

July 14, 2005

To: Mary L. Larsgaard, chair  
ALA/ALCTS/CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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Re: Special rules for certain legal publications in AACR2 Chapter 21

A small group from the GODORT Cataloging Committee has looked at the Chapter 21 rules. Despite the fact that two of us have worked at law libraries in our careers, we still feel as if we are more generalist catalogers than the catalogers from AALL. Thus we will certainly defer to our AALL colleagues on most of their suggestions.

That said, we still have a few points to bring up from our generalist perspective. We will do this in rule-number order.

**21.31. B1.** We realize the purpose of the examples, but feel it would be useful to include the actual uniform title — perhaps it could be done in the italicized part. Actually, a better idea might be a link to an appropriate example in Chapter 25.

**21.31B3–21.31C.** Please keep as is. We are assuming that the Rule of 3 will still remain (or could this be expanded?)

**21.32.** It would be useful to refer, perhaps in an appendix, to an expanded list of jurisdictions covered by 21.32A and 21.32B. Speaking for myself, I would prefer to leave 21.32B1 in its current place.

**21.33.** Agree to combine it with other fundamental law in 21.31 (but we don't feel particularly strongly on this and wouldn't mind keeping it where it is — there doesn't seem to be a good place to put the international intergovernmental bodies.

**21.35.** Totally agree with the AALL simplification throughout.

**21.36A1.** Again, is the Rule of 3 still to be applied for court reporters? What about serials?

**21.36C.** Agree about changing the “first instance” wording.