CONELL is a one-day program held on the Saturday before the Annual Meeting. The program is designed to introduce AALL to newer members of our profession/association. The morning program is dedicated to introducing the attendees to the Executive Board and some of the leadership, publishing, and committee opportunities provided by AALL. The afternoon program consists of lunch and additional opportunity for participants to network with their peers. The CONELL Committee also hosts dutch-treat dinners on the evening before CONELL as an informal way to meet a small group prior to the start of CONELL.

The committee has had a busy year getting ready for Boston. The committee moved its documentation from Airset.com to its community page on aallnet.org in an effort to archive committee materials. The committee also worked on: program and speaker lineup, Dutch treat dinners, Market Place coordination, breakfast and lunch menus, publicity, and staying within budget. The Committee created a community specifically for CONELL participants, as well as creating a group in LinkedIn. The Committee posted relevant information to the Community page in an effort to provide pre-conference education to our participants.

This year’s CONELL was sponsored in part by Wolters Kluwer.

In response to past feedback on the tour portion of CONELL, the committee decided to forgo a tour and to find programming for the participants. Working in conjunction with AALL staff, the committee presented a facilitated networking program called “Legal Mocktail.” Following our lunch session, the CONELL participants engaged in roll-playing during a dessert reception. After the reception, the facilitators provided feedback and helpful tips and tricks to help with successful navigation of cocktail party/reception type activities. The 2012-2013 Committee will assess the strength of the Legal Mocktail program for inclusion in the next CONELL.

The 2011-2012 CONELL committee consists of: Jocelyn Kennedy, Chair; Jessica de Perio Wittman, Vice Chair; Lisa Goodman; Kristina Lloyd; Janet Peros; Nathan Preuss; Erika Wayne; Donna Williams, Board liaison; Julia O'Donnell, staff liaison. The officers for 2012-2013 are Jessica de Perio Wittman, Chair and Lisa Goodman, Vice Chair. Committee members are Trezlen Drake, Christine Korytnyk Dulaney, Jootaek Juice Lee, Kristine Lloyd, Anna Russell, and Erika V. Wayne, Kathleen Brown, Board liaison and Julia O'Donnell, staff liaison.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jocelyn Kennedy
Chair 2012