Welcome Back...

Welcome back to a new school year. It was another Summer of renovations so there are a few changes. The Upper Stacks carpeted area is now outside library space, the main stairwell has been filled in and a new back stairwell is being opened. We have new books on display and a new theme in the display cabinet: *Law School Tips*.

Reference Corner

This is a new feature to share with you some of our more interesting reference questions and what our collection has on offer to answer them.

Collections Corner

What's new in Tax? The Law Library has been responding to requests from our newer faculty as well as to their recommendations about certain things we really do not need to deal with anymore (Standard Federal Tax Reporter looseleaf filing.....)

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.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATION**
Reference Corner: Québec Laws

The Law Library staff handle many reference questions - some of which are interesting and allow us to show off our print collection as well as other online collections we provide access to.

The Question

A student from an American law school was looking for documentation behind the following news story:

Quebec language police aim at more Montreal restaurants
Restaurant owner told to change steak to bifteck on chef’s grocery list
CBC News
Posted: Feb 25, 2013 12:55 PM ET
Last Updated: Feb 25, 2013 4:59 PM ET

More Montreal restaurateurs are speaking out about the demands imposed by Quebec’s language police over signs and menu items that are not in French. …

Where to Start?

CanLII will have a current version as well as some older versions of the Charter of the French Language with details as to fines. Any regulations will also be listed (including one about exceptions).

Charter of the French Language, RSQ, c C-11
Current version: in force since Feb 14, 2011

TITLE V PENAL PROVISIONS AND OTHER SANCTIONS

205. Every person who contravenes a provision of this Act or the regulations adopted by the Government thereunder commits an offence and is liable (a) to a fine of $500 to $1,000 in the case of a natural person; (b) to a fine of $1,500 to $25,000 in the case of a legal person. The fines are doubled for a subsequent offence.

Background

For more background material, we would still recommend searching the library catalogue for special documents or texts:


Author: Commission d'enquête sur la situation de la langue française et sur les droits linguistiques au Québec.
Title: Report of the Commission of Inquiry on the position of the French language and on language rights in Quebec.
Publisher: Québec, Qué : l'Éditeur officiel du Québec, 1972 (Montréal : Lithographié au Canada par Ateliers des Sourds)
Description 3 v. : ill. ; 21 cm.

Or articles via an index such as the Index to Canadian Legal Literature:


Primary Materials

The Law Library collects primary and legislative government materials for all provinces. For Québec, we have the following in English and in French:

- Annual Statutes (for when you need to see “the original”)
- Assemblée Nationale: Bills (1969- )
- Journal des débats (1964- )
- Gazette officielle du Québec (1965- ) (Parts 1 and 2)
  older years are available on microfilm
Collections Corner: What’s New in Tax

This summer, with the help of feedback from our tax faculty members, I was able to cancel some long-standing “problem” titles in our collection, review some tax “staple” products, as well as subscribe to some new online products. This is where we are right now:

**Problem Titles**

These were mainly little-used looseleaf services that became a problem when a number of releases failed to appear and staff were unable to file subsequent releases.

- **Canadian Stock Exchanges Manual**
  KF1050 .C353
  Comes with Canadian Securities Law Reporter

- **Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders**
  KF6464 .B51 2000

- **Canadian Goods & Services Tax Reporter**
  KE6002 .A45 C35

- **Canadian Commercial Law Guide**
  KF913 .C65

- **Federal Tax Articles**
  KF6335 .A6 C586

**New Online Services**

**Taxnet.Pro**
http://www.carswell.com/products/taxnet-pro/

For years the law library has subscribed to two CD-ROM products: TaxPartner and GST Partner. They were both installed in our computer labs, on faculty computers, on library computers... They ran on the FolioViews platform, a somewhat complicated system that seemed to find favour with legal materials. Lately, we were having problems updating the CDs so we decided to move to the online version. Tax Faculty and students have been able to use Taxnet.Pro free of charge for a number of years but this involved creating user lists and having individual accounts set up each year.

What we now have is campus-wide “library” access (available in all Western and affiliated college libraries or law building only).

**Tax Analysts Online** (Campus Package)
http://www.taxanalysts.com/

Founded in 1970 as a nonprofit organization, Tax Analysts is a leading provider of tax news and analysis for the global community.

Some key publications are the "online dailies":
- Tax Notes Today
- State Tax Notes Today
- Worldwide Tax Daily

and the weekly print publications:
- Tax Notes
- State Tax Notes
- Tax Notes International

**IBFD: Global Tax Surveys**
http://www.ibfd.org/IBFD-Products/Global-Tax-Surveys

This collection provides the “largest most authoritative overview of tax systems throughout the world”. It enables complete cross referencing between individual and corporate tax law and covers about 215 jurisdictions.

Contains:
- News (Tax News Service: last 12 months only)
- Country Key Features
- Country Surveys
- Quick Reference Tables (Withholding Rate Tables)

**The Staples**

**Simon’s Taxes**

Formerly known as Simon’s Direct Tax Service, this publication was relaunched as Simon’s Taxes in 2008, 60 years after it was first published in 1948. Simon’s Taxes remains the leading reference service on UK direct taxes (income tax, capital gains tax, corporation tax and inheritance tax). Besides the 10-volume looseleaf set, our subscription includes four Tolley Tax Annuals and Simon’s Tax Briefing.

**Standard Federal Tax Reporter**

We have cancelled the print looseleaf service from CCH and moved over to the online Tax Consultant Library on the CCH Intelliconnect platform.

The Reporter, organized by Internal Revenue Code section, contains a comprehensive collection of up-to-date U.S. federal income tax information, such as full text of all proposed, temporary and final federal income tax law regulations, as well as full text of federal administrative rulings and documents.


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Need Research Help?

Contact us at lawref@uwo.ca
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Federal Legislation

**STARTS AS...**

**Bills: House of Commons**
KE68.C35
Library has: 23rd Parl. 1st Session (1957/58)-

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

Citation Example:

**Bills: Senate**
KE65.C35
Library has: 23rd Parl. 1st Session (1963)-

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

Citation Example:

**RESEARCH HELP AIDS**

**Canadian Legislative Pulse (CCH)**
Internet Explorer Recommended

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, 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.


**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/

**AND THEN WE HAVE LAWS...**

**Statutes of Canada = Lois du Canada**
KE94.C356
The Statutes of Canada contain the Federal public and private statutes as enacted by Parliament in that year. Statutes are arranged by the chapter number received after Royal Assent.

Citation Example:

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