

Welcome Back

Greetings to new and returning law students, new and returning law faculty and staff!

Check out [our hours](#) for these first exciting weeks at law school.

Collections Corner

In this article we revisit the use of looseleaf services in our collection. What are the good and bad aspects of these services and how long will they remain relevant. Do you love them or despise them?

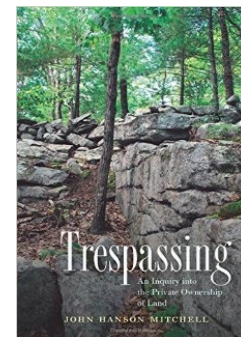
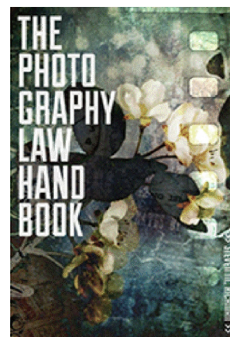
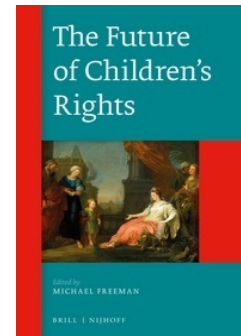
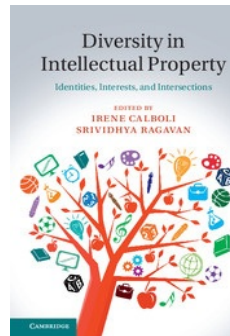
Library Corner

Let's take stock of some of the new or incoming databases we have added to our library! We encourage everyone to try them out and let us know what you think!

Adopt a Book

Just a gentle reminder inserted into the Newsletter that we have a number of books looking for a good home.

New Books



Law Library on Twitter

The John & Dosta Bitove Family Law Library is now on Twitter!

Follow us <https://twitter.com/westernlibslaw> and be the first to know about

- Library hours
- Events
- Study space
- Research tips and tricks
- New purchases
- Books withdrawn from the library collection looking for new homes

Much, much more!

Collections Corner: Looseleaf Services

This article elaborates on an [earlier newsletter story](#) about serials collections. Now that we are into a new year we can reflect on a popular format found in the 2HR Reserve Collection.

Looseleaf services are designed to be kept current through new “releases” of material that can be filed in a binder format. Old content is removed to make way for the new. Some of the titles used to be published as monographs, which would regularly re-emerge from the publishing houses as a new edition.¹ When reformatted as looseleaf publications, the acquisitions relationship changed from libraries becoming subscribers rather than one-off purchasers.

Depending on the publisher and title, looseleaf releases can be published monthly, yearly, or irregularly whenever there is enough new content to make creating a release worthwhile.

Do We Like Looseleafs?

For some users not familiar with legal materials, legal online databases can be complicated. A looseleaf is like a simplified online service. Material is organized under tabs, pages can easily be removed for photocopying, and there is some comfort in being able to see the whole content at a glance. For reference questions, particularly from members of the general public, looseleafs are more user-friendly than other formats.

When Do We Not Like Looseleafs?

When they are expensive. The initial cost for a looseleaf service may be reasonable but the upkeep for supplements becomes expensive, especially if there are new releases every month.²

¹ See Roger E. Salhany, *Canadian Criminal Procedure*, 6th ed (Agincourt, Ont: Canada Law Book, 1994) (looseleaf). The first five editions were in monograph format.

² Looseleaf: Initial price is \$341 with annual upkeep costs at \$247 per supplement (3-5 supplements per year)

The currency of the service is dependent on the timely arrival of new releases. When releases are late it is impossible for future releases to be interfiled. There is a long process involved in claiming missing releases and in some cases we have to re-purchase them. We may also have to cancel and re-subscribe to the service but there may be an extra cost for this.

Even if releases arrive on time, looseleaf filing is quite labour intensive for staff.

Updated content may only be caselaw and legislation, not commentary. Current primary material is fairly easy to find online but updated commentary is more valuable for users. It is hard to imagine buying a new edition of a book with the only content update being references to newer caselaw.

Not all looseleaf services lend themselves well to the print world. Those include titles that cover multiple volumes and keep growing, and titles that cover more complicated topics but do not have the best indexing (and would benefit from keyword searching).

Is There a Future For Looseleafs?

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries held in Moncton NB this past May, law librarians were treated to an interesting discussion on “The Future of Legal Research”. The theme of looseleafs came up (as it does in some form every year). Slaw blogger Gary P. Rodrigues added to the discussion in a piece entitled *Loose Leaf Pain No One's Gain*. He writes that users do still want secondary content in print format. Digital is not necessarily meeting users needs but neither is the looseleaf “death by a thousand cuts”.

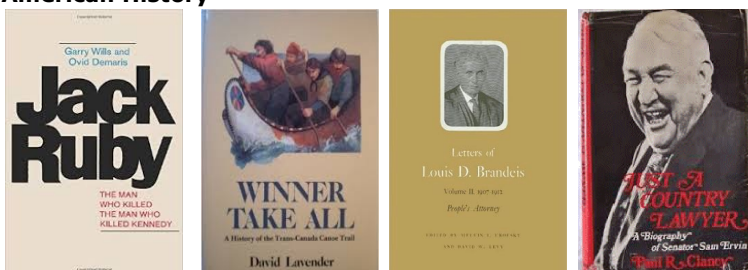
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Slaw *Canada's online legal magazine.*

What do you think?

Adopt a Book

American History





Library Corner: New Databases

Litigator

WestlawNext Canada

Canada Litigator has been on our wish list for quite some time. For the most part, it is a collection of pleadings, motions and facta filed in court by Canadian lawyers. However, it also includes a legal memoranda collection, quantum, a lawyer directory and the Annual Review of Civil Litigation (a title we used to have just through Westlaw). Do not ask how much it costs - it's expensive.

Click here for a more detailed guide to the content.
law.uwo.ca/lab/litigatorbrochure.pdf

First Resort

Lancaster House

We know Lancaster House as the providers of information on labour, employment and human rights law. Their publications go way back in time and their database, containing 20 searchable collections on labour and employment law, is called First Resort. Lancaster House is also responsible for a variety of extremely well-received Conferences all across Canada.

Congress and the Courts

HeinOnline

A new addition to HeinOnline, Congress and the Courts provides access to documents from various congresses relating to purpose, formation, organization, and restructuring of the US federal government. Here you will find decades of legislative intent, testimony, and pre-enactment history.

Family Law Reports

Jordan Publishing

Jordan Publishing is advertised as the leading UK publisher on family law. Right now we just have the law reports but there are other titles available in the database that we'll think about for later.

New Law Reports from Justis

Jersey Law Reports – British Virgin Islands Cases – Cayman Island Law Reports

Our print collection of Jersey Law Reports from 1950-1996 (concerned with matters of: banking and taxation law, white-collar crime, commercial law, and family law) are in storage so the Justis collection is quite welcome. Other jurisdictions are also now represented: *Cayman Islands* (civil procedure, commercial law, company law, family law, trusts law) and *British Virgin Islands* (shareholder disputes, contractual issues, fraud, asset recovery, tracing claims, and insolvency).

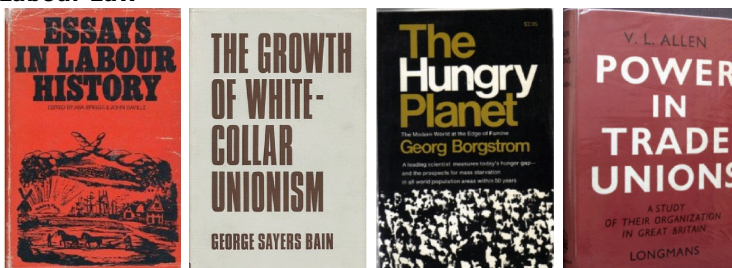
Oxford Legal Research Library

New Titles: Private International Law – Financial Law

The Law Library began a subscription to this collection in 2014 with two titles: *International Commercial Arbitration* and *International Commercial Law*. We have now added two more: *Private International Law* and *Financial Law*. Each collection provides integrated access to leading reference works and treatises, supported by the Oxford Law Citator for linking and onward research. New works, new editions, and supplements will be added to each collection as they are published.

Adopt a Book

Labour Law



Research Guides Spotlight

UK Legal Research

Great Britain crown court
 House of Lords Real property Wales
 Constitutional history England Magna Carta
 Maritime law England
 Parliamentary practice Scotland Common law library
 Halsburys laws of England Church and state Ireland



BACKGROUND RESEARCH MATERIALS

The following sources are great places to start when you need to understand an area of law and would like the proper references to primary law.

Halsbury's Laws of England (5th edition)

Halsbury's Laws of England is an encyclopedia providing a comprehensive narrative statement of the law in England and Wales. Subjects of law are arranged alphabetically by broad topic into more than 100 main volumes. Annual and monthly updating services keep the statements and explanations of the law current.

The Digest: Annotated British, Commonwealth and European Cases

The Digest summarizes case law from the United Kingdom, the European Union, and other Commonwealth countries. Annotations to each case not only outline and classify the subject area but also include subsequent judicial treatment of the case in the English courts. This is a good source to use in order to identify cases and to find proper citations to reporters.

Words and Phrases Legally Defined

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Another useful "words & phrases" title, this set takes its definitions from Acts of Parliament, Halsbury's Laws of England, and leading texts from the Commonwealth. The two-volume set is updated with supplements.

DATABASES

ICLR Online

The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for England and Wales is a not for profit organisation that was established in 1865 as the authorised publisher of the official series of *The Law Reports* for the Superior and Appellate Courts of England and Wales.

The dedicated case law platform, ICLR Online, combines law reports with a powerful Citator + index cards to present all the relevant case information in one screen.

Justis

Justis is an online library of United Kingdom, Irish, European Union and international case law and legislation. Caselaw dates back to 1163 and legislation from 1235.

JustCite is the online legal research platform that helps you find leading authorities and establish the current status of the law. This is your place to start researching UK law. Search results will link to Justis and ICLR Online. Justcite also indexes case reports from the Canadian publisher, Maritime Law Book.

Informa (Lloyd's Law Reports Online)

Lloyd's Law Reports, a comprehensive collection of maritime and commercial cases, has been reporting on decisions since 1919. Cases are selected from foreign jurisdictions as well as from English Law. Access is via the library catalogue. User ID and password required.

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Revised research guides such as the full guide for United Kingdom Legal Research can be found at:

Western Libraries Research Guides:

<http://guides.lib.uwo.ca/>

Law Library .pdf versions:

<http://www.law.uwo.ca/lab/guides.htm>

Taxnet Pro New Platform

Now being referred to as the *Enhanced* Taxnet Pro.

Although the content is the same a few of the areas that have been enhanced are *searching*, *cross references* and *foldering*. Tax instructors are invited to request training for students in Taxnet Pro. Carswell offers different training options including 60-90 minute sessions over the Internet using WebEx. Please [contact Elizabeth](#) if you are interested in Carswell training.