Welcome...

To 2013. The first issue in the New Year will highlight updates to the law library renovations, introduce a new research guide for Federal Legislative research and spotlight Westlaw.

Renovations Update

UK and US collections are moving out of the Upper Stacks. Find out here where they are going!

Spotlight on...

Westlaw. You may have already noticed the shelves in the Upper Stacks (carpeted area) emptying out. As many volumes of US materials go into storage, we feel it is a good time to review the flagship database of the West Publishing Company!

Research Guide Highlight!

Here is where we will highlight one of our many legal subject guides. Each guide provides links to popular books, databases, websites, and other information.

Federal Legislative Research

New Books

Current Awareness

Smart CILP

Here is a New Year’s call out for anyone interested in signing up for the SmartCILP service from the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library, University of Washington. The service allows users to set up profiles to receive, via email, publication information on new articles in their area of research. A contents list, sent out weekly, will also include links to the full-text in HeinOnline, LexisNexis, and Westlaw.

The Law Library has purchased 50 profiles and there are lots left. If you are interested in signing up for the SmartCILP service, please email Elizabeth (ebruton@uwo.ca) and she will send your name and email address off to the Gallagher Law Library. You will then be contacted with instructions and a security code so you can set up your profile.
Law Library Renovations

SPOTLIGHT: UPPER STACKS

The carpeted side of the upper stacks in the law library is slated for redeployment by the law school. The book stacks are to be removed and the space reconfigured as office and student study space. The collections housed in this area will be moved into off-site storage or elsewhere within the library. The main collections housed in this area are:

- US statutory and federal case law materials
- UK statutory and case law materials
- International law reports

**US Statutory Materials**

The main sets here are the *US Code Annotated*, *US Statutes at Large*, the *US Congressional Service*, and the *Code of Federal Regulations*. The *Statutes at Large* and the *Code of Federal Regulations* are available through HeinOnline, and the *US Congressional Service* is in Westlaw. We are currently looking for a new home in the library for the *US Code Annotated* in print.

**US Law Reports**

The main sets here are the Federal law reports (*Supreme Court Reporter*, *Federal Reporter*, and the *Federal Supplement*), all of which are available in Westlaw.

**American Law Reports (Annotations)**

These are available in both Westlaw and LexisNexis. We have kept the most recent index to the ALR Annotations in the Reference area.

**UK Collection**

Many of the titles within the UK collection are available in online databases such as Justis, LexisNexis, Westlaw, and HeinOnline. As books are removed from this area, other online subscriptions will be considered such as the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting, and LexisNexis Plus (an upgrade). Services such as *Halsbury’s (4th and 5th)* and *The Digest* will be moved into the Reference area.

The *Statutes at Large* (covering Regnal years) will also be rehoused within the library once more shuffling around is completed.

There will be many smaller case law reporters, covering set time periods, which are not available in online services. Although these will be going into off-site storage, requests can be made through the library catalogue for specific volumes. Turn-around time is generally up to three business days.

**International Law Collection**

Many of the materials shelved in this area are available online through HeinOnline. We will be keeping the Canada Treaty Series in the Reference area on the main floor. The Law Library has purchased access via Justis to one major set, the International Law Reports, published by Butterworth’s.

As materials are moved out of the stacks, we will be posting on each range a list of what used to be there as well as information as to the title’s online availability. A QR Code will link to an html page with linkable call numbers to the catalogue records.
Law Library Spotlight

With the majority of our US law reports and statutory materials being moved out of the Upper and Lower Stacks into storage, the law library has been looking into purchasing campus-wide access to the Westlaw database. Although law students and faculty have access to Westlaw as part of an educational agreement, other students and faculty at Western do not and have relied on our print collection in the past.

Depending on the cost, we are either looking at making both the Carswell and the US/International Westlaw materials available across campus or setting up a terminal within the law library for access to these materials. This is a quick refresher on what is in Westlaw.

Westlaw was created as the online complement to its print legal publications in 1975. It originally provided access to the West key number system and case digest collection. Early gateway access to the database was provided by Quicklaw but with the growth of the World Wide Web, Westlaw came into its own in 1998 with Westlaw.com after being purchased in 1996 by Thomson for $3.4 billion. As of 2008 Westlaw is part of the Thomson Reuters team.

Westlaw’s main competitor has always been LexisNexis. Both provide access to court decisions, statutory materials, and law journals. The main difference between the two legal providers is tied to the access they provide to proprietary services. Over the years, with changes to the publishing houses involved, there have been some notable conflicts between West and Mead Data Central over content in Westlaw and LexisNexis, such as headnotes, noting-up services, and star pagination (notations to the print equivalents within the electronic versions of decisions). For example, both databases at one time used Shepard’s as their main noting-up service. LexisNexis continues to use Shepard’s for noting up US cases and statutes, while Westlaw developed its own Keycite service.

Westlaw’s main claim to fame has always been its electronic access to the West publications:

- **Key Number System**
- **American Digest System**
- **National Reporter System**

Westlaw also contains many West texts and treatises (as outlined in the Westlaw Headnote cartoons I insert in the newsletters), and many legal journals and law reports published by Sweet & Maxwell such as:

- Entertainment Law Review
- Journal of International Banking Law & Regulation
- International Arbitration Law Review
- International Energy Law Review
- European Human Rights Law Review
- Computer and Telecommunications Law Review
- Environmental Law Reports
- Criminal Appeal Reports
- Common Market Law Reports
- Human Rights Law Reports

One advantage of being able to offer Westlaw campus-wide would be that the Westlaw records could be uploaded into our library catalogue making the Westlaw content much more visible.
Research Guides Spotlight

Federal Legislative Research

BILLS ARE DEBATED...

Debates of the House of Commons
KE56.C35
Available online through the Parliament of Canada website:
http://www.parl.gc.ca/

Debates of the Senate
KE46 .C35
Available online through the Parliament of Canada website:
http://www.parl.gc.ca/

RESEARCH HELP AIDS

Canadian Legislative Index
KE107 .C37
Vancouver, BC : British Columbia Courthouse Library Society.

This service, which summarizes the status of Federal bills, including dates the bill was debated at second reading, begins with the 2nd Session of the 34th Parliament (1989) and ceased publication with the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament (2010).

LEGISinfo
http://www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISINFO/

LegisInfo is a Federal bills database, which includes links to other government documents related to the bills, such as the debates.


Revised research guides such as the full guide for Federal Legislative Research can be found at:
http://www.law.uwo.ca/lab/guides.htm

STARTS AS...

Bills: House of Commons
KE68 .C35
Current bills are kept at the Services Desk.
Library has: 23rd Parl. 1st Session (1957/58)-

Available online through the Parliament of Canada (LEGISinfo) at:
http://www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISINFO/

Bills: Senate
KE65 .C35
Current bills are kept at the Services Desk.
Library has: 23rd Parl. 1st Session (1963)-

Available online through the Parliament of Canada (LEGISinfo) at:
http://www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISINFO/

RESEARCH HELP AIDS

Canadian Legislative Pulse (CCH)
Internet Explorer Recommended
connect via library catalogue

Covers all jurisdictions & continuously updated
Searchable by Bills and amended Acts
Weekly Bill summary
Search Regulations by number or enabling Act
Access to Federal and Provincial Gazettes
Includes Royal Assent and In Force status

Canada Legislative Index
KE107 .C37
Vancouver, BC : British Columbia Courthouse Library Society.

This service, which summarizes the status of Federal bills and relates them to the acts they amend, begins with the 2nd Session of the 34th Parliament (1989) and ceased publication with the 3rd Session of the 40th Parliament (2010).