Welcome ...

to the pre-holiday Law Library newsletter. Check the library website to see our expanded end-of-term and exam hours: https://www.lib.uwo.ca/hours/index.html

Collections Corner

We have two stories about updates to databases from Wolters Kluwer (cancellation and migration) and a new platform from Justis Publishing called JustisOne.

From the Scrapbooks

We’ve pulled another Law Library photo from the scrapbooks and added the story behind this fancy scene.

Law Library Display

Come in to see our newest display put together by Edith Richardson: Health Care Law.

Click here to see earlier issues of the Law Library Newsletter
Law Library users are getting their first look at a new and innovative legal research platform, JustisOne, which provides access to more than a million common law cases from around the world. Available since December as a Western Libraries subscribed database, JustisOne combines in a single product what had been two separate services, Justis (full text collections of case law from the United Kingdom and beyond) and JustCite (a case law and legislation citator).

For Canadian researchers, the attractiveness of using the product is its ability to track down common law decisions, regardless of publication format – hard copy or online – or by whom they were published. Chances are good JustisOne will have citations to the cases one is seeking and quite often those citations will be linked conveniently to full text sources Law Library users can access, including selected Justis libraries, open source services (e.g. CanLII, BAILLI) and other commercial databases (e.g. ICLR Online).

**Searching**

Field searching is possible using the “Advanced” feature. For example, one can search for cases, by party names, or for legislation, by name of act. One can also search by citation. The “Browse” feature lets one view cases assigned to a particular category, e.g. Administrative and constitutional law, Agriculture, Banking and insolvency, etc.

Search results are sorted by relevance with the leading authorities at the top of the list. Relevance ranking is based on the court level the case reached, number of subsequent citations and the legal significance (such as “referred to” citations).

The case law analysis tools include the ever popular “precedent map” (showing subsequent treatment of a case as well as cited cases) and the new “key passages” tool which shows the researcher right away which parts of a case are most often cited in subsequent cases.

By way of example, suppose a search for negligence cases produces a results list which includes *Caparo Industries Plc v Dickman*.

The brief record will display the key legal issues in Caparo (Company, Negligence, Duty of Care) as well as the treatments (50 positive, 470 neutral, 6 negative). Clicking on the case name causes two windows to open side by side. The right window displays the full text of the decision. Meanwhile in the left window, the citation to the case appears. In addition, various tabs in the left window can be clicked to access the “Overview”, “Cited cases”, “Cited Legislation”, “Citing Cases” and “Categories”. The most frequently cited passage of a case, often a legal test, may be highlighted, delineated by purple quotation marks.

Clicking on a quoted passage on the left generates a “heat map” on the right, showing the section in the context of the full decision. Also highlighted are sections of the decision which are quoted in other cases.

Clicking on these passages will pop up a list of the cases which cited the quote and will include a link to the actual paragraph within the citing case.

Either a nice feature or a confusing one, the “multiple view” feature of JustisOne allows for any number of windows to be open at any one time (depending on the size of your screen). Each window will flip between the full text and an overview screen.
Law Library Corner: From the Scrapbooks

On December 11, 1968 the Law School celebrated the opening of an addition to the building. Part of the celebrations was a “tea serving” in the Law Library complete with table cloths and candelabra.

The addition was to enable an increase in enrolment from 250 to 350 students although Margaret Banks feels this may have been a misquote since one of the new first-year classrooms, built to seat 150 students indicated an intent to admit that number of students each year with an expected total enrolment of 425-450.

The addition to the building included a large classroom with a seating capacity of 150, seminar rooms, faculty and student offices, faculty, staff and student lounges, and an extension to the Law Library which provided greatly improved staff offices and work areas, much additional seating space for library users, and some, though relatively little, additional shelf space.  

Collections Corner: Kluwer Websites

Kluwer Websites

The Law Library is now accessing the above Kluwer databases under a consortial deal with OCUL (Ontario Council of University Libraries). The consortial deal also gives us access to a tax library called:

Kluwer International Tax Law Library
on the Intelexconect platform. Under Product Launch

Kluwer Law International

Another Kluwer collection is being discontinued as a library subscription. A number of years ago the Law Library subscribed to a Wolters Kluwer journal collection called Kluwer Law International. The consortial discount being offered only applied to subscriptions maintaining a minimum number of journal titles. As we know from these types of deals, we were taking the bad with the good - or the well-used with the never- or under-used titles.

The reality behind the “deal” was that out of 25 titles, only 4 titles had an average annual use (over an 8-year period) of more than 10 searches per year.

Top Titles
(Total number of searches over an 8-year period)

- Journal of World Trade (329)
- Arbitration International (258)
- Journal of International Arbitration (162)
- European Foreign Affairs Review (106)

The following are the lowest-use titles
(total number of searches over an 8-year period)

- International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations (95)
- Business Law Review (82)
- European Business Law Review (53)
- European Public Law (52)
- Air and Space Law (39)
- World Trade and Arbitration Materials (10)
- European Company Law (10)
- European Review of Private Law (8)
- Global Trade and Customs Journal (6)
- European Energy and Environmental Law Review (4)

In the end, we decided to cancel the Kluwer Law International collection. In making this decision, we also noted that many titles were also available in the other Kluwer Website products.

If you see a title which you do rely on for your research please let the library know and we can look into a subscription to this title alone.

From Kluwer CompetitionLaw

News


CHEZ Elektro Bulgaria, Judgment of the Court of Justice of 23 November 2017, Joined Cases C-427/16 and C-428/16 28 Nov 2017

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UK launches antitrust review of the wholesale insurance broker market 22 Nov 2017

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