

## **Moritz Law Library, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law: Foreign, Comparative, and International Law (FCIL) Collection**

Moritz Law Library, founded in 1891, contains approximately 680,000 volumes and equivalents. FCIL material comprises roughly a fifth of the library's total holdings. Regarding foreign law collection, the library focuses on primary source material from major common law, civil law, and multinational jurisdictions (e.g. the European Union). The general emphasis is on collecting material at the federal level, though the library does selectively collect material at the state or provincial level. The library also selectively collects publications from international organizations and tribunals, as well as secondary source material dealing with FCIL. The library principally collects English language material, with material in major European languages acquired as needed.

Selection decisions depend to a significant degree on the current and foreseeable research needs of faculty members. The degree to which material supports the law school curriculum is also a relevant consideration.

Collections of the law of Commonwealth nations, particularly the UK and Canada, are among the most thorough, as is the EU collection. Faculty interest has led to collection growth for other jurisdictions such as China, especially with regard to intellectual property and business law. Additions to the Chinese law collection have been primary and secondary source material written in or translated into English. Other areas of growth due to faculty interest include primary and secondary source material related to international human rights, international criminal law, and international commercial arbitration.

In addition to print material, the library subscribes to a number of FCIL online databases. The focus of database access is comparable to the focus of the print collection with principal emphasis on UK, China, and international law. The library also provides access to online content such as FCIL-related e-journals through its membership in the OhioLINK consortium.