Original Law Classification Developments

- LC releases the following classes and subclasses
  - **Class KVJ Indigenous Law: Hawaii (to ca. 1900)**
    The Law School Law Library of the University of Hawaii took the lead in applying the schedule. Together with the development of the schedule, I worked on a large digitization project conducted by the State Archives of Hawaii in cooperation with LLMC.Digital and the Law School of the University of Hawaii. This enormous digital collection of early Hawaiian law materials is – through the portal - available as an open access collection.

  - **Subclasses KIA-KIK** (Law of Indigenous Peoples in North America)
  - **KF8200-8578 (Law of the US. Indians)** - the associated expansion for Federal Indian law.

    Proposals for additions or changes to KIA-KIK; KF8200+, and KVJ may now be submitted through the proposal system in ClassWeb

  - The pdf files – as earlier announced – replace the LC Classification hard copies and can be downloaded free of charge. They are annually updated.

  - **Class KIL Indigenous Law: Mexico** is currently being converted by Libby Dechman to ClassWeb.
    This subclass completes the development for North America.

- **Subclasses KIM-KIX Indigenous law: Central & South America**
  - Draft of KIM1-100 Indigenous Law: Central & South America (General) is finalized.
  - Draft of KIM101-200 Indigenous Law: Central America, and
  - Drafts of schedules for Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua are in various stages of work.
This concludes the tale of two continents for the time being.


  - **Background.** Originally, the conceptual model for such a portal, exploiting the online functionality of *ClassWeb*, demonstrated the usefulness and the need for such access to hard to find or rare materials. Expectation was to bring together digitized collection/materials from the Law Library of Congress, linked data from tribal websites, and primary source materials found on the web, relating to all Indigenous Peoples in the Americas.
    - Thus, acquisitions & Bibliographic Access Directorate (ABA) and the Law Library of Congress (LLC) had entered 2014 into agreement to lunch a prototype portal
    - The portal went life in July 2014 with a small sampling of US indigenous data and one map/diagram, as part of the Law Library’s website *Guide to Law Online*, and is following the structure of the Classification for the Law of the Indigenous Peoples in the Americas (Classes KIA-KIX).

  - **Current.** Between that period and today, the data on the portal had grown way beyond its perceived pilot stage, and was receiving positive feedback from our professional communities, especially in Canada.
    - To date, information through the portal is available for ca. 2,000 tribes and tribal organizations, found within the regions of Arctic/Antarctic, Canada, the contiguous United States, and Mexico, together with additional primary legal sources and reference materials.
    - As a navigation tool, maps/diagrams were added for U.S., Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and North America/Western Hemisphere.
    - Since in many areas, both tribal law and Federal Indian law overlap (the “grey zones”), KF classes (KF8200+) are introduced now in the KIE schedule as `<KIE8200-8576>`, the `<>` indicating that LC does not use these numbers. Other stakeholders may apply this arrangement locally in order not to split their collections

  - **Just one side product: Name authority work**
    - **For Classes KF8200—8228 (KF: Law of the United States**, important federal acts, regulations, and regulatory agencies, concerning Indian-
related subjects still under the purview of Congress, were selected. For these materials 100 new NARs were created on the Law team.

- For Classes KIA-KID (Law of Northern Canada, and Eastern/Western Canada), over 800 NARs were established (Richard Amelung); so far, ca. 100 NARs for organizations and treaties (also the historic treaties) relating to Northern Canada and Canada, were established (Law team)

- Over 70 NARs for indigenous organizations and tribes of Mexico (Class KIL) were establish (Ana Cristán, now retired)

- NARs for Belize are currently finalized (Richard Amelung), followed by Nicaragua, Guatemala, and El Salvador.

- **Reclassification (with Volunteers)**

  1. **Records from Class JX to KZ, K, or JZ**
     - Ca. 1,600 plus titles were reclassed (bravely chipping away on the mountain!)

  2. **Transfer of microfilms from General Collections to Law**
     - As a distinct side project, desired by the Law Library, microfilms distinctly LAW, are being transferred from General Collections to LLC. During this rating period, ca. 50 microfilm records and/or bib records for the pertinent works, were created or reclassed.
     - Records were updated from Class E and JX to Classes K, KF8220-8576, and Class KIE respectively.

  3. **Specific reclassification projects for the Rare Book Division include**

     - Roman law (Codex Theodosianus); Rare Classes JX and E materials (treaties, federal acts, etc.), and Russian Titles (from the old KR collection) e.g., Catherine II (“Nakaz,” the first comprehensive Russian code of law, among other).

- **LC/FEDLINK/American Indian Library Initiative (AILI)**

  I am an active member of the recently established FEDLINK/AILI Working Group under chairmanship of George Franchois, DOI/BIA Library. The group is working on outreach and educational programs for Indigenous libraries and communicates through its list serve. [AILI@LISTSERV.loc.gov](AILI@LISTSERV.loc.gov) The Indigenous Law Portal was elected as future communication tool.

- “Illegal aliens:” PSD has opened a survey – which ends on July 20th. So far, there were ca. 3,000 responses.

- **Dave Reser** gave the Library of Congress report.

  - President Obama’s nomination of Dr. Carla D. Hayden to be the next Librarian of Congress was approved by the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration on Thursday, June 9, 2016.
The nomination now goes to the full Senate for consideration. Timing of consideration by the Senate is unknown, but Dr. Hayden is expected to be confirmed. We shall see whether it is happening before Congress is leaving Washington until Labor Day! If confirmed, Dr. Hayden will be the first woman and first African American to be Librarian of Congress.

- Gabe Horchler, Head of the Law Section, retired on February 20, 2016, after 45 years at LC. I had hoped to have word who is the confirmed successor before I leave for the Convention!

- The ABA Directorate has permission to fill approximately 30 vacancies from open postings not limited to internal applicants in 2015-2016. Most of the open positions are for professional librarians and may carry specific language requirements.

- Phase one of the BIBFRAME pilot testing at LC took place between October 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016. Participants in the first pilot were approximately 40 catalogers and technicians who catalog materials in all languages, scripts, and formats. They cataloged the materials they regularly received. During this process the BIBFRAME vocabulary, Editor, and Profile Editor were all revised. The original vocabulary is now referred to as BIBFRAME 1.0. The vocabulary that will be used in the second pilot testing is BIBFRAME 2.0. The second pilot will begin no sooner than October 2016. A full report of the pilot, phase one is available.