

Collection Development Policy University of Minnesota Law Library

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Introduction

The University of Minnesota Law Library (the “Library”) collects and/or provides access to materials as part of its primary mission to support the research and curricular needs of the University of Minnesota Law School faculty (the “Law faculty”) and students. The Library is committed to providing Law faculty and students with all legal resources necessary to support their scholarship and instruction. The Library also is committed to serving the legal information needs of the University community, the bench and bar, the citizens of Minnesota, and scholars throughout the world within the framework of its primary mission. This collection development policy will continue to evolve in response to emerging research and curricular interests, developing areas of law, and user preferences related to new technologies.

Goals

In developing the collection, the Library seeks to achieve the following goals:

- Support the research and curricular needs of Law faculty and students by providing access to relevant resources in formats preferred by these constituencies
- Build upon the Library’s extensive collection of scholarly English-language monographs
- Further develop selected areas of historic strength in the collections
- Provide scholars throughout the world with access to unique resources
- Develop collections that reflect the Law School’s commitment to diversity by acquiring and providing access to legal and other appropriate resources that reflect the experiences and viewpoints of diverse groups

Subject Areas of Concentration

The Library acquires scholarly legal resources on traditional and emerging legal topics, including all topics of instruction in Law School courses as well as the areas of Law faculty research interests. Collection activity also focuses in those areas for which the Library has historically held collections of significant depth and breadth. In addition, the Library collects materials to support experiential learning and the development of practice skills.

Guidelines by Type of Publication

Monographs and Treatises

The Library acquires scholarly legal monographs and treatises. The Library currently acquires the vast majority of these monographs and treatises in print, but this practice will change as needed to reflect the evolving format preferences of Law faculty and students. The Library offers Law faculty and students the opportunity to select scholarly monographs in electronic format for the collection through a “Demand Driven Acquisitions” program. The Library acquires practitioner-oriented publications selectively in print, and most often relies on Lexis, Westlaw, Bloomberg Law, and Wolters Kluwer platforms to provide access to these resources for Law faculty and students.

Law Reviews and Academic Legal Periodicals

The Library acquires or provides access to all significant U.S. academic law journals following the guidelines below. Over time the print categories will be gradually reduced, as more publishers guarantee perpetual access to digital content or reliably host such content, and as some publications cease to be available in print.

The Library will acquire in print:

- University of Minnesota Law School publications, as well as those of other law schools located in Minnesota
- Approximately 50 of the most-cited general law reviews of U.S. law schools
- Approximately 50 of the most-cited specialized law reviews of U.S. law schools
- Selected specialized periodicals in areas of significant Law faculty research interest and/or curricular emphasis
- Periodicals that Law faculty prefer in print
- Publications available only in print, or whose current issues are available only in print
- Publications available either in print or digitally, but whose digital version is cost-prohibitive
- Publications available online but not in a stable, citable format (such as pdf with original pagination)
- Publications available online that either (1) lack a contractual guarantee to perpetual and post-cancellation access to subscribed issues, or (2) are produced and hosted by a vendor that cannot be relied upon to provide continued access.

The Library will rely on digital access to publications not falling within the categories above that: (1) are up to date; (2) are in a stable, citable format (such as pdf with original pagination); and (3) either have a contractual guarantee of perpetual and post-cancellation access to subscribed issues, or are produced and hosted by a vendor that can be relied upon to provide continued access.

Commercial Legal Journals

The Library prefers digital format where the electronic journal: (1) is up to date; (2) is in a stable, citable format (such as pdf with original pagination); and (3) either has a contractual guarantee of

perpetual and post-cancellation access to subscribed issues, or is produced and hosted by a vendor that can be relied upon to provide continued access. In cases where a Law faculty member prefers print, the Library will collect in both print and electronic format if economically feasible.

Non-legal Journals

The Library relies primarily on the holdings of the University Libraries or interlibrary loan arrangements to provide access to non-legal journals. If a Law faculty member's research needs require a Law Library subscription to a non-legal periodical, the Library will subscribe unless the journal is prohibitively expensive. In providing access, the Library will defer to the format preference of the Law faculty member requiring the resource.

Looseleaf Services

The Library collects print looseleaf services selectively, continuing to maintain those titles that are basic tools in their respective subject areas; important works in areas of research interest to Law faculty and students; or requested by Law faculty. The Library also collects print looseleaf services when superseded material has archival research value and is not maintained in the online source, or when the online version of a resource is significantly more difficult to use. For all other looseleaf services, the Library prefers online access via publisher platforms or through Lexis, Westlaw, and Bloomberg Law.

Newsletters

The Library subscribes to newsletters requested by Law faculty, and, very selectively, to newsletters that cover subjects or organizations of specific interest to Law faculty or students.

Works Authored by University of Minnesota Law School Faculty

The Library collects a minimum of three copies of books authored or edited by current full-time Law faculty members. One copy is added to the general collection, one is added to the Faculty Archive and temporarily displayed in the Law School lobby, and one is permanently added to the display in the Ballard Spahr Conference Room. The Library collects two copies of books including a chapter authored by current full-time Law faculty members. One copy is added to the general collection, and the second is added to the Faculty Archive and temporarily displayed in the Law School lobby.

The Library solicits reprints of articles published by current full-time Law faculty members and places them on temporary display in the Law School lobby. When removed from display, these items are added to the Faculty Archive.

University of Minnesota Law School Publications

The Library collects all University of Minnesota Law School publications for the Law School Archive housed in the Riesenfeld Research Center.

Reference Sources

The Library prefers to collect reference sources in digital format when economically feasible unless print is required to maintain archival access, for instructional purposes, or for ease of use.

Casebooks

The Library purchases casebooks authored by current Law faculty members; requested by a Law faculty member; or covering an area in which there are few other secondary sources. Otherwise, the Library generally does not acquire casebooks but may add one copy to the collection if received as a gift.

Other Legal Education Materials

The Library maintains standing orders for all West student hornbooks and for narrative study aids series, such as *West Nutshells* and *Aspen Examples & Explanations*. The Library maintains subscriptions to *West Academic Online Study Aids* and *Carolina Academic Press Study Aids*. The Library does not purchase commercial outlines or “study drill” materials, and does not add these materials if received as gifts.

Law for the Layperson

The Library maintains standing orders to a significant percentage of Nolo Press titles, and selectively purchases other high quality books about law directed at laypersons.

Leisure Reading

The Library maintains a small, selective print collection of popular magazines and newspapers. These materials are retained for a limited time.

Hedin Law, Literature & the Arts Collection

The Library’s Law, Literature & the Arts (LART) collection was made possible by a generous donation to the Library by Douglas A. and Barbara S. Hedin. The nucleus of the LART Collection is Mr. and Mrs. Hedin's extensive collection of legal fiction, including both classic and popular works of fiction. The Library actively collects material for the LART collection, including both classic and popular works of fiction, plays, poetry, legal humor, artwork, DVDs, and secondary works that explore the relationship of law to literature and the arts.

Individual Law Faculty Subscriptions

The Library is unable to fund the purchase of materials for the personal or exclusive use of an individual Law faculty member. Where economically feasible, such materials often are purchased as additions to the general collection and are routed to the faculty member. Additionally, upon Law faculty request, the Library will purchase more than one copy of an item if it is, or is likely to be, in high demand. If a Law faculty member requires material for his or her personal or

exclusive use, the Library will facilitate the acquisitions process by ordering the material on the Law faculty member's behalf and charging the material to the Law faculty member's research funds.

Due to the unique nature of databases and the fact that a database cannot be borrowed from another library, when economically feasible the Library will support the cost of a single-user database subscription needed by a Law faculty member.

Format and Duplication Guidelines

Format

The Library collects materials chiefly in print or digital format. In selecting between print and digital format, the Library weighs Law faculty preference heavily. Print, digital, and microform formats are used for backfile retention of materials.

The Library maintains a few microform subscriptions. Microformat is purchased only when material of significant research value is unavailable in other formats or where necessary for archival purposes.

In most instances, DVDs and multimedia resources for the general collection are selected to meet specific research and curricular needs of Law faculty and students. The Library, most often in response to Law faculty requests or in consultation with Law faculty, acquires documentaries with a legal focus and resources to support the skills-based curriculum. The Library's Law, Literature & the Arts (LART) collection includes popular law-related films. The Library purchases or subscribes to selected multimedia study aids.

Policy on Duplication

The Library generally avoids duplication within the print collection. The Library collects multiple copies of books authored or edited by current Law faculty, and multiple print copies may be acquired for high-use titles. The Library collects or provides access to some materials in dual formats when patron needs or archival considerations require this.

The Library relies heavily on the University Libraries' collections in disciplines other than law. Although the Library generally avoids collecting resources held by other campus libraries, duplicate monographs may be acquired in areas where there is strong Law faculty and student interest or upon Law faculty request.

Acquisitions Models

Monographs and Treatises

The majority of monographs and treatises are selected on a title-by-title basis. The Library maintains a limited approval plan with EBSCO (formerly YBP Library Services) for scholarly

monographs. Law faculty and students may select scholarly monographs in electronic format for the collection through a “Demand Driven Acquisitions” program.

Journals

The majority of journals are selected on a title-by-title basis. Content and pricing of online journal packages are evaluated carefully and the Library purchases such packages when they best meet the Library’s needs. The Library also contributes financially to packages acquired by the University Libraries when appropriate.

Databases

The Library purchases or licenses databases directly from publishers, through the NELLCO Law Library Consortium, or through cost-sharing arrangements with the University Libraries. The Library owns or licenses access to a variety of online materials, including databases, digital collections, e-journals, and e-books. The Library negotiates for university-wide IP access whenever feasible but, due to economic constraints, databases may be limited to use by the Law School community only.

United States and State Government Documents

The Library is a selective depository for U.S. federal documents, selecting approximately 4% of documents available to federal depository libraries. The Library relies on the University of Minnesota Libraries, the state’s regional depository, to provide access through the shared online catalog to depository resources available in electronic format. The Library primarily collects law-related items from Congress, the Judiciary, and the Justice Department, as well as administrative decisions of many executive agencies in physical formats.

The Library is a full depository for Minnesota documents. The Library does not collect government documents for states other than Minnesota unless requested by Law faculty.

Foreign and International Documents

The Library prefers digital format for foreign and international documents. For United Nations documents, the Library relies primarily on the United Nations website, AccessUN, and the University’s Government Publications Library, which is a UN depository. The Library holds selected UN documents on microfiche through 2011. For European Union documents, the Library relies primarily on the European Union website, Westlaw, and Lexis.

Package Plans

The Library subscribes to package plans from the American Bar Association and the Council of Europe.

Gifts and Exchanges

The Library accepts gifts of materials within the scope of this collecting policy, provided that no conditions are attached. The Library reserves the right to add, discard, sell, or exchange materials received as gifts. The Library acknowledges each gift with a letter, but no monetary valuation of the gift will be provided to the donor.

To ensure reliable receipt of materials, the Library has converted most exchange agreements to paid subscriptions when possible. New exchange agreements are entered only for materials that the Library would be unable to acquire in any other way.

Cooperative Collection Development Agreements

The Library is an affiliate member of the NELLCO Law Library Consortium, which negotiates favorable pricing and license terms for consortium members.

The Library has a cooperative relationship with the University Libraries and, when appropriate, the libraries purchase or license resources jointly. There is campus-wide access to numerous electronic resources, including general indexes, full-text databases, and electronic journals. The Library provides campus-wide access to its resources when pricing structures and license agreements permit.

The Library cooperates informally with local law libraries in resource-sharing efforts, but has made no ongoing collection commitments. The Library has reciprocal lending agreements with OCLC WorldShare, Minitex, the Big Ten Academic Alliance (formerly the CIC) institutions, and the Chicago Legal Academic System (CLAS) institutions.

United States & State Collections

The Library's United States law collections include sources on virtually all legal topics, ranging from legal history to emerging interdisciplinary subjects. Researchers have access to current and historic federal and state case reports, digests, statutes, codes, and regulations. The Library is a selective depository for U.S. federal documents and a full depository for Minnesota documents; it is among the few libraries in the country that serve as depositories for U.S. Supreme Court records and briefs in print. The Library subscribes to an extensive array of legal periodicals, and continues to expand its deep collection of scholarly legal treatises. Topical areas of research supported by the collection are continually evolving in response to the changing research and curricular needs of the Law School community. As resources increasingly become available electronically, the Library integrates these digital resources whenever appropriate.

Federal & State Session Laws

The Library collects and retains one print copy of *United States Statutes at Large* and one print copy of *United States Code Congressional and Administrative News*. The Library collects and retains in print Minnesota session laws, and subscribes to the advance legislative service for Minnesota only. The Library relies on online sources for access to the session laws of all other states.

Federal & State Codes

The Library collects one print copy of the *United States Code*, *United States Code Annotated*, and *United States Code Service*, and retains one copy of superseded volumes for each of these. The Library collects and retains two copies of *Minnesota Statutes Annotated*. For states other than Minnesota, the Library collects and retains one print copy of the annotated statutory code of every state and territory and the District of Columbia. The Library also subscribes to *Hein's Superseded State Statutes and Codes* in microform for archival purposes.

Federal & State Legislative Documents

The Library has access to all Proquest digitized collections of U.S. Congressional material through subscriptions and purchases coordinated with the University Libraries. The Library holds the bound *Congressional Record* and the most recent two years of the daily edition in print, and also provides access through various online sources. The Library generally does not acquire compiled legislative histories in print, but exceptions are made for legislation in subject areas of high Law faculty research interest.

The Library collects Minnesota House and Senate journals.

Municipal Codes and Ordinances

The Library does not collect municipal codes in print, relying on access through online sources.

Federal & State Administrative Materials

The Library retains the most recent two years of the Federal Register in print, and relies on online sources for earlier years. The Library collects and retains one print copy of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. U.S. federal administrative law histories are available through *Proquest Regulatory Insight*.

The Library collects the Minnesota administrative register and state administrative code in print, and relies on online sources for all other states.

The Library selectively collects bound reports of federal administrative agency adjudications that are relevant to the research needs of Law faculty and students. The Library collects Minnesota administrative decisions that are available in print, and relies on online sources for all other states.

The Library and the University Libraries jointly purchased *Proquest Executive Branch Documents (1789-1948)*, which provides access to historical federal administrative materials.

Federal & State Judicial Materials

The Library collects and retains the following federal reporters in print:

- *United States Reports*
- *Supreme Court Reporter*
- *Federal Reporter*
- *Federal Supplement*
- *Federal Appendix*
- *Bankruptcy Reporter*
- *Federal Claims Reporter*
- *Federal Rules Decisions*
- *Military Justice Reporter*
- *Veterans Appeals Reporter*

The Library collects and retains the following West regional reporters: *Atlantic Reporter*, *Northwestern Reporter*, *New York Supplement*, and *California Reporter*. The Library holds the following regional reporters through June 2018: *Northeastern Reporter*, *Pacific Reporter*, *Southeastern Reporter*, *Southern Reporter*, and *Southwestern Reporter*.

The Library collects and retains print copies of federal court rules and those of each state.

The Library is a depository for hard copy United States Supreme Court briefs. The Library owns *Making of Modern Law: United States Supreme Court Records and Briefs, 1832-1978* and *Proquest Supreme Court Insight (1975-date; cert granted)*.

Minnesota Supreme Court records and briefs are received on microform.

The Library collects and retains the following digests:

- *General/Decennial Digest*
- *Federal Practice Digest*
- *Minnesota Digest*

General and Reference Material

The Library collects *American Jurisprudence 2d* (retaining superseded volumes 33-34B (Taxation)) and *American Law Reports* in print. The Library collects a wide variety of legal dictionaries and selected non-legal dictionaries.

The Library collects two copies and retains one superseded copy of *Dunnell's Minnesota Digest*.

For states other than Minnesota, the Library does not collect print legal encyclopedias.

Practice Material

The Library collects a wide variety of material on general and federal practice. The Library collects selected formbooks, drafting guides, transactional guides, and guides for general and specialized practice.

The Library collects two copies and retains one copy of *Minnesota Practice*. The Library acquires all Minnesota formbooks, practice guides, and bar journals. The Library seeks to maintain a comprehensive collection of print treatises on Minnesota law, and collects one copy of all Minnesota CLEs in print.

The Library collects and retains jury instructions for all states.

For states other than Minnesota, the Library does not collect formbooks or other practice materials. The Library relies on HeinOnline and Hein's bar journal supplementary microfiche collection for access to bar journals from states other than Minnesota. The Library does not collect treatises for states other than Minnesota, but relies on Lexis and Westlaw for access to such resources.

American Indian Law Collections

The Library collects legal resources for American Indian tribes and tribal bands within the boundaries of the United States. When published in print, the Library collects constitutional documents, treaties, statutory and regulatory material, court decisions at all levels, and tribal and judicial council proceedings. The Library subscribes to journals, newsletters, and newspapers that have a primary focus on American Indian legal matters, and collects treatises, monographs, oral accounts, pamphlets, research reports, and conference proceedings relating to any aspect of American Indian law. The Library subscribes to Westlaw's *Tribal Law* database, and to HeinOnline's *American Indian Law Collection*.

Foreign Law

The Library's foreign collecting historically focused on the law of Canada, Great Britain, British Commonwealth and former Commonwealth countries, Western Europe, and Sweden. The scope of foreign jurisdictions represented in the collection with some depth is now much broader than those countries noted above, but current collecting practice once again focuses on the jurisdictions of historic strength. While the Library currently collects secondary sources in some depth for numerous foreign countries, print primary sources are collected for only a small number of jurisdictions. Based on Law faculty and student preference, the Library has shifted its collecting practices away from foreign language materials. While the Library strongly prefers materials in the English language, the Library continues to acquire some materials in the vernacular, particularly from France, Germany, and Sweden.

The Library subscribes selectively to databases providing access to foreign primary and secondary sources. The Library owns *Making of Modern Law: Foreign Primary Sources, 1600-1970* and *Making of Modern Law: Foreign, Comparative and International Law, 1600-1926*.

Canada

The Library has an extensive historical Canadian law collection, and continues to develop a strong print collection. The Library maintained print subscriptions to *Canada Gazette*, *Canada Treaty Series*, *Acts of Parliament*, and *Federal Court Reports* until the Canadian government discontinued print publication of these titles in 2014. The Library collects the following reporters in print:

- *Canada Supreme Court Reports*
- *Dominion Law Reports*
- *Canadian Native Law Reporter*

The Library collects and retains all provincial statutes in print, and holds *Provincial Statutes in Canada* in digital format through HeinOnline. The Library no longer maintains current subscriptions to provincial court reports.

The Library collects a wide range of current Canadian monographs. The Library collects most academic law journals, as well as a less extensive collection of commercial law reviews and

journals. The Library collects *Halsbury's Laws of Canada*. The Library subscribed to the *Canadian Abridgement* through 2018.

Australia and New Zealand

The Library no longer subscribes to Australian session laws, statutes, or regulations in print. The Library subscribes to *Federal Court Reports* and *Commonwealth Law Reports*. State, territorial, and topical court reports are no longer collected in print. The Library subscribes to the *Australian Digest* and *Australian Legal Monthly Digest*, and to the encyclopedia *Laws of Australia*. The Library collects monographs and legal treatises relevant to Law faculty and student research interests, and academic and commercial law reviews and journals selectively.

The Library does not collect New Zealand statutes and statutory regulations in print. The Library maintains a subscription to the *New Zealand Law Reports* and to the *Abridgement of New Zealand Case Law*. Monographs and treatises from New Zealand are collected selectively, and the Library maintains subscriptions to a limited number of law reviews and journals.

United Kingdom

The Library has an extensive historical British law collection. The print historical collection is supplemented and supported by online databases.

The Library maintains a print subscription to *Halsbury's Statutes of England and Wales*, but otherwise relies on online resources for legislation and regulations. The Library maintains a print subscription to *All England Law Reports*, and a subscription to *ICLR Online*.

The Library collects a wide range of current British monographs. The Library collects every other edition of leading English law treatises, such as those in the Sweet & Maxwell *Common Law Library*. The Library collects most academic law journals, as well as a less comprehensive collection of privately published law reviews and journals. The Library subscribes to *Halsbury's Laws of England* and *Current Law Yearbook*.

The Library collects materials for Northern Ireland and Scotland at a basic informational level, maintaining a collection that serves to describe and define the legal system of each jurisdiction, and to indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. The Library does not currently collect legislation or reporters for either jurisdiction.

Ireland

The Library's collection of Irish legal material supports instruction and course-related research. The Library maintains current print subscriptions to the *Irish Current Law Statutes Annotated*. The Library relies on online sources for access to statutory instruments. The Library collects *Irish Reports* in print.

The Library collects works of introductory to intermediate depth on the legal system in general and on selected specialized subjects. The Library maintains subscriptions to a selection of representative specialized journals.

Western Europe

The Library emphasizes Western Europe in its collection development efforts, collecting a wide range of journals and monographs focusing on the law of the region in a broad array of subject areas.

France, Germany & Italy

In collecting for specific Western European jurisdictions, the Library focuses on France, Germany, and, to a lesser extent, Italy.

The Library relies on online access to the French gazette, and subscribes in print to the German gazette (*Bundesgesetzblatt*) and unofficial Italian session laws (*Lex, legislazione italiana: raccolta cronologico con richiami alle leggi attinenti e ricchi indici semestrali ed annuali ...*). For these jurisdictions, the Library collects major codes (civil, civil procedure, criminal, criminal procedure, and commercial) in the vernacular, and purchases new versions at least every five years. The Library purchases new versions of codes more frequently where required to support the curriculum, and currently updates the major French codes and the German criminal and criminal procedure codes annually. For Germany, the Library also subscribes to an unofficial codification, *Deutsche Gesetze: Sammlung des Zivil-, Straf-, und Verfassungsrechts*. The Library purchases English translations of major codes every five years or as new versions appear after that interval. The Library relies on internet access to regulations.

The Library collects in print selected court reports for France, Germany, and Italy. For France, the Library maintains current subscriptions to:

- *Gazette du Palais: jurisprudence et legislation*
- *Recueil Dalloz; Recueil des décisions du Conseil constitutionne*
- *Recueil des decisions du Conseil d'État statuant au contentieux et du Tribunal des Conflits et des jugements des tribunaux administratifs*

For Germany, the Library maintains current subscriptions to:

- *Entscheidungen des Bundesverfassungsgerichts*
- *Entscheidungen des Bundesgerichtshofes in Zivilsachen*
- *Entscheidungen des Bundesgerichtshofes in Strafsachen*

For Italy, the Library maintains current subscriptions to:

- *Il Foro italiano: raccolta generale di giurisprudenza...*
- *Repertorio del Foro italiano : legislazione, bibliografia, giurisprudenza (case digest)*

For France, Germany, and Italy, the Library primarily collects works in English on the legal system in general and on a wide variety of specialized subjects. The Library maintains a limited number of standing orders for French and German monographic series in the vernacular. The collection includes a significant number of active journal subscriptions in the vernacular, particularly for Germany. The Library collects most journals indexed in *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* that are published within, or focus on, these jurisdictions.

Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain & Switzerland

Materials for Austria, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Spain, and Switzerland are collected to a limited extent. The Library collects major codes, and periodically buys English translations of major codes. The Library does not subscribe to session laws or court reports in print. The Library collects works of introductory to intermediate depth in English and rarely the vernacular on the legal system in general and on selected specialized subjects. The Library maintains subscriptions to a selection of representative specialized journals.

Other Western European Jurisdictions

For all other Western European jurisdictions, the Library collects English language general works such as introductions to the legal system and legal research guides.

European Union

The Library collects extensively in EU law, including official reports from the European Court of Justice and Court of First Instance. Consistent with the interests of Law faculty and students, the collection focuses on competition; environment; labor; human rights, including migration policy; constitutional issues; and the EU's emerging criminal law.

Scandinavia

Sweden

The library collects actively in Scandinavian law and has an especially strong collection of Swedish materials. The Library relies on online sources for Swedish session laws, and subscribes to the Swedish code – *Sveriges lagar* through 2011, and currently *Karnov: svensk lagsamling med kommentarer* – in print. The Library collects court reports for the highest court of Sweden (*Nytt juridiskt arkiv*). The Library purchases translations of major codes when available. The Library collects works in the vernacular and in English on the legal system in general and on a wide variety of specialized subjects, with special emphasis on constitutional law, criminal law, commercial law, intellectual property law, and taxation. The Library maintains a number of standing orders for monographic series. The Library collects most journals indexed in *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals* that are published within, or focus on, Sweden.

Denmark & Norway

The Library's collections of Danish and Norwegian legal material support instruction and course-related research. The Library relies on online sources for Danish and Norwegian session laws and codes, and periodically purchases English translations of major codes when available. The Library collects court reports in print for the highest courts of both Denmark (*Ugeskrift for retsvesen*) and Norway (*Norsk retstidende*). The Library collects works of introductory to intermediate depth on the legal system in general and on constitutional law, criminal law, commercial law, intellectual property law, and taxation. The Library maintains subscriptions to a small selection of journals.

Finland

Materials for Finland are collected to a lesser extent. The Library does not subscribe to session laws, codes, or court reports in print. The Library collects works of introductory to intermediate depth in English and rarely the vernacular on the legal system in general and on selected specialized subjects. The Library maintains subscriptions to a selection of representative specialized journals.

Iceland

For Iceland, the Library collects English language general works such as introductions to the legal system and legal research guides.

Eastern and Central Europe

The Library subscribes to several sources that provide English translations of codes and case law from Eastern and Central Europe:

- *Russia and the Republics: Legal Materials* provides translations of legislation of the republics of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
- *Central and Eastern European Legal Materials* includes English translations of all important business and investment laws from the following countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia and Yugoslavia.
- *East European Case Reporter of Constitutional Law* is a selective case reporter that provides English translations of opinions from Eastern European Constitutional Courts, including the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovenia.

The Library also subscribes to numerous journals, most in English, focusing on the law of the region.

The Library does not collect legislation or reports of decisions for individual jurisdictions within Eastern and Central Europe. The Library collects materials for Russia and Poland at a basic informational level, maintaining a collection that serves to describe and define the legal system of a jurisdiction, and to indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. For those jurisdictions, the Library collects general works on the legal system as well as a few English-language works on major subject areas such as constitutional law, contracts, business law, property, criminal law, and procedure, and other select subject areas that are relevant to the Law

School curriculum or Law faculty research interests. For all other Eastern and Central European jurisdictions, the Library collects English language general works such as introductions to the legal system and legal research guides.

Africa

The Library maintains a South African collection to support instruction and course-related research. The Library collects *Juta's Statutes of South Africa* and *South African Law Reports* in print. The Library collects a broad range of monographs and treatises, but does not purchase in-depth treatments of narrow areas, expensive looseleaves, or practice-oriented works unless requested by Law faculty. The Library maintains subscriptions to a representative selection of general and specialized legal journals.

The Library collects materials for Africa as a region, Egypt, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Mozambique, Nigeria, and Uganda to a lesser extent. The Library does not collect legislation in print, though translations of major codes are purchased periodically when available. The Library does not maintain current subscriptions for court reports in print. To support the Law School's emphasis on human rights, the Library subscribes to *African Human Rights Law Reports*, which includes decisions from the United Nations human rights treaty bodies, the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, and domestic courts across Africa. The Library collects a small number of scholarly periodicals, and selectively collects monographs and treatises on major subject areas.

For all other African countries, the Library maintains a minimal collection. If available, the library will purchase English language general works such as introductions to the legal system and legal research guides.

East Asia

The Library collects material, primarily published in English, for Asia as a region, China, and Japan at a level supporting instruction and course-related research. The Library relies on online subscription databases for access to Chinese legislation and court reports. The Library subscribes to the *EHS Law Bulletin Series* for English translations of Japanese legislation, and receives *Saiko Saibansho hanreishu*, reporting Japanese Supreme Court decisions, on exchange. The Library collects works of introductory to intermediate depth in English on the legal system in general and on selected specialized subjects. The Library is unlikely to buy in-depth treatments of narrow topics, practitioner-oriented works, or looseleaf services unless in support of Law faculty research interests.

The Library collects materials for Hong Kong, South Korea, and Taiwan at a basic informational level, maintaining a collection that serves to describe and define the legal system of a jurisdiction, and to indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. The collection is not sufficiently intensive to support any seminar or publication research. For these jurisdictions, the Library collects translations of major codes at intervals of ten years or at publication of a new translation, whichever is longer. The Library does not collect court reports in print. The Library collects general works on the legal system as well as a few English-language works on major subject areas such as constitutional law, contracts, business law, property, criminal law, and procedure.

South Asia

To gain greater control over collection development for South Asian countries, the Library withdrew from participation in the Library of Congress Cooperative Acquisitions Program for South Asia (PL-480) in 2005.

The Library currently maintains a collection for India and Pakistan to support instruction and course-related research. For India, the Library subscribes to the *Acts of Parliament*, the current edition of the *A.I.R. Manual*, the *All India Reporter*, and the *Supreme Court Reports*. For Pakistan, the Library subscribes to *All Pakistan Legal Decisions*, which includes both legislation and court reports. For both India and Pakistan, the Library subscribes to scholarly periodicals and collects monographs actively (though selectively) on a wide range of subjects.

The Library collects minimally for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, adding general works such as introductions to the legal system and legal research guides. The Library does not maintain any subscriptions for these countries.

Southeast Asia

The Library maintains a basic informational collection for the Philippines and Singapore, including general works on the legal system and English-language works on major subject areas. The Library collects minimally for Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam, adding general works such as introductions to the legal system and legal research guides.

Middle East

The Library collects at a basic informational level for the Middle East as a region, Israel, and Saudi Arabia, including English-language general works on the legal system and on major subject areas. The Library collects minimally for all other Middle Eastern countries, adding general works such as introductions to the legal system and legal research guides.

Latin America

The Library collects material for Latin America as a region and for Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico at a level supporting instruction and course-related research. For Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico, the Library collects major codes in the vernacular, and periodically purchases English translations of major codes. The Library does not maintain current subscriptions to session laws or court reports. The Library maintains a few periodical subscriptions, but most of the current collecting for the region and these selected jurisdictions focuses on English-language monographs.

For all other Latin American countries, the Library collects materials at a basic informational level, maintaining a collection that serves to describe and define the legal system of a jurisdiction, and to indicate the varieties of information available elsewhere. For these jurisdictions, the Library collects translations of major codes at intervals of ten years or at publication of a new translation, whichever is longer. The Library does not collect session laws or court reports in print. The Library collects general works on the legal system as well as a few English-language works on major

subject areas such as constitutional law, contracts, business law, property, criminal law, and procedure.

Comparative Law

The Library collects extensively in comparative law, focusing on works in English. The Library purchases most scholarly works comparing the law of two or more jurisdictions on a wide array of legal subjects, and comprehensively collects works focusing on the nature, theory, and methods of comparative law itself. The Library also collects major journals and yearbooks on comparative law. The Library's collection includes several print looseleaf works focusing on specific legal topics across several jurisdictions, and the Library subscribes in electronic format to *International Encyclopedia of Laws*.

International Law

International Primary Sources

With the increasing online availability of primary international law materials such as treaties, international tribunal decisions, and United Nations documents, the Library's collecting practices have shifted from treaty series and other primary sources to secondary materials. Nonetheless, the Library continues to collect the *UN Treaty Series* in print, as well as reports from the International Court of Justice. The Library also has electronic subscriptions to several international law reports.

International Secondary Sources

The Library has an exceptional collection of treatises on international law, and adds a significant number of new titles each year. Particular subject areas of emphasis include human rights, trade, humanitarian law, use of force, environmental law, criminal law, international legal theory, and international organizations. The Library places less emphasis on private international law and admiralty law.

The Library subscribes to numerous monographic serial titles focusing on international law, particularly in the area of human rights.

The Library collects or provides reliable access to most English-language international law journals indexed in *Index to Legal Periodicals*, *LegalTrac*, and the *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*. In addition, major international law journals in French, German, Spanish, and Italian are collected. Most international law yearbooks, whether jurisdictional or topical, also are collected.

The Library subscribes to important databases of secondary materials.

International Organization Documents

See *Foreign and International Documents* in the *Guidelines for Specific Types of Material* section above. The Library does not usually purchase collections of international organization documents if those documents are freely available online.

Human Rights

The human rights collection includes extensive documentation from the international, European, and Inter-American human rights systems. Official publications, such as *Decisions and Reports* of the former European Commission for Human Rights, combine with unofficial publications, such as the *International Human Rights Reports* and the *European Human Rights Reports*, to provide full coverage of human rights tribunals. The Library also purchases unofficial compilations of documents from the African human rights system.

Another significant feature of the collection is an extensive literature from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) devoted to human rights. This literature includes the widely available annual reports of major NGOs such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, but also includes much rarer material. Through the generosity of Professor David Weissbrodt, former member and chair of the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the collection includes various working documents, occasional papers, and conference publications. The Library continues to develop a broad collection of human rights monographs and subscribes to an extensive number of periodicals on human rights.

Rare Books & Special Collections

The Arthur C. Pulling Rare Books Collection, housed in the Library's Riesenfeld Rare Books Research Center, contains over 25,000 volumes and is recognized as one of the finest legal rare books collections in the United States. Rare book acquisitions build on existing strengths and generally fall into one of the following areas: Clarence Darrow materials; American law; English law; American Indian law; and Minnesota legal materials. The Library also collects works of secondary scholarship necessary for the study of legal history.

The Library seeks to acquire material written by and about Clarence Darrow, including Darrow's original letters, debates, essays, and addresses; trial transcripts, usually in photocopy; early periodicals (generally pre-1950) which include an article by or about Darrow; and photographs of Darrow. The Library seeks to acquire printed Darrow materials in all editions. The Library selectively purchases translations of Darrow's writings, and books inscribed by Darrow. The Library does not generally collect books with Darrow's bookplate. In addition, the Library selectively collects material related to major Darrow trials and prominent figures from those trials.

Early American law, beginning in the mid-17th century, is a strength of the Rare Books Collection. The collection is strong in primary materials of the colonies and states, material surrounding the founding of the country, legal treatises printed in early America, and reports and commentaries. When possible, the Library purchases key works from the Revolutionary War period and the founding of the country. Due to limited budget, the Library does not generally add to its collection of primary material of the colonies/states. The Library collects early Minnesota

material and material on anti-slavery/abolitionism and early women's rights. The Library also selectively acquires material related to early and important Supreme Court and federal cases. The Library has a good collection of legal limited press books, primarily American imprints, and occasionally adds to this collection.

The Rare Books Collection includes a strong collection of American Indian materials, including folio treaties and primary materials of American Indian governments in the nineteenth century, many in both English and native languages. The Library seeks to develop this collection. The Rare Books Collection is very strong in early English law from the 16th to the 19th centuries and includes comprehensive collections of statutes, session laws, reports, abridgments, commentaries, and treatises. The Library occasionally adds to this collection. Additional strengths of the Rare Books Collection—canon law, civil law, and foreign and international law—are added to on a very selective basis.