

UCITA: A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING AND ACTION

A Satellite Teleconference

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The Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) is a proposed state law that would create a unified and potentially problematic approach to the licensing of software and information. Two states--Maryland and Virginia--have passed UCITA, and it will be under consideration in many other states in the near future. UCITA's broad scope and focus on software and information raise issues of great significance to the research library community, in particular licensing, copyright, and fair use.

This teleconference will provide a valuable "primer" on UCITA, strategies for dealing with the legislation in your state, and an opportunity to ask the panelists questions. It is presented by ARL and four other library associations: AALL, ALA, MLA, and SLA.

Panelists:

James Neal, Dean of University Libraries, Johns Hopkins University

Rodney Petersen, Director, Policy and Planning, Office of Information Technology at the University of Maryland

Sally Wiant, Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University

Cathy Wojewodzki, Librarian, Reference Department, University of Delaware Library and former member of the Delaware legislature

All four panelists have been actively involved in the UCITA debate in their home states.

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