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### Introduction

Researching foreign, comparative, and international law first requires a basic understanding of what these terms mean. Foreign law generally refers to a country's domestic or internal law—in this instance, outside of the U.S. Comparative law, in turn, is a method of comparing and contrasting the laws of two or more countries, or two or more legal systems. International law is a broad area of law that has two subdivisions--public international law and private international law. Public international law applies to the relationships between national governments, the relationships between intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and the relationships between national governments and IGOs.<sup>1</sup> Public international law also governs the interactions between governments and IGOs across national boundaries.<sup>2</sup> Private international law refers to the choice of which national law to apply when conflicts arise between private parties across national borders.

Locating, and also interpreting, foreign and international legal sources can be extremely challenging, even for seasoned legal researchers. Sources for foreign and comparative law research include national constitutions, statutes, regulations, and cases, but these sources may function differently in foreign legal systems. The traditional sources of public international law may also be unfamiliar. These sources, enumerated in Article 38 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice (the ICJ Statute), are: 1) international conventions (also known as treaties); 2) customary law (general practices of countries and IGOs that are legally binding); 3) general principles of law; and 4) judicial decisions and the "teachings of the most highly qualified publicists of the various nations."<sup>3</sup>

The purpose of this short guide is to provide members of the Loyola University Chicago Law School community with an annotated list of sources that may be helpful when approaching foreign, comparative, and international law questions. The Law Library itself has a wide array of resources in both print and electronic formats that can help with these areas of research. There are also many useful websites listed in the guide that are specific to foreign, comparative, and international law. In addition, the guide lists resources that novices can use to learn the skills and resources specific to these topics, as well as "current awareness" sources that researchers may utilize to keep abreast of developments in foreign and international law.

Keep in mind that, when approaching any legal research problem, it is often advantageous to start with a secondary source. There are many excellent print reference sources, online guides, and treatises that can be extremely helpful when approaching a foreign, comparative, or international law question. Reference librarians are also available most hours the Law Library is open to provide assistance and guidance. The Reference Desk direct phone number is 312.915.7205.

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<sup>1</sup>Marci B. Hoffman and Robert C. Berring, International Legal Research in a Nutshell (St. Paul: Thomson/West, 2008), 3.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Statute of the International Court of Justice, art. 38, June 26, 1945, 59 Stat. 1055, 33 U.N.T.S. 993.

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### Learning to Research Foreign, Comparative, and International Law

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. Lessons, available at <http://www.cali.org/>  
**See the Law Library Reference Desk for password information.**

The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) offers several online tutorials on foreign and international legal research and topics, including “Customary International Law,” “Intergovernmental & Non-Governmental Organizations,” and an “Introduction to Foreign Legal Research.” The “Customary International Law” tutorial is particularly useful.

Duke University School of Law and University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.  
International Legal Research Tutorial, available at <http://www.law.duke.edu/ilrt/index-2.html>

This tutorial was designed to teach students to research international law and legal topics with print and online resources. Review questions and a final review page are included, along with a separate list of “Essential Sources.”

Georgetown Law Library. Researching Treaties Tutorial,  
available at  
<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/tutorials/intl/index.cfm>

This is an interactive introduction to treaty research that includes review questions.

Hoffman, Marci, and Mary Rumsey. International and Foreign Legal Research: A Coursebook. Leiden, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff, 2008. **Law Library Permanent Reserve, 3rd Floor, K85 .H64 2008**

Designed as a coursebook for students learning international and foreign legal research, the book is divided into nine topical chapters—“Getting Started,” “English Translations,” “Introductory and Background Sources,” “Commentary and Analysis,” “Internet Research,” “Public International Law,” “Foreign and Comparative Law,” “International Organizations,” and “International Topics.” A companion website is available at <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/staff/mhoffman/iflrbook/>. A new edition of this book is scheduled for release in Fall 2012.



Hoffman, Marci B., and Robert C. Berring. International Legal Research in a Nutshell. St. Paul: Thomson/West, 2008. **Law Library Permanent Reserve, 3rd Floor, KZ1234 .H64 2008**

Part of West’s “Nutshell” series, this volume introduces basic concepts of international law and discusses various primary and secondary sources specific to this field. Lists of blogs and podcasts are also included. A companion website is available at <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/library/staff/mhoffman/intlnutshell/index.html>.

Lomio, J. Paul, et al. Legal Research Methods in a Modern World: A Coursebook. Copenhagen: DJØF Publishing, 2011. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K85 .L66 2011**

This book addresses legal research methodology and sources for the U.S., public international law, the European Union, and select foreign jurisdictions, including China, Russia, and England. The chapters on researching European Union law are particularly useful. The volume also includes helpful "Research Tips" and charts that are highlighted throughout the book.

Winer, Anthony S., and Mary Ann E. Archer. A Basic Course in Public International Law Research. **Law Library Permanent Reserve, 3rd Floor, KZ1234 .W56 2005**

Designed as an introductory text for students learning research methodology for public international law, the book offers instruction in basic substantive international law and research methods. Each of the nine chapters contains background information, reading exercises, and research problems. Topics included are: "U.N. Principal Organs," the "International Court of Justice," "Customary International Law," "Arbitration among Private Parties," and "International Criminal Law."

### Print Reference Sources

The American Law Institute. Restatement of the Law Third: The Foreign Relations Law of the United States. 2 vols. St. Paul: American Law Institute Publishers, 1987. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K1321 .A96 1987**

These volumes contain the American Law Institute's *Third Restatement* of international law as it applies to the U.S., and U.S. domestic law that affects U.S. foreign relations. This source is also available electronically in *Westlaw*, *LexisNexis*, and *HeinOnline*, although the latter does not contain the most recent supplement.

Buergenthal, Thomas, and Sean D. Murphy. Public International Law in a Nutshell. 4th ed. St. Paul: Thomson/West, 2007. **Law Library Permanent Reserve, 3rd Floor, KZ3410 .B84 2007**

Part of West's "Nutshell" series, this is an introductory work on the basic doctrines, institutions, and methodology of public international law. The book includes a chapter on "Foreign Relations Law in the U.S."

Fox, James. R., ed. Dictionary of International and Comparative Law. 3rd ed. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: 2003. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, KZ1161 .F69 2003**

This is a single-volume dictionary of terms, acronyms, and events pertinent in the field of international law. Many foreign language terms are included, as well as a key to abbreviations.

The George Washington University Law School International Law Review. Guide to International Legal Research. Newark, N.J.: LexisNexis Matthew Bender, 2011. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, KZ1234 .G85**



This is an annual publication divided into chapters by geographic area (Africa, Asia, South Asia, Middle East, Russia and the Former Soviet Union, Europe, and Latin America) and three general topics ("Public Health," "Space Law," and "Human Rights"). Each chapter provides an extensive annotated list of print and online government and legal resources. Also available in *LexisNexis*.



Germain, Claire M. Germain's Transnational Law Research: A Guide for Attorneys. Ardsley, N.Y.: Transnational Publishers, (1991-). **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K85 .G47 1991**

This is a practice-oriented guide on foreign law research with topical and country chapters containing lists of titles in English. Topics include "Antitrust," "International Commercial Arbitration," and "Family Law." Countries covered include Belgium, France, Greece, and Turkey. Most recent update: May 2006.

Glendon, Mary Ann, et al. Comparative Legal Traditions in a Nutshell. 3rd ed. St. Paul: Thomson/West, 2008. **Law Library Permanent Reserve, 3rd Floor, K560 .G43 2008**

This volume in West's "Nutshell" series offers extensive overviews and comparisons of the civil law and common law traditions. Sections on the European Union and the "European Human Rights System" are also included.

Grant, John P., and J. Craig Barker, eds. Parry and Grant Encyclopaedic Dictionary of International Law. 3rd ed. Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.: Oceana Publications, 2009. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, KZ1611 .P37 2009**

This is an alphabetically-arranged single volume encyclopedia of terms, events, organizations, and cases related to the general topic of international law.

Katz, Stanley N., ed. Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History. 6 vols. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K48 .O964 2009**

This international and interdisciplinary legal encyclopedia includes over 1,000 articles on all aspects of legal history throughout the world. There are entries on individual countries, as well as geographic regions (e.g., Latin America, Africa, and South Asia), and various legal traditions. Each article also includes a bibliography and cross references.

Kritzer, Herbert M., ed. Legal Systems of the World: A Political, Social, and Cultural Encyclopedia. 4 vols. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2002. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K48. L44 2002**

Organized alphabetically by country, this set contains a brief historical overview and discussion of each featured nation's legal system and court structure.

Robbers, Gerhard, ed. Encyclopedia of World Constitutions. 3 vols. New York: Facts on File, 2007. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K3157 .E5 E53 2007**

Arranged alphabetically by country, this encyclopedia provides overviews of each featured nation's constitutional history, principles, institutions, and any constitutional amendments. Bibliographic references are also included.

Smits, Jan M., ed. Elgar Encyclopedia of Comparative Law. Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar, 2006. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K48 .E42 2006**

This is an alphabetically-organized single volume with entries on specific legal topics, legal systems, and individual countries. The countries covered in the encyclopedia are: Australia, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, England and Wales, Germany,



Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

### Bilingual Legal Dictionaries

The Law Library collects bilingual legal dictionaries in several languages, including Spanish-English, Italian-English, French-English, and German-English. These volumes are located in the **3rd Floor Reference Section** in the **K52** range. Note that Loyola's **Lewis Library** also has several bilingual commercial dictionaries in its Reference Section.

### Online Subscription Reference Sources

Bureau of National Affairs. Export Reference Library. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [\[Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only\]](#).**

This is an online reference tool for U.S. exporters that includes country profiles, texts of relevant international agreements, and texts of U.S. regulations pertaining to exports. The source also provides a "Trade Blocs" section that summarizes regional trade barriers, including common tariffs.



Reed-Elsevier. Martindale-Hubbell International Law Digest. **Available with a subscription to *LexisNexis*.**

This database provides summaries of statutory law for more than 80 countries. Legal scholars and attorneys with specific country expertise revise each entry annually. Countries covered include Argentina, Denmark, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico, Portugal, South Africa, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Reynolds, Thomas, and Arturo Flores. Foreign Law Guide: Current Sources of Codes and Basic Legislation in Jurisdictions of the World. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [\[Loyola Chicago Community Only\]](#).**

This database is the online version of the print resource of the same name, which has been a staple in the area of foreign legal research for more than a decade. *Foreign Law Guide* offers brief overviews of the legal systems of over 170 jurisdictions, as well as lists of each jurisdiction's codes, court reports, and other significant legal literature. Helpful features of the database include references to available English translations, hypertext links to web sources, and a keyword search option.

Wolfrum, Rüdiger, ed. Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law. New York: Oxford University Press. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [\[Loyola Chicago Community Only\]](#).**

This online encyclopedia, which is still a work in progress, is generally considered the leading reference source in the field of international law. Contributors to the *Encyclopedia* include scholars and practitioners, and a team from the prestigious Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law edits the articles. New content is added four times per year, and the database is searchable by title, full text, author, and bibliography, and the collection can be browsed by name, subject, or author.

## Reference Sources on the WWW

American Society of International Law. ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law, available at <http://www.asil.org/erghome.cfm>

Published online since 1997, this is a collection of guides to researching specific international legal topics. Topics covered include "Treaties," "International Criminal Law," "Private International Law," and the "United Nations."

Hauser Global Law School Program at New York University School of Law. GlobaLex, available at <http://www.nyulawglobal.org/Globalex/>

This website provides links to a growing collection of articles on foreign, comparative, and international legal research. Countries covered include Afghanistan, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, Ghana, Kenya, Paraguay, and Sierra Leone. Authors of the articles are law librarians, local attorneys, and academics.

Law Library of Congress. Nations of the World, available at <http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide/nations.php>

This is a large collection of links to executive, legislative, and judicial sources for more than 100 nations.

Pacifici, Sabrina I., ed. LLRX, available at <http://www.llrx.com/>

Click on the "Foreign & Comparative Law" link for articles on researching foreign, comparative, and international law. Foreign jurisdictions covered include Australia, Mexico, and Israel, and there is also a research guide available for the Pacific Islands.

United Nations, Office of Legal Affairs, Codification Division. Audiovisual Library of International Law, available at <http://www.un.org/law/avl/>

This is a multimedia site with three parts: 1) Historic Archives; 2) Lecture Series; and 3) Research Library. The "Historic Archives" contain documents and audiovisual materials related to the negotiation and adoption of various U.N. and U.N.-sponsored legal instruments. The "Lecture Series" features audio recordings of lectures on various aspects of international law, and the "Research Library" contains links to a plethora of materials, including jurisprudence, scholarly writings on international law, and treaty texts.

University of Ottawa. JuriGlobe-World Legal Systems, available at <http://www.juriglobe.ca/eng/index.php>

This is a multilingual databank that provides general information on world legal systems. Countries are categorized by type of legal system, and a color-coded map is provided that displays the geographic distribution of legal systems. The site also provides bibliographies on specific types of legal systems, as well as one on international trade.

- Note that there are numerous online research guides on foreign and international law available on the WWW through law library websites. See e.g., "Getting Started on International Law Research," available at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/library/research/international/gettingstarted/> (Irene Berkey, Pritzker Legal Research Center, Northwestern University).



- Many NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations) and IGOs (Intergovernmental Organizations) also offer online research guides for locating their own organization's documents. See e.g., "United Nations Documentation: Research Guide," at <http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/>.

## Circulating and Non-Circulating Books

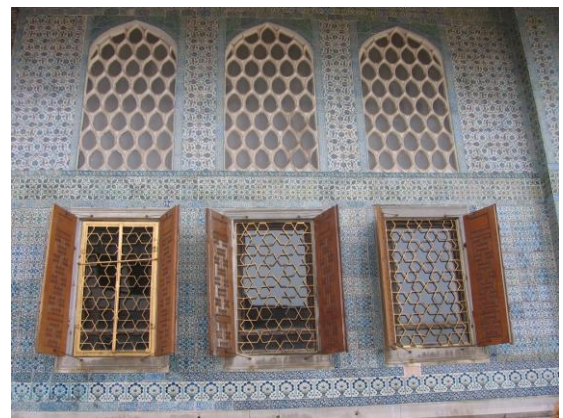
See Loyola's online catalogue, *Pegasus*, to locate specific titles. To find books in libraries outside the Loyola system, use the **WorldCat database**, which is available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [**Loyola Chicago Community Only**]. **Please see the Law Library Reference Desk for assistance with intercampus and/or interlibrary loans.**

*Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSHs)* may be used to locate multiple titles on the same topic. For example, some LCSHs assigned to works on international law are:

- International Law
- International Law and Relations
- International Law—Cases
- International Law—United States

For foreign law, use general LCSHs and combine these with a specific country name. For example:

- Civil Law--Chile
- Human Rights--Chile
- Judicial Process--Chile
- Justice, Administration of--Chile
- Chile--Politics and Government
- Law--Chile



## Location of Foreign and International Materials in the Law Library

Please see the Law Library's map at [http://www.luc.edu/law\\_library/pdfs/lawlibfloorplan.pdf](http://www.luc.edu/law_library/pdfs/lawlibfloorplan.pdf) for specific call number locations.

3rd Floor: Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, the "Nutshell" series.

4th Floor: Treaty Indices and Texts, International Law Digests, Yearbooks of International Law, *International Legal Materials*, *International Law Reports*, United Nations, the International Criminal Court, Council of Europe, International Law, Comparative Law, International Antitrust, Business, Trade, and Tax, International Intellectual Property, International Child and Family Law, International Criminal Law, International Arbitration, International Human Rights, Canon Law, Jewish Law, Islamic Law, the U.K., Canada.

5th Floor: Treaty Indices and Texts, European Countries and the European Union, *Common Market Law Reports*, Other Foreign Jurisdictions, International Tribunals.

## Periodical Articles

### Law Journals and Reviews

Many U.S. and foreign law periodicals focus on foreign, comparative, and international law topics. Articles in legal periodicals may be located in *Westlaw* and *LexisNexis*, which both require a subscription. *HeinOnline* contains scanned images of U.S. and some foreign law reviews and

journals back to their inception, and is available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link. The *LegalTrac* database, also available through the "Subscription Databases" link, indexes both U.S. and some foreign legal periodicals, although links to the full texts of articles are not always provided. **The aforementioned subscription databases are available only to the Loyola Chicago Community.**

The *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* (IFLP) indexes foreign (including some non-English language) law reviews and journals. The *Index* is available online by subscription through *HeinOnline*. Articles that are available in *Hein* are linked directly from the record in IFLP. The *Index* generally excludes articles covering U.S., Canadian, Australian, and British law.



#### Non-Law Periodicals:

Interdisciplinary research may be extremely helpful when researching foreign and international law topics. **Non-law periodical databases are available to the Loyola Chicago Community through the Loyola Libraries' web page at <http://libraries.luc.edu/databases>.** See the "Subject Guides" for lists of topic-specific databases in areas such as "Asian Studies" and "Latin American Studies." Specific databases are also organized alphabetically by title under "Browse by Title." For full-text historical access to foreign and international newspapers, see the *Access World News* database.

#### Other Law-Related Subscription Databases

Bureau of National Affairs. Benefits Practice Center. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only].**

This is a large database focusing on materials related to U.S. employee benefits, although there is some coverage pertaining to compensating foreign nationals and international pension planning. The database includes an archive of BNA's *Pension & Benefits Reporter*—a publication that has some international coverage.

Bureau of National Affairs. Corporate Compliance Library. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only].**

This is primarily an information tool for attorneys involved in the design, implementation, and monitoring of compliance programs under the U.S. *Sentencing Guidelines for Organizational Defendants*. The database includes access to the publication, *Prevention of Corporate Liability: Current Reports*, which has some international coverage.

Bureau of National Affairs. Corporate Governance Library. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only].**

This is an electronic library of materials related to corporate governance. Although primarily emphasizing the U.S., the Library includes the *Corporate Governance Report*, which has some international coverage.

Bureau of National Affairs. Corporate Practice Library. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only].**

A large electronic collection of materials aimed at U.S. corporate practitioners, this database includes about 60 portfolios that each focus on a specialized area of interest in corporate practice, such as antitrust, intellectual property, and securities. The portfolios provide analyses of

the impact of international transactions, and the Library itself offers access to the publication, *Corporate Counsel Weekly*, which has some international coverage.

Bureau of National Affairs. Labor and Employment Law Resource Center. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [[Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only](#)].**

The content of this large database emphasizes U.S. labor-related materials, although there is some international coverage. The third edition of the ABA print title, *International Labor and Employment Laws*, is available in electronic format in this BNA product.

Bureau of National Affairs. Tax & Accounting Center. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [[Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only](#)].**

Click on the "International Tax" tab for access to "Foreign Income Portfolios" that contain detailed descriptions on operating businesses in almost 50 individual countries, as well as the European Union. The "Tax Planning International" part of the database provides links to various BNA international tax publications, including the *Tax Planning European Service*.

Chinalawinfo Co. Lawinfochina/Chinalawinfo. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [[Loyola Chicago Community Only](#)].**

This is a set of databases on Chinese law containing laws, regulations, judicial interpretations, and other legal-related materials. *Lawinfochina* is a single database, with several sub-databases, containing English translations, while *Chinalawinfo* is a set of Mandarin language databases.

Columbia University Press, (CIAO) Columbia International Affairs Online. **Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link [[Loyola Chicago Community Only](#)].**

CIAO is a comprehensive database on international affairs research that includes full-text access to working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations), as well as conference proceedings, books, journals, and policy briefs.

Ebsco, Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text. **Available through the LUC Libraries Databases link. [[Loyola Chicago Community Only](#)].**

This database offers abstracting for more than 200 criminal justice publications, along with the full texts. Some monographs are also included, and the coverage is international.



English Reports, Full Reprint. **Available through the HeinOnline link on the Law Library's web page [[Loyola Chicago Community Only](#)].**

This is a digitized version of the 178-volume reprint of the nominate reports, published between 1220 and 1865. The database is searchable by case name, nominative citation, *English Reports* citation, and keyword.

European Center for Minority Issues. Available through the *HeinOnline* link on the Law Library's web page **[Loyola Chicago Community Only]**.

The European Center for Minority Issues (ECMI) conducts research pertaining to minority-majority relations in Europe. This database contains ECMI publications, including the *Reports*, *Working Papers*, and the *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*.

Foreign & International Law Resources Database. Available through the *HeinOnline* link on the Law Library's web page **[Loyola Chicago Community Only]**.

This is a collection of sources pertaining to international law, including yearbooks and periodicals, U.S. Law Digests, and reports of international tribunals. Specific titles included are *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law* and *Reports of International Commercial Arbitration Awards*.

Foreign Relations of the United States. Available through the *HeinOnline* link on the Law Library's web page **[Loyola Chicago Community Only]**.

This title is the official historical record of significant U.S. foreign policy decisions and diplomatic activity. The U.S. State Department's Office of the Historian compiles the volumes, which commenced with Abraham Lincoln's administration. This database is arranged by presidential administration, from Lincoln through Nixon/Ford.

Kluwer Law International, KluwerArbitration. Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link **[Loyola Chicago Law School Community Only]**.

According to the publisher, KluwerArbitration is the "world's leading online resource for international commercial arbitration research." The source provides access to an extensive collection of primary materials, as well as secondary resources, including the journals *Arbitration International* and the *Journal of International Arbitration*. Note that to display the database contents correctly, users need to turn off any pop-up blockers.

Law Library Microform Consortium. LLMC-Digital. Available through the Law Library's "Subscription Databases" link **[Loyola Chicago Community Only]**.

LLMC is a non-profit cooperative of libraries dedicated to the goal of preserving legal titles and documents. *LLMC-Digital* is an image-based archive that includes some historic foreign and international legal works and documents, as well as materials from U.S. territories.

Philip C. Jessup Library. Available through the *HeinOnline* link on the Law Library's web page **[Loyola Chicago Community Only]**.

This is an archival collection of publications of the International Law Student Association (ILSA), which includes the *Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition Compendium* and the *ILSA Journal of International Law*.



Treaties and Agreements Library. Available through the *HeinOnline* link on the Law Library's web page **[Loyola Chicago Community Only]**.



Hein describes this electronic library as the “world’s largest and most complete online collection of U.S. treaties and agreements.” It includes both official and unofficial treaty publications, as well as treaty guides, books, and other texts. *United States Treaties and Other International Agreements* (UST) (1950-1984), *Treaties and Other International Acts Series* (TIAS) (1982-2006), and the *KAV Agreements* (KAV) (1987-2011) are all available here in digital format.

Wolters Kluwer, [IntelliConnect](#). **Available through the Law Library’s “Subscription Databases” link [\[Loyola Chicago Community Only\]](#).**

This is a comprehensive electronic library of business and tax resources. Although mainly focusing on the U.S., *IntelliConnect* includes a limited number of international tax and securities materials, including the full text of several treatises.

[World Constitutions Illustrated](#), **Available through the *HeinOnline* link on the Law Library’s web page [\[Loyola Chicago Community Only\]](#).**

Hein’s award-winning *World Constitutions Illustrated* database includes a collection of documents, historical texts, and commentary related to foreign constitutions, organized by country. The database also includes most current foreign constitutions in the vernacular, as well as English translations.

[World Trials Library](#). **Available through the *HeinOnline* link on the Law Library’s web page [\[Loyola Chicago Community Only\]](#).**

This is a collection of proceedings and works on famous and important trials from around the world, including *Law Reports of Trials of War Criminals* and *Sixty Famous Cases*, which includes extensive summaries of 29 English cases.

### **Westlaw & LexisNexis**

The subscription databases, *Westlaw* and *LexisNexis*, both provide access to foreign and international legal materials. For foreign law, emphasis in both databases is on common law jurisdictions. In *Westlaw Classic*, click on the “Directory” link at the top of the “Westlaw Research” screen, and then go to “International/Worldwide Materials.” There are also materials under “International Law” within the “Topical Practice Areas” link. In *WestlawNext*, click on “International Materials.”

In *LexisNexis*, from the opening search screen, go to “Find Laws by Country or Region” for foreign law. For international materials, go to “International Law” under “Area of Law--By Topic.” There may also be international materials under other general topic areas (e.g., “Copyright Law”).

Both services also provide access to foreign and international periodicals. See e.g., INTNEWS in *Westlaw*, and “Major Newspapers” within the “News & Business” tab in *LexisNexis*.

### **Dissertations and Theses**

Often overlooked by academic legal researchers, dissertations and theses contain exhaustive research and extensive bibliographies. The *Dissertations & Theses (ProQuest)* database currently includes citations to over two million dissertations and theses from 1861 forward, and full-text access to over one million of these citations. The database’s coverage is global, and the full-text papers are available to download in PDF format. Numerous law-related





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### *Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN)*

SSRN is an electronic repository for international social sciences scholarship that includes the *Legal Scholarship Network* (LSN). Thousands of downloadable abstracts, working papers, and published papers are available without charge. **SSRN is available at <http://www.ssrn.com/>.**

### WWW Sites for Foreign, Comparative and International Legal Research

American Society for International Law. Electronic Information System for International Law, available at <http://www.eisil.org/>

The EISIL database contains the texts of primary international legal materials and links to authoritative websites related to international law. Each entry provides a short description, legal citation, and the name of the document creator. Specific topics covered include "International Criminal Law," International Dispute Settlement, and "International Human Rights."

Australasian Legal Information Institute, et al. World Legal Information Institute, available at <http://www.worldlii.org/>



Several non-profit regional legal information initiatives created and now maintain World LII. World LII's goal is to provide "free, independent, and non-profit access to worldwide law." Currently, the site provides links to over 15,000 legal websites from over 120 countries.

European Union. EUR-Lex, available at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>

This is the EU's primary gateway to EU law and documents, including the *Official Journal*.

Global Legal Group Limited, International Comparative Legal Guide Series, available at <http://www.iclg.co.uk/index.php>

UK-based Global Legal Group Limited offers a series of international legal guides in electronic format, covering a range of topics, including Corporate Governance, International Arbitration, Product Liability, and Trademarks. Local law firms generally author the book chapters, which are in Q & A format. Click on the name of the country to access the chapter in PDF.

International Labor Organization. NATLEX, available at [http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex\\_browse.home](http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex_browse.home)

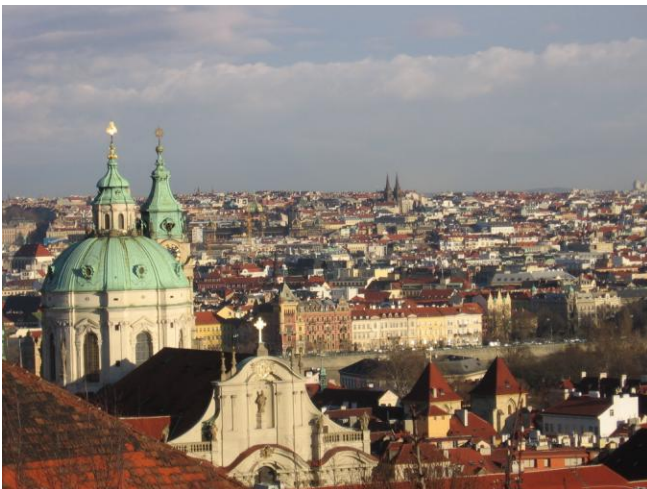
The International Labor Organizations (ILO) maintains NATLEX--a database of national labor, social security, and human rights legislation. The database currently contains over 80,000 records covering more than 196 countries. Records are provided in only one of the ILO's official languages, which are English, Spanish, and French. NATLEX is browsable by country and subject, and there is also an "Advanced Search" function available.

Law Library of Congress. Global Legal Information Network, available at <http://www.glin.gov/search.action>

This is a public database of official texts of laws, regulations, judicial decisions, and other legal materials that foreign governmental agencies and international organizations have contributed. Summaries in English are offered for all entries, and full text of materials in the official language is available for most jurisdictions. A paid subscription is required to access the contents of the entire database.

Lex Mundi. Guides to Doing Business, available at [http://www.lexmundi.com/lexmundi/Guides\\_To\\_Doing\\_Business.asp](http://www.lexmundi.com/lexmundi/Guides_To_Doing_Business.asp)

This is a large collection of English-language overviews of conducting business in various foreign jurisdictions. The authors are members of Lex Mundi, a global organization of attorneys representing over 100 countries. Aruba, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Honduras, and Kuwait are just some of the countries featured in the collection.



New York University and University College, London. Project on International Courts and Tribunals, available at <http://www.pict-pcti.org/>

This is a joint academic project that aims to "facilitate access to and transparency in the work of international courts and tribunals." The website provides descriptions of, and links to, international and regional tribunals, as well as Project publications and papers.

Peace Palace Library, available at <http://www.ppl.nl/>

Located in The Hague, the Peace Palace Library serves the International Court of Justice and has been collecting international legal materials since 1913. The Library's website provides access to its online catalogue, as well as bibliographies of materials arranged by country, and then specific law-related topics within that country.

United Nations. Documents, available at <http://www.un.org/en/documents/index.shtml>

This is the primary online gateway to U.N. documents, including those of the General Assembly and Security Council. From this page, there is a link to the "U.N. Documentation System," which is a searchable database of U.N. documents from 1993-forward. For bibliographic information on UN documents from 1979-forward, see the UNBISnet database link.

United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. UNESCO Database of Cultural Heritage Laws, available at [http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL\\_ID=33928&URL\\_DO=DO\\_TOPIC&URL\\_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=33928&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

This is a database of national cultural heritage laws in the vernacular, as well as any available official or unofficial English translations. The database may be searched by country, heritage category, theme, type of instrument, keyword, and also by language.

University of Minnesota Human Rights Center. Minnesota Human Rights Library, available at <http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>

This is an extensive online collection of 60,000+ human rights treaties and other human rights documents. Numerous links are also provided to human rights websites. Additionally, there is a site-specific search engine available, and a section on “Resources for Researching Country Conditions.”

University of Richmond. The Constitution Finder, available at <http://confinder.richmond.edu/>

This website contains links to national constitutions (in the original language, and in English translation, if available), amendments, charters, and other documents.

The World Bank Group. Doing Business, available at <http://www.doingbusiness.org/>

This page provides access to current “Doing Business” English-language guides for over 180 countries, based on annual World Bank surveys. Each guide provides detailed information on starting a business, dealing with permits, hiring workers, etc. in the specific locale.



World Intellectual Property Organization. WIPO Lex, available at <http://www.wipo.int/clea/en/>

This website provides access to WIPO Lex, an international database of IP laws and treaties. The database is searchable by country and subject, and there is also keyword search capability. Texts are available in the vernacular, as well as other languages—to the extent possible.

## Current Awareness in Foreign, Comparative, and International Law

American Society of International Law. American Journal of International Law. **Law Library 4th Floor, K1 .M45**

Published quarterly by the American Society of International Law, this journal contains articles, editorials, notes and comments, and book reviews pertaining to international law topics. This title is also available in *HeinOnline*, the *JSTOR* database, *Westlaw*, and *LexisNexis*.



American Society of International Law. ASIL Insights, available at <http://www.asil.org/insights.cfm>

This is a free electronic publication that is posted two to three times per month on the American Society of International Law (ASIL) website and is also distributed via e-mail. The publication contains analyses and accounts of recent developments in international law. An RSS feed is available, as well as an archive back to 1996. To subscribe by e-mail, go to <http://www.asil.org/subscribeelectronic.cfm>.

American Society of International Law. International Law in Brief, available at <http://www.asil.org/ilibmenu.cfm>

This publication includes abstracts of, and links to, “significant primary documents relating to contemporary developments in international law.” Published every two weeks in electronic format by the editors of *International Legal Materials*, the newsletter is available for free by providing an e-mail address at <http://www.asil.org/subscribeelectronic.cfm>.

International Judicial Academy and the American Society of International Law. International Judicial Monitor, available at <http://www.judicialmonitor.org/current/index.html>

This is a free electronic publication for judiciaries and justice sector professionals that covers judicial developments around the world. Distribution is available via e-mail, and an RSS feed is also offered. For e-mail subscriptions, go to <http://www.asil.org/subscribeelectronic.cfm>.

Law Library of Congress. Global Legal Monitor, available at [http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc\\_news?home](http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/lloc_news?home)

This is an irregularly published online publication that focuses on legal events and developments worldwide. An RSS feed is available, as well as regular e-mail updates.

Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library, University of Washington. SmartCILP. **See a Reference Librarian to sign up for this service.**

*SmartCILP* is a fee-based legal bibliographic service that allows users to set up a profile, based on areas of interest. Each week, users receive a list of new articles in law reviews and journals that pertain to their profile from the *Current Index to Legal Periodicals*. Subject headings related to foreign and international law include “International Law,” “International Trade,” “Comparative and Foreign Law,” “Civil Law,” and “Human Rights Law.”

Schmertz, Jr., John R., and Mike Meier, eds. International Law Update. **Law Library 4th Floor, K9 .N779**

This is a monthly report on international legal developments affecting the U.S. The publication is also available in *HeinOnline* and *LexisNexis*.

United States State Department. Daily Press Briefings, available at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/dpb/>

The U.S. State Department’s daily briefings for the Department’s press corps are available as print transcripts, or in video format on the WWW. E-mail updates are also offered.

### **BNA Electronic Newsletters**

The Law Library currently has electronic subscriptions to the full set of Bureau of National Affairs (BNA) newsletters. **These are available only to members of the Loyola Chicago Law School Community through the Law Library’s “Subscription Databases” link.** Law School faculty, staff, and students may register to receive any of these publications electronically through the “BNA E-Mail Registration” link, accessible via [http://www.luc.edu/law\\_library/resources/BNA\\_dbs.html](http://www.luc.edu/law_library/resources/BNA_dbs.html).

BNA newsletters with at least some international coverage are listed below by subject:

#### **Antitrust**

*Antitrust & Trade Regulation Daily*



*Antitrust & Trade Regulation Report* (weekly)

**Banking**

*Banking Daily*

*Banking Report* (weekly)

**Bankruptcy**

*Bankruptcy Law Daily*

*Bankruptcy Law Reporter* (weekly)

**Communications & Media**

*Media Law Reporter* (weekly)

*Telecommunications Monitor* (business days)

*World Communications Regulation Report* (monthly)

**Computer Technology**

*Computer Technology Law Report* (semimonthly)

**Corporate Law & Finance**

(see also “International Business & Trade”)

*Corporate Accountability & Fraud Daily*

*Corporate Accountability Report* (weekly)

*Corporate Counsel Weekly*

*Corporate Law Daily*

*Daily Report for Executives*

*Mergers & Acquisitions Law Report* (weekly)

*Money & Politics Report* (business days)

*Right-to-Know Planning Guide Report* (biweekly)

*White Collar Crime Report* (biweekly)

**E-Commerce**

*E-Commerce Law Daily*

*E-Commerce Tax Report* (business days)

*Electronic Commerce & Law Report* (weekly)

**Environmental Law**

*Chemical Regulation Daily*

*Chemical Regulation Reporter* (weekly)

*Daily Environment Report*

*Environment Reporter* (weekly)

*Environmental Due Diligence Guide Report* (monthly)

*International Environment Daily*

*International Environment Reporter* (biweekly)

*Toxics Law Daily*

*Toxics Law Reporter* (weekly)

**Family Law**

*Family Law Reporter* (weekly)

**Federal Contracts**

*Federal Contracts Daily*

*Federal Contracts Report* (weekly)

**Health, Medicine, & Science**

*BioTech Watch* (business days)

*Life Sciences Law & Industry Report* (biweekly)





*Medical Research Law & Policy Report* (semimonthly)  
*Pharmaceutical Law & Industry Report* (weekly)

### **Homeland Security**

*Homeland Security Briefing* (business days)

### **Intellectual Property**

*Patent, Trademark & Copyright Law Daily*  
*Patent, Trademark & Copyright Journal* (weekly)  
*World Intellectual Property Report* (monthly)

### **International Business & Trade**

(see also “Corporate Law & Finance”)

*International Business & Finance Daily*  
*International Trade Daily*  
*International Trade Reporter* (weekly)  
*WTO Reporter* (daily)

### **Labor & Employment**

(including “Pensions & Benefits”)

*Construction Labor Report* (weekly)  
*Daily Labor Report*  
*Employment Discrimination Report* (weekly)  
*Human Resources Report* (weekly)  
*Labor Relations Week*  
*Pension & Benefits Daily*  
*Pension & Benefits Reporter* (weekly)  
*Workplace Law Report* (weekly)

### **Litigation**

*Class Action Litigation Report* (semimonthly)  
*Digital Discovery & e-Evidence* (monthly)  
*Expert Evidence Report* (semimonthly)

### **Privacy & Security**

*Privacy & Security Law Report* (weekly)  
*Privacy Law Watch* (business days)

### **Product Liability**

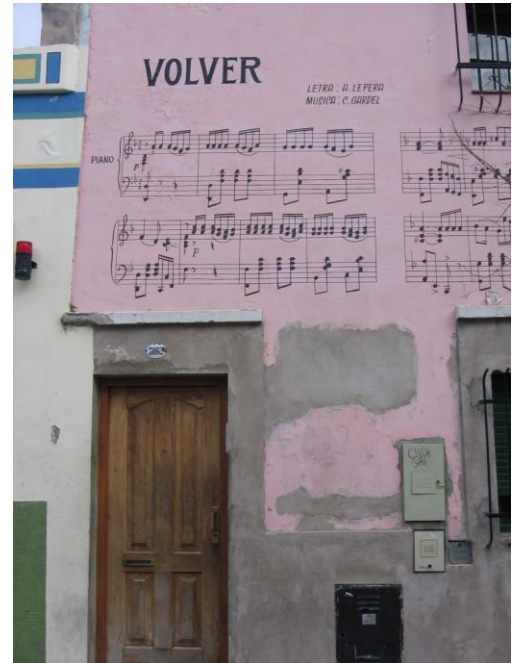
*Product Liability Daily*  
*Product Safety & Liability Reporter* (weekly)

### **Securities**

*Broker/Dealer Compliance Report* (weekly)  
*Securities Law Daily*  
*Securities Regulation & Law Report* (weekly)  
*World Securities Law Report* (monthly)

### **Tax & Accounting**

*Accounting Policy & Practice Report* (biweekly)  
*Daily Tax Report*  
*E-Commerce Tax Report* (business days)  
*International Tax Monitor* (daily)  
*Tax Management Transfer Pricing Report* (biweekly)  
*Tax Management Weekly Report*  
*Tax Planning International Asia & Pacific Focus* (updated at least twice weekly)



*Tax Planning International European Tax Service* (monthly)  
*Tax Planning International Indirect Taxes* (monthly)  
*Tax Planning International Review & Forum* (monthly)  
*Tax Planning International Transfer Pricing* (monthly)  
*TaxCore* (business days)

### **Transportation**

*Transportation Watch* (business days)

### **Blogs**

Justia, Inc., International Law Blogs, available at  
<http://blawgsearch.justia.com/blogs/categories/international-law>

This is a compilation of over 80 blogs following international law, and some foreign legal topics. Links to the blogs are provided, including *Opinio Juris*, *IntLawGrrls*, and *International Law Prof Blog*.

Justia, Inc., Country Law Blogs, available at <http://blawgsearch.justia.com/blogs>

Countries on the list include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Spain, and the U.K. Links to the blogs are provided.

### **Citing Foreign and International Law**

See *The Bluebook* (19<sup>th</sup> edition) for rules on citing foreign and international materials in U.S. court documents, law reviews, and legal memoranda. Rule 20 of *The Bluebook* covers “Foreign Materials,” and Rule 21 “International Materials.” Table 2 lists “Foreign Jurisdictions” in alphabetical order with instructions on citing cases, constitutions, codes, etc. Entries in Table 2 also list “Internet Sources.”

For information on citing materials in foreign jurisdictions and international forums, see:

New York University School of Law Journal of International Law & Politics. Guide to Foreign and International Legal Citations. 2d ed. New York University, 2009. **Legal Reference, 3rd Floor, K89 .G85 2009**

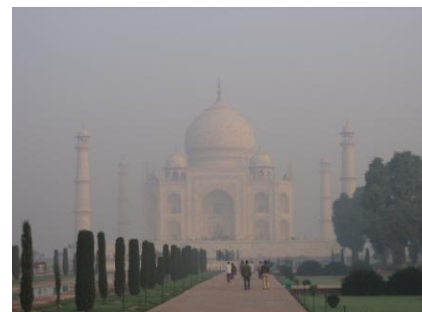
For assistance in deciphering foreign and international legal abbreviations, see:

Cardiff University. Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations, available at  
<http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/>

Kavass, Igor, and Mary Miles Prince. World Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations. Buffalo: Hein, 2001. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K85 .W67 1991 (Law Library subscription is no longer updated as of 3/16/2001)**

Noble, Scott, comp. and ed. Noble's Revised International Guide to the Law Reports. Etobicoke, Ontario: 1998. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, K89 .N63 1998.**

Prince, Mary Miles. Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations. 5th ed. Buffalo: Hein, 2001. **Law Library Reference Desk, 3rd Floor, KF246 .B46 2001 (Also available in LexisNexis)**



Torres, Arturo L., and Francisco Avalos, comp. Latin American Legal Abbreviations. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1989. **Law Library Reference, 3rd Floor, KG25 .T67 1989**

### A Note on English Translations



English translations of foreign legal materials are often difficult to locate and can be unreliable. Only in rare instances are authoritative English translations available, such as in the case of Canada where federal legislation is published in both French and English. If authoritative versions are not available, look for “official” translations that are created by, or for, a government organization. Further, look for synoptic translations, which allow for side-by-side comparisons of the vernacular with the English translation. Some foreign legal materials are translated into English more often than others, such as those pertaining to commercial and tax law.

Many online translators are available on the WWW, but these should be used with caution since web translators do not generally include specialized legal or commercial vocabulary. Online translators, however, may be of some help in getting the general sense of a document or passage. Examples of WWW translators are:

Babelfish: <http://babelfish.yahoo.com/>

Google Translate: <http://translate.google.com/?hl=en#>

WorldLingo: [http://worldlingo.com/en/products\\_services/worldlingo\\_translator.html](http://worldlingo.com/en/products_services/worldlingo_translator.html)

Linguee: <http://www.linguee.com/> (Linguee matches sentences already translated on the WWW.)

Other ideas for locating English translations of foreign law include foreign government websites, the *Foreign Law Guide* (see page 6 above), and law library catalogues.

\*Note that “Appendix C” of the title, International Legal Research in a Nutshell (Hoffman and Berring) mentioned above on page 3, contains a list of websites that include English translations of national law.

### Foreign Materials in the Dan K. Webb Rare Books Room

#### United Kingdom materials

There is a small collection of historic British materials in the **Dan K. Webb Rare Books Room** on the Law Library’s **4th floor**. Included in the collection is an 1817 edition of the first part of Sir Edward Coke’s *Institutes of the Laws of England*. Coke (1552-1634) was an English jurist and politician whose four-part set of *Institutes* is a detailed analysis of 17<sup>th</sup> century English common law. Also part of the collection is an early edition of *Blackstone’s Commentaries*, which Clarendon Press originally published between 1765 and 1769 at Oxford. Written by another English jurist, Sir William Blackstone (1723-1780), the set of *Commentaries* is a treatise on English common law that influenced the early development of the U.S. legal system, as well as legal practice and education. Among the U.K. materials in the Room are also several 19th century case reporters containing transportation and admiralty cases.

## Chilean Materials

The Law School currently sponsors a formal exchange program with the Law School of the Universidad Alberto Hurtado (UAH) in Santiago, Chile. Each year, several UAH law faculty and students visit Chicago, and a seminar class from Loyola travels to Santiago during Spring Break.

Since the program's inception, UAH has periodically donated items related to Chilean law to the Law Library. Grouped together as the "Universidad Alberto Hurtado Collection," these materials are housed in the Rare Books Room, and currently total about 20 items. The items, which are primarily in Spanish, range from copies of UAH Law School periodicals, to an investigative dossier of former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet.



The majority of the materials in the UAH Collection are authored by members of UAH's prestigious law school faculty. One of the items, for example, is a 2005 monograph on litigation strategies for criminal cases that UAH Law Professors Hugo Rojas, Mauricio Decap, Leonardo Moreno and Rafael Blanco co-authored. Professor Blanco, who has visited Loyola several times, is an expert on comparative criminal procedure, and he played a major role in the recent reform of Chile's *Criminal Procedure Code*. Another unique tome in the Collection contains the legal writings of Saint

Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, for whom UAH is named. Canonized in 2005, Hurtado (1901-1952) was a Jesuit priest and social activist with a law degree from Chile's Pontifical Catholic University. The book in the UAH Collection includes Hurtado's law school papers, as well as his 1950 publication, *Sindicalismo: Historia, Teoría, Práctica* (*Trade Unionism: History, Theory, Practice*). The volume also contains an informative introduction that UAH Law Dean Pedro Irureta penned.

Also part of the UAH Collection are eight numbers of UAH's semiannual law journal, *Colección de Investigaciones Jurídicas*, and three numbers of *Ensayos Jurídicos*, an annual publication containing a short essay. The *Colección* series, which was inaugurated in 2002, has an editorial board composed solely of UAH faculty, with each issue containing one lengthy research article. Examples of covered topics in the series are restorative justice, the indigenous question in Chile, and standards in the Chilean public defender's office. The annual *Ensayos* series has thus far examined three subjects: fault in civil responsibility, workers' fundamental rights, and labor regulations.

Two other items in the UAH Collection relate directly to investigations of former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet. One of the items is a copy of the first volume of Judge Juan Guzmán's investigative dossier of the 1973 murders of three Chilean political prisoners. The three men, who were killed near Arica, Chile, were targeted as part of the Chilean military operation known as the "Caravan of Death." The investigation of the Arica murders is chronicled in the riveting film, *The Judge and the General*, which aired on PBS in the Fall of 2008—a copy of which is on reserve on the 3rd Floor of the Law Library at JC599 .C5 J83 2008. Another Pinochet-related item in the Collection is the 2004 *Informe de la Comisión*



*Nacional sobre Prisión Política y Tortura (Report of the National Commission on Political Imprisonment and Torture)*. Also known as the Valech Report, the *Informe* presents the results of a six-month investigation of abuses committed in Chile during the Pinochet regime.

Access

Use of materials in the Dan K. Webb Rare Books Room is limited to Loyola Law School faculty, staff, current students, and alumni. Individuals wishing to review any of the items shelved in the Room are asked to call the Reference Desk at 312.915.7205 to schedule an appointment.