



## *Foreign Law Research: Selected Resources*

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### RESEARCH TIPS

Search laws of individual countries in Westminster Law Library <http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > click Library Catalog and type the country name in a word search. If you are searching for specific topical legislation, see **Topical** section below. Do not assume LexisNexis and Westlaw have comprehensive country databases.

### SUMMARIES & DIGESTS OF FOREIGN LAWS

#### Comprehensive Collections

Germain, Claire M. *Germain's Transnational Law Research: A Guide for Attorneys*. Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y.: Transnational Juris Publications, Inc., 1991 - . Loose leaf. **Level 1 Reference K85.G47 1991**. Practical approaches to information sources in English.

*GLIN, Global Legal Information Network:*

<http://www.glin.gov/>.

Selected full text and abstracts of laws from the Library of Congress.

*Government Gazettes Online:*

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/gazettes/>.

*LLRX.com Country Guides:*

[http://www.llrx.com/comparative\\_and\\_foreign\\_law.html](http://www.llrx.com/comparative_and_foreign_law.html).

Legal research guides for selected countries.

*Martindale Hubbell International Law Digest*. Summit, N.J.: Reed, 1990 - . Annual. **Levels 1 Reference KF190.M3732**. Digest of laws of selected countries provides citations to primary sources.

Reynolds, Thomas H. & Arturo A. Flores. *Foreign Law: Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legislation in Jurisdictions of the World*. See

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

or <http://www.foreignlawguide.com/>. Lists major sources for codes, session laws, court reports and gazettes. References to English language sources when available, as well as Internet links.

*Westminster Law Library at*

<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > Web Research Links > Foreign and Comparative Law: Laws of Countries > Country Governments and Information. Find a complete list of webpages for foreign law research.

Winterton, Jules and Elizabeth M. Moys, eds. *Information Sources in Law*. 2d ed. London: Bowker, 1997. **Level 1 Reference KJC 76 .I54 1997**. Start researching here for law of European countries.

WorldLII, World Legal Information Institutes:  
<http://www.worldlii.org/catalog/215.html>.

## LexisNexis AND WESTLAW

**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 Find Laws by Country or Region.

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

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

Sign on to Westlaw and click Directory. Click International/Worldwide Materials.

## Topical

*Business Operations in (country name)*. Washington, D.C.: Tax Management Portfolios. **Level 3 KF6289.A1 T35**

Detailed information on investment in selected countries.

*Commercial Laws of the World*. Ormond Beach, Fla.: Foreign Tax Law Association. Loose leaf. **Level 1 K1004.15**

English translations of business, commercial, labor and investment laws. Coverage varies.

*Constitution Finder*:

<http://confinder.richmond.edu/>.

*Constitutions of the Countries of the World*. Albert P. Blaustein & Gisbert H. Flanz, eds. 20 vols. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana, 1971 - 1992. Loose leaf. **Level 1**

**K3157.E5C665**. English texts of constitutions and constitutional amendments for selected countries.

*ECOLEX*:

<http://www.ecolex.org/ecolex/index.php>.

Environmental laws, UNEP, FAOLEX, ICUN.

*Encyclopedia of International Commercial Litigation*. Loose-leaf. The Hague: Kluwer, 1991- . **Level 1 Reference K1004.3.C65**.

*FAOLEX*:

[http://www.fao.org/legal/index\\_en.htm](http://www.fao.org/legal/index_en.htm)

Databases of laws relating to natural resources: agriculture & water.

*Foreign Tax Law Bi-weekly Bulletin*. Ormond Beach, Fla.: Foreign Tax Association. **Level 1 (Bound) K6.O734 & Level 2 (Current)**  
Full text of selected country tax laws.

*Intellectual Property, CLEA: Collection of Laws for Electronic Access, Intellectual Property:*

<http://clea.wipo.int/clea/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0>

*International Encyclopaedia of Laws*. Loose-leaf. Deventer: Kluwer. Sets are cataloged by subject.

Civil Procedure: **Level 1 K2205.I57**

Contracts: **Level 1 K840.I58**

Criminal Law: **Level 1 K5000.I6**

Environmental Law: **Level 1 K3585.4 E583**

Intellectual Property: **Level 1 K1401.I55**

Private International Law: **Level 1 K7000.I53**

Property and Trust Law: **Level 1 K720.P7573**

Transport Law: **Level 1 K4025.4 .I58**

*Investment Laws of the World*. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana, 1972- . Loose leaf. **Level 1 K1112.A48**. Translates investment laws of selected nations in original language. Also provides English translation.

Westminster Law Library. *Natural Resources WebLinks at*

<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> > under “Research” on left frame, click [Web Research Links](#) > [Natural Resources](#).

## GUIDES TO RESEARCH

*Accidental Tourist on the New Frontier: An Introductory Guide to Global Legal Research*. Jeanne Rehberg & Radu D. Popa, eds. Littleton: Rothman, 1998 **Level 1 Reference K85.A27 1997**

*Guide to Official Publications of Foreign Countries*/American Library Association, Government Documents Round Table. Bethesda, MD: CIS, 1997. **Level 1 Reference Z7164.G7 G84 1997**

*Researching Foreign & Comparative Law*. Research Guide from the E.B. Williams Library at the Georgetown University Law Center.

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/foreignguide.htm>

An excellent guide covering laws, court decisions, and secondary resources.

## GENERAL REFERENCE WORKS

Fox, James R. *Dictionary of International and Comparative Law*. 3rd ed. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana, 2003. **Level 1 Reference KZ1161.F69 2003**.

*Law and Judicial Systems of Nations*. 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Washington, D.C.: World Jurist Association, 2002. **Level 1 Reference K583.W64 2002**. Find lawyers, legal education, and courts of selected nations.

Redden, Kenneth Robert, ed. *Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia*. Buffalo, N.Y.: Hein, 1984- . **Level 1 K530.M62**. Provides general background information on countries of the world. Annual updates.

Szladits, Charles. *A Bibliography on Foreign and Comparative Law: Books and Articles in English*. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana, 1955 - . **Level 1 K38.B55**.

*World Legal Systems*

<http://www.droitcivil.uottawa.ca/world-legal-systems/eng-monde.html>

Find civil Law, common law, customary law, Muslim law, and mixed systems.

## DIRECTORIES

*Encyclopedia of Associations – International Organizations*. LexisNexis:  
<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:

Click Reference > Directories > Encyclopedia of Associations. Research this guide to thousands of international nonprofit membership organizations.

*Martindale Hubbell International Law Directory*. Summit, N.J.: Reed, 1991- . Annual. **Level 1 Reference KF190.M372**.

*Guide to Foreign Law Firms*. 3d ed. Chicago: ABA, 1999 **Level 1 Reference K118.F6 A437 1999**.

## PERIODICAL INDEXES

*Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*. Berkeley, CA.: University of California Press, 1986 - . **Westminster Law Library. Databases/Indexes at**  
<http://law.du.edu/site/code/library/databaserd.php> > set template to International and Foreign and click GO. Scroll to *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*.

Worldwide index in multiple languages. No full text available.

*International Journals and Indexes*. **Westminster Law Library.**

<http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library> **Web Research Links > International and Foreign Resources > Journals, Indexes, Newspapers, and Blogs.**

*LegalTrac*. **Westminster Law Library**

<http://www.law.du.edu/forms/library/count2.cfm?LinkURL=http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/denv80220?db=LT>  
Find 800+ English language legal periodical titles from European Union countries. Selected full text.

*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

**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:

TP-ALL (for law reviews).

LJI (for Legal Journals Index).

## CITATIONS

*Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations:*

<http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/>.

*Guide to Foreign and International Legal Citations.* New York, NY: New York University, 2006. **Level 1 Reference K89.G84 2006. See online version through Law Library Catalog at**

<http://pacman.law.du.edu/search/t?SEARCH=guide+to+foreign+and+international+legal+citations>

Kavass, Igor I. and Mary Miles Prince, Eds. *World Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations.* **Level 1 Reference KF246.K2.**