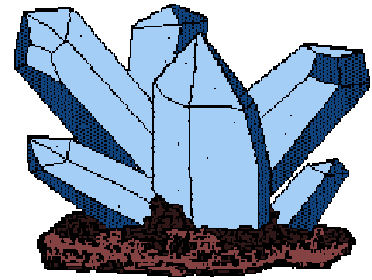


# OPLL's GEMS

A RESEARCH AIDE FROM  
**O**MER **P**OOS **L**AW **L**IBRARY

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## “O This Learning, What a Thing It Is!”\*

By David Kullman

It is axiomatic that the ultimate goal of law students is not just to learn the law but also to develop the skills to think like a lawyer. That's all well and good, but since it's obviously impossible to ever learn *all* of the law thinking like a lawyer must extend beyond the ability to conceptualize and frame legal issues. It does no good – and can ultimately cause great harm - if a law student graduates without the ability to quickly and economically find accurate answers to those issues they've identified. Experience teaches that unless one is lucky – or cursed – enough to have a very narrowly focused practice, brand new “challenges” will arise each time a senior partner or new client walks through your office door.

(Practice tip: Begin working now in front of a mirror developing a facial expression which at once reflects solemnity, sagacity, gravity, and total understanding of your client's problem – regardless of the fact that you've never even *heard* about the issue she has just been describing for the last hour. Learn the art of leaning back in an expensive leather chair, fingers steepled and saying with total equanimity “*Of course* I handle that.” Then, to paraphrase the Bard, as soon as the client or partner leaves, “get thee to a library.”)

In *Boswell's Life of Johnson* (1775) he wrote that “[k]nowledge is of two kinds. We know subjects ourselves, or we can find information upon it.” A good lawyer knows the difference and learns when - and where – to best find that information. Electronic databases provide access to thousands of cases, statutes and secondary sources. But through its own collection and interlibrary loan program the law library provides students and faculty access to literally millions. Take advantage of them! Take advantage of reference librarians with their own J.D.'s who have spent their careers exploring every nook and cranny of dusty shelves and databases. Not only can they help you find the “perfect case” on line but also the treatises, practice materials and background data that exist only in print that the lawyers who argued the case used to build it.

Sooner or later every law student will face a problem they don't know the answer to. And sooner or later every lawyer will face the challenge of taking on a case with unique facts or legal issues. What will separate the successful students and lawyers from their peers is not only how much of the law they absorbed in law school but also how quickly they acknowledge – at least to themselves – that they *don't* know all the answers and seek help finding them.

\*Gremio, in *The Taming of the Shrew*, act 1, sc. 2, l. 159.

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All staff, students and faculty should have new ID cards made **BEFORE October 29** in order to access library services.

### Law Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	7 a.m. - Midnight
Friday	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday	Noon - Midnight

### Fall Break Hours:

Friday, Oct. 15	7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday, Oct. 16-17	Noon – 6:00 p.m.
Monday – Tuesday, Oct. 18-19	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



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## HeinOnline Goes International

By Peggy McDermott

You probably have used HeinOnline to locate the full-text of law reviews. It is particularly helpful for older volumes of law reviews. For example, it has *Harvard Law Review* in electronic format back to 1887. What you might have missed is that HeinOnline includes a large number of treaties and international agreements starting from 1776. The files in Hein's Treaties and Agreements Library include:

### Official Treaty Publications

- *United States Treaties and Other International Agreements* (UST)  
Volumes 1-35 (1950-1984).
- *Treaties and International Act Series* (TIAS)  
1982 -1996 (more documents will be added)

### Unofficial Publications

- *International Legal Materials* (ILS)  
Vols. 1-41 (1962- 2002)
- *Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America 1776-1949* (Compiled by Charles Bevans)  
Volumes 1- 13 (1776 -1949)
- *Treaties, Conventions, International Acts, Protocols and Agreements* (Compiled by W. M. Malloy)  
Volumes 1-4 (1776 -1937)
- *Treaties and Other International Acts of the United States of America* (Compiled by Hunter Miller)  
Volumes 1-8 (1776-1863)

### Indexes to Treaties

- *Treaties in Force* (TIF) (1955-2003)
- *Guide to Treaties in Force* (1982-2003)

### FAQs About HeinOnline's Treaties and Agreements Library:

Q. How do I get to HeinOnline ?

A. You get to HeinOnline from the Law Library's webpage <http://law.slu.edu/library/>. You select "Databases" and then "Law Journals / Indexes."

Q. Where can I access HeinOnline ?

A. You may use any of the terminals in the Law School to search HeinOnline.

Q. Speaking of Searching – What are my search options?

A. You can search by almost any of piece of information you have concerning the international agreement. Information such as country, parties to the agreement, short title, description of the treaty, signature date, or in-force date. You may also limit your search by choosing a beginning and ending date range.

Q. May I print a document from HeinOnline ?

A. You may print a page, a range of pages, or the entire international agreement. The nice part is that

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the pages are in PDF format.

Q. Are some of these documents on Lexis or Westlaw? What is the advantage in using HeinOnline ?

A. Yes, both Lexis and Westlaw have the most recent edition of *Treaties in Force*. Hein, however, has all the previously published volumes of *TIF*. Both Lexis and Westlaw also have *International Legal Materials* and a treaty database. The difference is that Hein has all of the major historical compilations such as those by Charles Bevans, W.M. Malloy, and Hunter Miller which you can access by citation. The PDF pages are an added benefit. They look just like pages from the original source.

Q. Does HeinOnline have any other features in their Treaties and Agreements Library that might be helpful?

A. They also provide links to useful sources of treaty research such as the American Society of International Law's "Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law." These guides to treaty research can introduce you to the major sources used in locating treaties.

## MOVIE TIME

By, Joanne Vogel

### "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!"

Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, marked the opening of the Supreme Court's annual term. Celebrate this event by viewing one or more of these movies with a Supreme Court venue or theme. All are available in the library. Just ask at the Circulation Desk!

- *First Monday in October* (1981) starring Walter Matthau and Jill Clayburgh explores the philosophical and legal wrangling of two Supreme Court judges - a newly appointed conservative, and the first woman justice, (Clayburgh) and a fervent liberal (Matthew).
- *Gideon's Trumpet* (1980) features Henry Fonda as Clarence Earl Gideon, in the true story of Gideon's fight to be represented by counsel at the state's expense. In 1963, *Gideon v. Wainwright* (372 U.S. 335), established that anyone who is charged with a crime is entitled to legal representation by an attorney. Reviewers consider this film historically accurate.
- *Separate but Equal* (1991) is a powerful docudrama of the story behind *Brown v. Board of Education* (347 U.S. 483), the 1953 Supreme Court decision abolishing racial segregation in public schools. Sidney Poitier gives a commanding performance as Thurgood Marshall, then a lawyer for the NAACP, who argues the case. Burt Lancaster, in his final performance, portrays opposing counsel John W. Davis.



### Need More Baseball? The Library Can Help!

Check out a VHS tape from the Ken Burns film series, *Baseball*, and find out why St. Louis was a charter member of the "Beer and Whiskey League." Where did Yogi Berra, who grew up on "The Hill," get all those sayings, what became of the St. Louis Browns, and who were the St. Louis Stars? The 1934 World Series featured Dizzy, Daffy, and Ducky from the St. Louis Cardinals "Gashouse Gang." Why did the Trolley Dodgers play in a place called Pigtown? *Baseball* is a nine part series covering 160 years of baseball history, stories, legends, and scandals. Watch the films and visit the special PBS *Baseball* website: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/baseball/>.

Another World Series film, *Eight Men Out*, dramatizes the story of the 1919 Black Sox Scandal, when the underpaid Chicago White Sox accepted bribes from gamblers to deliberately lose the World Series. Although the film received mixed reviews, due mainly to the knowledge of baseball history needed by the viewer, true baseball fans will understand its twists and turns and novices can enjoy the story and courtroom drama. Who wouldn't enjoy a story about people called Shoeless Joe Jackson, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Buck, Lefty, Chick, and Swede!

## **Congressional Research Service (CRS) Reports**

**By Kathleen Casey**

A division at the Library of Congress provides research and analysis services exclusively for legislators. Research topics may relate directly to impending legislation, or issues of Congressional concern. Their research is published in report form and provided to members of Congress. The Congressional Research Services does not provide these reports directly to the public. CRS does not maintain a public website.

The library has obtained copies of some of these reports, but increasingly the reports can be found online. The Thurgood Marshall Law Library website provides links to CRS Reports at various online locations in addition to posting some reports at their location.

<http://www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/ElectronicResources/crsreports/crsreports.asp?AlphaStart=ALL>

## **Case.net: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/casenet/base/welcome.do>**

**By Lynn Hartke**

Case.net is the Missouri State Courts Automated Case Management System. The system allows one to search for case records including docket entries, parties, judgments, and charges in public court. Case.net covers the Supreme Court of Missouri, Missouri's Court of Appeals, and participating Circuit Courts. However, Litigant Name Search (party name) and Case Number Search (docket number) are the methods in which you can search all of the Courts in Missouri which belong to the system. Filing Date Search and Scheduled Hearings & Trial Date Search are also available by individual jurisdictions. Information is available only from courts involved in the Missouri Court Automation Project. Another restriction is that only cases which are deemed public under Missouri Revised Statutes are available. Case.net is a useful free tool for all.

## **Relocation of Public Terminals**

Two of the terminals that permit the use of "Public" to log into the Law School network have been relocated. The terminal which was located at the east end of level two of the library has been reassigned to the Computer Lab (Room 246), and the terminal which was in the west end of level two has been reassigned to the second Computer Lab (Room 263). If you have any questions please ask at either the Circulation Desk or the Reference Desk.

## **NEED HELP! DIAL 977-1447**

When you walk into the Law Library and look straight ahead you will see the Reference Desk. This desk is staffed by Reference Librarians who are there to help you locate the information and materials you need. Please stop by and get to know us. We want to get to know you and help you learn to use the library.

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