AALL / STYLE GUIDE

GENERAL STYLE ELEMENTS

STYLE GUIDE/DICTIONARY
- The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition
- Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary

AALL ADDRESS
No abbreviations BUT follow USPS style for publication mastheads and statements of ownership
230 W. Monroe Street
Suite 2650
Chicago, Illinois 60606

USPS
230 W Monroe St
Chicago, IL 60606

AMPERSANDS
Use ampersands for:
- AALL Annual Meeting & Conference
- SIS names
- Employee titles

COMMAS
Use serial commas
No comma after ampersand (&) per CMOS

COPYRIGHT NOTIFICATION
© year by Name

DATES
- June 1, 2016
- June 2016
- Summer 2016

EM DASHES
No spaces on either side

HYPERLINKS/URLS
- All visible hyperlink formatting in stationery and one sheets should be styled in AALL light blue. No underlines or default bright blue.
- Delete the “http://” when it will not affect the link.
- For bit.ly links:
  - Spectrum-only links: [MJ][16] keyword (months and year, plus a unique keyword)
  - Annual Meeting Links: Don’t miss “name of session” Sunday, July 17 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information visit bit.ly/AALL16DarkWeb (AALL plus year and unique keyword for title of session).

MEETINGS
When listing out AALL meetings for the website or eNews, list as follows:
National Conference on Copyright of State Legal Materials (link)
Friday, December 2, 2016 / 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (EDT)
NUMERALS

- Spell one through nine; numerals from 10 on
- Percentages
  - Use “percent” in non-technical contexts
  - Use “%:” in scientific and statistical copy

PHONE / FAX NUMBERS

Use periods as separators; use “p” or “f” (note italics) only when you need to differentiate between the phone number and fax numbers.

- p 312.205.8020
- f 312.431.1097

TIME

Always show minutes, lowercase, periods, space after number

- 6:00 a.m., 10:55 p.m.
- In sentence form 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

TITLES

Before a name use Title Caps, after a name use lowercase.

- Mark Gediman, director of information services, noted that
  ...
- AALL President Cornell H. Winston

“/” VERSUS “|”

Use “/” instead of “|” as of the roll out of the new brand

CAPITALIZATION, HYPHENATION, ITALICS, POSSESSIVES, PUNCTUATION & SPELLING

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A

American Association of Law Libraries (AALL)
- Always spell out at first mention followed by acronym in parentheses as above, then use acronym
- Association—Use Association for more formal communications
- #aallnet (social media hashtag)

AALL Spectrum—Always put AALL in front and italicize

AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, AALL Annual Meeting
  
  With year:
  - 2025 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference
  - AALL 2025
• #aall16 (social media hashtag)

B

Blogs—italicize the names of blogs

C

co-worker

D

D.C. (when used as an abbreviation for a postal code)
DC (no periods) when used in sentence form
decision-maker, adj; decision maker, n; decision-making (n)

E

early bird (noun – two words)
e-book
e-discovery
eBriefing (no hyphen)
eCommunications (no hyphen)
EDailies (no hyphen)
emeritus (retired male)
emerita (retired female)
email
eNewsletter (no hyphen)
et al. (always with a period after and a comma before)
eUpdate (no hyphen)

F

face-to-face (n, adj)
firm-wide (company-wide)
frontlines (adj) front lines (n)
federal government (lowercase unless it is used with an official name)

G


H

healthcare (one word)
highly trained (no hyphen for adv.)
internet

JD (no periods or spaces between)
Jr. (no comma before)

KnowItAALL (roman, no italics); abrv: KIA (for internal use only)

MLS, MLIS
MA
MBA
MS
Midwest – The Midwest, but midwestern, the midwesterner

non-billable
nonlibrarians
nonlegal (adj)
nonprofit

on-site

percent (adj, adv), percentage (n)
PhD
problem-solving
**S**

semiannual

semicolon (place between name; titles; institution; city)

special interest section (SIS), SISs

(pr. n) capitalize—e.g., Government Special Interest Section

(n) lowercase—e.g., AALL has 14 special interest sections

Winston, Cornell H.

- AALL President [2024-2025]
- Cornell.H.Winston@usdoj.gov

**T**

team building

trade-offs

**U**

US (no periods); spell out United States (n)

UK (no periods)

**V**

vice president/president-elect (n)

Vice President/President-Elect (adj) Vice President/President-Elect Jenny Silbiger

videoconferencing

**W**

webpage (unlike CMOS where it is two words)

website

Wi-Fi

**XYZ**

**AALL FACTS/NOTES**

**CURRENT BOARD**

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<td>Alex Zhang</td>
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<td>Immediate Past president</td>
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Board member Kristina Alayan 7/20/2022 to 7/22/2025
Board member Andre Davison 7/20/2022 to 7/22/2025
Board member Shamika D. Dalton 7/24/2024 to 7/20/2027
Board member Diana Koppang 7/19/2023 to 7/21/2026
Board member Anna Russell 7/19/2023 to 7/21/2026
Board member Abigail Walters 7/24/2024 to 7/20/2027
Staff liaison Vani Ungapen

22 STANDING COMMITTEES
• AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee
• Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Committee
• Annual Meeting Program Committee
• Appointments Committee
• Awards Committee
• Bylaws and Resolutions Committee
• Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV)
• Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) Committee
• Continuing Professional Education Committee
• Copyright Committee
• Diversity & Inclusion Committee
• Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee
• Executive Board Administration Committee
• Executive Board Executive Committee
• Executive Board Finance & Budget Committee
• Executive Board Strategic Directions Committee
• George A. Strait Scholarship & Fellows Committee
• Government Relations Committee
• Indexing of Periodical Literature Committee
• Leadership Development Committee
• Nominations Committee
• State of the Profession Report Committee

12 AWARD JURIES
• AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant Jury
• AALL Spectrum Article of the Year Award Jury
• Annual Meeting Grant Awards Jury
• Annual Meeting Poster Session Award Jury
• Emerging Leader Award Jury
• Excellence in Community Engagement Jury
• Innovations in Technology Award Jury
• Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award Jury
• LexisNexis Research Grant Jury
• New Product Award Jury
• Scholarship Awards Jury
• Volunteer Service Award Jury
14 SPECIAL INTEREST SECTIONS
- Academic Law Libraries SIS
- Black Law Librarians SIS
- Computing Services SIS
- Foreign, Comparative & International Law SIS
- Government Documents SIS
- Government Law Libraries SIS
- Legal History & Rare Books SIS
- Legal Information Services to the Public SIS
- Library Systems & Resource Discovery SIS
- Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals SIS
- Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS
- Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS
- Social Responsibilities SIS
- Technical Services SIS

20 CAUCUSES
- Animal Law Caucus
- Asian-American Law Librarians Caucus
- Business & Corporate Research Instruction Caucus
- Clinical Services Caucus
- Educating and Diversifying the Next Generation Caucus
- Empirical Research Caucus
- Encore Caucus
- Federal Law Librarians Caucus
- Jewish Law Librarians Caucus
- Latinx Caucus
- Law Repositories Caucus
- Mindfulness in Law Librarianship Caucus
- Native Peoples Law Caucus
- Neurodiversity Caucus
- Next Generation Bar Exam Caucus
- Publishing Initiative Caucus
- Research Crips
- Teaching Legal Technology Caucus

CHAPTERS
- 28 local and regional

PUBLICATIONS
- AALL Spectrum®
  digital, open access, www.aallnet.org/resources-publications/publications/aall-spectrum/
- Law Library Journal®
  digital, open access, enhanced PDF; www.aallnet.org/resources-publications/publications/law-library-journal/
- Index of Foreign Legal Periodicals (IFLP)
  Index—online only; www.aallnet.org/resources-publications/publications/index-to-foreign-legal-periodicals/
- AALL Biennial Salary Survey & Organizational Characteristics, AALL Salary Survey, With year: 2023 AALL Biennial Salary Survey & Organizational Characteristics
www.aallnet.org/careers/salary-survey/

- AALL State of the Profession report, AALL State of the Profession, with year: 2023 State AALL State of the Profession report

BLOGS

My Communities Blog, community.aallnet.org/browse/blogs

CRIV Blog, crivblog.com