Access to Justice Clinical Course Project Drives Innovation, Arms Law Students with Document Assembly Tools

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A2J Clinic Project Begins at AALS Annual Meeting

1. Faculty develop model courses to teach A2J Author in clinics

2. Students test course models, develop A2J Guided Interviews

3. A2J Guided Interviews allow Legal Aid to assist more clients

4. Faculty provide feedback, allowing widespread adoption
Introducing the CALI® Access to Justice Clinical Course Project (A2J Clinic Project)

- The Access to Justice Clinical Course Project is a coordinated effort between the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction, the Center for Access to Justice & Technology at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, and Idaho Legal Aid Services. Participating faculty will develop a course model at their law school where they will teach core technical competencies using A2J Author® as well as other document assembly and automation tools.

- Participating faculty members include:
  - **Brian Donnelly, Conrad Johnson, and Mary Marsh Zulack,**
    Lawyering in the Digital Age at Columbia Law School;
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- After teaching the course, the faculty members will deliver to CALI a replicable course kit based on their experience. The course kits are likely to include a syllabus, assignments and a work plan for the student performances, as well as any tools developed or used by the faculty member and a teacher’s manual discussing suggested instruction methods. CALI will make these course kits available to all CALI member schools interested in developing their own A2J Clinic.

- A sample course kit developed by Professor Ronald W. Staudt while teaching the Justice & Technology Practicum at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law is available at a2jclinic.classcaster.net.

- Participants will be speaking at the *Justice, Lawyering and Legal Education in the Digital Age* Symposium during the 2013 CALI Conference for Law School Computing on June 15, 2013, at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. During their presentations, they will discuss what brought them to the A2J Clinic Project and how they plan to incorporate the use of A2J Author into their courses.

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