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Following is a directory of the sixteen member consortia of the American Association of Law Libraries Council of Law Library Consortia. Each listing includes an organization outline, including the consortium's history, status, and source of funds; a list of the members of the consortium; a brief description of the consortium's recent projects and activities, including meetings and publications; and the name and institution of the current contact person for the consortium.

The Council of Law Library Consortia is open to “all organizations comprised of two or more law libraries joined formally or informally to promote cooperative activity.” Any consortia wishing to join should contact the Coordinator: Professor Gregory Koster, CUNY Law School Library, 65-21 Main Street, Flushing, NY 11367.

Arizona Law Library Consortium

Organization
History: Founded in 1987
Organizational status: Informal
Source of funds: None

Members (4)
Arizona Dep't of Library Archives and Public Records
Arizona State University College of Law Library
Maricopa County Law Library
University of Arizona College of Law Library

Activities
Meetings: Meets about twice a year with a member institution acting as host

** Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, City University of New York School of Law at Queens College, Flushing, New York.
*** Law Library Director and Professor of Law, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, Illinois.

Ongoing activities:
- Primary emphasis on cooperative acquisitions and resource sharing, including exchange of acquisitions lists and collection development plans
- Secondary emphasis on communication between cooperating libraries at different levels

Publications: None

Contact  
Prof. Ronald L. Cherry  
College of Law Library  
University of Arizona

Chicago Legal Academic System

Organization

History: Founded in 1983 by the six Chicago-area law schools; membership has since expanded to cover a wider geographic range
Organizational status: Informal council with rotating chair
Source of funds: Messenger service funded by Chicago law school libraries (10% each; Northwestern pays 50% and uses the service between its two campuses)

Members (13)
- Chicago Kent College of Law Library
- Cook County Law Library
- De Paul University Law Library
- John Marshall Law School Library
- Loyola University of Chicago School of Law Library
- Marquette University Law Library
- Northern Illinois University College of Law Library
- Northwestern University School of Law Library
- Notre Dame Law School, Kresge Library
- Southern Illinois University School of Law Library
- University of Chicago, D'Angelo Law Library
- University of Wisconsin Law Library
- Valparaiso University School of Law Library

Activities

Meetings: Five times per year
Ongoing activities:
- Daily messenger service in Chicago area
- Free telefaxing and photocopying
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- Universal access to libraries for students and faculty
- Public services and technical services librarians working groups
- Emergency cooperative efforts to help DePaul cope with a flood during exam week

Publications: None

Contact
Prof. Francis R. Doyle
Loyola University Law School Library

Conference of Law Libraries of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

Organization
History: Founded in 1987; membership was originally limited to law libraries affiliated with a Jesuit institution, but has been expanded to include all Catholic colleges and universities
Organizational status: Part of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, which is a 501(c)(3) corporation
Source of funds: Dues

Members (22)
- Ateneao de Manila University Professional Schools Library
- Boston College Law School Library
- Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Robert J. White Law Library
- Creighton University School of Law, Klutznick Law Library
- De Paul University Law Library
- Duquesne University Law Library
- Fordham University Law Library
- Georgetown University Law Center, Edward Bennett Williams Library
- Gonzaga University School of Law Library
- Loyola Marymount University School of Law, William M. Rains Library
- Loyola University School of Law Library
- Loyola University of Chicago School of Law Library
- Marquette University Law Library
- Notre Dame Law School, Kresge Library
- St. John's University Law School Library
- St. Louis University Law Library
- St. Thomas University Law Library
- Santa Clara University, Heafey Law Library
- University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Library
- University of San Diego Legal Research Center
University of San Francisco Law Library
Villanova University School of Law Library

Activities
Meetings: Twice a year, at AALL and AALS annual meetings
Ongoing activities:
  ○ Free interlibrary loan
  ○ Access, work area, and services to visiting faculty
  ○ Received grant for telefax and fiche-to-fiche duplicators to facilitate resource sharing among members
Publications: None

Contact
Prof. Edmund P. Edmonds
Loyola University Law School Library

Conference of Law School Library Directors of Greater New York

Organization
History: Founded in 1977; reconstituted in 1992; membership includes law schools in New York City and surrounding suburbs
Organizational status: Informal
Source of funds: None

Members (13)
Brooklyn Law School Library
City University of New York Law School Library
Columbia University Law School Library
Fordham University Law Library
Hofstra University Law School Library
New York Law School Library
New York University Law Library
Pace University School of Law Library
Rutgers University Law School Library (Newark)
St. John's University Law School Library
Seton Hall University Law Library
Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center Library
Yeshiva University, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Library

Activities
Meetings: Several times a year
Ongoing activities:
  ○ Faculty and student access to library facilities
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- Free interlibrary loan and telefax services

Publications: None

Contact
Prof. Gregory Koster
CUNY Law School Library

Consortium of Southeastern Law Libraries

Organization

History: Founded in 1986; open to all academic law libraries in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia

Organizational status: Incorporated in Florida; qualified under IRC § 501(c)(3)

Source of funds: Dues

Members (38)

Campbell University School of Law Library
College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe Law Library
Cumberland School of Law, Cordell Hull Law Library
Duke University School of Law Library
Emory University Law Library
Florida State University College of Law Library
George Mason University School of Law Library
Georgia State University College of Law Library
Jones School of Law Library
Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library
Loyola University School of Law Library
Memphis State University, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law Library
Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law Library
Mississippi College School of Law Library
North Carolina Central University School of Law Library
Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library
Nova University Law Library
Regent University School of Law Library
St. Thomas University Law Library
Southern University Law Library
Stetson University College of Law, Charles A. Dana Law Library
Tulane University Law Library
University of Alabama School of Law Library
University of Florida College of Law Legal Information Center
University of Georgia Law Library
University of Kentucky Law Library
University of Louisville Law Library
University of Miami Law Library
University of Mississippi Law Library
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Library
University of Richmond School of Law Library
University of South Carolina, Coleman Karesh Law Library
University of Tennessee Law Library
University of Virginia Law Library
Vanderbilt University, Alyne Queener Massey Law Library
Wake Forest University Law Library
Washington & Lee University School of Law Library
West Virginia University College of Law Library

Activities
Meetings: Annual meeting in conjunction with AALL Southeastern Chapter annual meeting
Ongoing activities:
- Several clearinghouse collections are maintained by the consortium: pathfinders (Pam Burdett, Stetson); collection development policies (Bill Beintema, Tennessee); and library architecture photos (Cam Riley, West Virginia).
- Exchange of newsletters
- Free interlibrary loans and telefax
- Grant received for telefax equipment; another grant application planned for Ariel
- Consolidated collection of 4th Circuit records and briefs, kept at North Carolina
- Internet bulletin board
- Coordinated book purchasing contract, based on the NELLCO model

Publications: brochure; column in SEALL Newsletter

Contact
Prof. Camille M. Riley
West Virginia University Law Center

Council of California County Law Librarians

Organization
History: Founded in 1972
Organizational status: Not incorporated
Source of funds: Dues
Members (58)
All county law libraries in California

Activities
Meetings: Twice a year, at the California State Bar convention in the fall, and at SCALL or NOCALL in the spring
Ongoing activities:
- Workshops for smaller, and larger, county law libraries
- Grants to librarians from small libraries to attend meetings
- Trustee and membership directories
- Support for State Law Library budget
- CD-ROM extravaganza, including discussions by librarian experts and demonstrations by CD-ROM vendors
Publications: *FYI* (newsletter - members only)

Contact
Ms. Gayle E. Webb
Riverside County Law Library

Law Information Network of the Eastern Seaboard (LINES)

Organization
History: Founded in 1984 as an informal student-access arrangement between Columbia and NYU; the Association of the Bar of the City of New York Library was at one time a member but its non-law school mission made cooperation difficult; formerly known as the Columbia/... Cooperative
Organizational status: Informal
Source of funds: None

Members (5)
Columbia University Law School Library
Fordham University Law Library
New York University Law Library
University of Pennsylvania Law School, Biddle Law Library
Yale Law School Library

Activities
Meetings: Foreign and international law librarians meet 4-5 times a year; Directors meet on ad hoc basis
Ongoing activities:
- Faculty and student access to library facilities
- Free interlibrary loan and telefax services
Cooperative collection development program in international and foreign law

Publications: None

**Contact**  
Prof. Janet Tracy  
Fordham University Law School Library

**Law Library Microform Consortium**

**Organization**

History: Founded in 1976  
Organizational status: Incorporated in Hawaii; qualified under IRC § 501(c)(3)  
Source of funds: Sale of microform materials

**Members**

Too many to list, including all types of law libraries, as well as government document, university, college, and public libraries; due to IRS regulations, profit-sector libraries may purchase materials but may not be members

**Activities**

Meetings: Annual meeting held at AALL annual meeting  
Ongoing activities:  
- Filming of selected legal materials. Recent major sets completed on U.S. military law; Indian colonial reports; and the Law Times. Latest project will include complete run of Martindale, Hubbell, and Martindale-Hubbell directories  
- Distribution and sale of microform sets

Publications: catalogs

**Contact**  
Mr. Jerry Dupont  
Law Library Microform Consortium

**Long Range Planning Committee of Los Angeles**

**Organization**

History: Founded in 1980; open to academic, court, government, and law firm libraries  
Organizational status: Informal  
Source of funds: None
Members (14)
California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, Law Library
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
Irell & Manella
Latham & Watkins
Los Angeles County Law Library
Loyola Marymount University School of Law, William M. Rains Library
O'Melveny & Myers
Orange County Law Library
Pepperdine University Law Library
Southwestern University School of Law Library
University of California at Los Angeles Law Library
University of Southern California Law Library
U.S. Courts Library
Whittier College School of Law Library

Activities
Meetings: Quarterly
Ongoing activities:
  o Sharing of information about ongoing projects at member libraries
  o Resource sharing project under development
Publications: None

Contact
Prof. Robert Jay Nissenbaum
Loyola Marymount Law School Library

Mid-America Law School Library Consortium

Organization
History: Founded in 1979; open to academic law libraries in Arkansas, Illinois (excluding the Chicago area), Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota
Organizational status: Incorporated in Missouri; qualified under IRC § 501(c)(3)
Source of funds: Dues

Members (19)
Creighton University School of Law, Klutznick Law Library
Drake University Law Library
Northern Illinois University College of Law Library
Oklahoma City University Law Library
St. Louis University Law Library
Southern Illinois University School of Law Library
University of Arkansas School of Law Library, Robert A. Leflar Law Center
University of Arkansas at Little Rock/Pulaski County Law Library
University of Illinois Law Library
University of Iowa Law Library
University of Kansas School of Law Library
University of Missouri—Columbia Law Library
University of Missouri—Kansas City, Leon E. Bloch Law Library
University of Nebraska College of Law Library
University of Oklahoma Law Library
University of South Dakota, McKusick Law Library
University of Tulsa School of Law, Taliaferro Savage Library
Washburn University of Topeka School of Law Library
Washington University, Freund Law Library

Activities
Meetings: Four times a year, in conjunction with annual meetings of AALL, AALS, MAALL, and SWALL
Ongoing activities:
  ◦ Interlibrary loan and photocopy reciprocity at no charge
  ◦ Cooperative collection development (sharing information about subjects and titles)
  ◦ RLIN search access, with expert assistance from the University of Tulsa Law Library
  ◦ Grant applications for technology projects (e.g., telefax, CD-ROM union catalog, document imaging)
  ◦ Union lists (serials, software, looseleaf services, microforms)
  ◦ Compilation and distribution of composite ABA statistics for member libraries
  ◦ Workshops for non-professional library staff members
  ◦ Directory of library policies and collection descriptions
  ◦ Directory of non-professional staff
  ◦ Exchange of journals published at member schools
  ◦ Computer librarians working group
  ◦ Computer labs survey
  ◦ Coordinated book purchasing proposal, based on the NELLCO model
Publications: Union List of Serials (available for purchase); Intelligent Catalog (CD-ROM union catalog - members only)

Contact
Prof. Richard E. Ducey
University of Tulsa Law Library
Mid-Atlantic Law Library Cooperative

Organization
History: Founded in 1980; open to academic, state, county, and bar libraries in geographical proximity to Pennsylvania
Organizational status: Not incorporated
Source of funds: None

Members (14)
Allegheny County Law Library
Dickinson School of Law Library
Duquesne University Law Library
Jenkins Memorial Law Library
New Jersey State Law Library
Rutgers University Law School Library (Camden)
State Library of Pennsylvania
Temple University Law School Library
University of Pennsylvania Law School, Biddle Law Library
University of Pittsburgh, Barco Law Library
Villanova University School of Law Library
West Virginia University College of Law Library
Widener University School of Law Library (Harrisburg campus)
Widener University School of Law Library (Wilmington campus)

Activities
Meetings: Twice a year
Ongoing activities:
- Cooperative collection development, including compilation of union lists of state materials, periodicals, and loose-leaf services and notification of large purchases/cancellations
- Free reciprocal interlibrary loan and photocopying
- Microfilming of Pennsylvania records and briefs
- Grant proposals for equipment purchases by member libraries

Publications: Pennsylvania Union List of Law Library Serials

Contact
Mr. Joel Fishman
Allegheny County Law Library

New England Law Library Consortium

Organization
History: Founded in 1983; open to ABA accredited academic and other large non-profit law libraries
Organizational status: Incorporated in Massachusetts; qualified under IRC § 501(c)(3); salaried Executive Director

Source of funds: Dues, sale of CD-ROMs, commission on coordinated book purchases

Members (16)
- Albany Law School, Schaffer Law Library
- Boston College Law School Library
- Boston University, Pappas Law Library
- Bridgeport School of Law at Quinnipiac College Library
- Franklin Pierce Law Center Library
- Harvard Law School Library
- New England School of Law Library
- Northeastern University Law Library
- Rhode Island State Law Library
- Social Law Library
- Suffolk University Law Library
- University of Connecticut School of Law Library
- University of Maine, Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library
- Vermont Law School, Julien and Virginia Cornell Library
- Western New England College School of Law Library
- Yale Law School Library

Activities
Meetings: Twice a year

Ongoing activities:
- Free interlibrary loan and telefax service to members
- Working groups for Acquisitions, Interlibrary loan, Reference, and Technical services librarians
- CD-ROM union catalog
- Master contract for book purchases through a single jobber to obtain most favorable discount for all libraries
- Grant application for telefax project
- Cooperative collection development project for lesser-used law reviews
- Strategic planning committee developing a five-year plan for the consortium

Publications: NELLCO CD-ROM Union Catalog (available for purchase)

Contact
Ms. Martha Crane
Harvard University Law School Library
New York Joint International Law Program

Organization

History: Founded in 1984
Organizational status: Formal written agreement, but not incorporated
Source of funds: Expenses shared equally by member libraries

Members (3)

Brooklyn Law School Library
City University of New York Law School Library
New York Law School Library

Activities

Meetings: Monthly
Ongoing activities:
- Free interlibrary loan, photocopy, telefax, and fiche duplication to members
- Joint international-law review title page current awareness service for faculty of member schools
- Cooperative collection development in international, comparative and foreign law, including a core collection held at each institution and a shared research collection divided by subject responsibility
- Joint support and sharing of services of international law librarian

Publications: JILP Bibliography (members only)

Contact

Prof. Gregory Koster
CUNY Law School Library

Ohio Regional Consortium of Law Libraries

Organization

History: Founded in 1987
Organizational status: Incorporated in Ohio; qualified under IRC § 501(c)(3)
Source of funds: Dues

Members (10)

Capital University Law Library
Case Western Reserve University Law School Library
Cleveland State University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law Library
Northern Kentucky University, Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library
Ohio Northern University Law School, Taggart Law Library
Ohio State University College of Law Library
University of Akron Law Library
Activities
Meetings: Three times a year, at annual meetings of AALL, AALS, and ORALL
Ongoing activities:
- Free interlibrary loan and telefax to member libraries
- Distribution of monthly acquisitions lists
- Distribution of ABA statistical reports
- Cooperative central storage of large little-used sets (e.g. old Martin-dale-Hubbells)
- Review of effect of Ohiolink on library policies and services

Publications: None

Contact
Prof. Kathleen Carrick
Case Western Reserve Law School Library

Oregon Council of County Law Libraries

Organization
History: Founded in 1978; open to county law libraries in Oregon
Organizational status: Informal, not incorporated
Source of funds: None

Members (17)
Clackamas County Law Library
Clark County Law Library
Columbia County Law Library
Deschutes County Law Library
Douglas County Law Library
Jackson County Law Library
Jefferson County Law Library
Klamath County Law Library
Lane County Law Library
Lincoln County Law Library
Linn County Law Library
Marion County Law Library
Multnomah Law Library
Umatilla County Law Library
Washington County Law Library
Yamhill County Law Library

Activities
Meetings: Twice a year
Ongoing activities:
- Free interlibrary loan and photocopy for member libraries
- Maintenance of telefax network with free service for member libraries
- Workshop on strategic planning
- Development of policy statement on levels of service to help member libraries plan for more effective utilization of resources and allocation of services
- Grant application for compliance with ADA
- Survey of library statistics

Publications: *OCCLL Dialog* (newsletter - members only); *Procedures and Policies Manual for County Libraries* (members only)

Contact
Ms. Jacquelyn J. Jurkins
Multnomah County Law Library

Texas Association of Law Libraries Consortium

Organization
History: Founded in 1980; reconstituted in 1987; open to law libraries of all types in Texas
Organizational status: Informal
Source of funds: None

Members (17)
- Austin Association of Law Libraries
- Baylor University, M.C. & Mattie Caston Law Library
- Collin County Law Library
- Dallas Association of Law Libraries
- Dallas County Law Library
- Harris County Law Library
- Houston Association of Law Libraries
- St. Mary's University School of Law, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library
- South Texas College of Law Library
- Southern Methodist University Law Library
- Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (Texas constituency)
- Texas Southern Law School Library
- Texas State Law Library
Texas Tech University School of Law Library
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Library
University of Houston Law Library
University of Texas at Austin, Tarlton Law Library

**Activities**

**Meetings:** At least once a year

**Ongoing activities:**
- Cooperative acquisitions of state administrative codes and registers
- Publicity campaign for improvements in teaching of legal research
- Support for library science programs at three existing schools in Texas
- Coordinated lobbying for replacement of defective *Texas Digest* bindings
- Surveys on alternative funding sources for the State Law Library and the county law libraries, and on area salaries
- CD-ROM usage survey
- Sponsorship of microfilming project by Hein for superseded Texas code pocket parts
- Participates with other library groups in sponsoring a librarian column in *Texas Lawyer*, and an indexing project
- Pressure for online access to CLE materials

**Publications:** *Short Notes* (newsletter - members only); meeting minutes (members only)

**Contact**

Ms. Kay Schlueter
Texas State Law Library