

# Law Library Newsletter

## Welcome...

to the *Almost Spring!* issue of the Law Library newsletter.

We've packed lots of information along with Spring colours into this issue.

## Collections Corner

Earlier editions of the Newsletter have introduced new legal databases. Let's take a look at some of these in more detail now. This issue spotlights Oxford University Press'

*Oxford Public International Law*

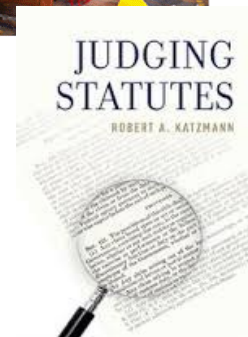
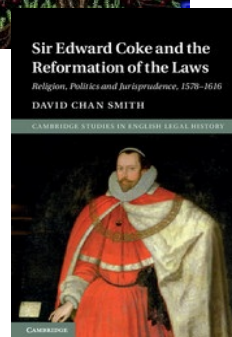
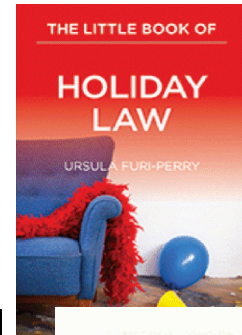
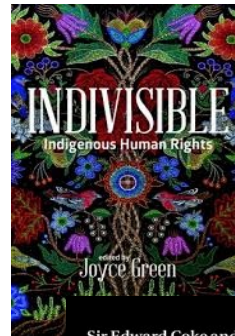
## Law Library Spotlight

Early in the morning, before the overhead lights are turned on, the Main Reading Room is already awash with blues, greens and reds from the lovely stained-glass catching the sun. This is the best time to appreciate the room. Here's a bit of history behind our window.

## Spotlight On: Browzine

Would you like to organize some of your favourite law journals on a virtual bookshelf - that looks just like a real one? The Browzine app brings recent journal issues to your mobile device for browsing. Find out more about it here!

## New Books



## Adopt a Book

Many of the books being weeded out of our stacks are actually duplicate copies of titles either already in storage or in another library on campus. In order to respect the one copy policy of Western Libraries, the law duplicate copies will be withdrawn from the library collection. Since we hate throwing out books, we are therefore making these books available to anyone who would like them. As they are pulled from the stacks, they will be displayed in the Main Reading Room. Don't worry, not only will they be withdrawn from the library catalogue but they will be desensitized so they won't beep in the security gates.

## Collections Corner: Database Information

# Oxford Public International Law



Oxford Public International Law (OPI) is a web-based collection of Oxford's international law services:

### Oxford Reports on International Law

*Oxford Reports on International Law* (ORIL), with reports on over 4,000 cases, covers international courts, domestic courts and *ad hoc* tribunals. Case reports contain the full text of each decision, headnote, as well as analytical commentary and English translations of a number of key non-English decisions.

### Oxford Scholarly Authorities on International Law

*Oxford Scholarly Authorities on International Law* (SAIL) contains full-text online editions of market-leading reference works and treatises published by Oxford University Press, such as Oppenheim, and the Oxford Commentaries on International Law. The consultant editor is Bruno Simma, Judge at the Iran-US Claims Tribunal and former Judge at the International Court of Justice.

### Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law

The *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* (MPEPIL) is written and edited by an incomparable team of over 800 scholars and practitioners. It is published in partnership with the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, and updated throughout the year.

### Oxford Historical Treaties

*Oxford Historical Treaties* (OHT) is home to the full text of The Consolidated Treaty Series, the only comprehensive collection of treaties of all nations concluded from 1648 through 1919. The general editor of OHT, Randall Lesaffer – Professor of Legal History at Tilburg Law School, oversees the expansion of the site to include additional commentary and contextual information.

OPI allows users to cross-search all services together and filter by content type, subject, or jurisdiction.

The screenshot shows the search interface for Oxford Public International Law. The search term is "Freshwater Resources". The results are filtered to show only full text provided by the University of Western Ontario. The search results are sorted by relevance and show 10 items per page. The first result is "Conservation of Natural Resources" by Ulrich Beyerlin and Vanessa Holzer, from the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law (MPEPIL). The second result is "International Watercourses, Environmental Protection" by Stephen C McCaffrey, also from MPEPIL. The third result is "Groundwater Protection" by Kerstin Mechlem.

## HOW TO FIND THE OXFORD PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW COLLECTION

In the library catalogue search **title=Oxford Public International Law**

This will take you to the main OPI site. You can run a search through all of OPI or choose which collection you wish to use.

### OPIL HELP GUIDE

<http://opil.ouplaw.com/help>

## Law Library Corner: Main Reading Room



As the Law Library continues to reorganize its collections and study spaces, we like to look around and pay tribute to some of its more lovely features. Not too long ago we had a visit from a local photographer and stained-glass maker who wished to take a photograph of the window in the Main Reading Room of the Library. This photo, shown above, illustrates the colourful elegance of the window in an authentic *library* setting.

For some history of the window, we pulled out historical notes put together by our retired collections librarian Marianne Welch.

The artist who created the window is Christopher Wallis  
 Christopher Wallis, a native of London, England, came to Canada in 1956 settling first in London Ontario and then Grand Bend, Ontario, where he established his own company *Christopher Wallis Stained Glass Ltd.* He has created other windows on the Western campus (Social Science, Business (Old Ivey) and the Dental building). He also created a series of ten windows with heraldic themes for the great reception hall at Osgoode Hall; apparently depicting 4,000 years of legal history beginning with Hammurabi.

### Law Library Window

As far as we know, the window was part of the original law building. Several years ago, I called Mr. Wallis to ask him for information about it. He did not remember the exact date but said it was one of his early works, made in the early 1960s (The original law building was completed in May 1961). It is also Dr. Margaret Banks' recollection that the window was part of the original building. The earliest picture of the window I have been able to find is one in the Spring 1969 issue of the "Alumni Gazette"; it shows the Reading Room with the window in the background but makes no specific reference to the window.

Early newspaper comments about the library focussed on the vaulted ceiling, not the window. For example: a newspaper clipping dated April 14, 1960, headlined "Call Tenders for \$750,000 Law School Building at Western" states:

..."Perhaps the most attractive feature will be the library, around which the other law school facilities have been laid out. This room, with a high vaulted ceiling, will contain shelf space for 90,000 volumes. It will accommodate 120 students."...

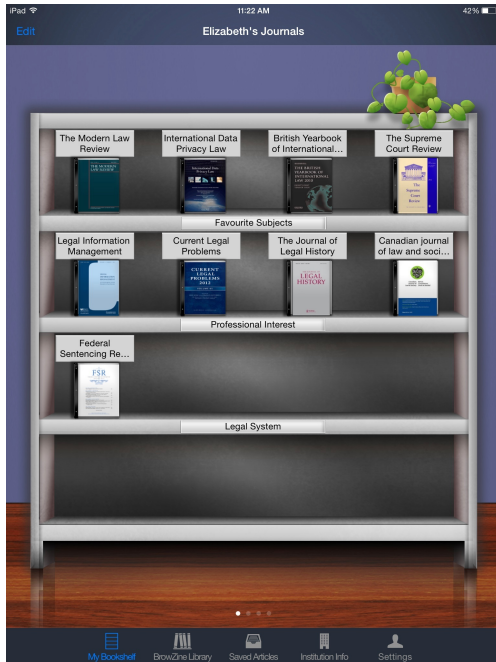
Another clipping dated October 17, 1959 announced plans for the new law building:

..."The outstanding feature of the new law building will be the reading room, 1 ½ stories in height with an arched ceiling and a slate roof."...

Legend has it that the window represents either the spines of law books or the scales of justice. What do you think?

*Photo courtesy of David Rodenhiser, PhD  
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## Spotlight On: Browzine



BrowZine is an app that brings recent issues of journals to your iPad, iPhone, Android tablet, or Android smartphone for browsing. Once installed, users can organize the available journal titles onto a bookshelf for viewing.

BrowZine is available from the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store, and the Amazon Kindle App Store.

Follow these easy steps to get started:

- Download the free BrowZine app.  
<http://www.lib.uwo.ca/services/browzine.html>
- When you open BrowZine for the first time, you'll see a list of schools – select Western University (London, Ontario), then enter your Western username and password.
- Select your preferred subject area(s), and start browsing!



When you open the "Law" subject area, titles are arranged by Fields of Law, Professional Interest, and Legal System. From these listing, you can save individual titles to your own bookshelf.

### Fields of Law

Business and Trade Law  
 Civil Law  
 Civil Rights and Discrimination  
 Common Law  
 Communications Law  
 Comparative, Foreign, International, and Transnational Law  
 Constitutional Law  
 Contracts  
 Criminal Law  
 Estates and Trusts  
 Human Rights Law  
 Injury and Tort Law  
 Intellectual Property  
 Juvenile and Family Law  
 Labor and Employment Law  
 Medical and Health Law  
 Military, War and Peace  
 Natural Resources Law  
 State and Local Government Law  
 Tax Law

### Professional Interest

Dispute Resolution and Arbitration  
 Ethics and Professional Responsibility  
 Law and Society  
 Legal Education  
 Legal History, Theory, and Process  
 Legal Profession  
 Legal Studies  
 Legal Writing and Research

### Legal System

Courts and Legal System

### Introduction to Browzine

<http://support.thirdiron.com/knowledgebase/articles/379924-introduction-to-browzine>