Summer Hours...

Please note that the library is closing, just for the Summer months, over the lunch-hour from 12:00-1:00. Our complete Summer hours are found at:

http://www.lib.uwo.ca/hours/law/

Spotlight on HeinOnline

HeinOnline has become one of our more premier databases, moving beyond the original journal collections. Here is some background on the company and a look at some of the interesting libraries to which we subscribe.

Law Library Renovations

The Law Library starts in on Phase 3 of its renovations this Summer. Let's review the earlier phases and see what's coming up. Specifically, what is down in the lower stacks and do those moveable shelves actually open?

Research Guide Highlight!

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

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

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**New Books**

**THE COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY REVISTED**

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**Property Law: Cases and Materials**

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**Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice**

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**Breathing Life: Law through Landscape and Literature**

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A New School Year is Coming!

Many of our database providers offer training to individual users or to classes. For example, CCH will send in a trainer for its specialized products in tax or employment law. Justis has an online webinar service for individual or group training. Laura Clementi from Carswell has come in before to give specialized classes on using Carswell tax products.

Let us know if there is a product you would like to become better acquainted with yourself or that you would like your class to learn more about and we can contact our training representatives to set something up.
Law Library Spotlight

SPOTLIGHT: HEINONLINE

Back in the 1990s we saw legal journals go online in Westlaw and LexisNexis. Although the content was current, it didn’t go back before the mid 1990s.

The William S. Hein & Co., Inc. had already made a name for itself as being a “preservation publisher” - as a distributor of periodical literature and as a producer of older out-of-print legal materials. In the 1990s Hein began creating digital files of historical legal periodical literature in original PDF format. Once the Internet became more accessible to the public and to libraries and researchers, Hein was able to make these files available in a way that no other online legal publisher was doing. In 2000 Hein launched, in conjunction with Cornell University, HeinOnline with its one collection of 25 law journals. The journals collection alone has grown to over 1,450 titles.

Over the years the Law Library has purchased access to other HeinOnline modules such as:

Session Laws Library

(for all US States) - includes historical statutes from inception to date. This library contains the session laws of all 50 U.S. states as well as Canada, Australia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and the D.C. Register. Also included are superseded State Statutes for all fifty states going as far back as 1717!

Brochure

United Nations Laws Collection

This collection contains exact reproductions of major United Nations legal publications, including the complete collection of the United Nations Treaty Series, the League of Nations Treaty Series, the Monthly Statement of Treaties & International Agreements, UNCITRAL Publications, UNIDIR Publications, the United Nations Legislative Series and much more.

Brochure

Selden Society Publications and the History of Early English Law

This library includes the Selden Society Annual Series, Selden Society Supplementary Series and the Centenary Guide to the Publications of the Selden Society published in 1987. It also includes more than 220 English Legal History Classics including abridgements, digests and dictionaries. Moreover, you will be able to access early English case law and link to other online publications in early English history.

Brochure

Intellectual Property Law Collection

With over 4 million pages of legislative histories, treatises, documents, and classics relating to copyrights, patents, and trademarks, this collection allows researchers to search across all intellectual property law materials in one database. Notable titles include: Legislative History of the 1909 Copyright Act (1976), Kamenstein Legislative History Project: A Compendium and Analytical Index of Materials Leading to the Copyright Act of 1976, and William Robinson’s Law of Patents for Useful Inventions. This library also features CFR Title 37, U.S. Code Titles 17 & 35, Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, and more!

Brochure

Searching in HeinOnline

HeinOnline has developed a very good search engine, which allows for specialized searches within the different libraries. For example, within the Law Journal Library, you can limit your search to book reviews. The UN Law Collection includes special finding aids for searching treaties, scholarly writings etc.

Don't Forget!
You can create eTOC (Table of Contents) alerts within the law journal library.

See Newsletter Issue 2 Fall 2012
Law Library Renovations Update

What’s up next in the library renovations? What’s been done so far?

**Phase One: Main Floor**

We moved out of the Current Periodicals Room and shuffled materials down to the Lower Stacks. We also rebuilt and reconfigured our staff offices and work areas including the Reserve shelving space.

**Phase Two: Upper Stacks**

The US and UK collections were removed from the Upper Stacks and either sent to storage or were reshelved within the library. Some materials will get a new home once other parts of the library are reconfigured.

**Phase Three: Lower Stacks**

All remaining US, as well as EU and Canadian Legislative materials currently housed in the compact shelving will be moved into storage or elsewhere in the library. We will also be looking at our microfilm and microfiche collections and the accompanying viewing equipment.

In order to relocate materials removed from the upper and lower stacks, we will be reviewing the main floor and bound periodical collections for relocation into storage. This work will take place over the next year or so.

Other changes include placing some public access PCs in the area where the central staircase used to be. This will allow us to provide a bit more comfortable seating within the Reference area.

**Lower Stacks: What is Down There?**

The lower stacks houses our compact shelving unit. Traditionally, compact shelving houses low use materials while relieving spacing demands. It is also a good place to keep loose, messy materials such as government documents. All sorts of odd things can be hidden away in compact shelving.

The collection holds our collection of state reporters from the West National Reporter System (Atlantic Reporter, Pacific Reporter etc.), U.S. encyclopedia sets such as *American Jurisprudence* and *Corpus Juris Secundum* and the many versions of the Restatements of the Law put out by the American Law Institute. Other American odds ‘n sods include CCH looseleaf publications on labour law, copyright and patents, atomic energy, aviation law, securities regulation, tax (quite a bit of old tax stuff), and state law reports and statutes. Most of these go back to the 1800s - some go even further back.

We also have a small collection of foreign law reports and statutes from the West Indies, South Africa, Ghana, Rhodesia, Kenya, Sierra Leone, and the European Community (Common Market, European Union...).

After all of this we have our Canadian Legislative collection. This is the federal and provincial non-statutes/regulations collection: standing committee reports, debates, journals, bills, and gazettes. Some of this is online but much of the older material is not.

The majority of our compact shelving collections will be going into storage. We are looking into integrating some of the Canadian legislative materials into our Main Reading Room. The Australian collection, which comes after the compact shelving will be finding a new home elsewhere in the library.

The microfilm and microfiche cabinets contain some duplication of print legislative materials but include the bits that we did not receive in print or that have disappeared over time. Some notable collections here are briefs and submissions of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada (1980-81).

As with the Upper Stacks, once the area is cleared out we will have a general list at the front desk of what went where.
Research Guides Spotlight

Constitutional Law

DATABASES

Canadian Human Rights Reporter (CHRR Online)
The Canadian Human Rights Reporter Inc. (CHRR) is a not-for-profit organization established to promote access to human rights law in Canada. Since 1980, CHRR has published decisions of tribunals, boards of inquiry and courts from all jurisdictions, as well as the appeals which flow from them. Many of the decisions published by CHRR are not available from any other source. CHRR also publishes human rights legislation from all jurisdictions. CHRR Online provides access to Human Rights Digest (2000-), Current Law Notes (decisions not yet published in the CHRR).

Search CHRR Online at http://www.cdn-hr-reporter.ca No password required (access is by IP).

LexisNexis Quicklaw
LNQ has Administrative Law folders [under Source Directory – Area of Law] - Constitutional Law. Resources include citators and digests, cases, commentary, legal journals, legal news, and legislation. Other sources within LNQ include Halsbury’s Laws of Canada - Constitutional Law (Charter of Rights) (Newman), and Constitutional Law (Division of Powers) (Mason, Régimbald)

Access is restricted to Law faculty, staff and students, who receive a personal password as part of an educational agreement between the Law School and LexisNexis Canada. Western Libraries also subscribes to LexisNexis Academic for non-law users.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Charter of Rights Newsletter
K3 .H375
This newsletter allows you to familiarize yourself quickly with the most important recent Charter developments handed down by the various courts from across Canada. It contains guidelines for the interpretation of individual Charter provisions and signals new judicial trends in the application of the Charter. Decisions with significant value as precedents are thoroughly analyzed to bring you right up to date on Charter issues and trends.

National Journal of Constitutional Law
K14 .A487
The National Journal of Constitutional Law is Canada’s forum for the discussion and analysis of constitutional law issues that affect practitioners. Each issue includes insightful analysis and discussion of human rights issues, Charter issues and division of power issues.

LAW REPORTS

Canadian Rights Reporter
KE4381 .A45 C358
This unique series reports cases decided under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It contains cases selected and edited by a distinguished board of editors and reproduces key Charter decisions in full text. Cases are preceded by headnotes outlining key issues and listing cases and statutes considered. Editors: Clayton C. Ruby and Marlys Edwardh.

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

Need Research Help?
Contact us at lawref@uwo.ca