

# Law Library Newsletter

## Welcome...to Winter

Well, the Law Library is nice and warm. Congratulations on another successful January Term. It was so nice to meet our visiting Faculty. We would also like to wish our students an enjoyable and relaxing upcoming Study Week.

## Collections Corner

Ever wonder what role e-books play in the Law Library's collection? Well, this article will introduce you to the e-book collections in Western Libraries as well as some information about how legal publishers are introducing e-books to their constituents.

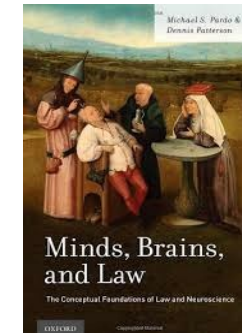
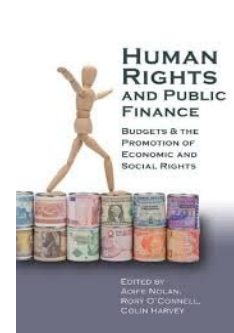
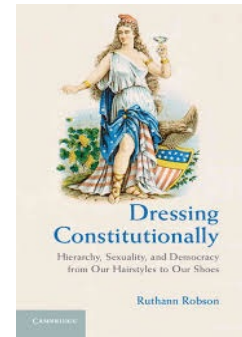
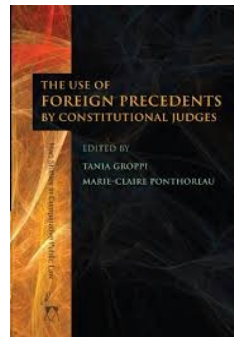
## Spotlight On...

This is a plug for what we hope will be a great online addition to Canadian legislative research. With our compact shelving area disappearing, all those hidden legislative bits need to go somewhere. We do need to rely on online resources but it's so nice when they are actually user friendly!

## Law Library New Databases

This past month the Law Library has purchased access to some new databases. This is an outline of what's new and the status of their availability to our users.

## New Books



## Bora Laskin Law Library

TABLES OF CONTENTS FOR CANADIAN LAW JOURNALS

The University of Toronto posts tables of contents on a monthly basis. The titles included depend on the individual publication schedules.

All of your favourites are here including:

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Canadian Business Law Journal             | Canadian Class Action Review   |
| Canadian International Lawyer             | Canadian Journal of Family Law |
| Canadian Tax Journal                      | The Criminal Law Quarterly     |
| The Indigenous Law Journal                | Supreme Court Law Review       |
| Review of Constitutional Studies          |                                |
| Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence |                                |

This is a listing of the contents. TOC services which send updates to your email inbox are available through HeinOnline and Smart CILP.

## Collections Corner: E-Books

### Electronic Books in Law

Legal monographs, or books, have been available in e-format from legal publishers for some time now. Unfortunately, they are not all made available to the university market the same way. This article will review some of the options for e-format books in law and how e-books are purchased for our collection.

### Coutts Information Services Ltd.

Western Libraries collects e-books through the supplier Coutts Information Services Ltd.<sup>1</sup> These are loaded into the library catalogue and are available on and off campus. Licensing agreements allow for Western Users Only access from off-campus.

There are a number of different "platforms" available for the collections librarians to purchase: MyiLibrary, Ebsco, and EBL (Ebook Library). Titles of books in e-format appear to the librarian in the same review lists as print books. The ebook option is mixed in with the cloth or paperback print options. Western Libraries has a policy of moving towards e-books, but for individual libraries, it can still depend on cost and availability. For some reason, e-books can be much more expensive than print books. Also to be considered is whether the entire book is going to be read and studied for research purposes, or whether only parts of it are going to be read and copied by students.

### Demand Driven Access

In order to gauge the popularity and usefulness of e-books in the collection, Western Libraries has implemented, via Coutts, a "Demand-Driven" acquisition model (DDA). E-book titles, which match a particular library's selection profile, are loaded into the library catalogue and once "viewed=clicked on" at least twice, are purchased and Western Libraries is invoiced. At this point only ebooks on the MyiLibrary platform are loaded into the catalogue. The funding for this is, for now, centralized with all libraries having contributed some monograph funds to a central pot to cover the costs for all libraries. In a recent study by Western Libraries, 5% of the total amount spent through DDA was for law titles.

### On Hold For Alternate Edition

In order to handle the problem of e-books sometimes coming out later than the print format, Coutts has set up a system whereby the librarian can select a title for purchase but "hold back" on receiving the book for a set period of time. If an e-book comes out during that waiting period, the e-book version will be sent. If not, the print book will arrive. If one of these is required sooner, it can certainly be ordered through the regular route.

### Legal Publishers and E-Books

#### Irwin Law

Irwin Law "Essentials" e-books used to be purchased through Coutts on the MyiLibrary platform. In 2012, Irwin Law moved its ebooks off this platform and set up a subscription service on the ebrary platform for access to all of its e-format books through its own website: Irwin Law e-Library.

#### LexisNexis

LexisNexis e-books are available for selected titles with the purchase of the print. The print book comes with an ebook download code, which enables the owner of the book to download the ebook. The platform used is EPUB. This model is great for individuals who purchase their own copies of books but is not workable for a library setting.

#### Carswell

Carswell's e-Reference Library has been growing over the past few years. Print subscribers to such looseleaf titles as *The Law of Privacy in Canada* (McIsaac) and *Fiduciary Duties in Canada* (Ellis) also have access to the online (but only in law firms). The Law Library has been looking into the e-Reference library but are not ready to cancel our print looseleaves yet as these tend to be the more popular services used by "non-law" library patrons. A subscription would give unlimited access however.

#### Canada Law Book

The "Spectrum" products, published by Canada Law Book, are still available on their own platform and provide access to titles such as Ewaschuk's *Criminal Pleadings & Practice in Canada*, Ball's *Canadian Employment Law*, and Adam's *Canadian Labour Law*.

#### Emond Montgomery

A number of Emond Montgomery print casebooks come with a PIN number, which allows a user to download the PDF ebook. Each PIN can only be validated once however, so the "owner" of the book is the only one who can use the code.

#### West

West's *Interactive Casebook Series* provides online access to many of its titles. The e-version is included with the print and provides hyperlinking to Westlaw versions of legal materials, Black's Law Dictionary definitions, supplementary online resources and more. Access is one online user per print book and is available for one year.

---

1. Coutts Information Services Ltd. is an operating unit under Ingram Content Group - book inventory and suppliers for libraries and bookstores.

## Law Library Spotlight: New Online Collections

### Kluwer IP Law

*CCH Law & Business Canada*

Kluwer IP law is designed specifically for Intellectual Property lawyers, specialists, professors and researcher. The *Full Service Module* provides access to Patent Law, Copyright, and Trademark tools of the trade as well as news analysis, case law and legislation.

STATUS: IN PROCESS

### LLMC Digital

*Law Library Microform Consortium*

LLMC is a non-profit cooperative of libraries dedicated to the twin goals of, preserving legal titles and government documents, while making copies inexpensively available digitally through its on-line service LLMC-Digital. The majority of LLMC-Digital's online offerings are made up of that great percentage of titles which many law and government document libraries hold in common. Some valuable collections include Native American constitutions and charters, Yale's Blackstone collection, rare, Canon and Civil Law titles, scarce historical collections covering the colonial dependencies of Great Britain, Canadian federal and provincial legislative journals, and other countries including Haiti, Iraq, and Cuba.

STATUS: IN PROCESS

### Investor-State LawGuide

*ISLG Vancouver BC*

ISLG is a specialized online research database for investment treaty law. It knits together case law, treaties and other relevant materials in ways that allow you to access relevant information faster and with more precision.

STATUS: AVAILABLE VIA THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

### International Encyclopedia of Laws

*CCH Law & Business Canada*

International Encyclopedia of Laws titles, published in looseleaf format, are now available online. What makes this series popular, are the country chapters with commentary written by local experts such as a university professors, outlining the law in that country. Our subscription is for the following titles: Civil Procedure (includes Peter Barton's chapter on Canada), Tort Law, Environmental Law, Labour Law, and Insurance Law (includes Craig Brown's chapter on Canada).

STATUS: IN PROCESS

### Kluwer Arbitration Online

*CCH Law & Business Canada*

In addition to the more than 100 legislative histories, HeinOnline's Intellectual Property Law Collection currently contains more than 500 books, including early commonwealth books and comparative copyright law books. With hundreds of books still in production and scheduled to be added in future releases, this collection will continue to grow.

STATUS: IN PROCESS

*Read a Review here!*



## WestlawNext Canada is Coming!

Ashley Healey is the Student Intern hired by Carswell to assist with the migration of Law Faculty and students to the WestlawNext platform, which was launched in Canada on November 20, 2013. Ashley is currently visiting Faculty to make sure passwords are all working. In the Fall, Ashley will be on hand to assist 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year law students with the transition. Registration for first-year students will be with the new platform.

Please feel free to contact Ashley with any questions you may have about this new platform. She is just an email away at [ahealey6@uwo.ca](mailto:ahealey6@uwo.ca).

## Spotlight On: Parliamentary Debates

One very large collection the Law Library holds in the compact shelving, is our set of Parliamentary Debates (60 shelves). Although we would like to continue to house this set in the library, we may not have the space. One fortunate and timely surprise is the following announcement from the Library of Parliament:

### HISTORICAL DEBATES OF THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA



The Library of Parliament, in collaboration with Canadiana.org, is launching its Historical Debates of the Parliament of Canada digital portal. [<http://parl.canadiana.ca/>]

The portal provides free public access to digital versions of the historical debates of the Parliament of Canada in both official languages. It includes all published debates of both the Senate and the House of Commons from Parliament 1, Session 1\* until coverage on [parl.gc.ca](http://parl.gc.ca) begins.\*\*

This initiative significantly increases access to Parliament's documentary history and heritage. The portal can be browsed by Chamber, Parliament, Session, and volume, and is full-text searchable with a number of search filters available.

The digital page images were produced by Library and Archives Canada, and the portal developed in collaboration with Canadiana.org, a membership alliance dedicated to building Canada's digital preservation infrastructure and providing wide-ranging access to Canadian documentary heritage. Questions, comments and feedback can be directed to:

\*Official reporting of the debates began in 1871 in the Senate, and in 1875 in the House of Commons. Prior to this, there was no official record of what was said in Parliament. For these early years, some volumes of the debates are in fact reconstituted from newspaper accounts of the day; you will be able to identify reconstituted content from the records. In addition, official records of the debates for some early sessions were produced in English only.

\*\* Debates for the Senate of Canada are available from the parliamentary website as of February 27, 1996. Debates for the House of Commons are available from the parliamentary website as of January 17, 1994. To access debates from these dates and later, please visit [parl.gc.ca](http://parl.gc.ca), under Parliamentary Business.



Searching is actually not bad!

The Law Library's Parliamentary Debates collection runs from 1867 (Senate) and 1876 (House of Commons) to 2013 when the print version ceased being published. Any holes in our collection are covered by the main Government Documents collection in Weldon Library.

Senate KE46 .C35  
House of Commons KE56 .C35