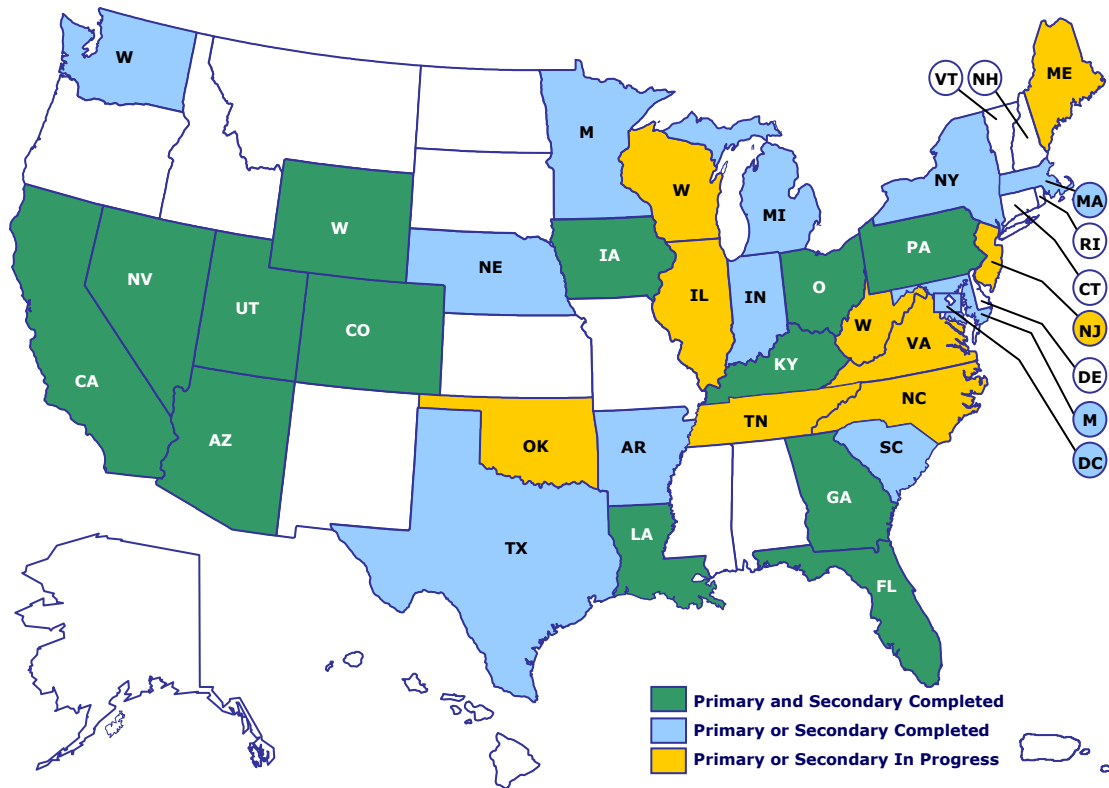


# LEGAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY AUTHORIZING PROJECT

Learn how you can become an author and help CALI create a library of high-quality, electronic teaching materials in the subject of legal research.



**Do we have your state covered?** We need law librarians to author CALI Lessons for state-specific primary and secondary resources, as well as other legal research topics.

Have a look through this handout for details about the project, including instructions for how to apply to become an author of one of our CALI Lessons.

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## About the Legal Research Community Authoring Project

Since June 1999, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction has been involved in a multi-year, applied research effort to create computer-based learning materials in legal education, through the CALI Fellowship Project. To date, CALI has launched nine sets of fellows covering Criminal Law, Property, Torts, Business Organizations/ Corporations, Remedies, Trademark, Copyright, Family Law, and Criminal Procedure.

With the assistance of the Legal Research Community Authoring Project Advisory Panel, under the auspices of the ALL-SIS, CALI has worked to foster the creation of legal education materials in the area of Legal Research. The resulting materials are peer-reviewed by CALI and the Advisory Panel, and published to law schools as part of the CALI Library of Materials. In July 2010, CALI reached 100 legal research lessons. And more legal research lessons are in progress!

The project's goals are to create a high-quality pool of electronic teaching materials for faculty to supplement their courses, locally customize for specific instructional goals, and explore computer-mediated/distance learning in legal education. These materials are small and modular to encourage wide usage by law schools, law libraries and legal research instructors. The modularity aspect allows individual instructors or programs to incorporate the materials into a syllabus or curriculum in any order or fashion they desire. The materials are self-contained building blocks for the construction of courses and classes to meet a variety of legal research training needs. In addition, the individual materials can serve as reviews or refreshers or "just in time" educational aids for students or others who may not be involved in a formal course of study of legal research.

Those interested in participating as an author will receive extensive support and encouragement from CALI's staff and the CALI Legal Research Community Authoring Project Advisory Panel, and will be provided with software to create computer-based instructional materials that can be delivered via the Internet from the CALI web site, from law school faculty web course pages or run from student PCs.

The Legal Research Community Authoring Project is proud to have the following members serving on its Advisory Panel:

- **Kristina L. Niedringhaus**, Chair of the Advisory Panel, Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law;
- **Sue Altmeyer**, Electronic Services Librarian, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law;
- **Dragomir Cosanici**, Supervising Librarian for the State of California's Office of Legislative Counsel;
- **Beth DiFelice**, Assistant Director, Ross-Blakley Law Library & Head of Public Services, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law Arizona State University;
- **Shaun Esposito**, Head of Public Services & Adjunct Assistant Professor of Legal Research, The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library;
- **Joseph Gerken**, Associate Librarian, Charles B. Sears Law Library, University at Buffalo Law School
- **Susanna Leers**, Electronic Research and Technology Services Librarian, Barco Law Library, University of Pittsburgh School of Law
- **Tawnya Plumb**, Associate Law Librarian, University of Wyoming College of Law

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## Application Details:

Project website: <http://www.cali.org/static/lrcap>

## Submission Dates:

**Please note:** While additional rounds will be launched, CALI reserves the right to cancel any rounds before their start date to accommodate CALI's lesson needs.

- **Round 49:** Submissions are due by midnight November 04, 2011  
Proposals will be accepted or declined by December 16, 2011
- **Round 50:** Submissions are due by midnight February 03, 2012  
Proposals will be accepted or declined by March 16, 2012

## Application Requirements: *PLEASE CHECK THE CALI WEBSITE FOR FULL REQUIREMENTS*

- **Summary Proposal**
  - One page
  - Affirmation of your employment at a CALI member law school
  - Topic - selected from the CALI Legal Research Topic Grid - Please check the list of lessons in progress (at CALI's website) before applying. And, check the Topic Grid to ensure that a lesson doesn't already exist.  
<http://www.cali.org/content/lessons-topic-legal-research-and-writing>
  - Approach and Methodology, including use of video and / or overview of planned questions. (Tutorials must be written using CALI Author software <http://www.cali.org/caliauthor>)
  - Estimated time it will take a student to complete the exercise
  - Estimated delivery date for the exercise. *Note:* A **final** version of the lesson is due within 12 months of acceptance of your proposal. You must submit a first draft within 8-10 months of your proposal's acceptance to meet the 12 month deadline.
  - If you are submitting a state legal research proposal, please include a brief overview of the story problem that you intend to use.
- **Lesson Outline**
  - No more than four pages
  - General outline of points covered and in what order. A sample Lesson Outline is available in PDF format from CALI's website.
- **Resume**
  - Focusing on legal research experience
  - Including your educational background
  - Please include your work telephone number and email address
- **Submission of materials**
  - Applications should be submitted by email, as a **single** word processing document (with the documents in the above order) in rich text format (.rtf), **to Sarah Glassmeyer <Sarah@cali.org>**.
  - Email header must read "LR proposal - Round xx"
  - Please include your last name as part of the file name for the document.

## Application Process and CALI's Recommendations:

- Applications will be reviewed by, and final selections determined by CALI and the Legal Research Community Authoring Project Advisory Panel.
- Authors will receive \$1250 in compensation for their completed exercise and will be required to sign an authoring agreement with CALI. The agreement includes an assignment of copyright in the completed exercise to CALI.
- Individuals or teams may apply for most lesson topics.
- Support available from CALI:
  - Creation of graphics or diagrams
  - E-mail/telephone support
  - Training in CALI Author is offered online throughout the year.
  - View webinars at <http://www.cali.org/content/webinars>
  - CALI Author Guide for working with CALI Author software <http://www.cali.org/content/cali-author-guide>
  - Mini-reviews for works in progress/ideas, etc.
  - There are numerous resources available to authors, including CALI's staff, advisory panel members, a wiki for legal research authors, and existing lessons.

## Lessons in Progress:

So that future authors can better plan their submissions, the following is a list of lessons in progress, as of October 5, 2011.

- Illinois Primary State Research
- Illinois Secondary State Research
- Indiana Secondary State Research
- Maine Primary State Research
- Minnesota Secondary
- New Jersey Secondary State Research
- North Carolina Primary State Research
- North Carolina Secondary State Research
- Oklahoma Primary State Research
- Oklahoma Secondary State Research
- Tennessee Primary State Research
- Tennessee Secondary State Research
- Texas Secondary
- Virginia Primary
- Washington State Secondary State Research
- West Virginia Primary & Secondary State Research
- Wisconsin Primary
- European Union
- Securities Law research
- Government Docs
- Subject Specific Treatises
- International Commercial Arbitration Research
- How to Research Patent Law
- Trial Practice Materials
- Current Awareness and Alerting Services

**Questions? Please contact:** Sarah Glassmeyer, Email: [sarah@cali.org](mailto:sarah@cali.org), Telephone: 312-906-5316