCH GUIDE AND ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY, by Lynn Foster and Carol Boast, 480 pages, is available for \$45 from Greenwood Press/ 88 Post Road West/ PO Box 5007/ Westport, CT 06881.

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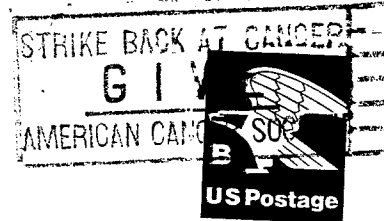
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