



Thomas M. Cooley Law Libraries' Research Guide Series

CANADIAN LAW: A Selective Research Guide

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Introduction:

Canada is a federation of 10 provinces and three territories. Generally, the legal system is based on English common law, with a two-tier legal system of federal and provincial law. The province of Québec (like the state of Louisiana) uses a civil law system based on French law.

Canadian federal law somewhat resembles United States federal law in that it has a three-part system, with executive, judicial, and legislative branches. However, Canada is a parliamentary democracy, and because it is part of the British Commonwealth, Canada's official head of state is Queen Elizabeth II. The crown appoints a Governor-General (currently Mich  lle Jean) to represent its interests in the country.

The executive branch is directed by the Prime Minister (currently Stephen Harper of the Conservative Party.) The PM is designated by the Governor-General after legislative elections, and is either the leader of the majority party or a majority coalition in the House. Ministers of federal agencies and departments are chosen by the Prime Minister. The legislative branch is embodied by the federal Parliament, which has an appointed upper house (Senate) and lower house (House of Commons.) Seats in the House are won by direct popular election.

Finally, the judicial branch is represented by the nine-member Supreme Court of Canada. The seats are apportioned by province, with three each reserved for Qu  bec and Ontario, two seats for all the western provinces, and one for the Atlantic provinces. Judges are nominated by the Governor-General, in consultation with the Queen's Privy Council, then with the sitting Prime Minister. The Supreme Court is a court of last resort, and it handles appeals from courts in the Federal court system, as well as the highest courts of the provinces and territories.

Individual provinces and territories also have their own appellate and superior court systems, parliaments, and premiers. Federal and provincial legal and government documents are generally available in both of the country's official languages, English and French.



I. FEDERAL LAW

The Annotated Immigration and Refugee Protection Act of Canada

Location: KE4454.A315 A19 (L)

Annotated statutes and text of the 2001 Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; in English.

The Canadian Abridgment, 3rd ed.

Location: KE173 .C35 2003 (L)

Used for finding Canadian case law dating back to early 1800's, with topical case digests of all Canadian courts (except for Quebec Civil Law cases) and some administrative tribunals. Also covers legal interpretations of words and phrases, legislation, alternative citations, and secondary legal resources. Available online. The second edition is also available, at location KE173 .C352.

Canadian Case Citations, 1867-December 2006 / References Jurisprudentielles Canadiennes, 1867-Décembre 2006

Location: KE173 .C365 (L)

A part of the *Canadian Abridgment*, the case citations deal only with court and agency decisions, arranged alphabetically by topic. In English and French.

The Copyright Act: 2003 Consolidation

Location: KE2794.54.A18 C36 2003 (AH)

Contains text of the Copyright Act, Industrial Design Act, Industrial Circuit Topography Act, and information on royalties and tariffs on goods covered by copyright law. Also contains relevant international law including the revised Berne Convention and Universal Copyright Convention

Department of Justice, Consolidated Statutes and Regulations

<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/>

Website has links to federal annual statutes, constitutional documents, and regulations and statutes by name; in both English and French through "side by side" bilingual PDF documents.

Legislation Annual / Annuaire de la législation

Location: KE173 .C3554 (L)

Part of the *Canadian Abridgment*, this summarizes recent legislative activity in provincial and territorial legislatures, and the Parliament of Canada.

Parliament (English site)

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/bills.asp?Language=E>

Covering both the House of Commons and the Senate; includes links to current business, bills before the houses, and a virtual library with research publications and legislative summaries.

Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985, prepared under the authority of the Statute Revision Act / Lois Révisées du Canada (1985), réalisée sous le Régime de la Loi sur La Révision des Lois

Location: KE89 1985 (L)

Current edition of all Statutes of Canada consolidated with their incorporating amendments.



II. PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL LAW

A. Alberta

Government of Alberta

<http://alberta.ca/home/index.cfm>

Covers many areas of provincial government and law, including its ministries and agencies.

Guide to Alberta Provincial Documents and Selected Law Related Materials, compiled by Neil

A. Campbell and Lorianne Johnson

Location: KEA1 .C36 1990 (L, AH & GR)

Booklet broadly explains how to find Canadian laws, how the legislative process in Alberta works, and how to find provincial case and statutory laws. Online resources are not covered.

Legislative Assembly of Alberta

<http://www.assembly.ab.ca/default.htm>

Includes proposed bills and approved amendments, session papers, and committee transcripts.

Principles of Administrative Law by David Phillip Jones and Anne S. de Villars

Location: KE5015 .J66 1999 (L)

Title presents an in-depth treatment of federal and provincial administrative law (primarily Alberta and Ontario), grounds for judicial review, standards of review, and remedies.

B. British Columbia

BC Laws

<http://www.bclaws.ca/>

Published by the Queen's Printer, these are current statutes, regulations, bulletins, and orders.

Government of British Columbia

<http://www.gov.bc.ca/>

Official website of the provincial government; includes links to ministries and organizations.

C. Manitoba

Government of Manitoba (English)

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/index.html>

Contains links to the province's Courts, Legislative Assembly, laws, and provincial ministries.

Guide to Manitoba Provincial Documents and Selected Law Related Materials, compiled by Gordon Russell

Location: KEM1 .R8 1990 (L, AH & GR)

Booklet explains how the legislative process in Manitoba works, and how to find provincial case and statutory laws and commission reports; online resources are not covered.

Manitoba Laws

<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/index.php>

Published by the Queen's Printer; click on "Consolidated Regulations" for current law; also includes court rules, acts, and municipal laws.

D. New Brunswick

Attorney General, Queen's Printer (English)



<http://www.gnb.ca/0062/acts/index-e.asp>

Contains provincial Acts and Regulations, links to court decisions, and the Royal Gazette.

Government of New Brunswick (English)

<http://www.gnb.ca/index-e.asp>

Official website, with links to the province's legislature, premier, and departments and agencies.

D. Newfoundland and Labrador

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

<http://www.gov.nf.ca/>

Includes links to Departments/Agencies, the House of Assembly, and the Premier's office.

House of Assembly, Statutes & Regulations

<http://www.assembly.nl.ca/legislation/default.htm>

Contains the provincial Consolidation, annual statutes and regulations, and tables of public regulations and statutes.

E. Northwest Territories

Department of Justice, Statutes and Regulations (English)

<http://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/Legislation/SearchLeg&Reg.shtml>

Searchable database of territory's laws, with link to the *Northwest Territories Gazette*, which covers notices, statutory appointments, and texts of regulations, orders, and court rules.

Government of the Northwest Territories

<http://www.gov.nt.ca/>

Includes links to the Legislative Assembly, its daily record (Hansard), and territorial ministries.

F. Nova Scotia

Government of Nova Scotia

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/>

"Government" link goes to departments & agencies, laws, legislature, and the premier's office.

House of Assembly, Legislative Counsel Office

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/>

Links to current bills, Nova Scotia statutes and regulations, federal statutes and regulations, the Canadian Acts of 1867 and 1982, and the Statute of Westminster.

G. Nunavut

Department of Justice (English)

<http://www.justice.gov.nu.ca/i18n/english/>

Contains the territory's current consolidated laws and statutes, tables, and the Nunavut Gazette.

Government of Nunavut (English)

<http://www.gov.nu.ca/english/>



Includes links to territorial departments, crown agencies, and ministries.

H. Ontario

Canadian encyclopedic digest (Ontario)

Location: KEO67 .C359 1973 (L)

An annotated, topical legal encyclopedia; contains references primarily to Ontario statutes and cases, with occasional references to cases from other provinces. Set has separate index binder and research guide.

Government of Ontario (English)

<http://www.ontario.ca/en/residents/index.htm>

Annual reports, provincial agencies and ministries, government agencies, and the Ontario Gazette can be accessed under the "Your Government" heading.

Ministry of Attorney General, e-Laws (English)

<http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/navigation?file=home&lang=en>

Website has links to the province's current consolidated law, repealed and revoked laws, legislative tables, and a glossary of terms relating to the legislative law process.

Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990 / Lois Refondues de l'Ontario de 1990

Location: KEO63 1990 (L & GR)

Set is made up of eleven volumes of Ontario Statutes, plus an appendix/index volume with tables and Canadian constitutional acts. Text is in parallel translation, with English on the left side of the page and French on the right.

Statutes of Ontario / Lois de l'Ontario.

Location: KEO49 .S8 (L & GR)

Published annually; with lists of public acts, public and private Statutes, and a user's guide. Text is in parallel translation, with English on the left side of the page and French on the right.

I. Prince Edward Island

Government of Prince Edward Island

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/>

Provincial website has links to the Premier and Executive Council, Departments, and Boards, Agencies, and Commissions.

Legislative Counsel Office

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/index.php3>

Contains provincial statutes/regulations, changes to them, and an online *Royal Gazette* index.

J. Québec

Portal of the Government of Québec (English)

<http://www.gouv.qc.ca/portail/quebec/pgs/commun/?lang=en>

Somewhat limited coverage of provincial government affairs through its English language portal; more extensive coverage is available through the province's main (French language) site.

Publications du Québec, Revised Statutes (English)

<http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/home.php#>



Click on “English” in upper right hand corner of the Publications du Québec website; annual statutes and tables of amendments can be accessed under the “Laws and Regulations” tab.

K. Saskatchewan

Government of Saskatchewan

<http://www.gov.sk.ca/>

Includes links to the Legislative Assembly, Ministries and Agencies, and the Premier’s office.

Queen’s Printer

<http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca/>

Official printer to the Crown; site includes links to the *Saskatchewan Gazette*, private acts, orders in council, and consolidated acts (the current statutory laws).

L. Yukon

Government of Yukon

<http://www.gov.yk.ca/index.html>

Official government site; includes links to territorial departments and the office of the Premier.

Legislation

<http://www.gov.yk.ca/legislation/>

Contains links to statutes, regulations, bills, the Yukon Gazette, and related tables and indexes.

III. DICTIONARIES, GUIDES AND INDEXES

Dictionaries:

Canadian Law Dictionary by John A. Yogis

Location: KE183 .Y63 1998 (L)

Geared to both attorneys and students, this book defines legal and parliamentary words and phrases; text of Canadian human rights laws and citation abbreviations are in the appendix.

The Dictionary of Canadian Law by Daphne A. Dukelow

Location: KE183 .D85 2004 (L)

An excellent, comprehensive legal dictionary; intended for law students and legal practitioners.

Guides:

Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation by McGill Law Review / Manuel Canadien de la Référence Juridique by Revue de droit de McGill.

Location: KE259 .C36 (L & AH)

Title is an easy-to-use, bilingual citation manual for Canadian legal publishing and drafting.

Regulations Judicially Considered January 1997 to September 2005 / Reglements Cites Janvier 1997 a Septembre 2005

Location: KE173. C3546 (L)

Title contains lists of federal and provincial regulations that have been the subject of litigation, reported and unreported court decisions, and important tribunal decisions. Updated with cumulative supplements; includes a user’s guide.

A Short Guide to the Canadian Abridgment in Print and on Westlaw

Location: KE173 .C29 2007 (L)



Guide illustrates how to use the print and electronic versions of the Canadian Abridgment.

Indexes:

Index to Canadian Legal Literature

Location: KE173 .C3532 (L)

In English and French. Contains index and bibliography of Canadian legal publications. Title includes Canadian current law, Index to Canadian legal literature, and annual supplements.

Index to Canadian Treaties, 1979-2003 / Index des Traités du Canada, 1979-2003 by Christian L. Wiktor

Location: KZ355 .W553 2003 (L)

Chronological index and list of Canadian treaties; titles and glossary are in English and French.

IV. PRIMARY LEGAL SOURCES AND HISTORICAL TREATISES

Primary Legal Sources:

The Cooley Law Library has over 500 microforms on laws related to Canada, as well as Canadian treaties, and legislative documents. The collection also includes U.S. government documents related to U.S.-Canadian treaties, such as reports, issue papers, preliminary studies (many by the Congressional Research Service), and transcripts of Congressional hearings.

To search for a treaty or related documents, try a “subject” search in Coolcat by any of the following: the treaty’s popular name, acronym, subject of the treaty, or by “Canada.” For example, to find documents relating to NAFTA, one can search by “North American Free Trade Agreement”, by “NAFTA”, by “free trade”, or by “Canada” (and/or “Mexico”).

Historical Treatises:

The Library’s collection contains works on Canadian legal history in print, electronic, and microformat editions. Most historical titles in print are reprints of the original work and do not circulate outside the Library. Historical works can be located in Coolcat by doing an advanced search, with “Canada” as the subject and a date in the “before” box.

Many Canadian legal history treatises in electronic format can be accessed directly through the item’s catalogue record in Coolcat. Several databases also contain electronic versions of historic legal treatises and journals, including HeinOnline and the “Making of Modern Law” legal treatise database. Both can be found in Coolcat, from the link to “Electronic Resources.”

The “Making of Modern Law” legal treatise database contains books on 19th and 20th century British law (and that of its colonies, including Canada.) Among the historic items relating to Canadian law in HeinOnline are a library of treatises under the “Legal Classics” category, and the *English Reports*, up to 1867.

V. TREATISES

Bank and Customer Law in Canada by M.H. Ogilvie

Location: KE999 .O35 2007 (AH)

Easy-to-understand and comprehensive treatment of banking law; covers the Bank Act, accounts, electronic fund and payment systems, credit cards, and dispute resolution.



Business Operations in Canada by Patrick Marley and Richard Tremblay

Location: KF6289.A1 T35 no. 955-4th (L & AH)

Geared to accountants and tax law professionals; portfolio gives an excellent and easy to understand overview of Canadian business, corporate, and taxation law.

The Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty by Vern Krishna, with the assistance of Pamela Cross and the CGA Tax & International Research Centres

Location: KDZ912.2 .K75 2004 (AH)

Commentary (with cases and examples) explaining the U.S.-Canada tax treaty; book also contains other tax-related Acts and Conventions from the United States and Canada.

Canada Business Corporations Act and Commentary by Fasken Martineau DuMoulin

Location: KE1384.53 .F37 2007 / 2008 (AH)

Most useful for corporate lawyers; book includes all amendments to the Act, helpful information kits and policy statements, Business Corporation Regulations, the Interpretation Act, and forms.

Canadian Extradition Law Practice by Gary Botting

Location: KE9275 .B68 2007 (AH)

For practitioners in criminal law; book has Extradition Act (annotated with relevant cases for each section.) Also includes Canadian extradition treaties, forms, and the *Justice Canada guide to preparing extradition requests*.

Canadian Family Law, 2nd ed. by Julien D. Payne and Marilyn A. Payne

Location: KE539 .P39 2006 (L)

Book covers general Canadian laws on cohabitation, marriage and property rights, divorce, child/spousal support, domestic violence, plus remedies through provincial and territorial law.

Canadian Immigration & Refugee Law Practice

Location: KE4454.A29 C36 (L)

Annual volumes include the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (English and French) and Citizenship Act, annotated with legislation, regulations, and digests of relevant court cases.

Canadian Labour and Employment Law for the U.S. Practitioner by Douglas G. Gilbert, Brian W. Burkett and Moira K. McCaskill

Location: KE3109 .G55 2006 (L)

Book summarizes difference between U.S. and Canadian employment law, particularly for collective bargaining, discrimination, benefits, and discrimination. Also contains glossaries, lists of abbreviations, and comparative analyses. Geared towards U.S.-based labor attorneys.

The Canadian Legal System

Location: KE444 .G34 2004 (GR)

Scholarly examination of the Canadian legal system; chapters have comprehensive bibliographies and case citations. Book includes sections on the sources of law, the British legal tradition, hierarchy of federal and provincial courts, and the Quebec legal system.

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms by Robert J. Sharpe and Kent Roach

Location: KE4381.5 .S53 2005 (L)

Discusses religious, expressive, and associative freedoms, mobility and language rights, and remedies allowed to individuals and groups under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Colour of Justice: Policing Race in Canada by David M. Tanovich



Location: HV7936.R3 T36 2006 (L)

Book covers the role of race in Canadian justice through the definition of racial profiling, its use in the wars against drugs, gangs, and terrorism, legislative reform, and in litigation.

Computer Law by George S. Takach

Location: KE452.C6 T35 2003 (L)

A comprehensive treatment of computers in the law, including issues relating to e-commerce, contracts, evidence, intellectual property law, criminal law, and future technological trends.

Constitutional Law by Patrick J. Monahan

Location: KE4219 .M66 2006 (L)

In-depth coverage of constitutional law issues, including courts and judicial review, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the 1995 Quebec Referendum, and treatment of aboriginal persons.

Criminal Law by Kent Roach

Location: KE8809.2 .R63 2004 (L)

A general, nation-wide treatment of Canadian criminal law theory; includes prohibited acts, participation in crimes, *mens rea*, regulatory offenses, defenses to crimes, and sentencing.

Fox on Canadian Law of Trade-marks and Unfair Competition by Kelly Gill and R. Scott Jolli

Location: KE2988.A6 G54 (AH)

Covers basic principles of trademark law and unfair competition, international conventions, use of marks in commerce, registration and opposition procedures, infringement, and defenses.

Fundamentals of Franchising, Canada edited by Peter Snell and Larry Weinberg

Location: KE1973 .F86 2005 (L)

Geared to U.S.-based lawyers, this book covers Canadian franchise law, IP issues, dispute resolution, Quebec law, employment, taxation, and customs law. Book includes useful "practice note" boxes which summarize key concepts and practice pitfalls for business attorneys.

Identity Captured by Law by Sebastien Grammond

Location: KE4395 .G73 2009 (GR)

Book describes the legal implications and differences in rights that members of ethnic or linguistic minority groups have in Canada. Also covers membership criteria under the Indian Act, and provincial access to education for members of recognized linguistic minorities.

Insurance Law by Denis Boivin

Location: KE1149 .B65 2004 (L)

Comprehensive overview of Canadian insurance law; includes types of insurance products, regulation, contract formation, settling claims, and the enforcement of insurance contracts.

An Introduction to Canadian Law by A. Sean Graham and Christopher M. B. Graham

Location: KE444 .G73 2006 (AH)

Booklet is a condensed survey of Canada's political history, government, federalism, civil and criminal law, and the adversarial process. Most of the text is an overview of basic property, tort, contract, corporate, family, aboriginal, employment, competition, and tax law.

Law and Aboriginal Peoples in Canada by David W. Elliott

Location: KE7709 .E44 2005 (L)



Text covers who is considered an aboriginal person under the Indian Act and other legal constructs, Aboriginal rights, Indian treaties, legislative jurisdiction, aboriginal claims and self-government, and the effect of the 1982 Constitution Act on Aboriginal persons and communities.

The Law of Evidence by David M. Paciocco and Lee Stuesser

Location: KE8440 .P33 2005 (L)

Survey examines basic concepts in evidence law under the federal and provincial evidence acts, including relevance, character evidence, hearsay and exceptions, privileges, and proper ways to present evidence at trial.

The Law of Partnerships and Corporations by J. Anthony VanDuzer

Location: KE1389 .V36 2003 (L)

Book covers the creation, management, changes to, shareholders, and social responsibility of corporations, and the basics of partnership law.

The Law of Trusts by Eileen E. Gillese and Martha Milczynski

Location: KE787 .G55 2005 (L)

Examines trust types (express, resulting, and constructive), and the powers and role of trustees.

The Law of Torts by Philip H. Osborne

Location: KE1232 .O83 2003 (L)

Book discusses basic principles of tort law from a Canadian perspective; includes coverage of negligence, intentional torts, strict liability, nuisance, and defamation.

Media Law by Robert Martin

Location: KE2460 .M37 2003 (L)

A brief survey on free expression in the media, and limitations on it because of state security, private rights, and human rights laws including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

NAFTA and Free Trade in the Americas, 3rd ed. by Ralph H. Folsom

Location: KDZ945 .F653 2008 (L, AH & GR)

Describes the treatment of environmental law, goods & services, intellectual property, and labor laws under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

National Health Insurance in the United States and Canada by Gerard W. Boychuk

Location: RA412.2 .B69 2008 (L)

Academic and historical comparison of health insurance schemes in the two countries, including attempts at reform and Medicare in the U.S., and health insurance's iconic status in Canada.

The Oil and Gas Lease in Canada by John Bishop Ballem

Location: KE1822 .B35 2008 (L)

Geared towards attorneys; book describes the function and history of oil and gas leases, formation of leases, royalties, taxes, top leases, litigation, and termination of leases.

The Osler Guide to Commercial Arbitration in Canada by Babak Barin, Andrew D. Little and Randy A. Pepper

Location: KE8618 .B37 2006 (AH)

Covers domestic and international arbitration; discusses important cases, remedies, enforcing awards, and gives tips on preparing arbitration agreements.



Personal Property Security Law by Ronald C.C. Cuming, Catherine Walsh and Roderick J. Wood

Location: KE1042 .C84 2005 (L)

Canadian secured transactions law via the federal Personal Property Security Act; includes the creation of security interests, perfection, registration, competition between secured parties, effects of bankruptcy, and remedies.

Regulatory Law and Practice in Canada by Paul Salembier

Location: KE5024 .S25 2004 (L)

Book explains the background and scope of federal regulatory processes, legal challenges to regulations, and provincial treatment of regulatory law. Appendix includes acts and a checklist for conducting regulatory challenges.

Using International Law in Canadian Courts by Gib van Ert

Location: KE8364 .E78 2008 (AH)

For lawyers and academics; explains international law concepts and how they would likely be applied in Canadian courts.

Youth Criminal Justice Law by Nicholas Bala

Location: KE9445 .B35 2003 (L)

A survey of Canadian juvenile justice law; includes the Young Offenders Act, aboriginal justice issues, jurisdiction of youth courts, criminal and judicial procedure, and sentencing.

VI. JOURNALS

The Cooley Law School Libraries have almost 100 journal titles in print and electronic formats that deal with some aspect of Canadian law and practice. Another resource for Canadian law is American law reviews—many publish articles or special issues on Canadian law, if it is not the primary focus of the journal. Some of these can be accessed through Westlaw or Lexis; most are available through the Library's HeinOnline database subscription. Most recent print issues are typically at Reserves, on the first floor of the Lansing library.

Selected titles include:

Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law

Location: K1 .S86 (L)

Title is also available electronically through the Library's HeinOnline database.

Canada-United States Law Journal

Location: K3 .A48 (L)

Title is also available electronically through the Library's HeinOnline database.

Great Plains Natural Resources Journal

Location: K7 .R37 (L)

Title is also available in full electronically through the Library's HeinOnline database.

McGill Health Law Publication [electronic resource] / Publication en Droit de la Santé de McGill

Location: K13 .C46i

Access through item's record in Coolcat or HeinOnline.

University of British Columbia Law Review

Location: K25 .N56783 (L)



Bound volumes; most recent issues at Reserves. Electronic version can be accessed through item's record in Coolcat or HeinOnline.

VII. DATABASES AND ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Databases

These databases are generally accessed through the Coolcat homepage at <http://library.cooley.edu/>, then to the "Electronic Resources" link. Click on the name of the database you wish to search, at the left side of the page. You may be required to sign on with your student name and password to access some databases remotely.

CCH

Focusing on U. S. federal and state tax law; contains the *U. S. Tax Treaties Reporter*, state government rulings on Canada, relevant Canadian tax cases, and IRS rulings and publications.

Congressional Universe

Excellent resource for information on treaties and conventions between Canada and the U. S.; database contains reports, Presidential messages, and transcripts of Congressional hearings.

First Search

For searching articles in a variety of areas; includes ArticlesFirst, GPO, MEDLINE, and WilsonSelectPlus databases. FirstSearch can be used to find full-text articles in PDF and HTML formats in Cooley's Library system, or through other libraries.

GPO Access/Catalog

Catalogue of U. S. government publications; items published about Canada include treaties, reports, and detailed maps, in print and electronic formats.

HeinOnline Database

This is an excellent resource for Canadian law research, with hundreds of legal publications and law reviews available. The "Treaties & Agreements Library" has official and unofficial treaty publications, indexes, books, and guides on performing treaty & international law research. To search the database, click on "Subscribers Enter Here", after reaching the HeinOnline page.

Other databases on HeinOnline with information on Canadian law include:

- Foreign & International Law Resources Database
- Foreign Relations of the United States (FRUS)
- Harvard Research in International Law
- Legal Classics

Index to Legal Periodicals

A citation index for all of H.W. Wilson's legal-related publications; database has comprehensive coverage for books and journals from the U. S., Canada, and the U. K. If Cooley has a print copy or electronic access to an item (by clicking on the "Library Owns?" icon) you can link to the title's record in Coolcat and/or open the article through the index.

Law Library Microfilm Consortium



Useful for finding primary sources; information is organized alphabetically and by “collection”, including Anglo-American, Canadian Colonial, Foreign Jurisdictions, International Law and Organizations, and Multi-Jurisdictional Subject collections.

SSRN/Legal Scholarship Network

Database allows for searching and downloading of abstracts of legal, economic, and business-related academic articles, exporting citations, and information on how to contact paper authors.

Legal Trac

A legal periodicals index, with comprehensive American and Canadian coverage of bar association journals, law reviews, and legal newspapers. Searches can be limited to full-text articles and/or to peer-reviewed journals.

Lexis

This legal database has a large variety of materials dealing with international law. Access is through the Portal, or online at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/> . To find international law information, add tabs for “International Law” or “International Trade” in Lexis’s “Research System”, then search. Under both, you can find:

- “Global Legal”: Coverage for Canada and the British Commonwealth. Includes case law, international arbitration, law directories, and treatises.
- Law Journals, directories, and international and legal news publications.
- Treaties & international agreements.
- Treatises (listed under “Analysis and Continuing Legal Education materials”)

A new tab, “Foreign Law”, is currently under construction. Under “Canada”, it is expected to have links to cases, federal and provincial statutes, and the *Doing Business in Canada* guide.

Making of Modern Law

Excellent for historical research; database contains full texts of American and British legal works published between 1800 and 1926, which can be browsed alphabetically by author or title.

MEL Databases

Database contains links to a variety of (mostly) non-legal information resources, including those for business, reference, and general research purposes.

RIA Checkpoint

Limited materials on this tax database are relevant for Canadian law; resources include full text of U.S. tax treaties and articles from *International Taxes Weekly*. To search, at the left-hand sign, pull down the “Practice Area” menu to “International”. There, you can search “Primary Source Materials.” Remote access to this database is limited to LL.M. students with a password.

Westlaw

Westlaw is a particularly strong resource for performing research on Canadian law; access through the Portal, or at <https://lawschool.westlaw.com/> . To narrow sources for searches, click on “Add/Remove Tabs”—there are many options for either specific or general areas of Canadian law. Some relevant areas include:

- General Resources (with “Canadian Research” tab)
- Topics (including “International Law” and “International Trade” tabs)
- Westlaw CARSWELL (for Canadian sources)



- Westlaw International (includes Commonwealth law and international news)

Electronic Books

At the Coolcat website (<http://library.cooley.edu/>), you can access electronic books by going to “Electronic Resources”, then by clicking on the name of the database from the list at the left side of the screen. You can also find electronic books by searching Coolcat’s catalog; items have a link within the record to access the title directly.

Matthew Bender

From “Electronic Resources”, scroll down to “Matthew Bender” and click on the name. Then click on “Internet Access for Law Schools” to bring up a list of treatises. If you are accessing the database remotely, you will be prompted for your name and student number to access treatises electronically. Titles that discuss Canada include:

- Foreign Affairs Manual—Documents
- INS Manual (and its NAFTA Handbook)
- International Computer Law
- International Copyright Law and Practice
- Rhoades & Langer U.S. International Taxation and Tax Treaties
- World Trademark Law and Practice.

Net Library

This database contains e-versions of thousands of books on both general and highly-specialized topics. Most books in this database were published between 1990 and 2005. Selected titles covering Canada or Canadian Law include:

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in Canada: Essays On Law, Equity, and Respect for Difference by Michael Asch

Electronic Book: [KE7709 .A75 1997eb](#)

Print copy also available at: [KE7709 .A26 1997](#), (L) (Lower Level).

The Canada-Vietnam Remittance Corridor by Raul Hernandez-Coss

Electronic Book: [HG3915 .H47 2005eb](#)

North American Borders: Why They Matter by Glynn Custred

Electronic Book: [E895 .C87 2003 c.2](#)

Print copy also available at: [E895 .C87 2003](#) (L)

IX. INTERNET RESOURCES

Aboriginal Canada Portal

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/site.nsf/en/index.html>

Portal run by the Canadian federal government, for resources about and government services for Canadian First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities.

Best Guide to Canadian Legal Research

<http://legalresearch.org/>

Website has up-to-date news about legal research; contains information on how to perform Canadian legal research and links to sites for case and statutory law at both the federal and provincial levels as well as to other Commonwealth nations.



British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII)

<http://www.bailii.org/>

Although site's focus is UK and EU case law and legislation, it also includes Commonwealth legal sources and links to other international legal resources.

Canadian Legal Information Institute (CANLII; English-language page)

<http://www.canlii.ca/en/index.php>

CanLII provides access to primary sources of Canadian law from Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments, as well as links to federal, provincial, and territorial courts, boards and tribunals, legislative and judicial texts, and legal commentaries.

Harvard Law School Library, "Canadian Legal Research"

<http://libguides.law.harvard.edu/content.php?pid=114791>

Website contains very thorough information describing a variety of legal resources pertaining to Canadian law, and how to research them. However, print resources listed contain links to the Harvard University online catalog.

LLRX: "Doing Legal Research in Canada"

<http://www.llrx.com/features/ca.htm>

An extremely detailed guide to the history and legal institutions of Canada; contains information on both primary and secondary resources.

Washburn University, "Canadian Legal Resources"

<http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/america/canada.html>

The "WashLaw" website on Canadian resources contains a series of links on Canadian governmental organizations, courts, and legal organizations.

University of Wisconsin Law Library, "Canadian Law & Legal Research"

http://law.wisc.libguides.com/content.php?pid=122728&search_terms=canadian

An interesting, visual approach to research guides—guide contains charts to explain the structural formation of Canadian governmental organizations, and the relevant materials for research within each branch of the government.

