

Government Law Librarians (formerly State, Court, County) Special Interest Section 2016-2017 Strategic  
Directions Committee Annual Report

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The committee, during the middle of its three-year charge to review the strategic direction for the Government Law Libraries for 2015-2018, began the year by reviewing the 2014-15 Annual Report. The chair concurred with the previous recommendation that the GLL section continue mirroring the AALL direction and policy changes. The committee does not recommend altering the review period for strategic directions beyond three years.

The committee emphasizes the continued importance of the following 2010-15 strategic goals:

- Increasing awareness of the critical role of law libraries in information distribution to the public and governmental officials.
- Promoting and encouraging equitable relationships with legal material vendors and publishers.
- Further advocating all officials that government information and documentation exist in the public domain at no charge.
- Continuing the charge of law librarian mentorship and advancement into senior, policy advising, positions at all levels of government and AALL.
- Establish levels of law librarian continuing education consistent with length of service and specialization within the field.
- Increase both presentation of materials and information distribution into digital domains while providing no-cost access from law libraries.
- Collaborating with library information schools to identify their needs in continuing (or establishing) law librarianship programs.

The committee respectfully finds that it is incumbent on the entire GLL membership to advocate for changes within the profession at all levels of government.