

## Welcome...

back to another school year. Our Fall newsletter will spotlight one of our main UK publishers, highlight another research guide, and entertain you with new library collections information.

## 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.

**CRIMINAL LAW**

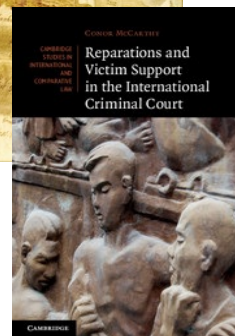
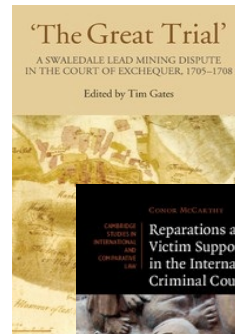
## Collections Corner

This column will give some background as to how we purchase materials for the law library. In particular, how the library purchases materials of serial runs such as journals, looseleaves, and government documents, as well as some of the collections issues behind our decisions.

## Spotlight on...

With our United Kingdom collection slated to move out of its upper stacks home, the spotlight shines on the *Justis* database. It's relevant, easy to use, and has a really neat feature....

## New Books



## Current Awareness

*HeinOnline* offers a "table of contents" service within the MyHein personal account. The eTOC alerts are sent out each time titles you select have been updated.

To create an eTOC alert, browse to a journal title in HeinOnline and click on the *Create eTOC Alert* link. When you click that link, you will receive a message indicating that the title has been added to "Title Alerts" in your MyHein account. You will then be emailed every time an update is made to that title with an electronic table of contents and a direct link to each article.

**Note:** Many journal titles within HeinOnline are not current. It is important to check the information button for such messages as:

- i** Coverage is from volume one through eighteen. Based on the contract with this title, no additional content will be added.
- i** Coverage is from volume one. Based on the contract with this title, HeinOnline must delay the addition of new content by three years.
- i** Coverage is from volume one to the most recently published issue.

The MyHein user guide is found at:

<http://heinonline.org/HeinDocs/MyHeinUsersGuide.pdf>

## Collections Corner: Buying Serials

### What is a Serial?

Serials refer to materials that arrive somewhat regularly rather than one-off purchases and that require continuous, regular payments.

### How Do We Pay For Serials?

Each library has a serials fund, which covers annual costs and expected cost increases. We pay annual subscriptions fees for journals, "per item" fees for annual annotated statutes, which we receive on standing order from publishers, and "per release" fees for looseleaf service updates. The funds for any new purchases come from credit created by cancellations, ceased publications, or from savings made by switching from print to online.

### Journals

Western Libraries has a policy of collecting journal titles in electronic format where possible. For at least 18-20 years many law journals have been available in digital format through LexisNexis and Westlaw with coverage starting in the early 1990's. HeinOnline provides coverage back to volume 1 in its Journal Library. We also see links in the library catalogue to other online collections such as Proquest, JSTOR, and ScholarsPortal. The law library has had some major print cancellation projects in the past (1994, 2004). Future print cancellations will need to take into account stability and reliability of the online provider since we will no longer own these titles, only pay for access to the articles.

Currency of access continues to be a concern. For example, the *Journal of Corporate Law Studies* has a 5-year publisher embargo on it in HeinOnline. Current issues are found in EbscoHost but this collection only goes back to 2007. Knowledge Ontario Thomson's access starts in 2001 but is not current. The law library continues to subscribe to the print for this title. Some law libraries are continuing a print subscription in order to receive the current issue, and then discarding the paper once the online catches up. We may look into this as an option for moving more to digital access while also providing currency.

### Looseleaf Services

The purpose of the looseleaf service is to provide currency in subject areas which cannot be properly kept up-to-date by publishers issuing a new edition of a favourite text every few years. For the most part, however, the *new* material comes in the form of caselaw and changes to legislation. With improved online access to caselaw and current legislation, the real value of the looseleaf should be to provide updated commentary to researchers. When this is not the case, then our staff and financial commitments to looseleafs need to be re-evaluated. It has been our practice to re-purchase looseleaf sets as "contents only" every two to three

years, rather than subscribing. Carswell "caught out" law libraries on this scheme and no longer allows libraries to purchase without subscribing. Other publishers, noting how this upset libraries, have continued the "contents only" option.

Looseleaf services lend themselves very well to an online environment and our investigations into switches to online products will be featured regularly in the newsletter under "spotlight".

### Government Documents

Federal legislative materials are like serials in that we pay an annual price for things like bills, debates, and annual statutes.

Every Summer, it is a routine task to visit the provinces and territories of this great country and decipher what is still being published in print, what is available online, and what has dropped out of existence. Also important is to check for the website statement "*The PDF version of this Bill is provided for reference only. The printed copy of the Bill remains the official version.*"

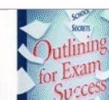
Subscriptions are sometimes "bundled up". We may not really want the orders of the day for the legislative assembly of British Columbia but if we want the bills, we are getting these too. If we want the first reading of a bill then we will also receive the "assented to" version, which is then disposed of once the annual statute volumes arrive. Every province is different, which makes this area of collecting frustrating but also very lively.

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WESTLAW HEADNOTE OF THE DAY

81 Colleges and Universities  
81k9 k. Students.

Notwithstanding the right of a law school to refuse a contumacious student his degree, he is entitled to a certificate of attendance and that he passed a satisfactory examination.  
*People ex rel. O'Sullivan v. New York Law Sch.*,  
22 N.Y.S. 663 (Gen. Term 1893)



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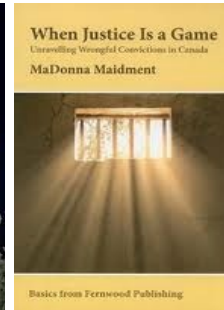
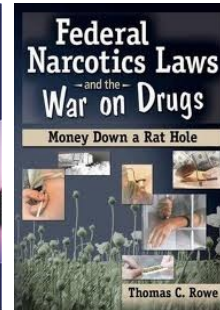
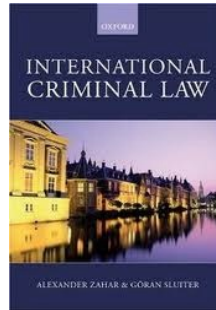
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## Research Guides Spotlight

### Criminal Law

Admissible evidence  
 Correctional law  
 Criminal jurisdiction  
 International criminal law  
 Sentences criminal procedure  
 Drugs of abuse law and legislation  
 Criminal justice Administration of  
 Counterfeits and counterfeiting  
 Crimes against peace  
 Firearms and crime  
 Tax evasion



### DATABASES

#### Criminal Spectrum

The Premier Edition of Criminal Spectrum, includes a comprehensive collection of reported and unreported criminal law decisions since 1977 and all decisions reported in *Canadian Criminal Cases* since 1898. It also includes a noting-up service for caselaw; federal and provincial criminal legislation; annotations from Greenspan and Rosenberg *Martin's Annual Criminal Code* and Greenspan and Rosenberg *Martin's Related Criminal Statutes*; and commentaries such as:

- Salhany Canadian Criminal Procedure
- Clewley & McDermott Sentencing: The Practitioner's Guide
- Harris Youth Criminal Justice Act Manual
- Ewaschuk Criminal Pleadings & Practice in Canada

#### CriminalSource (WestlaweCarswell)

CriminalSource contains a comprehensive collection of criminal, constitutional, evidence and immigration cases from all Canadian jurisdictions. The full text case law coverage on CriminalSource includes decisions from:

- Criminal Reports (1946-)
- Motor Vehicle Reports (1977-)
- Immigration Law Reporter (1987-)
- Annotations: Tremear's Annotations; Crankshaw Digests...

#### Martin's Online Criminal Code

Martin's Online Criminal Code is an online legal research tool that provides users with access to the Criminal Code at a particular point in time, along with the corresponding commentary. Users can browse through previous versions of *Martin's Annual Criminal Code*, or search for a particular section or subsection at a specific date.

#### Criminal Justice Abstracts

This online abstracting service covers essential areas related to criminal justice and criminology. Criminal topics covered in journals from around the world include: criminal justice; criminal law and procedure;

corrections and prisons; police and policing; criminal investigation; forensic sciences and investigation; history of crime; substance abuse and addiction; probation and parole; and criminology. Online via *EBSCOhost* through Western Libraries.

#### LexisNexis Quicklaw

LNQ has Criminal Law folders [under Source Directory - Area of Law] - Criminal Law and Disposition of Offenders and Criminal Procedure. Resources include administrative boards and tribunals, citators and digests, cases, commentary, legislation and legal news, including Alan D. Gold's Criminal Law NetLetter; Canada Sentencing Quantums; Canada Criminal Digest; Crown Weekly NetLetter; Youth Criminal Justice NetLetter; Impaired Driving NetLetter. Other sources within LNQ include *Halsbury's Laws of Canada - Criminal Offences and Defences (Gold)*; *Criminal Procedure (Gold)*; *Firearms, Weapons and Explosives (Brunet)*; *Youth Justice (Wilson)*.

#### Westlaw Canada

LawSource provides access to material useful for research in criminal law. The *Canadian Abridgment Case Digests for Criminal Law (CRM)* are reproduced online, are fully searchable and link to the full-text decisions. The *Canadian Encyclopedic Digest* is also reproduced electronically and can be browsed or searched. Criminal Law falls within the CED under several topics such as Defences; Offences; and Procedure. LawSource also includes the Carswell law reporter: *Criminal Reports*.

Revised research guides such as the full guide for *Criminal Law* can be found at:

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

More guides (currently being reviewed) are found on the Western Libraries site at:

<http://www.lib.uwo.ca/programs/index.html>

# Law Library Spotlight

## SPOTLIGHT: JUSTIS



Justis is a full text online legal library of UK, Irish and EU case law dating back to 1163 and legislation from 1235. Case law provides a link to a printable PDF version which replicates the pagination of the hard copies exactly.

The Law Library currently subscribes to the following collections within the Justis database.

### ■ The English Reports 1220-1873

The English Reports is the oldest collection of the most authoritative, comprehensive law reports (also known as the *Nominates*) in publication - over 100,000 of the most important cases reported between 1220 and 1873.

### ■ The Weekly Law Reports 1953-present

The Weekly Law Reports is the basis for The Law Reports, which contains the most authoritative reports available and should always be cited in preference. The series reports on cases heard in the Superior and Appellate Courts.



### ■ The Law Reports 1865-present

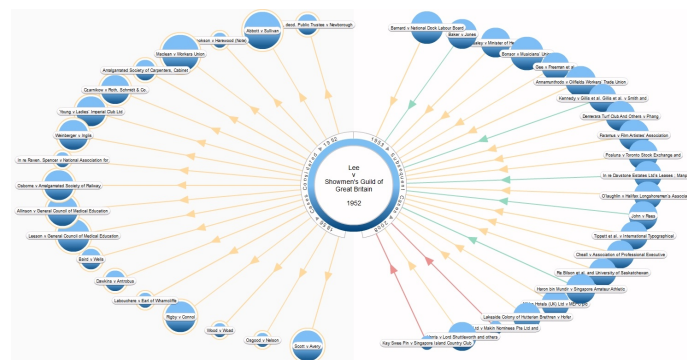
The Law Reports is the most authoritative series of published reports of cases (1865-) which constitute binding precedent in English Law. The database incorporates all earlier divisions of The Law Reports as well as the four modern divisions:

- Court of Appeal
- Chancery
- Family
- Queen's Bench

### ■ JustCite

JustCite is a multi-jurisdictional citator and legal search engine. It provides invaluable information about cases, legislation and articles and their interdependent relationships:

- The "ranking" considers the relationships between cases, not just keyword frequency
- Specific effects of cases are marked up, so you know whether those cases are still "good law"
- It uses interactive visualisation tools, user-generated content and other ground-breaking features.



Justcite Precedent Map

### Justis Quickstart Guide

<http://www.justis.com/support/justis-qsg.pdf>

