

**ALA ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee
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Report from the American Association of Law Libraries
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The Classification and Subject Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group of the American Association of Law Libraries met in Seattle in July 2013.

- The Working Group reviewed three successful proposals submitted by SAC to MARBI (385 and 386 for bibliographic and authority records and 388 for authority only) and expressed agreement and appreciation for these efforts. Several members are willing to assist in the creation of controlled vocabularies for 385 and 386 should help be solicited.
- Most law libraries represented at the meeting have a policy to assign genre/form headings to new cataloging, but very few include assigning headings retrospectively.
- The Working Group considered offering guidance on how many genre/form terms should be added to a single work. This topic deserves wider conversation and consideration, but the discussion at the meeting gravitated toward only assigning one term per title (in cases in which two terms could apply, the cataloger should use a broader term to cover both). Catalogers should not assign genre/forms to highlight parts of a resource. For example, a book *with* several forms should not receive “Legal forms.” This term should be reserved for books *of* forms. Catalogers will continue to monitor their term usage and note challenging cases to share with the rest of the working group.
- The Working Group hopes to start a coordinated “term of the month” effort for adding selected terms retrospectively in our local catalogs and generate a list of OCLC record numbers to which terms were added. A volunteer offered to update OCLC records identified by our members.
- The Working Group discussed the use of the 751 field for jurisdiction information. Most members recognize the need and would prefer to stop using overly-broad strings like “Law—\$z <insert jurisdiction>,” for collections of statutes, but wondered if we should be continuing to tweak MARC or wait for our next bibliographic framework.

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- Contributed two subject headings and one genre/form heading since Annual Meeting.
- Added capability in our online form to submit classification and genre/form terms.