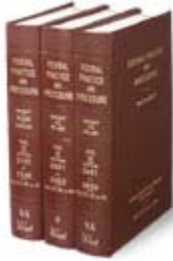


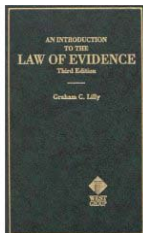
SECONDARY SOURCES

Treatises, Hornbooks, Nutshells, Legal Encyclopedias, American Law Reports, Restatements



TREATISES

- Definition: “A scholarly legal publication containing all the law relating to a particular area...” West’s Encyclopedia of American Law, 2d Ed. Frequently multiple volumes.
- Consult a treatise when you are looking for an in-depth discussion of an area of law or the answer to a particular question
- Where to find them
 - In print – the Reserve Reading Room (see the Library Catalog and the Law Library webpage > Course Materials > Treatises)
 - Online – LexisNexis, Westlaw



HORNBOOKS

- Definition: “A book explaining the basics of a given subject.” Black’s Law Dictionary, 8th Ed.
- Consult a hornbook when you want a general overview of the settled principles in an area of law.
- Where to find them
 - In print – Reserve Reading Room (see Library Catalog and Law Library webpage > Course Materials > Study Aids)
 - Online – hornbooks are not generally available online.

International Environmental Law



NUTSHELLS

- Definition: a small hornbook
- Consult a nutshell when you want a concise overview of an area of law.
- Where to find them
 - In print – Reserve Reading Room (see the Library catalog for call numbers and/or Law Library webpage > Course Materials > Study Aids)
 - Online – Nutshells are not available online.



LEGAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS

- Definition: Encyclopedias of law/law-related issues. Legal encyclopedias provide a general overview rather than in-depth critical analysis, but also have footnotes to case law on the topics covered.
- Consult when you are looking for somewhere to begin.
- Where to find them
 - In print – Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS) and American Jurisprudence 2d (AmJur 2d) are in the Wilson Reading Room. State encyclopedias are on the 4th floor - see the Library catalog for call numbers.
 - Online
 - Westlaw – Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS), West's Encyclopedia of American Law, American Jurisprudence 2d (AmJur2d), state encyclopedias
 - LexisNexis – American Jurisprudence 2d (AmJur2d), state encyclopedias



AMERICAN LAW REPORTS – ALRs

- Definition: ALRs analyze major cases that represent discrete legal questions or issues in short essays called “annotations”. They also summarize differences among jurisdictions, providing citations to cases addressing the same issue in the different state jurisdictions. There are ALRs for state law and for federal law. There is not an annotation for every issue, but a relevant annotation can provide a good starting point for research.
- Series: *American Law Reports* (Series 1-6) covers state law; *American Law Reports Federal* (Series 1-2) covers federal law.
- Consult an ALR when you would like to know how different jurisdictions have treated a legal issue
- Where to find them
 - In print – Wilson Reading Room
 - Online – LexisNexis and Westlaw



RESTATEMENTS

- Definition: Restatements are concise statements of settled principles of common law in particular subject areas, written by recognized experts. Along with the statements of the law, the Restatements include commentary, examples of applications of the legal principles and lists of cases illustrating the principles. While they are not primary law, they are occasionally cited by courts.
- Areas of law for which there are Restatements: agency, conflict of laws, contracts, foreign relations, judgments, laws governing lawyers, property, restitution, security, suretyship and guaranty, torts, trusts and unfair competition.
- Consult a Restatement when you are looking for a statement of generally accepted principles in one of these areas of law
- Where to find them
 - In print - current Restatements are in the Reserve Reading Room; see the Library Catalog for call numbers.
 - Online – LexisNexis, Westlaw