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

I. DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS, DIRECTORIES


Encyclopedia of Public International Law. Level 1 Ref. KZ1160 .E53
Covers broad subjects; a good starting point for research, updated.


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.


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.

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

Covers basic terms, treaties, figures of international law.

Yearbook of International Organizations. Level 1 Reference AS22 .Y42

Westminster Law Library, University of Denver Sturm College of Law
http://www.law.du.edu/index.php/library
II. RESEARCH GUIDES AND MANUALS


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


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:


III. OTHER SECONDARY RESOURCES


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

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.


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

2. Other treaty guides


   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**

   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 .I58; 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**

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

   Westlaw (See up-to-date listings in IDEN):
   U.S. Treaties and Other International Agreements (1778 – present):
   Sign on Westlaw, enter password, and type the following Database Identifier in “Search for a Database” template on left frame: USTreaties.
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
   Level 2 Microfiche KZ172 .T74
   See also
   http://157.150.195.4/LibertyIMS::/anon/Cmd=SS73FAKzKIp6HTAUHrJ;
   XJo6Lg9=S1WUHR1.Xtk

V. JUDICIAL DECISIONS
   A. Finding Aids
      Level 1 KZ213.R47 1995
      World Court Digest. 3v.  Level 1 Reference KZ213.W67 1993
      Online at
      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

   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
Area of Law By Topic > International Law > Find Cases.
Westlaw: INT-ICJ, EU-ALL
Hein Online - Treaties & Agreements Library:
Westminster Law Library, Databases/Indexes
http://law.du.edu/site/code/library/databaserd.php. Set template to International and Foreign and click GO.

VI. DOCUMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
United Nations
(See also library Subject Guide “United Nations Resources”, #15)

1993 – present, with older documents regularly added.

AccessUN (1945–2007):
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):
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

>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.htmHandbook 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):
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.


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

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


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