



A2J Author®

WHAT IS IT?

One of this decade's biggest legal practice innovations is the development of document assembly software. CALI, in partnership with the Center for Access to Justice & Technology (CAJT) at Chicago-Kent College of Law, has developed A2J Author®. This software not only allows for document assembly and form completion, but it also creates guided interviews in easy to understand language. It is currently in use by dozens of legal aid organizations.

LAW SCHOOL CLINIC INTEGRATION

CALI is currently sponsoring a pilot project with law school clinics to train law students in this technology. The mission of an A2J Clinic is two-fold: to introduce law students to the skills required by a 21st Century law office, and to produce A2J Guided Interviews® and other technical resources that statewide legal aid organizations can use to lower the barriers to justice for low-income people.

Students will research the underlying law for common forms in use by courts. They will then create guided interviews with A2J Author® for a partner Legal Aid Organization to use. Faculty in these clinics will be creating "course kits" detailing their syllabi and readings. CALI will distribute these kits so that these courses can be more easily replicated by other schools. A sample course kit can be viewed at: <http://a2jclinic.classcaster.net/>

PARTICIPATING CLINICS AND FACULTY

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- ♦ JoNel Newman and Melissa Swain, University of Miami School of Law.