

## **B-1: Developing Foreign, Comparative and International Law Collections**

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#### **Collection Development Policy Examples – FCIL Policy as an Appendix**

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<http://www.uia.org/website.htm>

Boston University guide to IGOs, accessible at:

[http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/research/int/guides/guide\\_igo.htm](http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/research/int/guides/guide_igo.htm)

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<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/pathfind/frame/start.htm>

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Eur-Lux, a portal to EU law maintained by the EU. It contains links to Treaties, Legislation, Legislation in Preparation, Case Law, Parliamentary Questions, and Documents of Interest, accessible at: <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/index.html>

## **Selection Tools – Collections of Free Resources**

Library of Congress Guide to Law Online, if FCIL law is available free online this site will lead you to it. A great first stop for foreign law, accessible at:

<http://www.loc.gov/law/public/law-guide.html>

World Legal Information Institute was created by collaboration between various national library organizations and several universities. It contains foreign and international law, including: case-law, legislation, treaties, law reform reports, law journals, and other materials, accessible at: <http://www.worldlii.org/>

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Hieros Gamos is a website that links to laws from governments around the world, accessible at: <http://www.hg.org/1table.html>

The websites of NGO’s and IGO’s often contain links to the text of their primary documents. For an exhaustive list see Lyonette Louis-Jacques’ list, accessible at: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/forintl.html#organizations>

## **Sites Sponsored by Educational Institutions**

Cornell’s Legal Information Institute is another first stop source of primary law from around the world, accessible at: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/world/>

University of Minnesota Human Rights Library contains almost 15,000 primary documents relevant to international human rights research, accessible at:

<http://www1.umn.edu/humanrts/>

Pace Law School's CISG Database is a project of Professor Kirgis and the Pace law librarians. This website has the text of the agreement, translated cases from around the world, scholarly articles in full text, and other resources, accessible at:

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American Society of International Law's eGuides, accessible at:

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Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section's page with links to online research guides, accessible at: <http://brkl.brooklaw.edu/screens/fcilsis.html>

Georgetown Legal Research Guides to international law subjects, accessible at:

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/index.cfm>

Law Librarians Resource Exchange, visit the specific pages listing hundreds of articles, research guides, and bibliographies in the areas of international, comparative, and foreign law, accessible at: [http://www.llrx.com/resource\\_centers.htm](http://www.llrx.com/resource_centers.htm)

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See the attached listing of MAALL FCIL collections for links to FCIL research guides placed online by MAALL institutions.

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Acqwebs resources for law librarians, accessible at:

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See the attached listing of MAALL FCIL collections including any acquisitions lists accessible online.

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Lyonette Louis-Jacques' exhaustive listing of major FCIL library catalogs, accessible at: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/forintlaw.html#catalogs>

Law Library of Congress Multinational Collections Database, accessible at:  
<http://www.loc.gov/mulp/>

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## **Classification Issues**

Keep in mind that JX [http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco\\_j.pdf](http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco_j.pdf) is obsolete and has been replaced with KZ [http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco\\_k.pdf](http://lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco_k.pdf). However some libraries may not have made the switch yet. Some materials from JX have also been classified into class K.

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Copies of this bibliography, MAALL FCIL Collections Summary, and PowerPoint slides are accessible at: <http://www.okcu.edu/law/library/peoples.asp>

## **Oklahoma City University Law Library's FCIL Collection Development Policy**

### **Appendix 6 Collection Development Guidelines: Foreign and International Law.**

The goal of the law library's foreign and international collection is to support the curriculum, practical programs and law school faculty research interests. To achieve this goal, development of the foreign and international collection will focus upon the areas listed below. The library will selectively collect outside of the defined areas in order to develop and maintain a basic collection of materials in all subject and jurisdictional areas of foreign and international law.

#### **Curriculum:**

Comparative Law, Public International Law, International Business Transactions, International Aspects of United States Income Tax, Foreign and International Legal Research and Certificate in Business Law – Electronic Commerce.

#### **Practical Programs:**

Jessup Moot Court Competition

#### **Foreign Jurisdictions:**

Canada (with special emphasis on Quebec), Mexico, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, China and Islamic Jurisdictions.

#### **International Materials on the following subjects:**

Public International Law, International Business Transactions, International Taxation, NAFTA, WTO, EU and UN.

### **Scope**

The library endeavors to develop a collection in each of the above areas that is adequate to support the curriculum, practical programs and faculty research interests. The scope of foreign legal materials collected includes introductory level materials providing a general overview of the jurisdiction and scholarly works and commentaries of a comparative nature. The international collection will include the classic sources of international law defined by Article 38 (1) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice as: international conventions, international custom, general principles of law recognized by peace loving nations, judicial decisions and the teachings of highly qualified publicists. Introductory level materials will also be collected that provide an effective entrée to and overview of all jurisdictions and areas of foreign and international law.

### **Format**

Refer to the criteria listed in sections 3d, 4 and Appendix 5 of the Collection Development Policy.

### **Language**

The library currently only acquires materials in English. Materials in other languages will be considered if the curriculum, practical programs or faculty research interests require them.

### **Cooperation**

The collections of other local libraries with foreign and international holdings will be consulted before acquiring materials in an effort to reduce duplication and increase the variety of resources available in the region.

### **Development of Internet Resources**

An increasing amount of primary foreign and international law is being made available free to the public by nation-states, IGOs and academic institutions. In order to provide efficient access to information the reference department will develop a series of web-pages linking to primary foreign and international legal material available on-line. The reference librarian creating the pages will take appropriate steps to insure that selected resources are reliable and up to date before including them in web-pages.

### **Overall Collection Review**

The current collection will be reviewed to determine how balanced the library's collection is. Retrospective acquisitions will be considered to balance the library's collection in the focus areas indicated above.

### **Reviewing Tools**

The Librarian responsible for the Foreign and International Collection will continue to develop the collection by monitoring foreign and international law listservs, reading book reviews in international legal periodicals, reviewing advertisements and when appropriate routing them to appropriate faculty members for consideration.

## **Comparative Law 6-E**

Collection Level: A minor collection Limited to materials in English with emphasis on publications in the following areas:

#### **A. General**

1. Comparison of civil law systems with common law systems.
2. Comparison of non-civil law systems (Islamic, primitive, Eastern, etc.) with common and civil law systems.
3. Comparison of Anglo-American systems and the British Commonwealth systems.
4. Comparative historical legal development.

5. Comparative jurisprudence.

B. Specific

Acquired according to current Law School research needs.

**Ancient, Canon, Customary, Medieval, Religious, and Roman Law 6-G**

A. Ancient Law

Ancient legal systems from beginning of civilization to the rise of Rome: A representative collection, in English, that would provide a user with an introduction to the system.

B. Canon Law

Basic Coverage, in English or Latin, sufficiently developed and possessing the primary source materials to meet the likely needs of the occasional researcher, the Anglo-American legal historian, or an entry level class in the field.

C. Customary Law

Restricted to jurisdictions collected in depth.

D. Medieval Law

Restricted to jurisdictions collected in depth.

E. Religious Law

Legal system derived from comprehensive religious theology, e.g. Hindu Law, Islamic Law, Jewish Law. A representative collection that would provide user with an introduction to the system.

F. Roman Law

A good basic collection enabling a user to research most questions of law and practice in all periods of development. Emphasis upon English language materials, but also selectively acquired in German and Latin.

## Review of the Law Library's Collection of Mexican Legal Materials

The stated policy:

We intend to expand our collection of Mexican legal materials according to the revised foreign, comparative and international collection development policy. According to the policy we will only collect English language materials unless curriculum, practical programs or faculty research interests require materials in another language. The scope we intend to collect at is defined by the policy as follows:

The library endeavors to develop a collection in each of the above areas that is adequate to support the curriculum, practical programs and faculty research interests. The scope of foreign legal materials collected includes introductory level materials providing a general overview of the jurisdiction, the primary law of the jurisdiction, scholarly works and commentaries. The international collection will include the classic sources of international law defined by Article 38 (1) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice as: international conventions, international custom, general principles of law recognized by peace loving nations, judicial decisions and the teachings of highly qualified publicists. Introductory level materials will also be collected that provide an effective entrée to and overview of all jurisdictions and areas of foreign and international law.

Items we currently have:

A listing of the titles we own is attached to the actual report but is too lengthy to be attached here.

Evaluation of Collection:

We have a very small core collection of Mexican legal materials. Some of these titles include: several guides to the legal system including *The Mexican Legal System*, by Avalos, *Mexican Law: A Treatise for Legal Practitioners, Cross Border Trade and Investment with Mexico*, a Spanish/English legal dictionary, a 1996 edition of the Mexican civil code, a copy of the constitution, and a few other titles. We should expand the collection by doing some retrospective purchasing and by purchasing titles in the future that meet the criteria defined in the policy.

I consulted Szladits bibliography and found several titles worth considering which are listed below. I contacted Francisco Avalos, Foreign and International Law Librarian at the University of New Mexico, by e-mail and informed him that we had a limited collection of Mexican legal materials and wished to expand it with the materials mentioned below. He was kind enough to respond with his opinion that these titles would be good additions to our collection.

Romanach, *Mexican Law of Sales* (44 libraries own and 13 Westlaw cites ('99 MR)

*Mexican Customs Law and Regulation in Translation* (11 libraries own (mostly acad. law) 0 Westlaw cites.

Staudt, *Free Trade? Informal Economies at the US-Mex. Border* (434 libraries own incl. OU, 1 WL cite ('02)

Nelson, *Harmonization of the Secured Financing Laws of the Nafta* (9 libs own, 8 Westlaw cites ('01 MR).

Weintraub, *Nafta at Three*. (267 libraries own, 4 westlaw cites ('99 MR).

McKennirey, *Plant Closings and Labor Rights ...* (420 libraries own, 10 westlaw cites ('02 MR)

*Mexican Labor Law Summary* (30 libraries own).

A review of the University of New Mexico Law Library holdings revealed the following titles which may also be appropriate for our collection:

Stuckey, Mark C., *Environmental Management for Mexican Industry*, 1994 (36 libraries own not many law academics, 3 Westlaw cites ('02 MR) (may be duplicative of other environmental titles listed)

*Mexico: Environmental Laws and Norms*, 1994 (32 libraries own not many law academics, 2 Westlaw cites ('97 MR)(may be duplicative of other environmental titles listed)

*Decentralization of Environmental Protection in Mexico*, 1996 (24 libraries own about ½ are law academics, 2 Westlaw cites ('02 MR)(may be duplicative of other environmental titles listed)

Armstrong, George M., *Law and Market Society in Mexico*, 1989 (234 libraries own mostly academics, 3 Westlaw cites ('00 MR)

Torriente, Anna L., *Mexican and U.S. Labor Law and Practice: A Practical Guide*, 1997 (59 libraries own mostly law academics, 2 Westlaw cites '01 MR, listed in Szlatits)(may be duplicative of the *Mexican Labor Law Summary*)

Dennis, John, *How to Buy Real Estate in Mexico*, 1994 (25 libraries own mostly law academics, 1 Westlaw cite, '02)

Weisbaum, Earl, *Mexico: A Legal and Bibliographic Guide*, 1990 (55 libraries own mostly law academics, 1 Westlaw cite '01)

We should also take advantage of information available free online by possibly adding links to our web links page. Mr. Avalos has written an excellent article about the

Mexican Legal System with links to free materials available from: <http://www.llrx.com/features/mexican.htm> . A recent article in *The Spectrum* also outlined some sites. They include:

The civil code has been translated into English; it is not currently available on the Internet. One website where it is available in Spanish is: [www.solon.org/Statutes/Mexico/Spanish/cc-intro.html](http://www.solon.org/Statutes/Mexico/Spanish/cc-intro.html).

The Mexican Constitution can be found in English at <http://www.ilstu.edu/class/hist263/docs/1917const.html>.

In Civil Law tradition countries, all legal matters/legislation must be published in their “Official Gazette” before it can go into effect. The gazettes, which are legal newspapers, are known as “Diarios” or “Gacetas” are published on a daily basis by the government and are the official source for all new legislation. Mexico’s gazette, the *Diario Oficial*, may be found at: <http://dof.terra.com.mx/default.htm>, for a fee but the text is in Spanish. These are available in English for a membership fee at: <http://www.natlaw.com/mexico/diario/diario.htm>.

Precisa, <http://www.precisa.gob.mx>, the Mexican government’s official portal (Spanish only)

The Supreme Court of Mexico has a database of case law available for free from: <http://www.scjn.gob.mx/inicial.asp> (Spanish only)

The website of the Chamber of Deputies provides access to more than 220 federal codes and laws including the constitution. <http://www.cddhcu.gob.mx/>

[Governments on the WWW: Mexico](#) - This is the most extensive collection of links to the Mexican Government that I have found on the net. The materials are mostly in Spanish

Institute for Legal Studies ([Instituto de Investigaciones Juridicas, UNAM](#)). The Instituto de Investigaciones Juridicas@ is the foremost legal Institute in Mexico and Latin America. The site offers a comprehensive collection of not just primary materials, but also secondary materials. The materials are in Spanish and are updated on a regular basis. Mexican Federal and State legal materials are available. Avalos highly recommends this site for all Mexican legal research. Spanish and a basic knowledge of the Mexican legal system are required to make full use of this site. The site is free.

[Library of Congress: Global Legal Information Network](#). This is a very good starting point for the novice researcher of Mexican Law. The site provides links to more than legal information on Mexico (country reports, commerce guides, government guide, etc.). The value of this site is that many links lead to primary materials

[British and Irish Legal Information Institute](#). This site is a collection of valuable links to Mexican legal materials. There are some links to Mexican primary materials in translation. The site indicates which linked databases have materials in English and have search engines. The links listed provide a very comprehensive look of Mexican legal materials. The emphasis is on federal materials over state materials.