RESEARCHING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

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International Business Transactions
DEFINITIONS

• Foreign Law
  • The law of a single non-United States jurisdiction

• Comparative Law
  • Multi-jurisdictional study of foreign laws on the same topic

• International Law
  • Rules dealing with the relations between two or more countries, countries & individuals, & international organizations
INTERNATIONAL LAW

• Public International Law:
  • Law between national governments & between governments & intergovernmental organizations

• Private International Law:
  • Law regulating private relationships across national borders, in areas such as contracts, recognition of judgements, jurisdiction, & family law
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS (IBT)

“[P]rivate business transactions that are international in character.”

International when:

- “[P]arties have their places of business in different nation-states;
- “[T]ransactions involve the movement of goods, [etc.] across the boundaries of different nations;
- “[T]ransactions between parties of one state have a direct effect in a different state.”
IBT TREATISES


IBT HORNBOOKS & STUDY AIDS


• Ralph H. Folsom et al., International Business Transactions in a Nutshell (2016).
REFERENCE WORKS

• Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law
• Parry and Grant Encyclopaedic Dictionary of International Law
SELECTED IBT JOURNALS

• Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law (Canada)
• Journal of International Business & Law: www.hofstrajibl.org/articles-archive/
FINDING GUIDES FOR FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL LAW

- FOREIGN LAW GUIDE, Marci Hoffman, Gen. Ed.
- Globalex: [www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/](http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/)
- WorldLII – International Law Library: [www.worldlii.org/int/special/ihl/](http://www.worldlii.org/int/special/ihl/)
LAW LIBRARY DATABASES

- Foreign Law/European Union
  - NatLaw World (National Law Center)
- Foreign & International Law Resources Database (Hein)
- International Law
  - Kluwer Law International Journal Library (Hein)
DATABASES

• CISG Database: http://iicl.law.pace.edu/cisg/cisg


INVESTOR-STATE ARBITRATION DECISIONS

- Investment Claims: http://oxia.ouplaw.com/home/IC
ORGANIZATIONS

- World Trade Organization: [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org)
- UNCITRAL: [www.uncitral.org/uncitral/](http://www.uncitral.org/uncitral/)
- UNIDROIT: [www.unidroit.org](http://www.unidroit.org)
- International Bar Association: [www.ibanet.org](http://www.ibanet.org)
KEEPING UP TO DATE

• BNA International Trade Reporter
LAW LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDES

- Foreign Law Legal Research & Resources: http://lawlibrary.arizona.edu/research/foreign-law-legal-research-resources
- International Law Resources: http://lawlibrary.arizona.edu/research/international-law-resources
- International Trade Law & Development: http://lawlibrary.arizona.edu/research/international-trade-law-and-development
QUESTIONS?