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AALL Announces Legal Research Competency Principles and Standards

Chicago 12/6/2013—The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) has launched an online information center dedicated to promoting its Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency within the legal profession. The information center provides access to the principles and standards; implementation and best practice ideas; and information on upcoming programs on using the standards.

AALL developed its standards for legal research in order to improve legal research methods. The standards' use will result in more competent, effective and efficient legal research.

“These standards for legal research competency provide crucial guidance for lawyer and law student legal research skills evaluation and training,” said AALL President Steven P. Anderson. “We encourage all members of the legal profession to implement the guidelines to facilitate skilled, accurate legal research.”

AALL advocates that law schools, law firms, continuing legal education providers, bar examiners, bar associations, and other legal related organizations use these standards for legal research education and training.

The standards will be presented in a session at the National Association of Law Placement's Professional Development Institute on Dec. 13 in Washington D.C. The session will cover the critical importance of legal research to a law firm's bottom line and reputation; different approaches to using the standards in training programs; and practical strategies for implementation.

For more on the Principles and Standards, please visit <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/legalresearchcompetency>.

About AALL

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