International Law; Foreign Law

1) Burns Law Library > Research Guides
   a. What foreign and international law research guides does your Library have? Go to the Library’s site, https://www.law.gwu.edu/library, click “Topical Research Guides,” click “By Subject,” and then scroll down and click “Foreign & International Law.”

   b. Open the “International Commercial Arbitration” guide and go to the Websites tab. Follow the link to the “CISG Database.”
      i. What does CISG stand for?
      ii. Paste the link to the English text (of the CISG) with Explanatory Note here.
      iii. Paste the link to the CISG in two other languages here.

   c. Go back to the list of Research Guides and open the “United Nations Research” guide and go to Secondary Sources. Under this tab, click the link to the “United Nations Handbook.”
      i. What nation publishes this?
      ii. Open a PDF of this document and find the page on the Trusteeship Council. (Hint: this is a clickable PDF) What is this Council’s role? How often does it meet?

2) Burns Law Library database > Foreign Law Guide

   b. Open Cameroon and click “Legislation and the Judicial System”
      i. What is unique about the Cameroonian system?

   c. Go to Switzerland.
      i. Go to where you would find court decisions. What is the Federal Tribunal’s website?
      ii. Using the Subject Guide for Switzerland, find the website for the Code of Military Justice (Hint: “Code pénal militaire, 13 Jun 1972 (RS 321.0)”)

   d. Go to the European Union
      i. Where would you find the EU’s official code?
3) **Burns Law Library database > vLex**  
   a. Go to the Library site, [https://www.law.gwu.edu/library](https://www.law.gwu.edu/library), and click the “A-Z List” link under “Databases.” Then scroll down to open vLex.

   b. Go to Browse, then All Jurisdictions, and then International Courts & Treaties. Go to Case law and select the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
   i. What is the most recent case’s name (in English) and date? Is it in English or Spanish? (*Hint: it should start with “Provisional Measures.”*)

   c. Now go to The Inter-American Court of Human Rights website ([http://www.corteidh.or.cr/](http://www.corteidh.or.cr/)) and switch to English in the upper right hand corner (unless you prefer Spanish). Go to Jurisprudence (or Jurisprudencia), and then Provisional Measures (Medidas Provisionales).
   i. What is the most recent case’s name, and what language is it in?

   d. Which website was easier to navigate and why?
   i. Why would you use vLex instead of the court’s website?
   ii. Why might you sometimes use the court’s website instead of vLex?

4) **Westlaw > International Law treatises**  
   i. What is it about?
   ii. What are the corresponding UCC Sections?
   iii. How do the provisions compare?

5) **Westlaw > Global Practical Law**  
   a. Your client’s company is thinking about opening up a new office overseas and has asked you to look into the real estate implications of that decision. Go to [https://lawschool.westlaw.com/](https://lawschool.westlaw.com/) to access Westlaw Edge and select “Practical Law” and then select “Global Home” at the top. Under Practice Areas, click Real Estate.

   b. Locate New Zealand, then look into the overview chapter on commercial real estate in NZ.
   i. How recently was the post updated?
   ii. What are two of the biggest real estate deals that went down in 2018?
   iii. What office must consent to non-residents investment in certain real estate in NZ?
c. Now go to Compare/Change Jurisdiction and change NZ to Hong Kong. *(Hint: you have to de-select NZ to change over completely.)*
   i. How recently was the HK post updated?
   ii. What two of the biggest real estate deals that went down in 2019?
   iii. What are the *ad valorem* duty (AVD), buyer’s stamp duty (BSD) and special stamp duty (SSD) tax rates in HK?

6) *Lexis > International Law treatises*
   a. Go to [https://lawschool.lexisnexis.com/](https://lawschool.lexisnexis.com/) to access Lexis Advance and then select “International” (under “Explore Content”). Go to India, and then under “Secondary Materials” select “All India Treatises, Practice Guides and Jurisprudence,” and then click into *Lex Mundi’s Guide to Doing Business in India*. Select Chapter 8, Employment Law. *(Hint, you’ll have to go into the section about the general framework of Indian employment law.)*
      i. Under the general overview, what is the name of the act that addresses the problem of Sexual Harassment?

b. Go to Chapter 7, Intellectual Property
   i. What is the name of the first act mentioned under the last section of Chapter 7 that deals with data privacy protection?

7) *Lexis > Guide to International Legal Research*
   a. Go to [https://lawschool.lexisnexis.com/](https://lawschool.lexisnexis.com/) to access Lexis Advance and then select “Treatises & Practice Guides” (under “Secondary Materials” in the “Content Type”). Then click “International Law” under “Practice Area” and then “Guide to International Legal Research,” which is produced by *The George Washington International Law Review*.
      i. Go to Chapter 3.03.
         1. Under International Treaties—Current Sources, what is the name of the publication that compiles primary documents pertaining to the OAU (Organization of African Unity)?
         2. What year was it published?
      ii. Go to Chapter 22.01
         1. What are the four main treaties governing the law of armed conflict known as?
         2. What is the citation for the treaty listed about Biological Weapons?

8) *Law Library of Congress: [https://www.loc.gov/law/](https://www.loc.gov/law/)*
Monitor,” [https://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/](https://www.loc.gov/law/foreign-news/).

i. On March 18, 2020, there is a post regarding recent Israeli legislation responding to Coronavirus. What was the thrust of the law?


i. Provide the website for the country’s Official Gazette.

ii. Provide the website for the judicial system.

iii. Did you run into any problems?

9) NYU School of Law's GlobaLex: [https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/]

a. Click “International Law Research” and go to “A Basic Guide to International Environmental Legal Research. ([Hint: click on the “UPDATE” link for the latest version.])

i. What does “UNCCD” stand for?

ii. Go to Section 5 of the guide. Copy and paste the first Library of Congress subject heading into an Advanced Search in the library’s catalog. Click the dropdown menu where it says “Any Field” and select “Subject.” Then click Search. What is the first title that appears?

b. Go back to the GlobaLex homepage, and then click “Foreign Law Research” and go to United Arab Emirates ([Hint: again, click on the “UPDATE” link.])

i. When was this last updated?

ii. How many Emirates are there and what are they called?

iii. What is the first responsibility of the Federal Supreme Council?

10) World Legal Information Institute: [http://www.worldlii.org/]

a. Find the Latvian Constitution and paste a link here. ([Hint: it will still be hosted by WorldLii.org])

b. Go to International Decisions. Find where the decisions based on CEDAW are found.

i. When was this last updated?

c. While still in the CEDAW section, find a 2009 case named Frey v. France. Now, click “Database Search” in the far upper left-hand corner and try to search the database for that case.

i. What search terms did you use?

ii. Did you find it right away?