

# Global Justice XML Data Model (Global JXDM) Listserv

## List Rules and Conduct

The following rules and policies have been adopted to encourage congenial interaction on, and uninterrupted operation of, the Global Justice XML Data Model (Global JXDM) Listserv. Please review them prior to joining the Global JXDM Listserv.

**1. Do not send attachments or V-cards to the list.**

Since attachments are capable of harboring computer viruses and worms, we do not post them. If you send a message to the Global JXDM Listserv with an attachment, we will either send it back to you without posting it, or we will post it without the attachment. If you wish to share information that you have stored in a file, you may:

- Cut and paste it into an e-mail message.
- Send the URL of the Web site upon which the information is posted if it is Internet-accessible.
- Send it to individual members of the list by private e-mail if those individuals do not object to receiving attachments.

**2. Write messages that you send to the list in plaintext.**

Stationary, nonstandard fonts and HTML cannot be read by every e-mail program. Being a considerate list member means being aware that other list members may be running mail programs that cannot read these features, resulting in their receiving unreadable coded messages. Messages that are sent to the Global JXDM Listserv with too much visible coding or formatting will not be posted. If you need assistance with turning off these features, please contact your systems administrator.

**3. Please stay on-topic.**

While members of the Global JXDM Listserv have expertise in a variety of criminal justice-related areas, the listserv was established to exchange information specifically about the Global Justice XML Data Model (Global JXDM) and the Global Justice XML Data Dictionary (Global JXDD). Listserv messages that are completely off-topic will not be posted.

**Note:** Messages that report errors or “bugs” are not considered to be on-topic. For Global JXDM and Global JXDD error reporting, refer to the Feedback site at the following Web address: <http://justicexml.gtri.gatech.edu/feedback/>. This feedback mechanism, called “Bugzilla,” is designed for software bug-tracking and provides the capability to submit comments, questions, requests, and problems about the use of the Global JXDM and Global JXDD.

Partisan political announcements or forwarded e-mail alerts and notices are counterproductive to creating a cooperative atmosphere among professionals holding various viewpoints and will not be posted.

Needless to say, online petitions and chain letters will be deleted unposted with prejudice.

#### 4. **Respect copyright.**

According to [Copyright Registration for Online Works](#):

“Copyright protects original authorship fixed in tangible form. . . . For works transmitted online, the copyrightable authorship may consist of text, artwork, music, audiovisual material (including any sounds), sound recordings, etc. Copyright does NOT protect ideas, procedures, systems, or methods of operation. . . . Under U.S. law, copyright protection subsists from the time the work is fixed. Copyright registration is not mandatory....” (U.S. Copyright Office, 1999, p. 1.)

Therefore, any article, story, editorial, essay, or review sent to the Global JXDMListserv that is not the original work of the sender must be accompanied by the author’s contact information and explicit permission to post.

The author of a message holds a copyright on it, as with all works of original authorship, under U.S. and international law. The recipient of a message from the Global JXDMListserv may not distribute it off the list without obtaining explicit permission from the sender.

For more information on our copyright restrictions, see [Copyright Status](#), in our Privacy Policy. For further information about copyright law, we recommend the following documents from the U.S. Copyright Office:

- [Copyright Basics](#)
- [In Answer to Your Query: Fair Use](#)

#### 5. **Please identify yourself at the end of every message that you send to the list.**

The Global JXDM Listserv membership represents an unusually diverse number of occupational backgrounds, philosophical approaches, and regional locations. It can be difficult to remember personal information about individual members even if they post regularly. To help ensure the uninterrupted flow and accuracy of responses to your messages, we ask that you "sign" each message with your first and last names and agency/organization affiliation.

#### 6. **Do not flame—ever.**

- Become familiar with the [Global JXDMListserv Terms and Conditions](#), and refer to it from time to time.
- Discuss, debate, debunk, deliberate, dissemble, dissect, and disintegrate ideas, but not people. Personal attacks distract and stunt communication among all list members. The fastest way to deescalate a personal dispute is to move it away from the list "audience" onto private email. This is also a good way to make new friends, instead of lifelong enemies.
- Use humor generously, but sarcasm sparingly. It does not always translate as funny among a large group of people that you have never met.
- Most people like to write about their interest and expertise areas, but every message to the list will not be about those subjects. Begin a new thread when you wish to discuss a new subject, and label each message in that thread with the same subject line. Do not begin a new subject by "piggybacking" your new message onto an unrelated posting. Most list members find this confusing, and some will take offense at the abrupt change, particularly if you use one of their postings.
- Never assume malintent regarding a previous posting. Do ask questions to clarify meaning, then state your own opinion if it is different. Qualify your opinion with research or

information from your personal experience. Feel free to correct any erroneous factual information, but do so without rancor.

- Do not make unsupported generalizations about groups of people. Do discuss issues for further research.
- Share freely any knowledge gained from personal experience, especially when you believe it to demonstrate universal findings. However, remain open to the possibility that some experience may be unique.
- Some folks think that "trolling" is an entertaining and expedient way to ascertain the character of a list and the typical approaches practiced by individual list members. We do not allow the posting of these outrageous messages composed to induce an outpouring of negative responses. Any suspected "trolls" will be sent back to their authors.

**7. Respect for the Global JXDM Listserv owners is a requirement for maintaining a subscription to Global JXDM Listserv.**

Protracted on-list or off-list arguments regarding listserv owners' decisions may result in your removal from the list.