



International Legal Research: A Basic Guide & Selected Materials in the Westminster Law Library

I. DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, DIRECTORIES

Elsevier's Legal Dictionary: in English, German, French, Dutch, and Spanish.
Level 1 Reference K54.E45 2001

Encyclopedia of Public International Law. **Level 1 Ref. KZ1160 .E53**

Covers broad subjects; a good starting point for research, updated.

Encyclopedia of Associations: International Organizations. **Level 3 Reference AS22 .E53 2001**

For current edition use LexisNexis, Westlaw. Guide to thousands of international non-profit organizations.

Fox, Dictionary of International & Comparative Law. 3rd ed.

Level 1 Reference KZ1161 .F69 2003

Explains legal terms and provides citations to many international treaties, agreements and cases.

Hieros Gamos. Law Firms Worldwide. <http://www.hg.org/lawfirms.html>

International Lawyer's Deskbook. 2nd ed. Chicago: Section of International Law and Practice, ABA. 2003. **Level 1 Reference K559.I57 2003**

Individual chapters on international business topics.

Martindale-Hubbell International Law Directory. 3v. **Level 1 Reference KF190.M372**

Annual, Professional Biographies, Law Firm Associations. Also on LexisNexis, and the Internet <http://www.martindale-hubbell.ca/ArticleMain.aspx>

Osmanczyk, Encyclopedia of the United Nations and International Relations. 3rd ed. 4 v. **Level 1 Reference KZ4968.O76 2003**

Includes international treaties, etc., as well as events.

Pagell, Ruth A. and Michael Halperin. International Business Information: How to Find It, How to Use It. 2nd ed. **Level 1 HF54.5 .P33 1998**

Practical guide for the researcher, describing key international publications and databases.

Perry and Grant, Encyclopaedic Dictionary of International Law. Rev. ed.

Level 1 Reference KZ1161 .P37 2004

Covers basic terms, treaties, figures of international law.

Yearbook of International Organizations. **Level 1 Reference AS22 .Y42**

Current edition only. Compliments Encyclopedia of International Organizations above.

II. RESEARCH GUIDES AND MANUALS

Accidental Tourist on the New Frontier: An Introductory Guide to Global Legal Research. **Level 1 Reference K85.A27 1997** Parts III, IV.

EISIL Electronic Information System for International Law. <http://www.eisil.org/>
From the American Society of International Law.

Guide to International Legal Research. 6th ed. **Level 1 and Level 3 Reference KZ1234 .G85 2004**

Suggests systematic research framework and useful materials to consult. Lists primary as well as secondary materials, and Internet and commercial online sources.

International and Foreign Law Basics. Research Guide from the E.B. Williams Library at the Georgetown University Law Center.
<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/InternationalForeignbasics.cfm>

Introduction to International Organizations. **Level 1 Reference JZ4839.I58 1996**

Provides basic information on what international organizations are and how to access the information they produce.

Westminster Law Library Catalog

Use words to search for bibliographies and research guides which are subject specific, for example:

International Environmental Law: Basic Instruments and References.
Level 1 K3583.W45 1992, 1999

III. OTHER SECONDARY RESOURCES

Restatement of the Law, Third: The Foreign Relations Law of the United States.
Level 3 KF4651 .R47, LexisNexis, Westlaw

Views of leading U.S. international law scholars on a wide range of subjects.
Citations to primary sources and secondary literature. Annual pocketpart.

Yearbooks: published annually, containing basic documents of an international organization as well as information about activities for the year. Search the library catalog by organizational name (Yearbook of the United Nations) or by jurisdictional entity (The British Yearbook of International Law) or by topic (Yearbook of International Environmental Law, Max Planck Yearbook of United Nations Law.)

Journal Indexes and Journals

See Westminster Law Library Subject Guide #9: International Resources: Journal Research.

<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > under “Research” on left frame, click Subject Guides > Foreign and International Research > International Resources: Journal Research.

IV. TREATY RESEARCH

(See also library Subject Guide “Finding International Treaties”, #11)

A. Finding Aids

1. United States Treaties

Treaties in Force. **Level 1 Reference KZ235 .T74 Lexis, Westlaw, Dept. of State** <http://www.state.gov/s/l/c8455.htm> An annual list of treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is a party.

A Guide to the United States Treaties in Force. **Level 1 Reference KZ235 .G85** More detailed index to Treaties in Force. Electronic version in Databases, HeinOnline.

United States Treaty Index: 1776-2000 Consolidation.
Level 1 KZ235 .U58 2001
Comprehensive index to all documented U.S. treaties.

Current Treaty Index. **Level 1 KZ235 .U582**
Semi-annual loose-leaf supplement to the above. Texts in Microfiche Collection.

2. Other treaty guides

Bowman, Multilateral Treaties: Index and Current Status.
Level 1 Reference KZ118.B69 1984 and Current Supplement (1995)
A list of major multilateral treaties with citations.

Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General.
<http://untreaty.un.org/ENGLISH/bible/englishinternetbible/bible.asp>
Status of over 400 multilateral treaties. Updated daily.

Rohn, World Treaty Index. **Level 1 KZ173.R64 1974, 1984**
Chronological and subject access to treaties world-wide. Helpful up to 1984.
<http://www1.lib.washington.edu/dbtw-wpd/docs/wti/wtdb.htm>

Wiktor, Multilateral Treaty Calendar, 1648-1995. **Level 1 Reference KZ118.W55 1998** Chronological listing with information on treaty text location.

Office of the Legal Adviser, State Dept. Treaty Affairs. **(202) 647-2044**
<http://www.state.gov/s/l/>

United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, Treaty Section.
Tel. (212) 963-5048, Fax (212) 963-3693, E-mail - treaty@un.org

B. Treaty Texts

1. United States Treaties:

Treaties and Other International Acts Series. (T.I.A.S.)

Level 1 KZ235.32 .U55

More recently concluded treaties in print.

United States Treaties and Other International Agreements. (U.S.T.)

Level 1 KZ235.3 .U55

Official text of U. S. treaties from 1950.

United States Statutes at Large. **Level 3 KF50.U5**

Volumes 8-64 include text of U.S. treaties from 1776-1949. Index in v. 64, III.

Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America, 1776-1949, compiled under the direction of Charles I. Bevans.

Level 1 KZ236 1968

Hein's United States Treaties and Other International Agreements Current Service **Level 2 Microfiche KZ235.31.U55**

Updates T.I.A.S.; index in Current Treaty Index above.

International Legal Materials. **Level 1 KZ64 .J58; HeinOnline;**

LexisNexis: International Legal Materials; Westlaw: ILM

Bimonthly journal with text of selected treaties, cases, other international documents.

Treaties on-line

HeinOnline Treaty and Agreements Library

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=ustreaties>

LexisNexis: (See up-to-date listings in Find-A-Source). U.S. Treaties on Lexis (1776 – present):

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>

Enter LexisNexis Custom I.D., password, and click SIGN ON. On right frame under “Research,” click LexisNexis. At main menu, click LEGAL tab:

Under Area of Law by Topic, click International Law. Under “Find Treaties & International Agreements,” click U.S. Treaties on Lexis.

Westlaw (See up-to-date listings in IDEN):

U.S. Treaties and Other International Agreements (1778 – present):

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://lawschool.westlaw.com>

Sign on Westlaw, enter password, and type the following Database Identifier in “Search for a Database” template on left frame: USTreaties.

Westminster Law Library at
<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > Web Research Links > International and Foreign Resources > Treaties and Other International Documents.

2. Other International Treaty Series:

Consolidated Treaty Series. (C.T.S.) **Level 1 KZ120 .P35**

Historically significant international agreements, 1648-1919.

League of Nations Treaty Series. (L.N.T.S.) 1920-1946

Level 2 Microfiche KZ170.5.T74

United Nations Treaty Series. (U.N.T.S.) 1946-2001.

Level 2 Microfiche KZ172 .T74

See also

[http://157.150.195.4/LibertyIMS::/anon/Cmd=\\$\\$73FAKzKIP6HTAUHrJ;XJo0Lg9=S1WUHR1.Xtk](http://157.150.195.4/LibertyIMS::/anon/Cmd=$$73FAKzKIP6HTAUHrJ;XJo0Lg9=S1WUHR1.Xtk)

V. JUDICIAL DECISIONS

A. Finding Aids

Repertory of Decisions of the International Court of Justice (1947-1992) 2 v.

Level 1 KZ213.R47 1995

World Court Digest. 3v. **Level 1 Reference KZ213.W67 1993**

Online at

<http://www.mpil.de/ww/en/pub/research/details/publications/institute/wcd.cfm>

Topical digest of ICJ judgments, advisory opinions & orders.

The World Court Reference Guide. **Level 1 Reference KZ200.5.W67 2002**

Comprehensive compilation of the judicial, procedural, organizational, and administrative aspects of the judgments, advisory opinions and orders of the PCIJ and the ICJ.

B. Decision Texts:

International Law Reports. Lauterpacht, ed. **Level 1 KZ199.I58**

English language texts of judgments of international tribunals plus selected cases related to international law from national courts and arbitration awards.

American International Law Cases. 3 series. **Level 1 KZ238.A2D4**

United States federal and state court decisions having to do with public international law.

International Court of Justice (I.C.J., 1946-)

Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders.

Level 1 KZ214 .I58

Westlaw: INT-ICJ

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://lawschool.westlaw.com>

Permanent Court of International Justice (P.C.I.J., 1922-1946)

Pleadings, Oral Arguments and Documents. **Level 1 KZ208.P47 Ser. C**

Collection of judgments. **Level 1 KZ208.P47 Ser.A**

Advisory Opinions, Collection of. **Level 1 KZ208.P47 Ser. B**

World Court Reports. **Level 1 KZ208.P476**

European Court of Justice

Reports of Cases. **Level 1 KJE924 .8 C732**

Decisions On-line

LexisNexis: European Court of Justice Cases

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>

Area of Law By Topic > International Law > Find Cases.

Westlaw: INT-ICJ, EU-ALL

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://lawschool.westlaw.com>

Hein Online - Treaties & Agreements Library:

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://www.heinonline.org/HOL/Index?collection=ustreaties>

Westminster Law Library, Databases/Indexes

<http://law.du.edu/site/code/library/databaserd.php>. Set template to

International and Foreign and click GO.

Westminster Law Library <http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library>

>Web Research Links>International and Foreign Resources>Courts and Case Law, International and National.

VI. DOCUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Nations

(See also library Subject Guide “United Nations Resources”, #15)

Official Document System (ODS) <http://documents.un.org>

1993 – present, with older documents regularly added.

AccessUN (1945-2007):

http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://infoweb.newsbank.com/?db=UNAD&s_start=unad

Index to United Nations documents in Library’s Level 2 Microfiche collection. Selective items in full text online.

Selected Yearbooks:

Yearbook/International Court of Justice. **Level 1 KZ6273.I67**

United Nations Juridical Yearbook. **Level 1 KZ4949 .U54**

Yearbook of the International Law Commission.

Level 1 KZ1289 .U54

Yearbook of the United Nations. **Level 1 JZ4947.Y43**

United Nations Law Reports. Level 1 KZ4992.U565
“Unofficial reports concerning legal matters in the United Nations.”

European Union

European Current Law. Level 1 KJC30 .E97
A monthly digest.

European Union Law Reporter. Level 1 KJE949.E96
Loose leaf service with some full text documents.

LexisNexis (See up-to-date listings in Find-A-Source):
<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>
Enter LexisNexis Custom I.D., password, and click SIGN ON. On right frame under “Research,” click LexisNexis. At main menu, click LEGAL tab:

Under Find Laws by Country or Region, click European Union for:
Treaties and International Agreements.
Case Law.
Legislation & Regulations.
Commentaries & Treatises.
News.
Emerging Issues.

Westlaw: EU-ALL, Common Market Law Reports
<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://lawschool.westlaw.com>

Westminster Law Library <http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library>
>Web Research Links>International and Foreign Resources>

Yearbook of European Law. Level 1 KJC6.Y42

VII. SUBJECT INFORMATION (extremely selective)

International Environmental Law

Environmental Law. (UNEP) Level 1 K3583.H36 1997
“designed to provide its users with important environmental law documents, presented in a useful format.”

Georgetown Law Center Library, Internet Research Guide
<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/envirolinks/index.htm> Handbook of

International Environment Reporter. Level 1 K3585.4 .B83
A loose-leaf reporter covering current events and including the text of cases and treaties.

LexisNexis (See up-to-date listings in Find-A-Source):
<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>
Enter LexisNexis Custom I.D., password, and click SIGN ON. On right frame under “Research,” click LexisNexis. At main menu, click LEGAL tab:

Under Area of Law by Topic, click International Law. Scroll and click Search Law Reviews and Journals

Nanda, Ved and Pring, George. International Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century. **Level 1 K3585 N36 2003**

Weiss, International Environmental Law: Basic Instruments and References, 1992-1999. **Level 1 Reference K3583.W45 1999**

Yearbook of International Environmental Law. **Level 1 K3581.2.Y43**

WESTLAW (See up-to-date listings in IDEN):

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://lawschool.westlaw.com>

Type the following Database Identifiers separately in “Search for a Database” template on left frame:

INTLENVL (international environmental law documents).

TP-ALL (for law reviews).

LJI (for Legal Journals Index).

Human Rights

Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. (U.S. Dept. of State)
Level 1 JC571 .U58

Getting Started in Human Rights Research. Human Rights Program,
Harvard Law School

http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/services/research/guides/international/human_rights.php

Hannum, Guide to International Human Rights Practice. 3rd ed.
Level 1 K3240.4.G94 1999

Tobin, Guide to Human Rights Research. **Level 1 Reference K3236 .T63 1994**

http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/services/research/guides/international/web_resources/human_rights.php

Westminster Law Library. Subject Guide # 45: Selected International Human Rights Material at

<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > under “Research” on left frame, click More > Subject Guides > Foreign and International Research > Selected International Human Rights Material.

Westminster Law Library <http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > Web Research Links > International and Foreign > International Research by Subject > Human Rights.

Yearbook of the Human Rights Committee. (United Nations)
Level 1 K3237 .U55 U179

International Business Transactions & Litigation

Born, International Civil Litigation in United States Courts: Commentary & Materials. 3d ed. **Level 3 KF8840.P75 B66 1996**

Department of State Private International Law Database

<http://www.state.gov/s/l/>

Epstein, International Litigation: a Guide to Jurisdiction, Practice, and Strategy. 3rd ed. Loose-leaf. **Level 1 Reference K7615.4.E67 1998**

Folsom, International Business Transactions in a Nutshell. St. Paul: Thomson/West. 2004. **Level 3 Ref. K3943.W54 2004**

International Commercial Litigation. **Level 1 K7340.I584 1999**

Letterman's Guide to International Business. 2nd ed. Loose-leaf.
Level 1 K3842.L488 1996-2000

Nanda, Ved. The Law of Transnational Business Transactions. 3v. Loose-leaf. St. Paul: West, 1981- . **Level 1 K1005.4.L38**

Transnational Litigation: a Practitioner's Guide. 3 v. Loose-leaf.
Level 1 K2205.4 .T73 1997

Westminster Law Library. Subject Guide #25: Service of Process Abroad at <http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > under "Research" on left frame, click More > Subject Guides > Foreign and International Research > Service of Process Abroad.

VIII. WORLD WIDE WEB

Many documents of international organizations and international events are available through the Web and more are becoming available. However, note the date materials or sites were updated and be aware that recent information may be difficult to locate. Start with the **Westminster Law Library Homepage**, available through Law School's Homepage on the Law School network. Below is the short path to follow.

>University of Denver Westminster Law Library

<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library>

>>Web Research Links

>>>International & Foreign Resources

>>>>Comprehensive International Sites

Courts and Case Law, International & National

Foreign & Comparative Law: Laws of Countries

International and Foreign Databases

International Organizations

**International Research by Subject: Human Rights, Business &
Trade, Natural Resources
Journals, Indexes & Newspapers
Reference: Directories, Dictionaries, Forms, Handbooks, Research
Guides, Translators
Students: Study, Internships, Jobs, Associations
Treaties and Other International Documents**

IX. Keeping Up-To-Date - Online Newsletters

UN Wire <http://www.unwire.org/>

International Law in Brief <http://www.asil.org/resources/e-newsletters.html>