ABOUT SWALL

The Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) is a nonprofit organization created to promote and cultivate the science of law librarianship, increase the usefulness of law libraries, and foster a spirit of cooperation among members of the profession, particularly those in the southwestern United States. SWALL was formed in 1958 as a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, and has played an important part in the development of the profession at both the regional and national levels.

OUR MEMBERS

SWALL has over 175 members from libraries in eight states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Our members work in a variety of settings, including academic law libraries, government libraries, and law firms.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Association meets semiannually, once in the spring for a business meeting and educational program and once in the summer at the American Association of Law Libraries' annual meeting. Educational programs at the spring meeting cover a wide range of topics relevant to law librarianship. In April 2016, SWALL teamed up with the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL) for a joint meeting in Dallas entitled “Big D: Data, Discovery, and Dicta.” Previous meetings have been held in popular travel destinations such as Boulder, Colorado and Austin, Texas, and even on board a Carnival cruise ship!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND JOB POSTINGS

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEE FOR SWALL ANNUAL MEETING

GRANTS OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND SWALL AND AALL ANNUAL MEETINGS

ACCESS TO THE SWALL BULLETIN, OUR ONLINE NEWSLETTER ADDRESSING ISSUES THAT MATTER TO US

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON COMMITTEES

HOW TO JOIN

For a membership application, go to www.aallnet.org/chapter/swall/membership.

Individual ($15): Open to any person currently, or within the last 7 years, employed at least 30% of full time to perform professional work by either: 1) a law library, a state library, a library school accredited by the American Library Association, or a general library having a separately maintained law section; or 2) an individual or organization providing professional librarian services to law libraries.

Institutional ($15/person, up to $150): Open to any law library, state library, ALA-accredited library school, or institution having a separately maintained law library.

Associate ($15): Open to any person who does not qualify as an individual member or who is currently employed by a legal publisher or vendor. Associate members are non-voting members.

Student (free): Open to any person enrolled in an ALA-accredited library school. Membership in this category is limited to four consecutive years. Student members are non-voting members.