

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW LIBRARY FCIL COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND HIGHLIGHTS, JULY 2010

The FCIL collection of the University of Iowa College of Law Library is one of America's largest in bound volume and volume equivalents (microform) and digital materials. It is also one of America's most comprehensive FCIL collections in number of different titles, including not only primary and secondary resources, but extensive offerings in interdisciplinary and cross-cultural studies.

In spite of a steady growth in its very substantial offerings of electronic legal resources, the Law Library maintains a strong commitment to collecting important FCIL print resources. The following are highlights of the FCIL collection and our FCIL collection development policies.

I. International Law

All important international case law reports have standing orders and the Law Library also maintains access to many electronic databases that contain such materials. Our case law reports include those from the International Court of Justice; international criminal law tribunals (former Yugoslavia; Rwanda; Sierra Leone); European Court of Human Rights; and the European Court of Justice. The Law Library has a full collection of Nuremberg trial documentation, and is growing its collection of documentation from post-World War II Pacific Theater tribunals. The Law Library is also collecting vernacular and English language documentation of trials (and human rights violations) in the former German Democratic Republic ("East Germany").

In addition to relevant electronic databases, the Law Library has standing orders for United Nations, European Union, and Council of Europe materials. The Roy J. Carver United Nations Documents Collection is a subscription microform collection comprehensively documenting United Nations activities from the UN's conception to the present for all main, standing, and *ad hoc* UN entities. United Nations materials are also available from several major electronic resources.

The Law Library follows the practice of "broad and deep" acquisitions of treatises in both public and private international law, mostly in English but also in other languages, and has strong holdings in primary materials and commentary on the World Trade Organization. International arbitration is well-covered by arbitral decisions and treatises. The Law Library routinely purchases *travaux préparatoires* and treaty annotations/commentaries as they become available.

II. Foreign Law

Important primary and secondary foreign jurisdiction materials are collected in both the vernacular and in English, in both hard copy and electronic formats.

The Law Library remains committed to comprehensive, in-depth collecting of primary and secondary materials for the United Kingdom and for all other current and former Commonwealth jurisdictions. Particular emphasis is given to the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, and South Africa.

Indian materials are purchased from commercial vendors and through the Library of Congress Cooperative Program. In addition, the Law Library has subscribed to the Manupatra Indian Law Database, and has created its own subdirectory of free electronic Indian legal resources.

Large Spanish language primary and secondary resource collections exist for both Mexico and Argentina. In the near future vernacular collecting may be started for either Chile or Brazil.

Vernacular collecting of both primary and secondary resources is also done in French, German, and Italian. French language primary and secondary resources are collected for both France and Québec. French language codes and treatises are regularly updated, and the Law Library maintains looseleaf encyclopedia/treatise services supplied by Juris Classeur and Dalloz.

The German language items include vernacular commentaries on various German legal codes (*Bürgerlichesgesetzbuch*; *Strafgesetzbuch*; *Handelsgesetzbuch*). There are also smaller Swiss and Austrian vernacular collections. Approximately ten years ago the Law Library began significant acquisitions of German language legal "titles in series" (these include treatises, academic publications, conference papers, and *Habilitationsschriften*).

Some Eastern European English language items are now being collected from book dealer Kubon & Sagner of Munich, Germany. Moreover, selected English language items have been obtained directly from law-making bodies in Central and Eastern Europe, e.g., Polish constitutional materials from the Polish Sejm.

Collecting of English language Chinese legal materials has grown in the past five years and an effort is made to collect all such materials in English as they become available. We also subscribe to both LexisNexis China and iSinoLaw. The Law Library's participation in the Library of Congress's Cooperative Program also allows it to collect legal materials for various African countries as well as for Afghanistan and Pakistan. English language Israeli law reports and statutory materials are regularly purchased from Israeli publisher A.G. Publications (Aryeh Greenfield). In addition, comprehensive Israeli law report coverage is available through our HeinOnline subscription.

Arabic and other Asian legal materials in English are also purchased by the Law Library. Important materials in the vernacular for Arab and Asian countries are usually purchased by the University of Iowa's Main Library. The same holds for materials in Russian and other Slavic languages. However, the Law Library does add such Russian, Arabic, and Asian materials in the vernacular when it receives them as gifts from College of Law faculty or visiting foreign legal scholars, or as de-accessioned materials obtained from other law libraries. With regard to historical offerings, the Law Library possesses an extraordinary set of mid-19th century Russian language Tsarist legal materials (reigns of Tsars Nicholas I and Alexander II).

III. Comparative Law and Religious Law

The Law Library also applies its "broad and deep" collection policy to treatises on comparative law, acquired mostly in English but also in other languages. The Law Library also has an

extensive religious law collection, which includes not only rich holdings in Jewish, Canon, and Islamic law, but also offerings in both Hindu and Buddhist law.

IV. Rare Books

Two of the Law Library's antiquarian rare book collections consist predominantly of FCIL materials. The Leist Collection was a private collection of father and son law professors from Göttingen, Germany. The College of Law purchased the entire collection from the Leists in 1920. The Leist Collection consists of volumes on German, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Canon Law, including a very early edition of Bartolus' *Commentaries on the Digest*. The Hammond Historical Collection, named after William Gardiner Hammond, first Dean of the University of Iowa College of Law, contains many early Common Law and Civil Law materials.

V. Periodicals

The Law Library has subscriptions to over 1,500 English language and vernacular scholarly journals concentrating on foreign, comparative, and international law. Subscriptions include both print and electronic versions.

VI. University of Iowa College of Law Selectors and Selection Monitors

Selectors

Don Ford

Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Librarian

Selector: Public and private international law; all foreign jurisdictions except Canada; comparative and religious law (emphasis on Jewish, Canon, and Islamic law)

Druet Cameron Klugh

Senior Reference Librarian and Bibliographer

Selector: United States and Canada

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Arthur E. Bonfield

Allan D. Vestal Chair and

Associate Dean for Research (Director of the Law Library)

Mary Ann Nelson

Executive Law Librarian

Caitlin Robinson (Ford and Klugh's supervisor for bibliographic duties)

Head of Collection Services

VII. Conclusion

During the summer and fall of 2010 the Law Library's Selectors and Selection Monitors will review and update the Law Library's Collection Development Policy. The University of Iowa College of Law Library will continue increasing the number of electronic resources, always being mindful of its long-term commitment to building and maintaining a world-class print repository of United States and world law.