

Charleston School of Law Sol Blatt Jr. Library Databases

Admiralty and Maritime Law

American Maritime Cases

Founded in 1923, American Maritime Cases (AMC) has become a critical source for researching significant maritime decisions rendered by United States (Federal and State) courts. It also reports legislative action, administrative law decisions, arbitration decisions, Maritime Law Association of the U.S. source material and occasionally, Canadian and other international cases and other items deemed significant.

Finding Aids & Dictionaries

Encyclopedia Britannica

A multi-disciplinary source, Britannica Online Academic Edition contains the complete content of the encyclopedia, plus the content from Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Thesaurus, and the Britannica Book of the Year.

Oxford English Dictionary

Authoritative and comprehensive dictionary of the English language.

WorldCat

Locate wanted items in nearby libraries.

Historical Legal Research

18th Century Collections Online

Full-text and full-page-image access to more than 180,000 books, pamphlets, essays, broadsides and more. Comprised of every significant English-language and foreign language title printed in the United Kingdom during the 18th century, along with thousands of important works from the Americas.

The Making of Modern Law – Primary Sources 1620-1926

Based on Yale University Law Library's holdings, this database offers access to the published records of the American colonies, documents published by state constitutional conventions, state codes, city charters, and law dictionaries,.

The Making of Modern Law – Treatises 1800-1926

Full-text collection of more than 21,000 treatises on British and American law covering the period from 1800 to 1926.

The Making of Modern Law – Trials 1600-1926

Trials found in the Harvard and Yale law libraries and the Library of the Bar of the City of New York. The collection includes unofficially published accounts of trials; official trial documents, briefs and arguments; and official records of legislative proceedings, administrative proceedings and arbitrations.

The Making of the Modern World

Library of economic literature 1450 – 1850 offers 61,000 titles and pre-1906 serials on economics and business.

United States Supreme Court Records and Briefs

Full text and searchable index of U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs for the years 1832-1978.

Indexes

CILP (Current Index to Legal Periodicals)

Topical index to articles published each week in over 570 legal publications, organized within 100 subject headings. Provides complete tables of contents of all journals indexed. Available 4 to 6 weeks before LegalTrac and Index to Legal Periodicals.

Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals

A subject index to selected international and comparative law periodicals and collections of essays. Many articles are available in HeinOnline.

Index to Legal Periodicals and Books Full Text and Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective

The Index to Legal Periodicals Full Text indexes more than 850 English language legal periodicals, beginning with 1981. Full text is available for over 400 periodicals. Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective covers the period from 1908-1981 and links to full text available in other library databases.

LegalTrac

Cumulative index of approximately 1,500 publications by Gale. Provides faceted navigation of pre-defined subject areas and full text of many articles. Coverage starts in 1980.

International Research Resources

CIAO (Columbia International Affairs Online)

Comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. Provides scholarly documents from leading international relations research centers, including complete texts of working papers from university research institutes, occasional paper series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects and proceedings from conferences. Coverage from 1991 to present.

Foreign Law Guide

Formerly the Reynolds & Flores Foreign Law Guide. First source for locating primary sources of legislation of foreign jurisdictions. There is an introduction to the legal system; a list of codifications, gazettes and other sources of law; and a

section listing sources of law by subject for each country. Note that the Foreign Law Guide is the only Brill text available to Charleston School of Law users.

Foreign Relations of the United States

Presents the official documentary historical record of major U.S. foreign policy decisions and diplomatic activity, beginning in 1861 and continuing to 1975. Contains documents from Presidential libraries, Departments of State and Defense, National Security Council, Central Intelligence Agency, Agency for International Development, and other foreign affairs agencies as well as the private papers of individuals involved in formulating U.S. foreign policy.

Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law

Online version of respected print authority on the theory and practice of international law. Articles written by international legal scholars cover a wide variety of international topics, with citations to leading treatises and international cases. Each article has a select bibliography.

Oxford Constitutional Law

Offers English-language access to all the world's constitutions (both national and sub-national), accompanied by individual jurisdictional commentaries, and supplementary materials, including foundation documents, historical versions of constitutions, and amendment Acts/Laws, plus the ability to search for topics across all nations.

Oxford Reports on International Law

English language coverage of cases from four areas of international jurisprudence. Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts covers international law as applied in the domestic courts of around 70 jurisdictions. Coverage is currently from 1804 forward. Reports on International Courts of General Jurisdiction provides comprehensive coverage from the most important and general international courts - the International Court of Justice, Permanent Court of International Justice, and International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Reports on International Criminal Law focuses on decisions from a range of international criminal courts and tribunals. It covers decisions from the four main international criminal tribunals: International Criminal Court, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Reports on International Human Rights Law covers international decisions on human rights from a variety of global and regional courts.

Legal Research Resources

The American Bench

Directory with biographical information on more than 20,000 judges at all levels of federal state and local courts with jurisdictional, structural and

geographical facts on the courts they serve. Includes a Gender Ratio Summary as well as extensive background information on each judge.

Bloomberg/BNA

Full text of Bureau of National Affairs publications such as U.S. Law Week, Criminal Law Reporter, Computer Technology Law Report, the Benefits Practice Center, the Intellectual Property Library, and many more. These databases provide news, primary sources of law and explanations in many fields of law, including banking, bankruptcy, criminal law, health care law, intellectual property and taxation.

Bloomberg Law (*Individual password required, see librarian for assistance. Includes PACER access.*)

In addition to providing access to state and federal sources of law, this database also provides access to a large variety of forms.

CALI

More than 100 computer-based legal tutorials. Contact a librarian for the information necessary to create your personal login.

Casemaker

Fully searchable state and federal libraries. Includes all state case law, constitutions, statutes, state and federal court rules, administrative codes, AG opinions, Rules of Professional Conduct, and the University of South Carolina Law Review. Click on the social network Casemaker X to create your own account and gain free access to Casemaker.

CCH

Law and business database includes federal tax, banking compliance, benefits, financial services, HR, health care and legal professional areas. Includes news and current awareness tools as well as primary sources. New search interface Intelliconnect allows users to search all CCH databases on one platform. Saving personal settings and prior searches requires creation of user id and password.

Declassified Documents Reference System

Access more than 500,000 pages of previously classified government documents, covering major international events from the Cold War to Vietnam and beyond.

Environmental Law Reporter

The premier environmental law database provides complete coverage of environmental law. It includes statutes; indexes, tables and bibliographies; regulations; cases; articles; and news and analysis. The briefs and pleadings may be of special interest.

FastCase

Fully searchable state and federal libraries. Includes all state case law, constitutions, statutes, state and federal court rules, administrative codes, AG opinions, Rules of Professional Conduct, and law reviews via HeinOnline. FastCase is provided free to members of the South Carolina Bar.

HeinOnline

Full text of numerous law journals from their initial publication; the American Law Institute Library; Canada Supreme Court Reports; the Code of Federal Regulations; Congress and the Courts; Early American Case Law; English Reports from 1220-1867; European Center for Minority Issues; Federal Register Library; Foreign & International Law Resources Database; Foreign Relations of the United States; Harvard Research in International Law; Legal Classics; Manual of Patent Examining Procedure; National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; National Moot Court Competition; the Pentagon Papers; Philip C. Jessup Library; Revised Statutes of Canada; Selden Society Publications and the History of Early English Law; Sessions Laws Library; State Statutes: A Historical Archive; Subject Compilations of State Laws (1960-2009); Taxation & Economic Reform in America: A Historical Archive (1781-2009); Treaties and Agreements Library; United Nations Law Collection; United States Code; U.S. Attorney General Opinions; U.S. Congressional Documents; U.S. Federal Agency Documents, Decisions and Appeals; U.S. Federal Legislative History Library; U.S. Presidential Library; U.S. Statutes at Large; U.S. Supreme Court Library; Women and the Law; and World Trials Library.

LLMC

Federal legislative, judicial and administrative materials digitized from the fiche collections of the Law Library Microform Consortium. Database includes Anglo-American and foreign law treatises, periodicals and European civil law.

Lexis Advance

LexisNexis Courtroom Cast, Powered by Courtroom View Network (*Sign up for access, choose Charleston School of Law from the drop-down menu.*)

This collection of recordings of courtroom proceedings can be downloaded for transfer to an MP3 player. Browse the cases by topic or casebook. Courtroom video shows opening statements, witness examination, re-direct and cross-examination, oral arguments.

OmniTax

The CCH OmniTax database comprises tax news; journals and newsletters; federal, state and international tax publications; accounting and auditing publications; banking and finance publications; insurance publications; products liability publications; financial and estate planning publications; tax treatises; and tax practice tools.

ProQuest Congressional

Indexes and abstracts of Congressional publications, CIS legislative histories from 1969 forward, and bill tracking. Includes full text of Congressional reports, documents, prints, bills, the Congressional Record, Public laws, Statutes at Large, the United States Code Service, the Federal Register, and the Code of Federal Regulations, as well as selected testimony in Congressional hearings. Provides information about members of Congress, Congressional committees and recent legislative activities and public policy issues in the news. Coverage begins in 1789.

ProQuest Legislative Insight

This database provides legislative history background for Congressional enactments. Full-text publication types associated with a legislative history include the Public Law text, all versions of enacted and related bill, Congressional Record excerpts, and committee hearings, reports, and documents. All of these publication types can be used in court to determine the intent of Congress in enacting legislation in cases where the statutory language is ambiguous. Other full-text publication types are included to provide users with background material. These include committee prints, CRS reports, and miscellaneous congressional publications. Presidential signing statements are also included.

Supreme Court Records and Briefs, 1832-1978

Nearly 11 million pages of records and briefs brought before the U.S. Supreme Court from 1832 to 1978.

Supreme Court Yearbook

Fully searchable in-depth coverage of every decision of the court since 1989. Coverage includes year-end overviews of Supreme Court terms, case summaries of every opinion written during each court term, tables and figures on voting patterns.

TWEN

The West Education Network.

Westlaw Next

Westlaw Electronic Legal database.

Periodicals

BePress Digital Commons Network

Working papers from multiple disciplines published by the Berkeley Electronic Press.

The Chronicle of Higher Education

Leading source of news, information and jobs for college and university faculty and administrators.

HeinOnline

Hein's Law Journal Library supplies page images of law review articles from virtually every U.S. law review and many international and non-U.S. journals. Hein has coverage back to the first issue of all the law reviews it covers.

JSTOR

JSTOR supplies page images of contents of more than 1000 academic journals in more than 50 disciplines. Full text search of all journals is available. Coverage begins in 1887.

South Carolina Lawyers Weekly

In addition to publishing South Carolina legal news, this publication acts as a portal through which users can browse and search opinions of South Carolina state courts and federal courts, South Carolina statutes and regulations and South Carolina ethics opinions.

SSRN (Social Science Research Network)

Database of working and forthcoming papers on a wide variety of topics within the social sciences. Each article is abstracted and most full text articles are freely available for download in PDF format. In addition to the papers available in the Legal Scholarship Network, its other specialized research networks provide an excellent resource for interdisciplinary research.

Research Resources

Hathi Trust Digital Library

The Hathi Trust is a consortium of research libraries, created to digitize and make available the contents of those libraries. Many of the texts are unavailable for full text access because of copyright restrictions; however all the texts are open to full text searching within the texts, and the user is directed where to search for copies.

ProQuest

Database features searchable national newspapers, including the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today. Also search dissertations and theses and ProQuest's multidisciplinary research library.

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