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RECENT ACQUISITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a brief listing of some of the most notable recent additions to the Library collection. Call numbers and locations are provided at the end of each topical section.

TAXATION

The Law Library began receiving the *Tax Notes Microfiche Data Base* in October, 1986. This microfiche set is produced by Tax Analysts, the publishers of the journal *Tax Notes*. It reproduces the full text of the Internal Revenue Service rulings and pronouncements, briefs and court decisions in tax cases and tax-related agency reports discussed in each issue of *Tax Notes*. Typically, 3,000 to 5,000 pages of documentation are provided with each week's *Tax Notes*. Documents available in fiche are indicated by a database Document number (for example, Doc 87-2128) at the end of each *Tax Notes* summary. With this number, the Microform Room staff can provide a copy of the item in microfiche. This database improves our scope of coverage and speed of access to important tax materials.

Our excellent collection of legislative history materials on tax law, the "Fox Collection", is enhanced by the addition of the *Internal Revenue Acts of the United States, 1909-1950* and its index, *A Guide and Analytic Index to the Internal Revenue Acts*. This
commercial reprint of documents and its finding aid provide ready access to bills, slip laws, regulations, committee documents (hearings, reports, prints), Treasury studies and various special reports by Revenue Act and document number.

LOCATIONS

*Tax Notes* is in Eng. Per (sub-3). *Tax Notes* Microfiche Data Base is available in the Microform Room (Micro-10 S314) (Sub-1). *Internal Revenue Acts of the United States 1909-1950* is in Fed Coll (Sub 2). Its Guide and Analytical Index is available both in Fed Coll and in Ref Coll Docs, also on Sub 2.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Notable among the abundant Constitutional literature published during this bicentennial year of the U.S. Constitution are *The Founders' Constitution* and the *Encyclopedia of the American Constitution*.

*The Founders' Constitution*, edited by Philip Kurland and Ralph Lerner, is a five-volume set of documentary sources and analysis covering major constitutional themes (volume 1), the articles and sections of the original constitution (volumes 2-4) and the first twelve amendments (volume 5).

The *Encyclopedia of the American Constitution*, edited by Leonard W. Levy (editor-in-chief), Kenneth L. Karst and Dennis J. Mahoney, is a four-volume collection of articles by 262 authors (historians, legal scholars and political scientists). This collection covers doctrinal concepts, significant people, judicial decisions, public acts, and historical periods. The set is arranged alphabetically and includes a list of all articles and contributors at the beginning of volume 1. Subject, name and case indices are at the end of volume 4.

LOCATIONS

*The Founders' Constitution* is in treatises on Sub-3 (call number F76985 C758 1987) and the *Encyclopedia of The American Constitution* is on Sub 2 under the call number REF COLL: DC 12 E564 A51.

LOOSELEAF SERVICES

The Library continues to add new looseleaf services in fields of interest to our faculty and students. BNA's *Toxics Law Reporter* is a weekly notification service containing summaries of judicial, legislative and regulatory activities involving toxic torts and hazardous waste law. It
also provides brief articles and a table of current case law. CCH's *RICO Business Disputes Guide* covers legislative and judicial developments in the application of federal and state anti-racketeering laws to business activities. Following the typical pattern of CCH looseleaf services, this guide contains the text of statutes, summaries of court decisions, editorial commentary, a case table, a new developments section and a detailed topical index.

**LOCATIONS**

BNA's *Toxic Law Reporter* is in Eng. Per on Sub 3. CCH's *RICO Business Disputes Guide* is in Looseleaf Services (under the subject Organized Crime) on Sub-2.

**INTERNATIONAL LAW**

In the area of international law the Library has added *ELLIS: European Legal Literature Information Service*, an index to commentary on European Community law. This index, once published monthly and now published quarterly, with annual cumulations, provides abstracts and citations to books, periodical articles, conference papers, government and international organization reports, collected papers and dissertations published in Europe and North America. Abstracts are indexed by subject, author, title, cited legislation and cited case law.

The international law bibliography volume of *A Collection of Bibliographic and Research Sources* has recently added a lengthy section on HUMAN EXPERIMENTATION, covering books and articles on legislative and regulatory responses since 1945. This international law bibliography also includes sections on a number of other important legal topics, such as technology transfer and outer space law.

**LOCATIONS**

*ELLIS: European Legal Literature Information Service* and *A Collection of Bibliographic and Research Sources* are both in Ref Coll:Bibliography on Sub-2.

**MICHIGAN LAWS**

Finally, some recent Library subscriptions improve access to information about current legal developments in Michigan. The weekly newsletter *M-Lines* highlights current developments in the state legislature and courts, summarizing new bills, new legislation and recent court decisions. *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* publishes newspaper articles that cover legal events for attorneys in the state. The
Reference Department has obtained access to two new online databases, HANNAH and QUESTOR, which provide bill text and status information on Michigan and Ohio legislation.

**LOCATIONS**

*M-Lines* is in Eng.Per on Sub 3. Issues of *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* are kept at the Main Desk for two months, then moved to Newspapers on level 1. Consult a Reference Librarian for information about HANNAH or QUESTOR.

**ONLINE DATABASE UPDATE**

**DIALOG**

The DIALOG service, a database of over two hundred files indexing the social sciences, humanities and sciences, continues to grow and develop. Among the new files of potential use to law faculty and students are SPORT, a file of citations to articles from over 2,000 journals, monographs and theses about all aspects of sports, fitness and recreation; WASHINGTON PRESSTEXT, a file of full text official White House and State Department news and policy information often available within 24 hours of release; and CORPORATE AFFILIATIONS, a data file of approximately 4,000 parent companies and their affiliates, including business profiles and corporate family hierarchies.

These database files expand the resources available to researchers in our library. A number of students in Professor Pooley's Sports Law seminar have already benefited from customized bibliographies generated in the SPORT database. To request a DIALOG search of any of these files, contact a Reference Librarian at the Reference Desk, S-223, or call 764-9324. Searches are performed by a Reference Librarian and results are available within one to two days of the request.

**LEXIS & WESTLAW**

Lexis and Westlaw libraries have continued to grow over the past few months, as has the availability of direct user access to these systems. Among the major expansions taking place in the libraries of both systems are the gradual addition of state statutes online, the increase in the number of law review titles represented and the addition of more secondary materials (such
as Tax Notes and BNA's Daily Tax Report). For the most up-to-date information on new additions to the databases, consult the introductory screens of Lexis and Westlaw and the monthly newsletters available for each service, Lexis Brief and Westlaw's Class Actions, distributed to all faculty members and available in the Computer-Assisted Research Room, S-236.

Faculty access to Lexis and Westlaw is available through their individual personal computers and the personal computer in the Faculty Library. Faculty personal computer access is available during "off-peak" hours:

Monday-Friday: 6pm-10am
Saturday: 8am-10pm (Lexis)
           8am-9pm (Westlaw).

Faculty and students have access to the dedicated terminals in the Computer-Assisted Research Room, S-236 (one Lexis terminal and one Westlaw (WALT) terminal) during the following hours:

LEXIS:
Monday-Friday 8am-2am
Saturday 8am-10pm
Sunday 8am-2am

WESTLAW
Monday 8am-2am
Tuesday-Thursday 8am-2:30pm & 5pm-2am
Friday 8am-2am
Saturday, Sunday 8am-9pm

During off-peak hours, students may also access Lexis and Westlaw on the three Zenith microcomputers with modems (Computers #1-3). Hours for this additional access are as follows:

Monday-Friday 6pm-10am
Saturday 8am-10pm (Lexis)
Saturday 8am-9pm (Westlaw)

Passwords and computer software for Lexis and Westlaw use in the Computer-Assisted Research Room are available at the Main Desk.

Faculty with questions about access may contact the Reference Desk at 764-9324.

COMPUTER-ASSISTED LEGAL INSTRUCTION (CALI)

The Library maintains a set of computer-assisted legal instruction disks at the Main Desk. This software, described in detail in the course reserve notebooks under the heading "Computer Software", provides a variety of drill exercises and sample problems on topics in subjects such as evidence, civil procedure and commercial transactions. The disks may be used with any of the Zenith computers in the Library's Computer-Assisted Research Room, in the Hutchins Hall Computer Room or on a faculty member's personal computer.
OTHER DATABASES OF INTEREST ON CAMPUS

Both the Graduate and Undergraduate Library provide access to WILSEARCH, a database of recent portions of the indexes published by Wilson Publishing Company, which include *Index to Legal Periodicals*, *Social Science Index* and *Business Periodicals Index*. Limited bibliographies may be generated, at no charge to the user, by individual searches at those locations.

The School of Natural Resources provides access to the MEEMAN ARCHIVE of environmental news, a database of nationwide local and regional newspaper articles covering conservation, natural resources and the environment. Unlike WILSEARCH, which is self-service, the Meeman Archive is searched by the archive staff upon request. The Archive may be reached at 763-5327.

If you have any questions about using these or other databases, contact a Reference Librarian.
REMINDERS:
Sources of assistance with the library collection

REFERENCE HOURS

On May 3rd, the Reference Librarians will begin Summer reference hours, staffing the Reference Desk on Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. On August 26th (first day of Law School classes) the Reference Desk hours will return to the academic term schedule. This schedule extends hours as follows:

- Monday-Thursday 9am-9pm
- Friday 9am-5pm
- Sunday noon-9pm

PUBLIC CATALOG

A convenient 'snap-shot' of the Public Catalog, with titles added from 1981 through September 1986, is available in the Faculty Library (Rm 831) and at the Reference Desk. Although this is an easy to use and quick source of some current titles in the collection, the Public Catalog on S-1 of the Library remains the comprehensive guide to titles in the collection.

RESEARCH GUIDES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The Reference Department has prepared a number of brief handouts to introduce students to research in fields such as securities law, bankruptcy and RICO. It also has selective bibliographies of treatises in the collection on a wide range of topics. These resources are available to individual students at the Reference Desk and at the Main Desk and may be supplied to classes upon faculty request.

In the summer, the 4th edition of the Guide to Legal Research in the University of Michigan Law Library, the Reference Department's most comprehensive research guide, will be printed and will be supplied to all law students and faculty.

ASK AT THE REFERENCE DESK

Please remember to contact a Reference Librarian, at the Reference Desk or at 764-9324, if you have questions about any of the items discussed in this newsletter.