AALL Digital Access to Legal Information Committee (DALI)

The Digital Access to Legal Information Committee (DALI) serves to advance the law library profession's principles concerning public information provided on government websites and to promote uniformity in citation reform. Major ongoing activities involve advocating for no-fee, permanent public access to official and authentic online legal information in the public domain, primarily by supporting AALL’s advocacy for the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) and tracking the status of access to online legal resources.

DALI maintains the State Online Legal Information resource. A subcommittee of DALI members completed the process of confirming key findings, assessing the currency and accuracy of the data, and updating the resource as necessary. The current review was completed over three years. Moving forward, DALI will aim to complete the review of all 50 states within a two-year period. DALI members organized all information regarding past volunteers from each state, and developed guidelines for future subcommittee members to work with new and existing volunteers. The committee drafted a tutorial for volunteers to provide guidance for their work. Members also explored possible options for the National Inventory of State Legal Materials, and recommended that the data be removed from the DALI website and archived by AALL.

DALI distributed a brief article promoting the State Online Legal information website to Chapter and SIS newsletters.

DALI members revised the AALL Guidelines for Evaluating Government Information and submitted the newly titled Guide to Evaluating Legal Information Online to the Executive Board, which approved the Guide at its July 2016 meeting.

DALI co-presented the Public Policy Program at 2016 AALL Annual Meeting along with GRO staff and the other AALL policy committees.

Committee members for 2015–2016 included:
Connie Lenz, Chair; Erik Beck, Vice Chair; Kenneth J. Hirsh, Board Liaison; Emily Feltren, Staff Liaison; AJ Blechner; Susan David deMaine; Anna Endter; Jennifer Gonzalez; Thomas Heard; D.R. Jones; Michael McArthur; Liz Reppe; Leanna Simon; and Jeff Woodmansee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie Lenz, Chair, 2015–2016