

GUIDE TO LEGAL PERIODICALS AND INDEXES TO LEGAL PERIODICALS

Legal periodical articles play an important role in legal research. Well written periodical articles are often the best source of information on legal topics, and provide extensive footnotes which enable the researcher to discover important primary sources. There are four principal types of legal periodicals:

1. LAW REVIEWS PUBLISHED BY LAW SCHOOLS

These law reviews often present a thorough discussion and analysis of current legal issues or recent cases. All accredited law schools publish at least one law review. Law reviews are produced by students. The lead articles are usually written by well-known jurists, professors or attorneys. They also include a student produced section of comments on cases or legislation and notes on particular legal topics. Many law reviews also include a book review section. In addition to the principal general law review, many law schools also publish topical law reviews, such as UF's *Florida Journal of International Law*.

2. BAR ASSOCIATION PERIODICALS

National and state bar associations publish periodicals which often include a combination of bar news and substantive articles on topics of interest to the area. The American Bar Association publishes many periodicals which are some of the more important bar journals.

3. LAW PERIODICALS PRODUCED BY COMMERCIAL PUBLISHERS

A growing number of law reviews and newsletters are published by commercial publishers. *National Tax Journal* (Tax Institute of America) and *Real Estate Law Journal* (Warren, Gorham & Lamont) are examples of commercially produced law reviews. *Personal Injury Newsletter* (Matthew Bender) and *Divorce Litigation* (Aspen Publishers) are examples of commercially published newsletters.

4. LEGAL NEWSPAPERS

A fairly recent development is the rise of the national legal newspaper. *National Law Journal*, *Legal Times Of Washington* and *American Lawyer* all include a variety of articles about the legal profession, as well as about current legal issues. Several daily legal newspapers such as *New York Law Journal* also include substantive articles.

Finding Legal Periodicals in Our Collection

Call numbers, locations, and sometimes online content of legal periodicals are available through the online catalog. For example, to find the call number of Yale Law Journal, select Advanced Search and then select Title from the drop down menu options then type:

The online catalog will indicate the call number, the location, the volumes which are bound, and the current issues which are located at the reserve desk.

Bound law reviews are located on the Lower Level in call number order. Law reviews which are designated TAX in their call number are located on the second floor in the Tax Research area. Current unbound periodicals are at the Reserve Desk.

Indexes to Legal Periodical Articles:

There are two principal indexes to legal periodical articles: the *Index To Legal Periodicals* published by the H.W. Wilson Co. and the *Current Law* published by the Information Access Company. For coverage of earlier materials, see the Jones-Chipman index, *An Index To Legal Periodical Literature*, a six volume set published from 1888-1933. The first volume of the set covers legal periodical articles from 1770-1886.

1. *INDEX TO LEGAL PERIODICALS and BOOKS* (H.W. Wilson), 1908- present.

Coverage: ILP indexes approximately 500 law journals; it only indexes articles at least five pages in length. Notes and comments must be at least two pages.

Access: Articles are indexed by author and subject. Each volume also includes a Table of Cases, a Table of Statutes and a Book Review index. Index features have changed significantly since the ILP began publication.

Other Format: ILP is available on Westlaw and on Lexis.

ILP can also be accessed through the Online Database Locator:
<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/locator.html>

2. *CURRENT LAW INDEX* (Information Access Company), 1980- present.

Coverage: CLI indexes more than 800 legal periodicals. It indexes many practice oriented materials not indexed in ILP.

Access: Articles are indexed by subject, author and title. The subject index is separated from the author/title index. CLI also includes a table of cases and a table of statutes. CLI does not include a separate book review index, but reviews are indexed under the author and title of the book reviewed in the author/title index.

Other formats: The electronic formats of CLI also index legal newspapers such as *Legal Times Of Washington*, *National Law Journal* and *American Lawyer*. The major legal dailies such as *New York Law Journal* and *Los Angeles Daily Journal* are also covered. The following formats are available:

1. LEGALTRAC (WebLUIS) is available at the workstations in the Legal Information Center.
2. LEGAL RESOURCE INDEX (online) is available in Lexis and Westlaw,

Full Text Law Periodicals Online

The full text of some law review articles is available online. LEXIS includes the full text of approximately 72 major law reviews in individual files in the LAWREV library. Most of these law reviews are indexed from 1982. Every article in each of these law reviews is indexed. It is important to remember that this is a small percentage of all law reviews published. If you search this file, there is still material that has not been searched.

A number of legal newspapers such as *National Law Journal*, *American Lawyer* and *Legal Times* are available full text in the NEXIS library LGLNEW file.

The full text of almost 50 major law reviews is available on WESTLAW. The full text of **selected** articles from a number of additional law reviews is also included. When using Westlaw's ILP file there will be jump link capability if Westlaw has the full text online.

HeinOnline (<http://heinonline.org>) has .PDF access to over 1,100 law journals. Coverage for most begins with volume 1 up to (but **NOT** including) the current year. Access is limited to UF affiliated users. Either logon on campus or use the Proxy Server: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufproxy.html>.

Additional Law and Law Related Indexes

A number of additional legal and law related indexes are also available in the First Floor Reading Room. These indexes include the following:

1. **FEDERAL TAX ARTICLES (CCH)**
Ref. KF6285 .F42
2. **INDEX TO FOREIGN LEGAL PERIODICALS**
Ref. P I38 AND available **online**
NOTE: This is a subject index to selected international and comparative law periodicals and collections of essays.
3. **INDEX TO CANADIAN LEGAL PERIODICAL LITERATURE**
Ref. P I37
NOTE: This index covers legal periodicals published in CANADA. "No material is included that has not been published in Canada."
4. **INDEX TO PERIODICAL ARTICLES RELATED TO LAW**
Ref. P I386
NOTE: This publication indexes articles selected from journals not included in the Current Law Index, Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, or Index to Legal Periodicals.