

AALL Committee Activities and Action Plan

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Committee Name: Indexing of Periodical Literature Committee

Committee Charge: The Indexing of Periodical Literature Committee reviews newly published legal periodicals and makes recommendations to TGG editorial staff concerning inclusion of those titles in the Legal Resources Index/Current Law Index. Where the scope of periodical titles presently indexed does not adequately reflect the needs of the AALL membership, the Committee makes recommendations to the TGG editorial staff concerning the adjustment of that scope.

The Committee is also charged with monitoring the guidelines used in determining which periodical titles are included in the indexing, and with making recommendations concerning various publishing details to the TGG editorial staff that may reflect the concerns of the AALL membership.

**Major Activities
for 2009-2010:**

The committee completed working on a submission form to be used by anyone wanting to have a periodical title considered for indexing in LegalTrac. This form feeds into a database that the committee maintains during the decision making process to track information and votes. In addition the committee launched its new website in fall 2009. Included on the site are links to: submission form; Gale's list of periodical titles indexed in LegalTrac, list of titles indexed by Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals; Ulrich's Global Serials Directory; lists of titles approved by the committee; committee guidelines; and the committee's database. During 2009-2010 the committee has made recommendations on the indexing of 24 titles and rejected another five titles as outside the guidelines. These titles have been posted on the committee's web site. The committee currently is evaluating six titles. The committee is reviewing the guidelines particularly electronic journals and blogs. The committee sent a report to Gale indicating which titles approved for indexing prior to 2009-2010 that are not yet listed as being indexed as well as some inconsistencies that need to be clarified.

**Proposed Activities
for 2010-2011:**

The committee will continue to evaluate titles submitted to the Committee for inclusion in the index. Ways to more proactively discover new periodical titles, perhaps making the AALL membership aware of the committee's submission form, need to be explored.

The committee will also continue to review the guidelines and make appropriate recommendations as necessary.