

BACKGROUND: *The free-floating subdivision –Trials, litigation, etc. is used under names of individual persons, families, corporate bodies, or jurisdictions for the proceedings of civil or criminal actions to which they are parties, or for works about such proceedings, as described below. As a general rule, the same practices are followed in assigning subject headings to the actual proceedings of a trial as to works about a trial. The procedures described below therefore apply to both categories of material.*

1. General collections of trials. Assign the heading **Trials** (*May Subd Geog*) to non-topical collections of proceedings of trials, or to general works describing various trials. *Examples:*

Title: Trials that made headlines.
650 #0 \$a Trials.

Title: Great American courtroom battles.
650 #0 \$a Trials \$z United States.

2. Collections of particular types of trials. Assign headings of the type **Trials ([topic])** (*May Subd Geog*) to collections of proceedings of particular types of civil or criminal trials, or to works describing several trials of a specific type. *Example:*

Title: Witchcraft trials of Connecticut.
650 #0 \$a Trials (Witchcraft) \$z Connecticut.

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3. Individual criminal trials. Assign as the first heading the name of the defendant with the subdivision **–Trials, litigation, etc.**, or, if the trial has been established as a subject heading, the heading for the name of the trial. Assign one or more additional headings of the type **Trials ([topic])–[place]**, as appropriate, and any other topical headings required for the work in hand.

Exception: Use the subdivision **–Trial** under the heading **Jesus Christ**.

Examples:

Title: Excerpts from the transcript of the trial proceedings in the case of the United States of America v. John W. Jenrette.

600 10 \$a Jenrette, John W. \$v Trials, litigation, etc.
650 #0 \$a Trials (Fraud) \$z Washington (D.C.)
650 #0 \$a Trials (Bribery) \$z Washington (D.C.)
650 #0 \$a Abscam Bribery Scandal, 1980.

Title: To set the record straight : the break-in, the tapes, the conspirators, the pardon.

650 #0 \$a Watergate Trial, Washington, D.C., 1973.
650 #0 \$a Watergate Affair, 1972-1974.
600 10 \$a Nixon, Richard M. \$q (Richard Milhous)
\$d 1913-1994 \$x Pardon.
600 10 \$a Sirica, John J.

4. Individual civil trials. Assign as the first heading the name of the party that initiated the civil action, and as additional headings, the names of the other major parties to the litigation. Use the subdivision **–Trials, litigation, etc.** under the heading for each of these parties. Also assign the heading **Trials ([topic])–[place]** if the nature of the trial is such that a heading of that type has been or can be established, for example, **Trials (Divorce)**; **Trials (Libel)**. If the trial cannot be described by a heading of that type, assign the appropriate legal headings to bring out the topic(s) of the trial, and any other topical headings required for the work in hand.

4. Individual civil trials. (Continued)

Examples:

Title: Superior pollutor : a saga of the struggle to stop pollution of the largest fresh water lake in the world by its most egregious polluter—the Reserve Mining Company.

- 651 #0 \$a United States \$x Trials, litigation, etc.
- 651 #0 \$a Minnesota \$x Trials, litigation, etc.
- 610 20 \$a Reserve Mining Company \$x Trials, litigation, etc.
- 650 #0 \$a Water \$x Pollution \$x Law and legislation \$z Minnesota.
- 650 #0 \$a Taconite \$x Environmental aspects \$z Superior, Lake.
- 650 #0 \$a Iron mines and mining \$x Environmental aspects \$z Superior, Lake.

Title: Salome's last veil : the libel case of the century.

- 600 10 \$a Billing, Noel Pemberton, \$d 1880-1948 \$x Trials, litigation, etc.
- 600 10 \$a Allan, Maude \$x Trials, litigation, etc.
- 650 #0 \$a Trials (Libel) \$z England \$z London.

Title: Allan Bakke versus Regents of the University of California.

- 600 10 \$a Bakke, Allan Paul \$v Trials, litigation, etc.
- 610 20 \$a University of California (System) \$v Trials, litigation, etc.
- 650 #0 \$a Discrimination in medical education \$x Law and legislation \$z California.
- 650 #0 \$a Medical colleges \$z California \$x Admission.

Title: The New York Times Company v. United States : a documentary history of the Pentagon Papers litigation.

- 610 20 \$a New York Times Company \$x Trials, litigation, etc.
- 651 #0 \$a United States \$x Trials, litigation, etc.
- 630 00 \$a Pentagon Papers.
- 650 #0 \$a Freedom of the press \$z United States.
- 650 #0 \$a Security classification (Government documents) \$z United States.

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5. *War crime trials.* Assign, in addition to the name of the defendant or the name of the trial, the heading **War crime trials**–[*place*] to all proceedings of, or works about, particular war crime trials. *Examples:*

Title: Nuernberg war crimes trials : records of case II, United States of America v. Erhard Milch.

650 #0 \$a Milch Trial, Nuremberg, Germany, 1946-1947.
650 #0 \$a War crime trials \$z Germany \$z Nuremberg.

Title: The Tokyo war crimes trial.

650 #0 \$a Tokyo Trial, Tokyo, Japan, 1946-1948.
650 #0 \$a War crime trials \$z Japan \$z Tokyo.

6. *Establishing headings for trials.* Generally, it is not necessary to establish a subject heading for an individual trial. Instead, the established name headings for the principal parties in a trial, with the subdivision **–Trials, litigation, etc.**, are used as subject headings for a work about the trial. If, however, a trial comes to be known by a popular name other than that of one of the principal parties, a subject heading should be established for the trial. This occurs most commonly in the case of trials connected with a major political event, scandal, etc., or trials involving several defendants. Establish such headings in the following form, according to the provisions of H 1592:

150 ## \$a [...] **Trial**, [*city, larger geographical entity*],
[*date(s)*]

*Note: Include the name of the city as a qualifier even if it appears as part of the name of the trial itself, for example, **Chicago Seven Trial, Chicago, Ill., 1969-1970.***

6. *Establishing headings for trials.* (Continued)

Add 450 fields from alternative names of the trial, if any, and a 550 field (broader term reference) from the heading **Trials** (*[topic]*)-*[place]* (or **War crime trials**-*[place]*). Divide the broader term reference only to the level of the country (or first order political division in the case of the United States, Canada, and Great Britain). *Examples:*

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150 ## $a Black Panthers Trial, New York, N.Y., 1970-1971
450 ## $a Bomb Conspiracy Trial, New York, N.Y., 1970-1971
450 ## $a New York 21 Trial, New York, N.Y., 1970-1971
450 ## $a New York City Bomb Conspiracy Trial, New York,
      N.Y., 1970-1971
550 ## $w g $a Trials (Conspiracy) $z New York (State)
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150 ## $a Red Brigades Trial, Turin, Italy, 1978
450 ## $a Brigade rosse Trial, Turin, Italy, 1978
450 ## $a Processo Brigate rosse, Turin, Italy, 1978
550 ## $w g $a Trials (Political crimes and offenses) $z Italy
550 ## $w g $a Trials (Terrorism) $z Italy
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