Globalization Moved My Cheese: Or, How Do I Find International Law?
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I.  RESEARCH GUIDES

1. Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL): http://www.eisil.org/
   EISIL, by the American Society of International Law, is a browseable and searchable database of over 2300
   records arranged by subject areas. Links to primary documents - treaties and international instruments. Information
   includes print citations and relevant dates. Also includes recommended websites selected for reliability and
   currency and research guides for additional study.

   Extensive guides focusing on electronic resources: human rights, international commercial arbitration, criminal law,
   economic law, environmental law, intellectual property law, international organizations, private international law,
   treaties and United Nations. Referred to as the ERG. Updated semi-annually.

   Chapters on international law research, treaty research, UN law-related and international human rights research.


   Arranged by topic and country. Includes annotated listings of major print and electronic resources. Good start.

   Presents research strategies and methodology for researching both print and electronic resources. Collaborative
   project between Duke University School of Law and University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

   Print and electronic resources. Topics: GATT, human rights, International Court of Justice, NAFTA, WTO, UN.
   International and Foreign Law Metapages:
   http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/services/research/guides/international/web_resources/metapages.php

   Extensive collection of research guides and tutorials on foreign and international law.

   An extensive collection of research guides written by foreign and international law librarians.
Topics: international & regional organizations, environment, sports, sustainable development, terrorism, TRIPS.

Research guides covering public international law, United Nations, human rights, treaty research and more.

12. Intute: Social Science: http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/law/
Select International Law for annotated links for international/regional organizations, topics and treaties.

AALL Foreign/International Law Institutes:
http://www.foreignlawguide.com
Set arranged by region/country, and each country arranged by introduction, major publications (codes, gazettes, court reports, compilations), subject arrangement, and bibliography. Available as web-based subscription product only. Previously, eight loose-leaf volumes.


II. DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Include terms, cases and names and provide references to pertinent treaties (with citations), treatises and cases.

Terms defined with citations to treaties, cases, relevant law journals, and the International Legal Materials (ILM).

22. Encyclopedia of Public International Law. Published under the auspices of the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, 1994-
Contains explanations of basic concepts and issues related to international law by scholars and practitioners.

III. INTERNATIONAL LAW TREATISES


This is a leading treatise on public international law.


Updated version of a classic treatise on international law.

IV. TREATY STATUS AND INDEXES

Manuals, Handbooks and Research Guides
   Excellent guide on how to conduct treaty research with a particular emphasis on electronic resources.

29. Researching Treaties and International Agreements, UC Berkeley Law Library:
   http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/online-guides/international_foreign/treaties/


   Overview of the role of the Senate in the treaty-making process.

33. Treaties and Other International Agreements: The Role of the United States Senate. Senate Print 106-71:
   Summarizes history of the treaty making process from negotiation to entry into force, implementation, and termination. Examines differences between treaties and executive agreements.


35. International Agreements and U.S. Law. ASIL Insights, F. Kirgis. May 1997:
   http://www.asil.org/insights/insigh10.htm

36. Reservations to Treaties and United States Practice. ASIL Insights, F. Kirgis, May 2003:
   http://www.asil.org/insights/insigh105.htm


   http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Travaux_Preparatoires.htm


Indexes – Where U.S. is a Party

44. Treaties in Force (TIF), Office of the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, DOS, 1944-
   Annual. Lists US treaties and agreements currently in force. Section One covers bilateral treaties arranged
   by country and Section Two covers multilateral, arranged by subject. Citations to TIAS, UST and UNTS, when available.

45. Treaty Actions. Office of the Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, DOS:
   http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/c3428.htm
   Contains monthly treaty actions from 1997 to present. Actions arranged by country for bilateral treaties and topically
   for multilateral treaties. Updates information in Treaties in Force. Continues the Treaty Actions section of Dispatch.

Contains published speeches, policy statements, and Treaty Actions. Continues the Department of State Bulletin.


50. Treaties Pending in the Senate, Dept. of State: http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/pending/

51. U.S. Senate, Legislative Activities - Treaties: http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/d_three_sections_with_teasers/treaties.htm Information on treaties received and treaties approved in the current Congress.

52. CCH Congressional Index. CCH Incorporated, 1937/38 - Two-volume looseleaf set issued for each Congress. Senate volume has a section on the status of pending treaties.

53. Quick U.S. Treaties Index Database, Oceana Publications: http://www.oceanalaw.com/ Select “Free Treaties Index” link. Free but registration required. This index searches U.S. treaties and agreements and tax treaties where U.S. is not necessarily a party. Provides date signed & C.T.I.A. citation. (See #70)

54. When in doubt, never underestimate the power of the telephone. Contacts for treaty offices:
Department of State’s Office of Treaty Affairs: 202-647-1345
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations: 202-224-4651
United Nations Treaty Office: 212-963-2523

Indexes – Where U.S. Not Necessarily a Party

55. Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General. United Nations, 1982-Annual. Provides citation and status information, but limited to treaties deposited with the U.N. Secretary-General. Reprints full-text of declarations and reservations. Also available with UN Treaty database subscription.


V. TREATIES – Where U.S. is a Party

62. **Treaties and Other International Acts Series.** US Dept. of State, 1945-

63. **International Legal Materials.** American Society of International Law, 1962-
[Cited: I.L.M.] Bimonthly. Offers very timely publication of selected international instruments from around the world. ILM is a standard tool for the international legal researcher. Annual index.

64. **United States Statutes at Large.** GPO, 1789-
[Cited: Stat.] Official source for U.S. treaties from 1778 until 1950. Volume 64, Part 3 has complete list of the international agreements in the Statutes at Large. Volume 8 has text of all treaties from 1778-1845. Executive agreements are in Volumes 47-64.

[Cited: Bevans] Compilation of all pre-1950 treaty texts in 13 volumes, with subject and country indexes in vol.13.

66. **International Agreements (other than treaties):**
http://www.state.gov/s/treaty/caseact/

67. **Treaties and Agreements Library.** HeinOnline: http://heinonline.org/home/content/Browse.html

68. **Hein's United States Treaties and Other International Agreements Current Microfiche Service, 1990-
Use the United States Treaty Index and the Current Treaty Index to locate the correct microfiche. (See #49)**

69. **Treaties and International Agreements Online.** Oceana, 2003-
More than 15,000 treaties and international agreements, including international tax treaties in full-text and index.

70. **Consolidated Treaties and International Agreements.** Oceana, 1990-
[Cited: CTIA] Provides full-text of ratified treaties and international agreements. More recent than TIAS. Documents listed by DOS and CTIA number. Each volume contains an index by country and subject. See #53.

71. **Treaties, Thomas, Library of Congress:** http://thomas.loc.gov/home/treaties/treaties.html
Coverage: 90th Congress to present (a few treaties from the 81st through the 89th.) Search by treaty number, word/phrase or topic (treaty type). Provides treaty number, date submitted and Senate Executive Report number. Use the citations to search in GPO Access for Senate Treaty Documents and Executive Reports. (See ##72, 73)

72. **Senate Treaty Documents - Congressional Documents.** GPO Access. (104th Congress to present.)
http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/cdocuments/index.html

73. **Senate Executive Reports.** GPO Access: http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/creports/index.html
Reports issued by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee containing the committee’s analysis and recommendations. Very good resource for interpretation of US treaties. 104th Congress to present.

74. **CIS Index/Abstract to Congressional Publications.** LexisNexis Academic & Library Solutions, 1970-
Find Senate Treaty Documents or Senate Executive Reports using the subject matter of the treaty, title of the treaty, checking under "Treaties and Conventions," or the treaty document number. Use CIS number to find texts in microfiche service. See also LexisNexis Congressional, a subscription service.

A compilation of unratified treaty texts in nine volumes.

76. **Martindale-Hubbell International Law Digest, 1993-**
Texts of ten frequently requested multilateral international conventions to which the United States is a party.
Tax, Trade and Other Specialized Collections (U.S. is a Party)

Texts of treaty with technical explanation, if available.

78. Tax Treaties, Commerce Clearing House, 1952-
Full text U.S. bilateral treaties with foreign countries covering income, estate and gift taxes.

The United States has bilateral Social Security agreements with 21 foreign countries. Text available.

Text provided by the NAFTA Secretariat. Site also includes panel decisions and reports.

81. Agreements Negotiated by the United States Trade Representative: http://www.ustr.gov/
Select Trade Agreements for bilateral, regional and global agreements.

82. Trade and Related Agreements Database (TARA). Trade Compliance Center, US Dept. of Commerce:
http://tcc.export.gov/Trade_Agreements/index.asp
Includes texts of bilateral trade agreements, bilateral investment treaties, free trade agreements, intellectual property rights agreements, and WTO agreements. Search or browse collections.

Search by country or subject for bilateral and multilateral agreements. Full-text available.

84. Canado-american Treaties: http://www.lexum.umontreal.ca/ca_us/
Text of all bilateral treaties established between the United States and Canada from 1783 to 1997.


VI. TREATIES – Where U.S. Not Necessarily a Party

86. United Nations Treaty Series. United Nations, 1946-

87. UN Treaty Database: http://untreaty.un.org/
Provides treaties and international agreements registered or filed and recorded with and published by the Secretariat since 1946. Collection has over 158,000 treaties and related subsequent actions. Databases frozen as of Nov. 15, 2007. New database in preparation. Free access via generic username/password combination:
Username: treaties
Password: 12345


[Cited: L.N.T.S.] Treaties of members and non-members registered with the Secretariat.


91. European Treaty Series. Council of Europe, 1971-

92. Council of Europe Treaties: http://conventions.coe.int/
Texts of all treaties, including reservations, declarations, signatures, ratifications, summary and explanatory report.

Consolidated versions, founding treaties, accession treaties, and other treaties and protocols.
The DIL serves as the depository for all Inter-American treaties. Find texts, signatories and ratifications arranged by year and subject for multilateral treaties (1947- present) and selected bilateral agreements text.

OAS Trade Unit: http://www.sice.oas.org/
Full-text trade agreements between countries of the Western Hemisphere: www.sice.oas.org/agreements_e.asp

95. World Trade Organization (WTO): http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/docs_e.htm
Text of final act, Uruguay Round Agreements and panel reports.

Legal instruments/conventions, norms and standards by topic: agriculture, environment, statistics, timber, transport international legal and commercial practice, standardization policies, sustainable energy, and trade facilitation.

List of treaties frequently cited in law articles with citations and links to available texts.

98. The Avalon Project at the Yale Law School: Documents in Law, History and Diplomacy: http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm
Full-text documents and treaties from earliest times to the present. Good source for older treaties and agreements.

Compilation of foreign government and ministries links. Foreign ministries often provide treaties and other agreements at their sites. Provided by Government Publications Dept., Northwestern University.

VII. TREATIES – TOPICAL COLLECTIONS

100. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA): http://www.iaea.or.at/Publications/Documents/Conventions/index.html

Collections of full-text conventions and agreements including international trade instruments, WTO and OHADA.

102. The Multilaterals Project. Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University: http://fletcher.tufts.edu/multilaterals.html

A collection of core multilateral treaties deposited with the UN Secretary-General. Topics include human rights, refugees and stateless persons, penal matters, disarmament and environment. (Status current as of 2000.)

Text of over 150 environmental treaties. From the Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network

From the Human Rights Library, University of Minnesota.

Contains 100 treaty texts and commentaries on the four Geneva Conventions & their Additional Protocols.

Full-text database of ILO conventions and recommendations, ratification information, comments of committees.

Retrieve all available BITs signed by one country or a specific BIT between two countries. Searchable.

109. Investment Promotion and Protection Treaties, Compiled by International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes. Oceana, 1983-
110. Peace Agreements Digital Collection, United States Institute of Peace: http://www.usip.org/library/pa.html


VIII. TREATIES – FOREIGN NATIONAL COLLECTIONS


114. Canada Treaty Information: http://www.treaty-accord.gc.ca/ Search by date, treaty publication number, subject, keyword (multilateral) or country/intl organization (bilateral).

115. BASE PACTE- Traités et accords de la France: http://www.doc.diplomatie.gouv.fr/pacte/ Search for bilateral and multilateral treaties and multilateral treaties where France is the depository. In French.


IX. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Research Guides and Directories


119. International Agencies and Related Information: http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/intl.html Links to intergovernmental organizations (IGO), non-governmental organizations (NGO), treaties & resources.


Intergovernmental Organizations (IGO)


Includes *UN Documentation: A Brief Guide* and research guides for human rights, international law, peacekeeping.

Overview of the various types of UN documents and publications and an explanation of UN documents symbols.

Alphabetic and thematic index to UN system organizations, a UN system chart, a listing of UN information centers worldwide, and a link for the UN News Service.

Bibliographic records of UN documents and publications indexed by the UN Dag Hammarskjöld Library and the Library of the UN Office in Geneva, voting records (General Assembly & Security Council) and index to speeches.

132. Yearbook of the United Nations. Dept. of Public Information, United Nations, 1947-
Provides summaries with citations to many documents (including resolutions), or the full text of the documents themselves. A convenient first-step-tool.

Fifty separate topical issues. Each topic offers information and links to the lead agencies working on the issue, specialized offices and bodies involved. Separate tab for Documents provides links for documents by global issue. UN System Partnerships: http://www.un.org/issues/ngo/ngoindex.html
Arranged by issues; after selecting issue, find links to NGOs under “Links to Civil Society”.

Texts of draft articles, conventions and optional protocols. Topics addressed include sources of international law (law of treaties), succession of states, state jurisdiction, law of international organizations, position of the individual, international criminal law, international spaces, international relations, and settlement of disputes.

UN Specialized Agencies and Programmes (Selected)

135. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO): http://www.icao.int/
This specialized agency is the global forum for civil aviation. Treaties: http://www.icao.int/icao/en/leb/treaty.htm

Select Legal Office for treaty page providing full-text and status info, databases including international laws and other international agreements, and basic texts on agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices.


139. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO):
http://portal.unesco.org/la/convention.asp
Select from left sidebar: conventions or browse by theme.

Select Documents for links to resolutions, reports, correspondence and treaties: www.unhchr.ch/html/intlinst.htm

Select Publications for full-text works. The 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees including text, commentary, travaux préparatoires, declarations and reservations: http://www.unhchr.org/protect/3c0762ea4.html
RefWorld (Web): http://www.unhchr.org/research/3ebf8ef14.html
Web version contains position & policy papers, national legislation, and international instruments on refugees and human rights but no case-law. RefWorld (DVD) is more comprehensive and contains case-law.

WIPO is a specialized UN agency, dedicated to developing an international intellectual property (IP) system. Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (CLEA): http://www.wipo.int/clea/en/index.jsp
World Trade Organization and GATT

WTO deals with the rules of trade between nations and supports the multilateral trading system through the WTO agreements that cover, in part, trade, services and intellectual property. Find legal texts, stats, programs, and news.

144. WTO Documents Online: http://docsonline.wto.org
A database providing access to the official documentation of the WTO including official documents, legal texts (trade agreements), dispute settlement documents, tariff schedules and the trade topics section.

145. WTO and GATT Research: http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/wtoguide.html

First edition: http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/analytic_index_e/analytic_index_e.htm
The authoritative guide to the interpretation and application of findings and decisions of WTO panels, the WTO Appellate Body and other WTO bodies.

A guide to the legal interpretation and application of GATT and an overview of GATT practice and history.

148. GATT Documents: http://www.wto.org/english/docs_e/gattdocs_e.htm
In 2006, decision made to make public all official GATT documents. Browse by symbol or date.

Access to over 59,000 public documents and 300 publications. Search or browse by document series symbol.

Regional Organizations

150. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN): http://www.aseansec.org/
ASEAN aims to promote economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region and to advocate for regional peace and stability through the rule of law. Members: ten states in SE Asia. Documents & agreements online.

151. Council of Europe: http://www.coe.int/
An international organization that aims to strengthen democracy, promote social and economic programs, human rights and the rule of law among its 47 member states.

152. Europa: http://europa.eu/
Electronic gateway to the European Union.


Collection of major institutional websites of the EU. By Anne Sweeney, European Commission Delegation in DC.


156. European Union Law Reporter: An Explanatory Commentary on the Principal Aspects of EU Law and Policy. Sweet & Maxwell, 1962-
(Former title: Common Market Reporter).

Links for OAS news, information, publications, pull-down menu for Sectors & Topics, and documents that include the OAS charter, resolutions, treaties and conventions.

Other IGOs

Thirty market economy members provide governments with a forum to discuss economic and social policy. Topics: competition, money laundering, environment, sustainable development, economics, trade and electronic commerce.
Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)

159. Human Rights Watch: http://www.hrw.org/
Information arranged by country, selected full-text publications.

Organization supporting business interests, with focus on arbitration, standard international trade definitions, and uniform rules for banking and credit.

X. CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND STATE PRACTICE

161. Researching Customary International Law and Generally Recognized Principles. UC Berkeley:
http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/classes/iflr/customary.html


Deals with the application of public international law in and by the United States. U.S. courts view the Restatement as an authoritative scholarly presentation of international law.

164. Foreign & International Law Resources Database (FILRD). HeinOnline:
http://heinonline.org/home/content/Browse.html

165. Digest of United States Practice in International Law. International Law Institute, 1989/90-

166. The American Journal of International Law updates the Digest with a feature called “Contemporary Practice of the United States Relating to International Law” available in each quarterly issue.

Office of the Legal Adviser publishes the annual Digest of United States Practice in International Law to provide the public with a ready source of current information on the views and practice of the Government of the United States in the arena of public and private international law. The Department of State website provides links to documents referenced in the Digest. Currently 1989/90 – 2004 available. Select years from left sidebar.


169. Earlier digests:
A Digest of International Law. J.B. Moore, comp., 1906 (covers 1776-1906)
Digest of International Law. G.H. Hackworth, comp., 1940-1944 (covers 1906-1939)

170. Foreign Relations of the United States. GPO, 1861 -
Provides the official documentary historical record of significant U.S. foreign policy decisions and diplomatic activity. Online volumes cover the Truman through the Nixon-Ford administrations: http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/
University of Wisconsin Digital Collections (1861-1960; incomplete): http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/FRUS/

171. Sources of State Practice in International Law. R. Gaebler and M. Smolka-Day (eds.), Transnational, 2002-
Chapters cover different countries. Each chapter describes a nation’s treaty succession, general treaty collections, topical treaty collections, treaty indexes, yearbooks and internet resources.

172. Diplomacy Monitor. St. Thomas University School of Law:
http://www.diplomacymonitor.com/stu/dm.nsf/opener?OpenForm
Monitors communiqués, official statements, press briefings, position papers, interview transcripts and news releases from diplomacy-related websites.
173. **Yearbooks:** Published for different countries and organizations. Provide surveys of state practice in international law. Also, find information on national case law or legislation in matters of international law.

174. **Hague Yearbook of International Law.** M. Nijhoff, 1988-
Articles on international law issues and activities of international law institutions at the Hague (ICJ, ICTY, PCA).

Scholarly periodical focusing on activities of the United Nations in the field of international law.

Two volumes published each year. Volume I contains the summary records of meetings including draft reports, special reports of rapporteurs. Volume II is the Report of the Commission to the General Assembly on its work for that session. All published volumes available at: http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/publications/yearbooks/yearbooks.htm

177. **United Nations Juridical Yearbook,** Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, UN, 1962-
Summarizes legal activities of various UN entities by providing documentary materials of a legal character.

178. **Government Gazettes Online, University of Michigan:**
http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/gazettes/index.htm
Official gazettes publish announcements and statements from the national government.

**XI. DECISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNALS**

179. **International Court of Justice (ICJ).** Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders, ICJ, 1947-
The International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. Volumes contain the official reports of the decisions of the court in English and French. Includes pleadings, oral arguments, and documents.

180. **International Court of Justice:** http://www.icj-cij.org/
Official site has the entire jurisprudence since 1946 and that of its predecessor, Permanent Court of International Justice. Find information on the functioning of the court, its history, members, the judges ad hoc and the Registry.


183. **Germain's International Court of Justice Research Guide:** http://library.lawschool.cornell.edu/guides/icj/


The Reports of Series A, B and A/B contain the decisions (Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders) delivered by the Court. Series C contains the written pleadings, records of the public hearings and correspondence for each case. Additionally find Series D, E and F.

186. **World Court Reports; A Collection of the Judgments, Orders and Opinions of the Permanent Court of International Justice.** Edited by Manley O. Hudson. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1934-43.

187. **International Law Reports.** Lauterpacht & Greenwood (eds.) Grotius Publications, 1950-
Earlier title: *Annual Digest of Public International Law Cases* and *Annual Digest and Reports of Public International Law Cases.* Butterworth & Co., 1940-1955. Contains the full text of selected cases, starting in 1919, translated into English, from both national and international tribunals, and includes an index of cases by treaty.

188. **American International Law Cases. Third Series.** Bernard D. Reams, Jr., ed. Oceana, 1993-
189. Iran-United States Claims Tribunal Reports. Grotius Publications, 1983-
See also: http://www.iusct.org/index-english.html

190. Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA): http://www.pca-cpa.org/
An international organization that facilitates arbitration and other dispute resolution involving states, state entities, IGOS, and private parties. Find relevant treaties, rules, conventions, reports, and selected cases.

191. WTO Dispute Settlement: http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/dispu_e.htm
Several access points for identifying cases.

http://www.sice.oas.org/DISPUTE/gatdispe.asp

Provides links to cases filed against each of the NAFTA parties under Chapter 11 of NAFTA.

194. Reports of Cases Before the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance. Court of Justice of European Communities, 1990- (Earlier title: Reports of Cases Before the Court. Court of Justice of the European Communities, 1959-1989.) Authentic, definitive source of texts.

Council of Europe drafted the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. ECHR is one of the bodies entrusted with enforcing the convention.

196. European Court of Human Rights HUDOC Portal: http://www.echr.coe.int/echr
An information system providing free online access to the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights, the European Commission of Human Rights and the Committee of Ministers.

IACHR: http://www.corteldh.or.cr/buscadores.cfm
Search for decisions, judgments, advisory opinions, provisional measures, compliance with judgment.
Alternate site (University of Minnesota Human Rights Library): http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/iachr/iachr.html

Information about the court and procedures, and pending cases.

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY): http://www.un.org/icty/

http://www.incadat.com/

A subscription service that provides information on how domestic courts in over 60 countries decide issues of public international law. Includes English summaries, full-text cases in the original language and scholarly commentary.


203. ICSID Reports: Reports of Cases Decided Under the Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States, 1965. Cambridge University Press. 1993-
A collection of the arbitral awards and decisions pursuant ICSID convention and other investment treaties.
204. Integrated Database of Trade Disputes for Latin America and the Caribbean (IDATD), ECLAC: http://idatd.eclac.cl/controversias/index_en.jsp
Integrated search for WTO, Mercosur, NAFTA, CARICOM, Andean Community and CACM trade disputes. Full-text.

Provides links to over 125 national supreme courts and the decisions, if available.


XII. PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW


208. Private International Law, EISIL: http://www.eisil.org/
Electronic resources arranged under the following headings: Basic Sources, Trade & Commerce, Finance & Banking, Wills, Trusts & Estates, Family & Children, International Judicial Assistance, Jurisdiction & Judgments.


210. Restatement (Second) of Conflict of Laws, American Law Institute, 1971-88
Provides authoritative explanations of U.S. practice regarding private international law.


212. The International Lawyer’s Deskbook, 2nd ed. L. Low et al. (eds.) Section of International Law, ABA, 2002
Chapters cover variety of international law topics: international practice of law, legalization of documents, international litigation, commercial law, antitrust, tax, trusts and estates, customs, family, labor, and more.

Provides text of US treaties in force, other international instruments, and information on current negotiations and projects covering private international law. Topics include trade and commerce, finance and banking, trusts and estates, family and children, and international judicial assistance.

Aims for the progressive unification of private international law. Topics covered include international family law, legal co-operation and litigation, and commercial and finance law. Provides text, status, authorities, translations, bibliography, conference publications (includes some explanatory reports). Frequently requested conventions:
- Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters
- Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters

Purpose is to study needs and methods for harmonizing and coordinating private law as between states and groups of states. Select Adopted Texts for conventions (text and status), model laws, principles and guides. Select Documents for Proceedings and Papers that include ad hoc working group reports, reports on draft conventions. Select Databases for UNILAW (http://www.unidroit.info/) and UNILEX (http://www.unilex.info/) providing case law and bibliographies on several international conventions.

Find text of conventions and model laws, in such areas as sale of goods, commercial arbitration, electronic commerce, international contracts, and international insolvency. Select iUNCITRAL Texts & Status updates full-text documents, status including a listing of parties, bibliography, and travaux préparatoires (preparatory documents).

A compilation of all substantive documents related to the work of the Commission and its Working Groups.

218. Lex Mercatoria: http://www.lexmercatoria.org
Lex Mercatoria provides an extensive subject arrangement of international trade and commerce law web resources.
219. Inter-American Specialized Conferences on Private International Law (CIDIPs):
http://www.oas.org/dil/private_international_law.htm
Focuses on development of uniform private international law among Organization of American States members.

XIII. SELECTED TOPICS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Specialized Research Guides (Selected)


221. Guide to Research on Vienna Convention on Consular Relations Notification Requirements:
http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Vienna_Convention_Consular_Relations.htm


224. Bibliography on the Cultural Heritage of Mankind, Peace Palace Library, The Hague:
http://www.ppl.nl/bibliographies/all/?bibliography=heritage

225. New Horizons: Resources for International Competition Law Research:
http://www.llrx.com/features/newhorizons.htm


International Litigation & Jurisdiction


228. Litigation of International Disputes in U.S. Courts, 2nd ed. V. Nanda & D. Pansius. Thomson/West, 2005-


  • Obtaining Evidence Abroad: http://travel.state.gov/law/info/judicial/judicial_2514.html
  • Service of Process Abroad: http://travel.state.gov/law/info/judicial/judicial_2513.html
  • Enforcement of Judgments: http://travel.state.gov/law/info/judicial/judicial_691.html


234. International Prisoner Transfer Program, USDOJ:

Convention for the International Sale of Goods (CISG)

Multi-volume looseleaf service including commentary and cases.

236. International Sale of Goods (CISG) and Related Transactions:
Links to resources pages (text and preparatory materials) for CISG, CISG Limitation Convention, and others.


UN Convention on the Law of the Sea


International Environmental Law

247. Treatise on Environmental Law. Frank P. Grad. M. Bender, 1973-


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