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Introduction to INTERNATIONAL LAW: A Selective Research Guide

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Introduction:

Resources available at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School Libraries on the subject of International Law cover virtually every nation and almost 100 sub-topics. This guide is intended as a starting point for performing basic research in International Law.

The four major sources of international law include:

- 1.) Case law
- 2.) Conventions
- 3.) Customs
- 4.) Treaties

Case law in international law can include civil and criminal cases heard in any country's national courts, the courts of treaty organizations (such as the European Union's Court of Justice), and the International Court of Justice (often called the "World Court" or ICJ).

Conventions are formal statements of principle created by international non-governing organizations. Examples of conventions that the U.S. is signatory to include: the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights' Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Conventions are treated by nations that adopt them as law at the same level as other treaties that the country follows.

Customs (or Customary Law) are legal norms that developed over time that have been collected and used in disputes between nations. Customs become part of a nation's laws when they are consistently applied over time, reflect the country's usual conduct in dealing with a particular situation, and another nation depends on the country to follow that custom in that situation. Those accepted by all or most nations (e.g.: prohibitions against slavery) can become **Peremptory Norms** (also known as "*Jus Cogens*") which can be changed only by another norm of equal acceptance.



Treaties are agreements between nations, and serve many purposes. Some treaties codify customary law, define national boundaries and set trade limits.

“International” law also includes laws between nations, laws pertaining to international business transactions, laws relating to the operations of non-governmental organizations, and the laws of regional treaty organizations and governing bodies. Numerous books and journals in the Library cover topics such as the U.S. federal government’s relations with other nations, aspects of other nations’ laws, and the work of non-government organizations.

Among the materials in the Cooley Law Libraries is an extensive microform collection, including a long run of treaties and executive agreements that the United States has made with foreign nations and treaty organizations. Immigration law is not covered in this guide, because it usually is part of the federal law of most nations, rather than as international law.

I. Hornbooks & Nutshells

Hornbooks:

Admiralty and Maritime Law, 4th Ed. / Thomas J. Schoenbaum. St. Paul, MN: West, 2004.

Location: KF1104 .S36 2004b. Lansing (Lower Level), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Lower Level)

International maritime law is covered under “Conventions Relating to Carriage of Goods by Sea”, criminal jurisdiction, and sovereign immunity.

Conflict of Laws, 4th Ed. / Eugene F. Scoles [et al.]. St. Paul, MN: West, 2004.

Location: KF411 .S28 2004. Lansing (Lower Level), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Lower Level)

Primarily covers conflicts between U.S. jurisdictions; however, conflicts arising from differences between U.S. and international law are also covered.

Principles of International Business Transactions, Trade, and Economic Relations / Ralph H. Folsom, [et al.] St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2005.

Location: KF1976 .F654 2005. Lansing (Lower Level)

This title provides an overview of issues and principles in international business law.

Nutshells:

Comparative Legal Traditions, 3d Ed. / Mary Ann Glendon, [et al.] St. Paul, MN: West Group, 2008.

Location: K560 .G43 2008. Lansing (Lower Level), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Lower Level)

Compares civil and common law systems, and the European Union.

European Union Law, 6th Ed. / Ralph H. Folsom. St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2008.

Location: KJE949 .F55 2008. Lansing (2d Floor), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (1st Floor)



Explanation of the history of and law-making in the European Union.

International Business Transactions in a Nutshell, 8th Ed. / Ralph H. Folsom, Michael Wallace Gordon, John A. Spanogle. St. Paul, MN: West, 2009.

Location: K3943 .W54 2009. Lansing (Lower Level), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (1st Floor)

Mostly on international finance and sales of goods; other topics include foreign investment, technology transfers, and arbitration.

International Environmental Law in a Nutshell, 2d Ed. / Lakshman D. Guruswamy. St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2003.

Location: K3585.6 .G87 2003. Lansing (Lower Level; 2 copies), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (1st Floor)

Covers laws, agreements, and treaties by environmental organizations.

International Human Rights in a Nutshell, 3d Ed. / Thomas Buergenthal, [et al.]. St. Paul, MN: West Group, 2002.

Location: K3240.4 .B84 2002. Lansing (Lower Level) and Auburn Hills

Book compares human rights law of Africa, European Union, and the UN; with sections on non-government organizations and humanitarian law.

International Legal Research in a Nutshell / Marci B. Hoffman, Robert C. Berring. St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2008.

Location: KZ1234 .H64 2008. Lansing (2d Floor), Auburn Hills (Reserves), and Grand Rapids (1st Floor)

Covers basic concepts in international law, differences between common & civil law, treaties, customary law, case law, the EU and UN, as well as general research strategies.

International Taxation in a Nutshell, 8th Ed. / Richard L. Doernberg. St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2009.

Location: KF6419.Z9 D64 2009. Lansing, Auburn Hills, and Grand Rapids (Reserves)

Coverage limited to U.S. tax law for transactions by American citizens and companies that take place outside of the United States.

International Trade and Economic Relationships in a Nutshell, 4th Ed. / Ralph H. Folsom, Michael Wallace Gordon, John A. Spanogle. St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2009.

Location: K3943 .F64 2009. Lansing (Lower Level), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (1st Floor)

Provides an overview of global trade law—including a history of trade, economic relations, export controls, and trade restrictions.

The Legal System of the People's Republic of China in a Nutshell, 3rd Ed. / Daniel C. K. Chow. St. Paul, MN: West Group, 2003.

Location: KNQ70 .C54 2003. Lansing (2d Floor; 2 copies), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids
Comprehensive overview of Chinese legal system and recent history: also covers civil and criminal procedure, the Chinese Communist Party, constitutional history, foreign investment, and intellectual property.



NAFTA and Free Trade in the Americas, 3rd Ed. / Ralph H. Folsom. St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2008.

Location: KDZ945 .F653 2008. Lansing (Lower Level), Auburn Hills (Tax), & Grand Rapids (Lower Level)

Describes how environmental law, goods & services, intellectual property, and labor are treated under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Public International Law in a Nutshell, 4th Ed. / Thomas Buergenthal, Sean D. Murphy. St. Paul, MN: West Group, c2007.

Location: KZ1265 .B84 2007. Lansing (2d floor), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Lower Level)

Title provides background for international public law; includes sections on dispute resolution, the law of the sea, human rights & humanitarian law, and jurisdiction.

Transnational Litigation / George A. Bermann. St. Paul, MN: Thomson-West, 2003.

Location: KF418 .C48 B47 2003. Lansing (Lower Level), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Lower Level)

Book covers litigation and civil procedure issues, including forum selection, personal and subject matter jurisdiction, choice of law, and enforcing judgments.

II. Dictionaries

Dahl's law dictionary : Spanish-English/English-Spanish : an annotated legal dictionary, including authoritative definitions from codes, case law, statutes, legal writing, international treaties and legal opinions from attorneys general = Diccionario jurídico Dahl / by Henry Saint Dahl. Buffalo, N.Y. : W.S. Hein, 2006.

Location: K52 .S6 D33 2006. Lansing (Reference)

Comprehensive dictionary; not only gives translation of legal words and concepts, but also fully defines them. Dictionary includes tables of abbreviations and key words. Ideal for both students and attorneys.

Dictionary of international and comparative law, 3rd Ed. / James R. Fox. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana Publications, 2003.

Location: KZ1161 .F69 2003. Lansing, Grand Rapids, & Auburn Hills Reference

Brief, but informative entries; has many references to foreign case law, arbitration, treaties, and non-government organizations. Also includes many Latin and other foreign language phrases relating to international law not contained in other sources.

Dictionary of International trade law / Raj Bhala. Newark, NJ: Matthew Bender, 2008.

Location: K3943 .B488 2008. Lansing (Reference)

Dictionary covers international commerce by defining international trade organizations, legal terms of art, and economic concepts. Each entry has a list of references; book also includes charts, graphs, maps, and tables. An excellent resource for both students and attorneys.



Dictionary of international trade terms / Edward G. Hinkelman, editor. San Rafael, Calif.: World Trade Press, 1994.

Location: HF1373 .D53 1994. Lansing (Lower Level)

Defines many terms dealing with international trade, sales, contracts, shipping and customs, and trade organizations—would be especially helpful for students in Sales or international trade organization elective courses.

Historical dictionary of human rights and humanitarian organizations / Robert F. Gorman, Edward S. Mihalkanin. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 1997.

Location: JC571 .G655 1997. Lansing (Lower Level)

Dictionary entries include profiles of organizations, brief biographies of important figures in the history of human rights, political documents, and treaties. Book also contains timeline of human rights events, bibliography, and United Nations Convention on Human Rights.

Historical dictionary of international tribunals / Boleslaw Adam Boczek. Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press, 1994.

Location: KZ6250 .B63 1994. Lansing (2d Floor)

Dictionary of tribunals; entries describe topic, outcome, and major figures. Book contains biographies of ambassadors, chronology of history of international tribunals, extensive bibliography, and a special glossary.

Parry and Grant encyclopaedic dictionary of international law, 2nd Ed. / edited by John P. Grant and J. Craig Barker. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana Publications, 2004.

Location: KZ1161 .P37 2004. Auburn Hills (Reference) and Grand Rapids (Reference)

An Anglo-American volume; biased towards the Common Law system. Most entries are extremely detailed, and contain lengthy case summaries of important cases in international law. Also contains biographical entries of important persons in jurisprudence, and texts of documents, including the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties and the UN Charter.

III. Encyclopedias/ Indexes

Encyclopedias:

American Jurisprudence: a modern comprehensive text statement of American law, State and Federal, 2d Edition. Rochester, N.Y.: Lawyers Co-op., San Francisco: Bancroft-Whitney, 1962- .

Location: KF154 .A42. Lansing (Strosacker Room), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids

Standard legal encyclopedia with chapters on International Law and related subjects. Updated regularly with replacement volumes and pocket-parts. See index under "International Law" for details.

Corpus Juris Secundum. St. Paul, Minn.: West Pub. Co., 1936- .

Location: KF154 .C56. Lansing (Strosacker Room), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids

General legal encyclopedia; has articles on International Law and related subjects. Updated with replacement volumes and pocket-parts. Check "International Law" in index for details.



Martindale-Hubbell International Law Digest. New Providence, NJ: Martindale-Hubbell, 2001- .

Location: K68 .M3. Lansing, Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Reference); Lansing (Career Services)

Digest has laws of 89 countries, and summaries of international Conventions.

Indexes:

Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America, 1776-1949 / edited by Charles I. Bevans. Washington, D.C.: Dep't of State, 1968-1976.

Location: KZ236 1968. Lansing (2d Floor) and Auburn Hills

Thirteen-volume set containing actual text of treaties and multilateral agreements between the United States and other nations.

United States Treaty Index: 1976-1990 Consolidation / edited by Igor I. Kavass. Buffalo, NY: Hein, 1991- .

Location: KZ235 .U58. Lansing (2d Floor), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Lower Level) Index to U.S. Treaties, presented chronologically by subject and country. Does not include text of treaties; includes references to where actual text can be found.

Guide to the United States Treaties in Force / edited by Igor I. Kavass. Buffalo, NY: Hein, 1982- .

Location: KZ235 .G85. Lansing (2d Floor; 1982-), Auburn Hills (2001-), & Grand Rapids (Lower Level; 2003-) and **ONLINE.**

Record of U.S. treaties now in force, updated annually. Does not include actual text; does include references to where text can be found.

United Nations Statement of Treaties and Agreements: registered or filed and recorded with the Secretariat: in English and French: annual cumulation. Buffalo, NY: Hein, 1996- .

Location: KZ171.S74. Lansing (2d Floor), Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids (Lower Level) Record of treaties and agreements registered or filed and recorded with the United Nations Secretariat. Published annually; does not include full text of treaties or agreements.

IV. Guides

The ABA Guide to International Business Negotiations: a Comparison of Cross-cultural Issues and Successful Approaches, 3rd Ed. / James R. Silkenat, Jeffrey M. Aresty, Jacqueline Klosek, editors. Chicago, Ill.: American Bar Association, Section of International Law, 2009.

Location: K1005.4 .A22 2009. Lansing, Auburn Hills, and Grand Rapids.

Gives background on cross-cultural aspects of business negotiation. Includes extensive guides to 26 countries, including languages used, history, legal background, style of negotiations, and important holidays.

Careers in International Law, 3rd ed. / Edited by Salli Anne Swartz. Chicago, Ill.: ABA Section of International Law and Practice, 2008.



Location: KZ1238 .U55 C37 2008. Career Services Offices (Lansing, Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids)

Helps answer questions about working in the field of international law. Includes profiles on attorneys in international arbitration, and admiralty, criminal, environmental, humanitarian, public, and transactional law.

Careers in International Law: A Guide to Career Paths in International Law. Washington, D.C.: American Society of International Law, 2007.

Location: KZ1237 .C37 2007. Career Services Offices (Lansing, Auburn Hills, & Grand Rapids)

Book explains the international law field, jobs within it, and networking tips to get those jobs. Contains detailed information on applying for internationally-focused internships for law students through the U.S. federal government, and non-government or private organizations.

Contemporary practice of public international law / Ellen G. Schaffer & Randall J. Snyder, editors. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. : Oceana Publications, c1997.

Location: KZ 1234 .C66 1997. Lansing (2d Floor)

Originally published as a guide for librarians; useful for students in explaining how to research many areas of international law, including dispute resolution, international commercial law, refugees and human rights, and state succession issues.

Guide to International Business Practices. Buffalo, N.Y.: W.S. Hein, 1997.

Location: K563.B87 G85 1997. Lansing (Lower Level)

Profiles 116 nations; includes IP rights, foreign investment rules, regulatory agencies, and tax issues for each. Provides overview of export transactions, international sales, and distribution agreements.

Guide to international environmental law / Alexandre Kiss and Dinah Shelton. Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007.

Location: K3585 .K57 2007. Auburn Hills

An excellent beginner's guide for both students and attorneys on international environmental law (IEL) principles. Book covers basic international law concepts, the development of IEL, and the effects of IEL on international trade agreements, military activities, and human rights.

Guide to International Legal Research / the George Washington Journal of International law and Economics. Salem, N.H.: Butterworths Legal Publishers, 1990- .

Location: KZ1234.G84. Lansing (2d Floor); Supplements (1st Floor Reference)

Among the best guides for researching international law; has highly detailed guides including both electronic and paper resources. Book is divided into sections on topics and by nation. Previous editions are located on second floor of the Lansing campus library.

A Handbook of International Human Rights Terminology / H. Victor Conden. Lincoln, Neb.: University of Nebraska Press, 2004.

Location: K3239.3.C66 2004. Lansing (Lower Level)

Scholarly, but easily-understood dictionary of human rights concepts and foreign phrases. Book's final section has a bibliography and conventions on human rights worldwide.



V. Treatises

There are hundreds of titles about International Law in the three Cooley Law Libraries. Books can be searched by topic and/or country name. Additional titles are listed under the category of "Electronic Books". The following titles are examples illustrating the scope of the Library's collection, and ones that anyone seeking an understanding of international law may find helpful. Another important source that should not be overlooked is the 1,200 + titles available in microfilm or microfiche formats—most of which are treaties of the United States.

Basic documents in international law and world order / selected and edited by Burns H. Weston, Richard A. Falk, Anthony A. D'Amato. St. Paul: West Pub. Co., 1990.

Location: KZ 64 .B372 1990. Lansing (2d floor)

Collection of documents in variety of international law areas including the environment, human rights, economic development, and warfare. Most are treaties or declarations of states, government agencies, and non-government organizations.

Basics of international intellectual property law / G. Gregory Letterman. Ardsley, NY: Transnational Publishers, 2001.

Location: K 1401 .L48 2001. Lansing (Lower Level)

Examines transactions in international intellectual property including harmonization and the role of trade organizations, with separate sections on copyrights, patents, and trademarks. Text is often correlated to treaties; most useful for LL.M. students and attorneys.

Cases and Commentary on International Law, 6th ed. / Mark W. Janis, John E. Noyes. St. Paul, MN: Thomson West, 2006.

Location: KZ1242.5.J36 2006. Lansing (2d Floor) & Auburn Hills

Text often used in Cooley's International Law courses; provides overview of entire scope of international law, and most important cases.

Custom, power, and the power of rules: international relations and customary international law / Michael Byers. Cambridge, UK; New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Location: KZ 3225.B93 C87 1999. Lansing (2d Floor)

This book examines the process and application of power through jurisdiction, protection of individuals, reciprocity, and customary international law, with an interdisciplinary perspective.

Elements of War Crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: Sources and Commentary / Knut Dörmann. Cambridge, UK; New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003

Location: K5301 .D64 2003. Lansing (Lower Level)

Examines the crimes listed in Article 8 of the Rome Statute. Elements listed include commentary taken from cases, commentary, and their legal basis for inclusion.

Encyclopedia of the European Union / Desmond Dinan, editor. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2000.

Location: JN30.E52 2000. Lansing (Lower Level)



Excellent overview of the EU. Contains bibliography, biographies of key politicians, explanations of important historical events and key documents, timeline of events, and lists of personnel and member states.

A Guide to International Estate Planning: Drafting, Compliance, and Administration Strategies, 2d ed. / Jeffrey A. Schoenblum, editor. Chicago, Ill.: Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law, ABA, c2000.

Location: KF750.A2 I575 2000. Lansing (Lower Level)

Guide covers conflicts of law principles, wills and probate, marital and family rights, special tax considerations including emigration and transfers to non-citizens. Geared towards tax and estate practitioners.

International commercial transactions, 2d ed. / Jan Ramberg. Paris: ICC; Cambridge, MA: Kluwer Law International; Stockholm: Norstedts Juridik AB, 2000.

Location: K1005.4 .R35 2000. Lansing (Lower Level)

Describes basic concepts in international commercial and sales contracts, payment systems, risk of loss, breach of contract, and dispute resolution.

International Copyright: Principles, Law, and Practice / Paul Goldstein. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

Location: K1420.5 .G65 2001. Auburn Hills

Explains copyright laws between nations, including multi-national treaties such as WIPO and the Berne Convention, and effects of regional trade agreements on copyright laws. The book also examines how foreign works are protected under American copyright laws. Appropriate for students and attorneys.

International Environmental Law: Fairness, Effectiveness, and World Order / Elli Louka. Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006

Location: K3585 .L68 2006. Lansing (Lower Level)

Excellent scholarly overview to the field; looks at historical evolution of the area, lawmaking process, difference in perspective between developed and developing nations, compliance and enforcement, waste management, liability, biodiversity and fisheries.

International Family Law: An Introduction / Barbara Stark. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2005.

Location: K670.S73 2005. Lansing (Lower Level)

Comparative examination of how different nations deal with issues including marriage, divorce and children, domestic violence, reproductive rights and abortion, and human rights of families. Best for general comparisons, rather than for determining specific laws.

International law, 5th Ed. / Malcolm N. Shaw. Cambridge, UK; New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

Location: KZ3275 .S53 2003. Lansing (2d Floor) and Grand Rapids (Reference)

Perhaps the best single-volume overview on international law. Includes: sources and historical development of international law, air/space law, jurisdiction and immunities, law of the seas, and recognition of states.



An international restatement of contract law: the UNIDROIT principles of international commercial contracts / Michael Joachim Bonell. Ardsley, N.Y.: Transnational Publishers, 2005

Location: K 1005.B66 2005. Lansing (Lower Level)

Detailed examination of UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts, including scope, principles, purpose, and use. Appendices include the text of UNIDROIT in English and six other languages.

An introduction to Contemporary International Law, 2nd Ed. / Lung-chu Chen. New Haven : Yale University Press, 2000.

Location: KZ 3110.C48 A35 2000. Lansing (2d Floor)

Examined through public policy, the book examines international law through its state and individual participants, bases of power and control of resources, strategies, and outcomes.

An Introduction to the International Criminal Court / William A. Schabas. Cambridge, UK and New York, N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Location: KZ6310.S33 2001. Lansing (2d Floor)

Excellent overview on the creation and structure of the court, and crimes it prosecutes. Also includes information on the court's jurisdiction, investigative and pretrial procedure, trial and appeal, rights of victims and punishment of guilty parties.

Introduction to United States international taxation, 5th Ed. / Paul R. McDaniel & Hugh J. Ault. The Hague; Boston : Kluwer Law International, 2005

Location: KF 6441 .M3 2005. Lansing (2d floor), Auburn Hills (Tax), & Grand Rapids (Lower Level)

Excellent guide; short and easily understandable. Includes sections on foreign income for U.S. nationals and business operations, non-resident aliens and foreign corporations, foreign currency issues, tax treaties, and wealth transfers.

Joint ventures in the international arena / editors, Darrell Prescott, Salli Anne Swartz. Chicago, Ill.: Section of International Law and Practice, American Bar Association, 2003.

Location: K1309 .J62 2003. Lansing (Lower Level)

Gives helpful tips and information on tax considerations, regulation in Europe and the United States, definitions, sample contracts, and checklists. Intended for corporate practitioners.

Law-making in the international community / G. M. Danielko. Dordrecht; Boston: M. Nijhof, 1993.

Location: KZ1293 .D36 1993. Lansing (2d Floor)

Examines how international law is made and changed; discusses proposed reforms, issues of procedure, and the role of the International Court of Justice.

Negotiating and structuring international commercial transactions / David N. Goldsweig, Mark R. Sandstrom, editors. [Chicago, Ill.] : Section of International Law and Practice, American Bar Association, 2003.

Location: K1005.6 .N43 2003. Lansing (Lower Level)



Easy-to-understand guide for practitioners; includes information on the UN Convention on Contracts for International Sale of Goods, payment, dispute resolution, drafting documents, and antitrust issues. Book includes several sample agreements.

Peremptory Norms in International Law / Alexander Orakhelashvili. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Location: KZ1261.O73 2006. Lansing (2d Floor)

Very scholarly work; discusses definition of peremptory norms, how they are applied to international law, used by international tribunals, and their effect on international organizations and national legal systems.

The principles and practice of international commercial arbitration / Margaret L. Moses Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

Location: K2400 .M67 2008. Lansing (Lower Level)

Geared towards attorneys; book includes background on alternative dispute resolutions methods, drafting arbitration agreements, consideration regarding choice of laws, the mechanics of arbitration proceedings, and ways to enforce or set aside an arbitration award.

Principles of Public International Law, 6th Ed. / Ian Brownlie. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Location: KZ3225 .B76 A37 2003. Grand Rapids (Reference)

Gives a thorough background on the sources of international law, and how they relate to municipal law. Includes sections on protection of individuals, states and torts, cooperative use of resources, territorial sovereignty, and the recognition of states.

Tax Management International portfolios. Washington, D.C.: Tax Management, Inc., 2003-

Location: KF6289 .A1 T35. Lansing (2d Floor) and Auburn Hills (Tax)

85 volumes; international taxation and business transactions, as well as the tax laws of 40 nations and political entities, including the European Union, Hong Kong, and Puerto Rico, are covered in individual volumes.

VI. Electronic Books

At the CoolCat website (<http://library.cooley.edu/>), click on "Electronic Resources". To access the databases, click on the name from the list at the left side of the screen, then click on "Internet Access for Law Schools" to bring up the list of titles. If you are accessing the database remotely, you will be prompted for your name and student number to access treatises electronically.

Matthew Bender Treatises:

- Baxter, World Patent Law & Practice
- Benedict on Admiralty
- Country Reports
- Foreign Affairs Manual—Documents
- International Computer Law
- International Copyright 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 2000.

VII. Journals

The Thomas M. Cooley Law School Libraries have over 100 journal titles in print and electronic formats that specifically deal with international law. This includes journals published outside the United States, and those published domestically that deal with some aspect of international law. Many of the foreign-published international law journals held in the Library are from Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, which supports the School's academic programs in those countries.

Another source to consult for international law is "ordinary" law review journals. Many publish articles or special issues on international law topics, if it is not the primary focus of the journal. You may also access some of these law journal titles through Westlaw or Lexis. Most of the titles listed below are available in their entirety thru the Hein Online Database. The most recent issues can usually be checked out from the Reserves collection, on the first floor in the Lansing library. Selected titles include:

***The American Journal of Comparative Law.* Berkeley: American Association for the Comparative Study of Law. 1952-present**

Location: K1 .M439. Lansing (Lower Level)

***The American Journal of International Law.* Washington: American Society of International Law. 1907-present**

Location: K1 .M445. Lansing (Lower Level)

***The International and Comparative Law Quarterly.* London: British Institute of International and Comparative Law. 1952—present.**

Location: K9 .N7719. Lansing (Lower Level)

***The International Lawyer.* [Chicago]: Section of International Law, American Bar Association. 1966—present.**

Location: K9 .N84717. Lansing (Lower Level)

VIII. Databases

These databases are generally accessed through the Coolcat homepage at <http://library.cooley.edu/>, and clicking on the "Electronic Resources" link. Then 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. tax law; contains a section on International Tax, with links to *U.S. Tax Treaties Reporter*, relevant international tax cases, and IRS publications.

Congressional Universe:

Excellent resource for information on treaties of the United States. Contains detailed information, including summaries and full transcripts from Congressional hearings.

First Search:

A database for searching scholarly legal articles. Can be used to find articles in Cooley's Library, in other libraries, or for finding full-text articles in PDF and HTML formats.

HeinOnline Database:

This is an excellent resource for international law research. Database has hundreds of journals available, including U.S. and foreign publications on international law. The **English Reports**, searchable by citation or case name, are available from 1486 to 1865, as are many historical books on the law, particularly on early English Common Law. The "Treaties & Agreements Library" has official and unofficial treaty publications, treaty guides/indexes, books, and guides on performing treaty & international law research. Finally, there is a link to the Phillip Jessup Library for links to ILSA journals and a moot court compendium.

To access, click on "Subscribers Enter Here", after reaching the HeinOnline page.

Index to Legal Periodicals:

A general index for all of H.W. Wilson's legal-related publications; comprehensive coverage for books and journals from the U.S., Canada, and the U.K. Access is through the Coolcat's "Electronic Resources" link; scroll down to the "Index to Legal Periodicals" link. If Cooley has electronic access to a journal, you can link to and 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, Foreign Jurisdictions, International Law and Organizations, and Multi-Jurisdictional Subject collections.

Legal Scholarship Network:

Database allows for searching and downloading of academic papers, obtaining abstracts, exporting citations, and info on how to contact authors.

Legal Trac:

A legal periodicals index, with comprehensive American and Canadian coverage. Results of searches are placed under "tabs" for academic journals (*i.e.* law reviews), magazines (professional publications), news (legal newspapers), reference, and multimedia. Access is through Coolcat's "Electronic Resources" link, click onto "Legal Trac", and sign on.



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:

- Cases from Mexico, the European Union, U.S. cases on international law, and common law jurisdictions including Australia, Canada, Malaysia, and the UK.
- “Global Legal”: Coverage for 28 nations, the British Commonwealth, & European Union—plus multinational publications. Coverage varies; some include case law, international arbitration, law directories, and treatises.
- Law Journals, publications on international affairs, legal news, and directories.
- Treaties & International agreements.
- Treatises (listed under “Analysis and Continuing Legal Education materials”)

Making of Modern Law:

Excellent for historical research; database contains full texts of American and British legal works published between 1800 and 1926. Includes “browse” features for searching works and authors alphabetically.

RIA Checkpoint:

Only a limited amount of materials on this taxation database are relevant for international law issues; includes 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 other common law jurisdictions. Access through the Portal, or at <https://lawschool.westlaw.com/> .

To narrow possible sources for searches, click on “Add/Remove Tabs”—there are many options for either specific or general areas of research in international law. Some relevant areas and tabs include:

- General Resources (with “Canadian Research” tab)
- Topics (with “International Law” and “International Trade” tabs)
- Westlaw Australia
- Westlaw CARSWELL (for Canadian sources)
- Westlaw International (includes sources for Commonwealth law, European Union, Hong Kong, United Kingdom, U.S. topical, international news/journals.)
- Westlaw UK (including Scotland-specific sources)

Each area includes sources for searching administrative agency regulations, cases, legislation, statutory law, treatises, and patent/trademark databases.



The best way to find non-common law sources is through choosing the “Westlaw International” tab, then “International & World-wide Materials” under the International Directory. There, materials can be searched by region and nation, and narrowed down to type of source, such as arbitration awards, statutes, or tribunals.

IX. Internet Resources

American Bar Association, Section of International Law:

<http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/home.html>

Official website of the section; geared to practicing members. Contains detailed information about group’s activities, conferences, and publications

American Society of International Law:

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

Official website of the society; “Research Tools” contains link to the ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law, an eBook of international legal resources.

British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII):

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

Site’s focus is UK and EU case law, legislation, and commission papers, as well as Commonwealth legal sources. Also includes links to other international legal resources.

Columbia Law School, Research Guides to International and Foreign Law:

http://www.law.columbia.edu/library/Research_Guides#8187

Contains excellent research guides on several international law topics and how to perform research within those areas.

Court of Arbitration for Sports:

<http://www.tas-cas.org/>

In English and French; official site contains the tribunal’s news, code (under “Arbitration”), international dispute resolution, and case decisions.

Court of Justice of the European Communities:

<http://curia.europa.eu/en/transitpage.htm>

Official, English-language website of the court; contains links on procedure, digests, EU case law, and documents, including the EU Constitution and Treaty of Rome.

Electronic Information System for International Law:

www.eisil.org

Well-organized site contains materials on many topics of international law and relations, as well as information on nations and non-government organizations.

European Court of Human rights (Official Site):

www.echr.coe.int/echr/Homepage_En

Contains court information, documents, & protocols of the European Convention on Human Rights. Decisions can be found under “Case-Law”, through the HUDOC Collection link.



Foreign Law Research (FLARE):

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/flare/flare.htm>

By a consortium of several UK law libraries; research guides have excellent explanations for performing research on the legal systems of Central Asian and Eastern European countries.

Global Lex, Hauser Global Law School Program, New York University:

<http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/>

Site contains excellent, in-depth guides on selected topics of international law, comparative law research, and the law of foreign nations.

International Court of Justice (Official site):

<http://www.icj-cij.org/homepage/index.php?lang=en>

Website of the International Court of Justice ("World Court"); includes links to the court's docket, press releases, and all advisory opinions/ decisions of cases, as far back as 1947. Also contains publications of the ICJ's precursor, the Permanent Court of International Justice, from 1922 to 1946.

International Criminal Court (Official site):

<http://www2.icc-cpi.int/Menus/ICC/Home>

Official English-language website of the criminal court; includes links to cases, news, and video streaming of its two courtrooms.

International Trade Administration:

<http://www.ita.doc.gov/>

Documents from U.S. Department of Commerce, assisting businesses involved in international trade. Links to press releases, data sheets on various aspects of international trade, and downloadable electronic forms.

International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea:

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

English & French-language site for the Germany-based tribunal. Website has links to cases, general information, holdings documents, news, and publications.

LLRX.com, "Comparative / Foreign Law":

<http://www.llrx.com/category/1050>

An excellent source for subject guides on a host of legal matters, with research guides created by librarians. Some of the best on international law include:

European Union Law: <http://www.llrx.com/features/eulaw2.htm>

International Refugee Law: <http://www.llrx.com/features/refugee.htm>

Islamic Law: <http://www.llrx.com/features/islamiclaw.htm>

Law Library of Congress, "Global Gateway: World Culture & Resources":

<http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html>

One of the best sources for international coverage, with links to many excellent resources. "Research Guides and Databases" has links to guides on foreign legal resources, treaties,



The Global Legal Information Network database contains legal and legislative documents contributed by foreign governments.

News & Events, “Global Legal Monitor”:

<http://www.loc.gov/law/news/glm.html>

Monthly digest by LC, summarizing legal developments from around the world.

Research Help, “Nations”:

<http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/nations.php>

Excellent website provides materials on every nation; each nation’s page has links to further information on constitutions, government, laws, and overviews.

Legal Research on International Law Issues Using the Internet:

<http://www2.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/forintl.html>

Very large, exhaustive list of International Law resources available online; recommended by “The Jurist”.

New York University, Journal of International Law & Politics:

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/journals/jilp/issues/index.htm>

Links to current and past issues of NYU’s *Journal of International Law & Politics*.

Organization of American States, “Documents”:

<http://www.oas.org/documents/eng/documents.asp>

Contains annual reports, official documents of organization, as well as an online reference collection, resolutions & declarations, treaties.

Permanent Court of Arbitration:

<http://www.pca-cpa.org/>

In English and French; website of the oldest institution devoted to international dispute resolution. Includes links to documents and recent and pending cases.

Project on International Courts and Tribunals:

<http://www.pict-pcti.org>

Contains information on the history of international courts, with links to various international courts and their decisions.

Southern African Legal Information Institute:

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

Legal information on southern and eastern Africa and Seychelles; also contains links to COMESA and East African Courts of Justice.

United Nations, “International Law” site:

<http://www.un.org/en/law>

English-language site; also available in Arabic, Chinese, French, and Russian through the main UN site.

Databases: <http://www.un.org/databases/index.html>

Research Guide: <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/resguide/index.html>



Subject Guides: <http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/subjectguides.htm>

United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs, “Audiovisual Library of International Law”:
<http://www.un.org/law/avl/>

Site includes an online research library with links to official UN documents and publications and an audio lecture series, with lectures by legal scholars and high-ranking UN officials.

University of Michigan Library Documents Center, “Foreign Government Resources on the Web”:

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/foreignnew.html>

Excellent site featuring government websites; includes statistics, international agencies, political science, embassies, constitutions, & background.

Washburn University School of Law, “Foreign and International Law”:

<http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/>

Extremely comprehensive site on governments and NGO’s; navigate site by clicking on the alphabetical range for a particular topic, or area of the world for individual nations.

X. Primary Legal Sources in Microforms & Historical Treatises

Primary Legal Sources:

The Cooley Law Library has over 3,200 microfilms & microfiche on international law, treaties, and related legislative documents. For U.S. treaties, the collection also includes related documents such as reports, issue papers, preliminary studies (many by the Library of Congress’s Congressional Research Service), and transcripts of hearings.

To search for a treaty or related documents, try a “subject” search in Coolcat by either the treaty’s popular name or acronym, the subject of the treaty, or by the names of the country or countries involved. For example, to find documents relating to the implementation of NAFTA, one can search by “North American Free Trade Agreement”, by “NAFTA”, by “free trade”, or by “Canada” and/or “Mexico”.

Historical Treatises:

The treatise collection contains the “Classics of International Law” reprint series, published by Hein, and is available in both print and microfiche versions. The books (which do not circulate) are modern reprints of historically-important authors and titles in international law, and often contain a volume in a title’s original language and an English translation. Among the influential authors in the collection are Emer de Vattel, Alberico Gentili, Hugo Grotius, and Samuel Pufendorf, all of whom wrote during the 16th to 18th centuries.

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