

Assignment 3
International and Foreign Legal Research
Fall 2002 (Due Oct. 15, 2002)

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESOURCES

For Questions 1-5, you will need to look at databases covering non-legal materials. Most of the answers can be found on Dialog through Westlaw. These databases were covered during the class lecture on interdisciplinary resources.

1. Another major oil spill has occurred off of the coast of Alaska, comparable in size to the Exxon Valdez spill. The government of Canada has filed a claim against the U.S. for environmental damage to the wildlife on the Coast of British Columbia, asserting that the damage was caused by the oil spill. You are an attorney for the feds and you want to find out if such damage is scientifically possible. With regard to oil spills, the way oil travels in the water is known as “fate and transport.” Find an article citation in *Environmental Bibliography* [available from Dialog on Westlaw] about the fate and transport of oil in the Exxon Valdez oil spill incident.
2. You are the counsel for an animal welfare organization. You want to stop the use of animals in the EPA’s testing of endocrine disrupters—chemicals in the environment that disrupt the endocrine systems of humans and possibly cause cancer. You would like to write a letter to the Agency, but would like to present the viewpoint of a member of the scientific community. Look on MEDLINE [either on Westlaw through Dialog or on the Internet] for an article by Purchase, a British scientist, objecting to the use of animals in the testing of endocrine disrupters.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The following questions concern international organizations. You can find the answers to these questions by locating and navigating the organization's web site. Use a search engine such as Google to locate the appropriate pages, and then navigate the pages to locate the information asked in each question.

6. What is the International Maritime Organisation's chief area of concern?

7. In what year did the United States become a member of the International Maritime Organisation?

8. How many nation-states are members of the World Intellectual Property Organization?

9. Is China a member of the World Intellectual Property Organization?

10. On what date was the Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization signed?